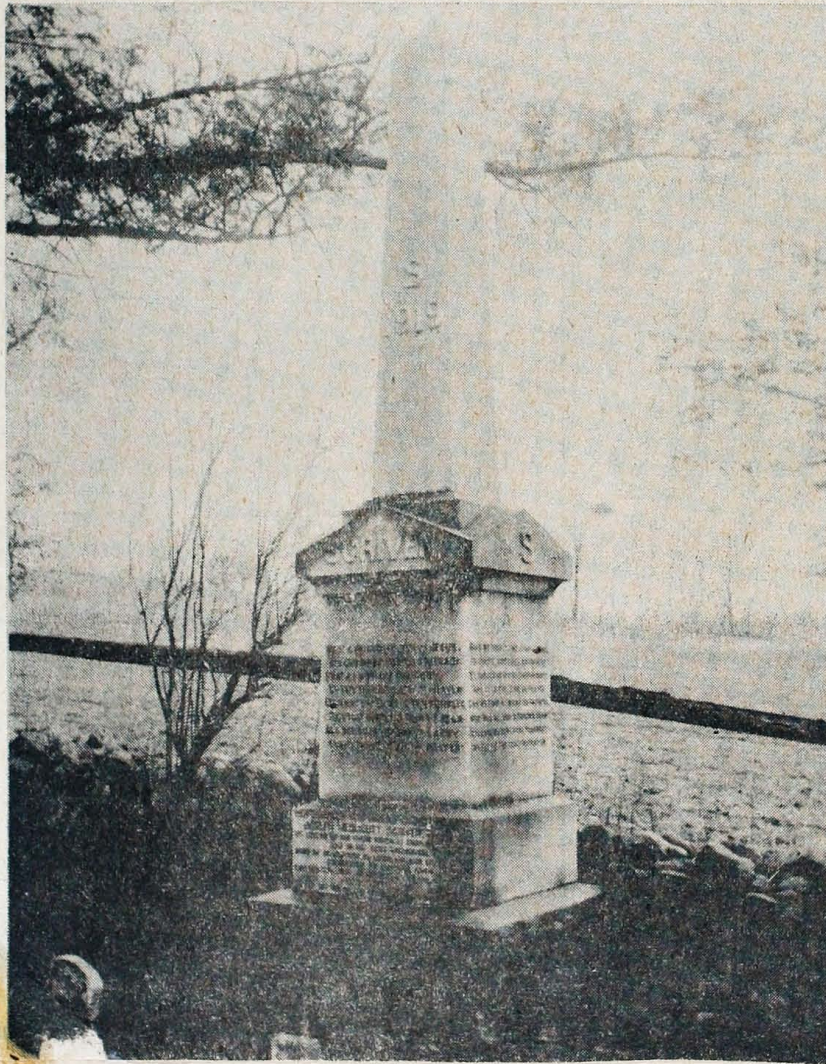


May Name Street In Commemoration 1957

Mark Hundredth Anniversary Of Writing Of Famous Hymn By Joseph Scriven Port Hope Kiwanis Publish Memorial Booklet



To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the writing of the well known hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by the late Joseph Scriven, in 1857, the Port Hope Kiwanis Club churches committee have prepared an eight page booklet about five by eight inches containing biographical incidents in the life of the well known humanitarian.

The sepia cover, in brown and buff, bears the sketch of the monument that stands in Pengeley's Cemetery, northeast of Bewdley, with dates of his birth and death, and the title of the hymn with its date.

Inside may be seen the picture of the small cottage surrounded by elms, set back from Strachan Street and Thomas Street in Port Hope, where this humble and retiring person lived alone. There are pictures too of St. Anne's Church where he worshipped at Bewdley and the memorials to his memory. Also published is the famous hymn.

To Distribute Copies

It is the intention of the Kiwanis Club to distribute copies to all of the churches in Port Hope, to send a copy to Tennessee Ernie Ford for his use on C.B.S. and if other churches or groups desire copies they may be available.

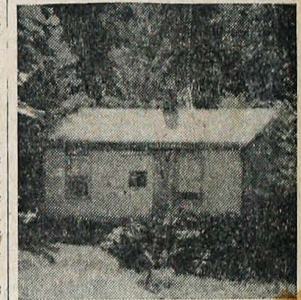
The work of compiling this memorial booklet has been done by F. L. Barr and the churches committee of Port Hope Kiwanis, of which Mr. Barr is head.

To further perpetuate the name of the famous writer Deputy-Reeve Wladyka on behalf of the Kiwanis Club requested Port Hope Town Council to name the next street in Port Hope "Joseph Scriven Drive."

Known As Humanitarian

The man for whom this commemoration is planned was well known as a quiet, deeply religious humanitarian, born in Ireland, September 10, 1819, and educated for a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Dublin. He came to Canada in 1845 and made his home around Rice Lake and Port Hope. He was a great philanthropist and a highly esteemed school teacher. Legends of his humanitarian acts

are numerous. Joseph Scriven died near Rice Lake on August 10, 1886.



The cottage on Thomas Street where Joseph Scriven lived while in Port Hope.

Stamp to honor Scriven supported

1984

A proposal for a commemorative stamp in 1986 to honor Joseph M. Scriven, the Port Hope resident who composed the hymn What a Friend We Have in Jesus is slowly gaining support.

The latest support came from the Kiwanis Club of Sydenham in Oshawa on Wednesday following a speech from former Port Hope mayor and local historian Mike Wladyka.

The Oshawa club endorsed an earlier resolution to be sent to Canada Post Corp. requesting a

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stamp made by the Port Hope Kiwanis Club.

The Port Hope club's resolution recognizes that there is a widely-supported movement seeking a commemorative stamp for Scriven, who lived in Port Hope for more than 20 years.

In 1957, the Port Hope Kiwanis Club issued a commemorative pamphlet marking the 100th anniversary of the composing of Scriven's famous hymn.

The commemorative stamp in 1986 would mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Scriven.

In May, the Pembroke centre of the Royal Canadian College of

Organists made a proposal to Canada Post president Michael Warren for a Scriven commemorative stamp on the 100th anniversary of his death.

Wladyka, a member of the Port Hope Kiwanis, quoted from an 1895 book written by Rev. James Cleland on Scriven and his hymns. He provided the Oshawa club members with information on Scriven gathered by Cleland from Joseph Sackville, with whom Scriven was staying at the time of his death.

Cleland's book, What a Friend We Have in Jesus and Other Hymns by Joseph Scriven with a Sketch of the Author, and a memorial stone name the date

of Scriven's death as Aug. 10, 1886, Wladyka noted, whereas a new book on Scriven, written by Foster Russell of Hamilton township gives the date as Oct. 10.

"It is the magnificent contribution of Scriven rather than the place of composing his hymns or the date of his death that is most important," Wladyka said.

The 96 members of the Oshawa club gave Wladyka a standing ovation following his speech. The club members decided to add the entire words to the hymn, What a Friend We Have in Jesus, to their club song book.