



HASTINGS COURT HOUSE, 1839
—Above pillars of 120-year-old Hastings county court house, have already disappeared and court house itself will eventually go under the wreckers' hammer

as county administration departments move into new building. Old court house was built back in 1838 and officially opened the following year. Cost was \$23,000. *Jan 16/61*

of county council sessions for more than a century, was constructed in 1855 and occupied for the first time in 1856.

The builder was Peter Fahey who received the sum of 550 pounds for his work. This apparently was principally for labor as items in council minutes of that time show amounts paid for some materials which apparently went into the construction of the building.

Members of the first Hastings county council back in 1850 were Rufus Holden, reeve and Samuel Stevens, deputy reeve, representing the town of Belleville; Gideon Turner and Caleb Gilbert, reeve and deputy reeve of Sidney; William Sills and William Shorey, reeve and deputy reeve of Thurlow; Alex McLaren and Wellington Frizzell, reeve and deputy reeve of Tyendingaga; George Benjamin, Hungerford; Anthony Denike, Huntingdon; Edward Fidler, Rawdon; Laughlin Hughes, Marmora; and John R. Ketcheson of Madoc township.

On that first county council meeting the credentials of some of the elected reeves and deputy reeves were questioned and it was necessary to adjourn until the following day.

On the second day Edward Fidler of Rawdon won out as warden over George Benjamin of Hungerford, by a 7-4 vote. The following year, however, Mr. Benjamin was elected warden and served in that capacity until 1856.

Township	1912—Dennis Hanley, Tyendingaga
1900—James Clare, Huntingdon	1913—Thos. H. Thompson, Madoc Village
1901—J. W. Pierce, Marmora Village	1914—Wm. H. Hubbell, Marmora Village
1902—J. A. Holgate, Sidney	1915—Charles Ketcheson, Sidney
1903—W. J. Douglas, Mayo	1916—Wm. H. Nugent, Wollaston
1904—D. W. Faulkner, Thurlow	1917—Peter McLaren, Tyendingaga
1905—T. A. McFarlane, Tyendingaga	1918—Thomas Montgomery, Rawdon
1906—Robert Lancaster, Dungannon Hungerford	1919—Judson Gunter, Tudor
1907—Andrew Kirk, *	1920—J. G. Sills, Thurlow
1908—W. C. Farley, Thurlow	1921—Dr. A. T. Embury, Bancroft
1909—William Rodgers, Rawdon	1922—W. H. Kells, Madoc Township
1910—W. R. Mather, Stirling	
1911—Jas. Dryden, Tyendingaga	

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LIST OF WARDENS

Following is a full list of county wardens from 1850 until the present time:

1850—Edward Fidler, Rawdon
1851-56—George Benjamin, Hungerford
1857-58—Nathaniel Appleby, Tyendingaga
1859-62—George Benjamin, Hungerford
1863-66—A. F. Wood, Madoc Village
1867—G. H. Boulter, Stirling
1868-72—A. F. Wood, Madoc Village
1873—Billa Flint, Elzevir
1874—A. F. Wood, Madoc Village
1875—Thomas Emo, Huntingdon
1876—B. Rose, Sidney
1877—Thomas Walker, Rawdon
1878—W. R. Aylesworth, Deseronto
1879—Thomas Pearce, Marmora
1880—Hartford Ashley, Thurlow
1881—W. R. Aylesworth, Deseronto
1882—Robert Gordon, Hungerford
1883—E. D. O'Flynn, Madoc Village
1884—G. W. Faulkner, Stirling
1885—S. T. Wilmot, Sidney
1886—D. Kavanagh, Dungannon
1887—C. J. Hanley, Tyendingaga
1888—H. G. Bleeker, Stirling
1889—Matthew Robinson, Huntingdon
1890—N. Vermilyea, Thurlow
1891—James Duncan, Rawdon
1892—Thomas Cross, Madoc Village
1893—F. J. Thompson, Elzevir
1894—James Farley, Sidney
1895—W. S. Martin, Stirling
1896—P. P. Clarke, Limerick
1897—J. S. Dench, Sidney
1898—J. K. McCargar, Thurlow
1899—James English, Madoc