

# BOX memories

OF ZIMMERMAN

, or near the grounds on the Sabbath. Single tents \$3.50 double may be had by applying to Mr. Johnson, Zimmerman Post Office. fed for 25 cents per day." These meetings lasted for a week, ay to Thursday and apart from the religious benefits they also pro- good camping holiday. People are said to have come miles to these y. Fires used to light the many corners of the fields at night, and the nity singing echoed through the valley. After the union of the Wesleyan and w Connection Methodists the Salem congregation joined Bethesda to Zimmerman Methodist Church in 1882. Services were held in an aban- school, which was also used for local boxing contests. This unfortunate asso- ciation was terminated when the congregation built its own church in 1891 at a cost of \$2900. Mr. Burwell Bridgman was Chairman of the Building Committee. The new church was nearer the centre of the community on the Appleby Line where it still stands. Lowville became a Charge with Zimmerman, and the parsonage is located in Lowville. The old Zimmerman parsonage still stands in a state of dis- repair on the old section of Appleby Line and owned by the Grey Estate. The present church was renovated and modernized a few years ago, but the bucket type seats which tip up were there from the time it was built and were retained in preference to the more mod- ern pews. In 1854 the ratepayers of S. S. # 8 secured a site and erect- ed a School House on the bank of the creek near the present church. It was a one story frame building with a belfry in the front. The only playground was by the roadside or in the forest and there were no conveniences. By 1869 the population had increased until there were 80 children crowded into the small school. To meet the situation, a small frame building on the corner of Salem Cemetery on Walker's Line was fit- and the children on the Salem side of the creek attended there, while those on the de stayed at the school on Appleby Line. In 1872 a school to accommodate all the was thought desirable. The Trustees bought land from Johnson Zimmerman and he winter the farmers drew gravel. In the spring of 1873 a two storey concrete was erected, also with a belfry with a large bell to summon the children to school. s Thomas Watson, James Zimmerman and Nathaniel Lamb kept construction costs to \$3800. but the farmers were concerned about the increase in taxes of \$20. per d acres to help pay for the new school. A reunion in 1895 brought former students ear and far. Dr. Charles Campbell, who came from New York, was appointed an of the festivities with Richard Watson as Secretary. It was a day of reminiscences lks through the haunts of childhood. Even a Baptism was performed when Pastor a baptized his brother Dr. Solomon Zimmerman in the creek at the foot of the hill of the old school house. It is said that in their enthusiasm one of them nearly d. In 1929 a Committee was formed to have the concrete school torn down and a e erected. This was done during the summer holidays. The new one-roomed, one- brick building was used until a new graded school was built in Area No.1 located at e. For a time the Zimmerman School was kept open for those wishing to continue their children there, but in two years it was forced to close and integrate with the school. Children now go by bus to 'Fairview' from this area for their elementary on. The school was sold by the Area Board and was made into a residential duplex. of the large farms have been broken up into smaller holdings and new people come d homes and this has helped to stimulate the community and give it new growth as beauty. Some of the older farms that have been in the family for well over one hun- ars are the Bennett's since 1842, the Campbell's since 1827, Russell Gowland since Morley Sherwood since

and the Bridgman's 1813. The Protestant an Church of Toronto established a Summer on a 55 acre site of the Mile Creek, and the ouths of Hamilton have t Camp on 165 acres other side. Officially 'erman' has now e part of the ton Complex but the ts on the Appleby Walker's Line and he Sideroads still iden- s 'Zimmerman' possi- ause of Church associ- ertainly some because ories of the past.

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Grist Mill



~ Circa 1835 ~

Original Bridgemen Home No. 2 Sideroad, Zimmerman



~ Circa 1929 ~

One Room School



Zimmerman School 1896



Zimmerman School Ca. 1940

Back Row l to r :Teacher, Phyllis Cartwright Jay Bennett, Gloria Bennett, Freda Galbraith, Grace Sherwood, Vernon Bridgeman, Donald Calarco. Front Row Verna Galbraith, Harold Bridgeman, Lawrence Bridgeman, Ronald Bridgeman, Lloyd Patterson, William Bennett, Alan Waters. Kneeling: Edgar Sherwood, Keith Bridgeman

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