

## Scanning

Lance and Vera Pocock have shared many items of family memorabilia and documents of the family of their friend, Reginald Smith, with the TTHS. Reg died in 2010 but his great-great grandfather Isaac Smith b. 1779 NJ. M. Elisabeth Pettit 1804 purchased Trafalgar Township's lot 34, Concession 1, S.D.S. in 1809 (present day north half of Bronte creek Provincial Park, south of Dundas and above Upper middle if it were extended) . In 1831 the 200 acres went to his grandparents, John Dorland Smith with his new wife, Margaret Book Walker. In 1890 the land was left to their son, John Walker Smith m. Victoria Keturah Inglehart on the condition he pay \$300 to each of his sisters Elizabeth Harrison, Almira Hager (Addison), Amanda McLaren (David) and to Walter Almond Hager ,& Ada Jane Hager a legacy of \$300 (these were the children of sister Maria who must have died) to be divided equally between them. The land continued in the family in 1918 going to sons John Russell Smith and Arthur Albert Smith. John Sold his 100 acres to Trafalgar Township and Arthur with his wife Mabel Bridgman continued on the land till selling it to the Province in 1971. The Smith family had come to the Niagara/Grimsby area from New Jersey as United Empire Loyalists by 1787. The family was very large with relations to the Wilcox, Biggar, Pettit, Walker, Inglehart, Bridgman and Nixon families. The land was taken for Bronte Creek Provincial Park in 1971 but even after moving to Tremaine Rd. at that time, Reg threw nothing out. I took photographs and/or scanned the items and documents and have been working away to upload them into our digital collection. There is a wonderful chest that had been made for John Durlan (or Dorland) Smith from wood and covered with hide that contained eyeglasses and their cases - in particular, a pince-nez with an ear hook and a wooden case carved specifically for it, a large scrap book made on linen for John D.'s grandson, Arthur Albert Smith, children's books including a "Public School Drawing Course" book from Palermo School that had belonged to Arthur, a Robert Simpson Company Spring & Summer 1901" catalogue, family photographs and more.

To commemorate this family and their Palermo connections, our digital collection has the photographs connected by the "group" called "John D. Smith Family, Palermo". It will be some time yet before all is added to this digital collection. Submitted by Anne Choate Little

Jim Kinnie donated some desks, a handmade pointer that was his grandfathers, a glass ink well, an old slate and a teacher's desk.



## Queries

I have come across someone called "Buddy" Killer who our church history says lost his life in the war. His mother was Mrs. E. N. Killer. There is no mention of him on the Knox church commemorative plaques. It sounds like he may have been killed in the First World War. Anyone know who this would be?

In response to the query in our last newsletter about the Bronte Dairy, Sandy Bray writes.... As far as I know, the Bronte Dairy was in a small building right across the street from where I know work (Heaneys Barbershop - 100 Bronte Rd). The building is on the List of Properties of Heritage Interest / Value and currently a Jewelry store.