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## Local History of Atha and Altona Pioneers

(by Mrs. Thos. Dunkeld)

The year 1830 marks the beginning of a new era in the history of Upper Canada. It is estimated that 34,000 settlers entered the province in 1831 and during the next four years fully 100,000 were added to the population. Pickering Township had its growing time in this period. It was during this time that the communities of which we are interested namely, Atha and Altona had their beginning.

The first settler to come to the eighth concession of Pickering was Nathan Bentley who came in 1831 and purchased the bush farm which Mrs. Carruthers now owns. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley lived there till his death in 1874. One of his daughters Mrs. C. McAvoy remained on the farm until the death of her husband. They had one son Otto.

On this farm was the first school house built, in the south west corner in 1811. It was a cottage type, and was a fine school in its day. My father went to that school. The desks were all around the wall; the children facing the wall. The play ground was the King's highway and as much woods as they wished to play in.

The present school house was built in 1864 opened on Jan. 1st, 1865.

The Lehman family were one of the next to come. Daniel Lehman came in 1839 from Pennsylvania, bought the south half of lot 35, con. 8. In 1835 he and his bride settled on the farm. Before he brought his bride he cleared a few acres of land and built a log house. In the three years he rode the same horse nine times to Pennsylvania and back. When he brought his bride they came on horse back. He erected a sawmill which continued in busy and successful operation as long as he lived. After his death in 1867 one of his sons Abraham (my father) continued to operate the sawmill. He also had a shingle and lath machine. We elder children many a day packed shingles all day. The mill was later transformed into a chopping mill, run with a stone grinder. The mill at this time is torn down. The property still remains in the Lehman name, Eli being the present owner.

John Bell, a native of Dunfriesshire, Scotland, came to Canada with his wife in 1834, and settled on lot 28, con. 7. One of his sons John M. Bell married and remained on the homestead, making stock raising a prominent feature of his farming activities. His daughter Mrs. Peter Stewart, and her two sons, John and Peter, lived there until the death of their mother. Then John married Mary Duncan and farmed for some time. After John's death the property was sold to Fred Byer.

Michael Nighswander and his bride came in 1838 and located on lot 34, con. 7. In 1845 he also erected a sawmill on the farm in which he did a good business for 45 years. Their family numbered ten, two sons, Michael and Tillman, lived on the homestead until their death. Then the property was sold to Mr. Kirton. Tillman had one son Otto. Mrs. Nighswander is still living and Mrs. Ralph Nighswander lives on the townline.

The Whitson family also came from Scotland in 1839, settling on lot 28, con. 8 and since the death of their parents the two daughters Misses Ella and Georgie still reside on the farm with Mr. Fred Draper as manager. Robert Whitson owned the next farm east of his brother's with his two sisters Janny and Margaret. They had the post office till the rural route came from Claremont.

Abraham Hoover with his wife came from Markham, purchased lot 34, con. 8, in Oct., 1843. A house having been built and 10 acres cleared. As time went by he owned 400 acres of land. His sons Sam, Noah, Elsie and Jacob took possession of the farms. The farms are now owned by Mr. Tran, Mrs. Louis Hoover, Mrs. MacDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lehman.

Adam Spears, a native of Scotland, settled on lot 29, con. 7, in 1840 and also built a sawmill. The lumber was teamed to Frenchman's Bay. This mill was continued in operation by his son James until about fifty years ago. The farm was sold, and his son Adam lives in Whitevale.

Other pioneer names familiar are Lapp, Burks, Lott, Harrison, Hisey, but they are all gone and others have taken their places.

Mr. Joe Brown came to the eighth in 1830 and in 1889 the Dunkelds bought the farm. The father died soon after. The mother Lizzie, and the three boys James, William, and Thomas took over, till their death, then Murray Dunkeld bought the farm.

I can't recall when the Byers came from Markham, but I remember Mr. Joe Byers' grandmother so well. She was a kind lady. I worked there when she died and recall Joe Byers' sister passed away the same day.

The only church near Atha erected by the Baptist denomination and was opened on Sunday, August 1835. The services were held there for 35 years. Only the cemetery remains on the Frank Gostick farm. The minister was Rev. L.D. Gostick. He came to Canada in 1832 from England, and was always in his place on the Sabbath. After it closed the Sunday School for awhile, was held in the Atha school house. There was once a store and blacksmith at Atha corner, managed by Mr. and Mrs. Beattie.

ALTONA

At Altona the Mennonites were the first to erect a church built in

1850. The church still stands and services are held there by the Mennonites. The ministers are Mr. Thomas Reesor, Mr. Fred Nighswander, Mr. A. Smith.

The union church, Mennonite and Christian, situated on the Abram Reesor property was built in 1872. Daniel Barkey being the promoter. He farmed east of Altona, his grand son Charlie Barkey now lives on the farm. The same denomination still hold their Sunday School and church services there. The present ministers are Mr. Hallman, and Mr. G. Brown.

A name familiar to the Altona people was Joseph Monkhouse, who came from Cumberland, England in 1819 and married Christina Reesor. He built the Altona store and people came for miles around to make purchases. After his death his son Willis took over the store. He now lives in Stouffville. Fletcher Goudie now occupies the store building.

The homes of Mr. White and Mr. McChancy belonged to the Millard family, the land having been purchased from the crown at the time. The Morris farm belonged to the same family. A number will remember the old blacksmith shop where Mr. Boothby worked from morn till night shoeing horses and doing repair work. On the corner was a hotel kept by Mr. Brown where Mr. O. Madill now has a general store.

One of the earliest settlers to come to Altona district was the Daniel Yake family who came from Germany in 1801. It took fourteen weeks to cross. He buried his wife and four children at sea. He came to Canada from Pennsylvania with the rest of his family with their little effects and three cattle. Of the children only Michael remained in Pickering. In 1816 he married Jane VanZant. They had twelve children. One of his daughters, Poly married Mr. Jones and she spent all her long life on the farm where Ralph and Mary reside.

Robert Scott, John Scott's father, came from Cumberland, England in 1868. In 1874 he married Alice Jones, a daughter of Mrs. Jones, and mother of Mrs. Bunker.

There are many more who lived in Altona, the Whites, Stouffers, Reesors, Hoovers. The Nighswander history was in The Tribune a few weeks ago.

The land at that time was nearly all bushland. They cut trees, the best of maple, piled the logs and burnt them, thousands of feet of the best timber, to clear the land. A tree at that time was of no value. In the spring they could tap any number of maple trees, made their own wooden sap spiles and troughs for the sap, boiled it in iron kettles down to sugar. They made a year's supply of sugar and used it for all kinds of sweetening purposes. A day's work from sunrise to sunset for 50c a day or take as pay wheat and apples. They also had sheep and used the wool for socks, mitts, and took it to Cliff's mill at Altona to be made into cloth and yarn. The cloth was made into men's shirts and boys' suits and overcoats, and dresses.

GLASGOW

Mr. Alexander Gordon came from Glasgow, Scotland, over a 100 years ago. That was where Glasgow got its name. Mr. Brown was 80 years old Feb. 13th of this year. He was born on the farm where Mr. Will Reesor now lives. Joseph Brown, Mr. Brown's grandfather, got the farm from the government.

Benjamin Parker built the Glasgow school about 100 years ago. At one time there were three churches, two blacksmith shops, and a good general store situated there. Going down from Glasgow we are sure each farm has some history attached to it, while the pioneers have passed beyond, and the buildings are gone leaving many gaps. The Slack farm was owned by Mr. Hiram Kester who lived a retired life in Glasgow. Mr. and Mrs. James Slack at one time lived where Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis now live. We remember the name of Forsyth, as being very prominent.

The land was cleared and ploughed with a yoke of oxen, the seed sown by hand, the harvest cut with the sickle and cradle, bound by hand, threshed by the flail and flour made in the hollow of a stump. Today it is ploughed, sown with a drill, cut and bound with a binder, threshed by a machine, and all drawn with a tractor and the bread delivered to the house wife's door. Our grandmothers did the spinning of the wool and flax, made their own clothes by hand, with the glimmer of the old grease lamp and tallow candle, the cooking done in the fireplace in crude iron utensils. To-day, the housewife presses a button, floods her rooms with incandescent light, uses aluminum cooking utensils on an electric stove, goes to the large centres and purchases the clothes for the family ready made. Some of the old settlers walked as far as Brougham for mail, probably once a month.

Now we have rural mail delivery at our gates everyday and news of the world at our finger tip on the radio. In the early days the Kingston road was the only road worthy of the name, other roads being simply paths blazed through the forest, travelled by foot or on horseback, where to day our roads are four rods wide, well gravelled or paved with cement, making it possible for us to use automobiles to travel long distances in short time and comfort, to attend social gatherings and meetings for the education and benefit of the community such as we are enjoying this afternoon.

Do we appreciate our privileges?

An Invitation to Hear

**Rev. Maurice Zeidman**  
of Toronto

Mr. Zeidman recently returned from a visit to his native country, Poland, where he found most of his relatives had been killed by the Germans.

If you want to hear up-to-date information on conditions as they exist in Poland, come to the

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**Monday Evening, March 3, 1947**

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## Col. Mulock Buys Newmarket Newspaper

Col. W.P. Mulock has acquired the complete ownership of the Newmarket Era and Express. According to announcement, Mr. Andrew O. Hebb has sold his interest in the paper to the former Postmaster General and member of the riding of North York until he retired owing to ill health prior to the last election.

Rumour has it that Col. Mulock will be in the running again next election, and that certain changes in the boundaries of York County may bring about another seat in the Dominion House.

## GREEN RIVER

The last meeting of the C.G.I.T. of Green River and Whitevale was held at the home of Barbara Beeckles in Whitevale. Twenty-three girls were present, many of them in Old Fashioned Valentine costumes. Some of the costumes were very beautiful original dresses while others were comical and caused much comment during the evening. The two gallant gentlemen in powdered wigs and heavy black monstaches and beards were Dorothea Haffman and our leader Mrs. Jim Cook. Contests, games, stories, singing and refreshments were enjoyed. A special thanks was given to Mr. Roy Carter, then the girls all sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The Green River girls appreciated very much his kindness in making two trips for them each way. As the evening lengthened the weather became very bad and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Hornshaw and Mr. McLochlan very kindly took the remaining girls home.

## W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—My brother (a veteran) and his English bride found it impossible to get a hotel room in Toronto. They located a single room in a house. This room was poorly furnished and no meals were supplied. They were charged \$15. Were they overcharged?

A.—It would be impossible for us to say without knowing any more details. For instance, your letter does not say whether they paid by the day, by the week or by the month, nor does it give the location of the room. As your letter was anonymous and did not give the address of the room, it is impossible for our Investigation Division to make any inspection. Write in again giving details and we will be glad to look into the matter for you. All letters are treated confidentially so don't be afraid to give us your name.

Q.—I paid 44c for two tins of blend fruit juice and now find these tins sell for two for 23c in other stores. Are small storekeepers allowed to rob us like this?

A.—There is no ceiling price on the fruit juices which you bought. Each store may set their own price. We have been protected by price control regulations for such a long time, we have lost the art of thrifty marketing. In prewar days we always shopped around, and finally made our purchases at the store selling for the lowest price. If we all go back to this habit other stores will be forced to sell at reasonable prices.

## The Church Services

**CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN SECOND MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. F. Herman, Rector

Sunday, March 2  
Sunday School ..... 2.00 p.m.  
Even Song ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Visitors always Welcome

**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE**

Rev. Eric Larsen, Minister

Sunday, March 2  
1.30 p.m.—Sunday School  
2.30 p.m.—Worship Service

**STOUFFVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH**

REV. H. S. HALLMAN, Pastor

Friday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting  
Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship  
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic  
Next Week  
Tues., 8 p.m. Young People's.  
You are Invited

**BLOOMINGTON, RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

Rev. G. W. Brown, Pastor

Sunday, March 2  
11.00 a.m.—Bloomington  
7.30 p.m.—Ringwood.  
Ringwood C. E. Prayer meeting,  
Monday, 8 p.m.  
Altona Prayer meeting, Wednesday  
8 p.m.  
All are cordially invited to attend these services.  
PLAN TO COME

**MELVILLE, BETHESDA AND PEACH'S CHURCHES**

Rev. R. T. Chapin, Minister

Sunday, March 2  
Peaches ..... 10.00 a.m.  
Melville ..... 11.30 a.m.  
Bethesda ..... 3.00 p.m.  
The Melville W.M.S. meet Tuesday,  
March 4, at the home of Mrs. Alf Smith.  
Peaches Y.P. meet Tuesday evening  
March 4, for a social evening at  
the home of Jim Painte.  
Bethesda W.M.S. meet Wednesday  
afternoon, March 5.

**STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rev. D. Macgregor, Pastor

Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Bible School  
Classes for all ages.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.30 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
"Come and Receive a Blessing".

Rev. Norman Rowan, Pastor

Sunday, March 2  
9.55 a.m.—Sunday School  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratcliff.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Corinthians 3:11

**STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

Rev. Douglas Davis, Minister

Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Lenten Prayer Service

Thursday, March 6—The W.M.S. will meet in the church at 2.45. Mrs. R. Young and Mrs. N. Baker will review the study book. The C.G.I.T. Trio will sing.

**STOUFFVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Miss Nora, Stapleton, Organist

Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7.30 p.m.—Evening Worship.  
Mr. Norman Lehman will preach at both services.

**GORMLEY and BETHESDA MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH**

Rev. F. Huson, Pastor

GORMLEY  
Sunday, March 2  
Sunday School ..... 2.00 p.m.  
Regular service ..... 3.00 p.m.  
Evening Service ..... 7.30 p.m.  
Special Young Peoples Service at 7.30 p.m.

BETHESDA  
Sunday, March 2  
Preaching ..... 10.30 a.m.

**MENNONITE CHURCHES DICKSON HILL and MT. JOY**

Rev. S. S. Shantz, Minister

MOUNT JOY  
Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11.00 a.m.—Worship  
7.30 p.m.—Young Peoples Service  
The Arthur Barkey Family will supply the program.  
DICKSON'S HILL  
Sunday, March 2  
10.00 a.m.—Worship  
11.00 a.m.—Sunday School  
Evening service lifted in the interest of the Young Peoples at Mount Joy.