

Samuel Lundy bequeaths his legacy

Samuel Lundy was among the original Quakers from Muncy County, Pennsylvania who settled in the hamlet of Pine Orchard, at the intersection of Warden Ave. and Vivian Sideroad, in 1802.

He died in 1826, and his last will and testament is reproduced below:

"Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, I, Samuel Lundy of the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York Home District and Province of Upper Canada Yeoman, being of sound and perfect mind, and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others that in manner and form following (that is to say):

"First I will and order that all my just debts and funeral charges shall be fully

settled and paid. To my son Ebenezer Lundy, I give and devise all my Homestead place containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less being the east end of lots number thirty one and thirty two together with the improvements, buildings, and farming utensils unto him the said Ebenezer Lundy his heirs and (assigns clear from all incumbrances) forever; I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, a mare, and colt, and all the stock of cattle and sheep, also all the household furniture; I also give and bequeath her one hundred dollars; I also will and order that the house we now live in, the garden before the door and pasture lot back of the house shall be her property during her natural life, also a maintenance if required from off the place.

"I give and bequeath unto my daugh-

ter Elizabeth Lundy, fifty dollars, Likewise give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Lundy's widow the sum of fifty dollars, I further will and direct one lot of wild land being the seventh lot in the sixth concession of the Township of Scott, in the said province of Upper Canada to be sold and the price together with all the rest and residue and remainder of my personal property of what kind and nature so ever after the legacies above mentioned are paid the residue I give and bequeath to my ten children (to wit) Richard Lundy, William Lundy, John Lundy, Samuel Lundy, Ebenezer Lundy, Hannah Shotwell, Elizabeth Lundy, Anna Pettet and Sarah Walton to be equally divided between them, to share and share alike.

"And lastly I constitute and appoint Peter Wilson of the Township of

Whitchurch in the said Province Yeoman and my son Ebenezer Lundy of the same place Yeoman, Executors of my last Will and Testament giving unto them full power and authority in any case of difficulty to settle the same by arbitration. In writing whereof I have here with my hand this fourth day of the seventh month A.D. one thousand eight-hundred and twenty one."

"Signed, Sealed published and declared by the said Samuel Lundy as his last will and testament in the presence of us (signed) who in his presence and in presence of each other have here unto subscribed Samuel Lundy our names."

(signed) Joseph Hillborn, Peter Willson, Asa Randale.

Stouffville Missionary Church

One hundred years can bring about remarkable change. This year marks Stouffville Missionary Church's 100th year serving the community of Stouffville and ushers in perhaps the biggest change yet.

In 1903, the Evangelical Missionary Church (then known as the Mennonite Brethren in Christ) decided to build a church in the community of Stouffville. A lot was purchased in the spring of 1903 on the north side of Main Street and a new building was erected during that spring and summer for a total cost of about \$5000. A dedication service was held in November 1903.

As the community of Stouffville grew, so did the congregation at SMC. To better service the community, additions to the back and front of the building were made in 1948 and 1962. Even with these new additions, the constantly growing congregation found itself short on space. An adjacent house and lot east of the church was purchased in 1963. In April 1968, a groundbreaking took place to build a new sanctuary, leaving the original structure for a Christian education facility. At this time, an additional house and lot was purchased, which presently serves as the church offices. In September 1986, the 1903 building was demolished and replaced by a building, which houses a gymnasium, kitchen, and additional classroom space.

As was the case in the past, Stouffville Missionary Church has again outgrown its

facilities. Through God's wonderful provision and leading, the construction of a new church facility on Tenth Line, near the water tower, is under way with completion expected by fall 2004.

On the weekend of November 14-16, 2003 Stouffville Missionary Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. It will be an opportunity to both remember the past and look to the future. A youth concert featuring myFATHERSONlySON and [h]EADSPACE will be held on Friday at 7:00 pm. A celebration banquet will be held on Saturday at 6:30 pm and will feature Tyndale College and Seminary president Brian Stiller with special music by Elizabeth Ruddle, Darin Latham of St. Catharines will join us for our Sunday morning services, which will be followed by a fellowship lunch at 12:30pm and a hymn sing at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to join us for any and all of our celebration events.

Our desire is to be a caring community, reaching out to the people of Stouffville with God's love. We offer programs for children, youth, adults and seniors,

designed to meet people's needs on their own terms. We invite everyone to come and check out any of our programs and services.

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Many local families travelled to Main St. in Stouffville to have their family portrait taken by photographer William Mertens.

This portrait depicts Bob Lemon, his wife and their five young children, who were residents of the small community of Lemonville on McCowan Rd., south of Bloomington Sideroad. On the reverse is an elegant advertisement for the photographer's services.



William Mertens took obvious pride in his work, and his artistry is apparent not only in the details of his photographs but also in their professional mounting. The back of each photograph is ornately printed, artistically portraying the details of his photography services. Dressed in their finest outfits, his customers would make their way upstairs to his studio in the old section of Main St., for what was surely considered a very special occasion.

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