

Religious services were not forgotten in the pioneer days. In fact the church was usually the center of the social life in the community. The following is an excerpt taken from the church newspaper, the Canada Christian Advocate, January 18, 1860. Mr. E. Woodcock was the minister of Elgin Circuit and he wrote,



"When I came to this circuit (Elgin) there was much to discourage me, but my trust was in the living God. In August last, I commenced a protacted meeting in Bastard, where the hearts of the brethren became ignited with the spirit of revival, which spread to other neighbourhoods, and over 100 have sought religion."

The following is taken from the Recording Steward's Book, Elgin Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, dated January 29, 1870. The minister was N.H. Howard.

"Moved and seconded that we build a church at Bastard's Centre - Carried."

"Moved and seconded that Amos E. Alford, Jonah A. Whipple, Stephen Seaman, Lorenzo McCollum and Amos Fredenburgh be trustees. - Carried."

By January 1883, only McCollum and Alford remained as trustees. W.J. Chant, Jabez Chant, and S.T. Knowlton were elected to fill the positions.

This excerpt was taken from the Christian Advocate, Hamilton, April 30, 1873. The minister of the Elgin Circuit from 1871-1873 was Mr. H. Williams. Mr. Williams wrote, "Brother Gardiner, will you please give the following report of the Elgin Circuit a place in the Advocate. I don't write very often.

The church at Chantry will be finished early in summer, and the sum of \$75.00 of debt only will remain upon it, which will be secured at the time of dedication. The church is built of brick-size 48' x 30' with a spire.

A Quarterly Meeting Conference of the current year trustees, and also a building committee were appointed

to secure a site, the means for and also to superintend the building of a church in the village of Philipsville. Mr. D. Philips has kindly given the site and the trustees have agreed upon their selection and the deed will soon be taken. In the meantime the building committee have taken their part of the work in hand, and have timber and boards on the church site, for a shed 105 feet in length, and all free of cost, and expect soon to have it framed and raised. A subscription is also in circulation for building the church. Eleven hundred dollars have already been subscribed with fair prospects of enlargement. It is the intention of the Committee to secure all the materials during the summer and in the winter get them together and then be ready to commence building early next spring. The prospects are fair for a church worth \$2500.00, as the work of building has been entrusted to the right men.

I have found Elgin a pleasant circuit to travel, and have experienced uniform kindness from the brethren and also from many friends outside the church. I have received gifts and donations amounting to over fifty dollars since Conference among which I would mention a buffalo robe presented by brethren and friends in Philipsville and vicinity.

The Finance Committee and Quarterly Board say I will get my full salary etc."

August 2, 1919 an organ was bought for Chantry church for \$125.00. August 19, 1919 the spire was removed when the church was retiled.

In November, 1930 the church was considered unsafe and services were held in the school. In November 1935 it was decided to sell the property. Mr. Morley Lawson removed the church from the site in December of 1938.

Services were held in the school house until 1963, when they joined with the Harlem Congregation.

In 1968 Chantry-Harlem United Church joined with Delta in Delta-Toledo Pastoral Charge.

The very first church organization known of in this part of Eastern Ontario was organized as a Baptist church on March 3rd 1803 at the home of Benjamin Huntley, situated on the road from Brick's School to Plum Hollow. Mr Elder Abel Stevens was a Baptist and was instrumental in founding the Baptist church in Delta (now the Anglican Church) and in Philipsville.

Two 4-H Homemaking members from Leeds County boarded the train for Guelph on Tuesday, June 23. Their destination was the University of Guelph where the Provincial 4-H Homemaking Conference was held.

During the three day conference Wendy and Laurie attended sessions which focused on the conference theme "Dimensions '81-Destination Life". The program included career panels, interest sessions, speakers and a final banquet.

Delegates are chosen on the basis of their standard of club work in the county. They must have completed at least 6 homemaking projects.

Leeds County's representatives were Wendy Jessop, Tincap Club; and Laurie Donaldson, Frankville Club.

Congratulations are extended to these 4-H members for being chosen for this trip.



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