



# NEWCASTLE VILLAGE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 1987

GENERAL MEETING - Monday, February 16, 1987 - Centennial Room, Community Hall.

Bill Humber of Bowmanville will speak to us on his recently published book "Cycling in Canada" which has received an excellent review in the Globe and Mail. It seems an unlikely topic for an Historical Group, but when you hear Bill you will know why he was asked to speak. Please make every effort to attend.

## TAPING

Ron Locke (and his versatile Audio-Video camera) has been busy recording for posterity Jack Gordon, Charlie Cowan and Harv Bonathan. These gentlemen were most cooperative and we thank them. Their sharp minds and long memories have provided us with some marvellous anecdotes of long ago days in the Village. We hope to "screen" them soon, and others at a General Meeting. Thanks go to Jack Gordon and Jean Rickard for their interviewing jobs. We'll never be a Betty Kennedy or a Peter Gzowski but - - We're not bad!

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR - Saturday, June 13, 1987 is the date - MARK IT PLEASE.

Interest is keen for this new, to us, endeavour. Several gardens and houses have been offered. Members can help enormously by asking friends to attend. Good results will only come if there is a satisfactory turn-out. We ask all of you to ensure its success by talking-it-up. More details are to follow in May.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Lynda Willsher is our new chairman of this important department and she thanks those who responded by sending their \$5.00 (single) or \$8.00 (family) to our P.O. Box #585, Newcastle. Lynda will be at each meeting to receive memberships. NOTE: our membership year runs from September to September.

## SPRING BUS TRIP

Please call Francis Jose 987-4789 with suggestions. We would be pleased to plan one but wish ideas and a show of interest. The Black Creek Trip was great fun.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - Monday, March 16, 1987 - 7:30 p.m.

At the home of Lorraine Lover and chaired by Francis Jose.

## CLARKE MUSEUM NEWS

We were sorry to hear of Dyana Layng's resignation as curator of the Clarke Museum. Dyana has worked efficiently and industriously to raise the Museum's standards and has accomplished much. We wish her well.

## DID YOU KNOW?

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAMES USED IN THE 1700 - 1800's</u>
Cobourg	Hardscrabble in 1815, Buckville, Hamilton, Amherst, now Cobourg
Port Hope	Ganaraské (Indian Post), Smith's Creek named after Peter Smith, a fur trader in 1793, Port Hope (1817). <i>called Toronto after Smith's CK.</i>
Welcome	Known as Guide Board in the 1830's, became Welcome in 1870.
Newcastle	Known as Crandell's Corners (c.1833) then Newcastle
Bond Head	Named Port Bond Head in honour of Sir Francis Bond Head.
Kendal	Known as Watertown Mills until 1854, Kendall, then Kendal.
Kirby	Powers Corners (1832), Jackson's Corners, then Kirby.
Orono	Called Jericho, in 1840 named Orono. The village resembled Orono, Maine, named after a famous Indian Chief.
Bowmanville	Barber's Creek, Darlington Mills, Bowmanville (1823)
Port Perry	Called Scugog (by Indians), Crandell's Corners (1821), Port Perry (1852) after Peter Perry, a prominent merchant.
No 2 Hwy.	Danforth Rd. (Dundas St.) Kingston Rd., Highway #2 and Heritage Highway in 1967.

## "PASSING THIS WAY"

Half way between Bowmanville and Newcastle on the north side of Hwy.#2 (3 houses East of the Darlington 1st line) is a lovely old house built in 1828, (on record in the Ontario Archives) and once named "Spruce Grove". It was built a full two storey, clapboard, 6 fireplace, 5 bay facade home by Zelotus Bemis on 200 acres, patented by Aeneas Shaw in 1798. The architectural design was New-Classic (1810 - 1830) with a touch of earlier Georgian style. Although the upper balcony and front pillars are missing to-day, the wide front doorway with transom and sidelights remain. It is one of the five oldest buildings in the Town of Newcastle (reference LACAC).

In 1833, Wm. and Elizabeth McIntosh (closely related to Dr. Robt. McIntosh who practiced in Newcastle 1884 - 1901) had a provision store here and it was a stopping place for settlers to find farms for sale, McIntosh being connected with the Canada Company. This home was also a half-way house for weary travellers, and one of the barns was fashioned for tired horses to be fed and bedded down after a long journey. The McIntosh family deeded this farm in 1830 (100 acres) and in 1905 the Clemence family bought and owned it until it was sold in 1980.

OUR THANK YOU to Mabel Clemence Goode for the "Did You Know" and "Passing This Way" segments. I would appreciate similar items about the Community, for it adds much interest to a Newsletter and makes the editor's job more enjoyable as well.

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