

Brant Historical Society

Fall

1987



Historical Sketch of Harley

- by Ruth Lefler -

Harley, originally named Derby, was an industrious village located in Burford Township. Later it received the name Harley in honour of Archibald Harley who moved into this area in 1850 from Moncton, New Brunswick.

The village of Harley boasted two hotels, two stores, two blacksmith shops, a shoe repair shop where boots were made, a cheese factory, a saw mill, a wagon factory and a fairground.

Excitement was always found at the hotels. Whiskey was sold at five cents a large glass. People came from a wide area of the township to imbibe.

The cheese factory obtained its milk from the local area. Milk cans, containing thirty to forty gallons of milk, were brought in on horse drawn wagons. Milk could never be brought in on Sunday, so Monday became a very busy day with extra help having to be hired.

Passenger and freight service was supplied to Harley by the Grand Trunk Railway. Local students used the railway to commute to and from High School in Brantford. A telegraph office and stockyards were connected to the

railway station.

Harley had an annual fair. A beautiful building called the "Show Palace" was erected and used to house various exhibits, displays, and events.

In 1867, a Wesleyan Methodist Church was established. The land for the church was purchased for fifty dollars. In the beginning, Harley was part of a six-point circuit. Village Church leaders were very important in continuing the support of the work of the church.

For many years, the children and adults looked forward to the annual visits of Rev. Erland Lee, a missionary. He brought trained animals, films, and blackboard sketchings to describe his work.

The local children received their elementary education at the one room school, S.S.#13, Harley. It was located behind the General Store.

Although many of the industries and shops have disappeared, the village of Harley today continues to be an ambitious farming community.

What's Happening at the Museum?

BRANT COUNTY MUSEUM

50/50 DRAW

Only 1000 tickets printed.

Price: \$5.00 each

Prize: 50% of net proceeds

Maximum: \$2,250.00

Draw will be held during the
Christmas Open House -- Sunday,
December 6, 1987 at 3:00 p.m.
at the Brant County Museum.

Proceeds will assist the Museum
in expanding its many programs
and services.

DON'T MISS OUT!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM

OR FROM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Exhibits

Special exhibits currently showing:

"CAMERAS: ONE COLLECTOR'S FANCY" is an exhibit which shows the evolution of "popular" photography. The cameras were part of the collection of William Zimmerman of Brantford, and were donated to the Brant County Museum after his death.

"BURFORD: PIONEERING THE PROMISED LAND" is the second in our series of exhibits on township histories. Through photographs and artifacts, it considers the settlement and development of Burford Township.

The history and growth of the area is marked by the strong characters of the early settlers, their farming and business interests, their religious lives, and their involvement in such conflicts as the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837.

A very interesting exhibit!

Coming Soon: An exhibit of **TOYS** will open in conjunction with the Christmas Open House.

October

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December

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Meeting Schedule

The Brant Historical Society holds its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from September to June at the Brant County Museum beginning at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. We encourage you to attend and to bring your friends.

Oct. 21: Mr. John Van Nest of Brantford will speak on "Early Railways in Brantford".

Nov. 18: Mr. Allan Wight, a Brantford toy collector, will speak on "Collecting Toy Trains".
Election of Officers will also take place at this meeting.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 5th
Sunday, December 6th
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
at the

Brant County Museum

- * 50/50 Ticket Draw
- * Exhibit of Toys
- * Refreshments
- * Bake Table

Membership Week 1987

The Brant Historical Society is pleased to announce its first **MEMBERSHIP WEEK**, to be held Tuesday October 27 to Saturday October 31, 1987. This week of special programmes and events at the Brant County Museum is designed to highlight our many functions in the community.

Opening Festivities will be held on Tuesday, October 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with special guest Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of The Ontario Historical Society.

Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will feature a programme on locating genealogical resources at the Museum. Peter Vollmer of Two Unicorns Antiques in Paris will also be on hand for an "Identification Day". Bring in your family heirlooms and cherished "whatnots".

Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we'll offer a "19th Century Sweets and Treats" workshop. You can watch them being made and even sample a piece or two.

Friday's highlights will be Pioneer Skills and Crafts from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. with demonstrations of wool carding and spinning, weaving, candle making, butter churning,

Welcome - New Members

The Brant Historical Society would like to extend a warm welcome to the following individuals who have recently become members:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Robertson

Mr. John Lee

Mr. & Mrs. H. Hedges

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Digby

Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Gallego

Mrs. Ruth Hitchon

Ms. Florence King

Rev. & Mrs. Francis Cook

Mr. Herman R. Conley

Mr. R. Cranston

Mr. & Mrs. B. Farley

Mr. David Judd

Judge J. Kent

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Caldwell

Mr. & Mrs. Deiter Schmidt

Mr. & Mrs. William Hurley

Mrs. Sadie Stren



tatting, and corn husk doll making.

Saturday is "All Hallow's Eve" at the Museum. Activities will include a pumpkin carving contest (10:00-11:30 a.m.), bobbing for apples, a taffy pull, and stories. The program will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The young and the young at heart are welcome to participate.

Films and refreshments will be available all week. Admission is \$1.00 for adults, \$0.75 for seniors and students, and \$0.50 for children. Members of the Brant Historical Society are admitted free.

This programme is not restricted to members. Everyone is welcome -- new members, old members, and non members. Come and bring your friends!

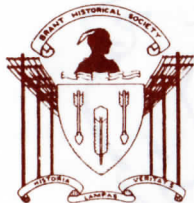


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