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This rare 1920 photo described as "Taphams (Tapping) Deserted Farm" was taken in August 1920. The photo looks northeast towards Upper Mazinaw Lake and Big Bear Island. Martin Streit's grandmother, Melanie Smith, was vacationing with her family at Bon Echo when this photo was taken. *Photo: Martin Streit Album, Flickr.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new president, I have big shoes to fill and will do my best to do so! We look forward to opening the museum soon and implementing the new Bloomberg Connect app that Ken Hook initiated and brought to reality. It will certainly bring our little museum into the 21st century!

We hope to utilize more members as occasional volunteers this season (as used to happen in the past) instead of relying totally on student labour. Please contact us if interested and the sign up sheet will be at our meetings. Volunteers will receive training and can work as little or as much as they wish. It's a delightful way to spend a day!

We welcome Jacob Heyman back this summer as a museum intern as part of his college curriculum. Jacob was one of our previous students and we are very excited that he chose our museum for this.

We hope to revamp some of our displays this season to better showcase some of our artefacts, particularly our farming section.

The heritage wall project is ongoing, and we hope many more people order plaques to honour their ancestry and history.

Our fundraiser committee has some ideas in the works, and these will be announced as plans are finalised.

Thanks to our dedicated board members and great volunteers. We look forward to a successful summer. See you at the museum!

Cathy Newcombe, President 🌸

Treasurer's Report – 2024

During 2024, our financial position stayed relatively constant with the exception that we were denied two of the three federal student grant applications we submitted. The federal government had been very active in financing various aspects of their mandate which meant that there had to be a cutback in some of their granting positions. The Canadian Museums Association took some of this grief and as a result, the CDHS had to dip into its reserve to help pay two of the three students we employed.

It all worked out fairly well however, since our reserves were substantial enough to sustain this withdrawal and still leave us with a reasonable balance. In the final analysis, we were able to fund Sadie Grand, Libby Lessard and Riley Kay, all of whom contributed to clearing a lot of the backlog of work which accumulated over the previous winter.

We are pleased to welcome Jacob Heyman back this coming summer as a Museum Intern, part of his Fleming College Museum Administration course. Good on Jacob for advancing his education to museology as a result of working previously at our Museum.

Other than the financial crunch we endured, last summer at the Museum was much like those of pre-Covid with sales and donations similar and visitors much the same as other years.

As far as outside contributors are concerned, we are always thankful for the usual donations from our two Municipalities as well as from our Endowment Fund. In addition is the annual grant from the Heritage Ontario Development Grant or HODG, which we have received for many years and is always welcome. We also have been able to take advantage of the HST rebate programme which returns a percentage of the HST we spend. Since we started claiming this HST rebate in 2024, we have taken in close to \$3,500 which is a catchup amount with yearly amounts being six to eight hundred dollars. Our major donors were also generous with their contributions.

The Lions' market has been a source of some income, although it mostly has been used as exposure for the Historical Society. The Speakers' Forum that the Lions and the CDHS have cooperated on has also been a good programme for exposure to the CDHS. We have been able to help fund and draw grants for this programme as well.

Please check out the financial reports and the article on our Endowment Fund elsewhere in this newsletter.

The CDHS continues to be a viable and successful group in the community and hopefully will remain as such well into the future. If there are any questions about the financial aspects of the organization, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our email,

pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca.

Ian Brumell, Treasurer. ❧ Financial Report Page 5

The Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund

What is an Endowment Fund? In the case of our Historical Society Endowment Fund, it has been and remains our greatest fundraiser.

An endowment fund is a pool of money (the principal) which is restricted in its function, since only the interest generated by its investment is available for use. This keeps the principal intact and continues to grow through sound investments and donations. An endowment fund can be held permanently by an organization, usually a charity, thus allowing donors to the fund to support their charity in perpetuity. An endowment fund ensures the long-term financial stability of an organization most of which are associated with not-for-profits.

The Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund has a very successful track record going back to its inception in June of 2006. At that time, a bequest of just over \$30,000 from the Society's friend, Isobel Stewart, started the Fund which was orchestrated and placed with The Napanee District Community Foundation, recently renamed The Community Foundation for Lennox and Addington. Since that time, monies have been added through the kind philanthropy of our major donors, excess funds from general fundraising, product sales and investment appreciation. Isobel would be very pleased at what her initiative started.

During its first ten years, the interest from the Fund was ploughed back into the Fund which increased the principal and hence the interest earned. Since its inception, our Endowment Fund has generated around \$35,000 for general use by the Society with the principal growing to over \$122,000 currently. Once funds are deposited to the Fund through the Community Foundation, they become the property of the Foundation and cannot easily be withdrawn. This feature is a safety valve and outlines the essence of an endowment allowing the principal to remain and its interest distributed to the general coffers of the Society. This year we will receive over \$4,400 generated from the Fund.

With the great success the Historical Society has gained in the greater heritage community over the past 53 years, preparation for the future has always been paramount and lately has taken on greater importance in light of world problems, ever tightening regulations and the uncertain times we are facing.

We hope that, through the enthusiasm of its membership, the Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund will continue to grow and provide that funding so vitally required in the coming years. If further information or questions are required, we are always available to offer answers and suggestions. Donations to the Fund are welcome either to the CDHS directly or to the Fund at the Community Foundation in Napanee <<https://cffla.ca/>>. Gifts to the Fund will assist in protecting the viability of the CHDS for many years to come.

Ian Brumell ✂

THE BOOKSTORE

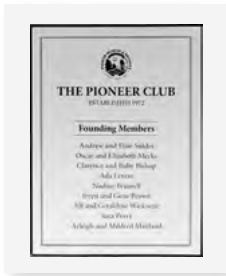
When you pick up a local history book, do you wonder what enticed the author to write it? All of the Museum Bookstore's non-fiction offerings are by local writers. Their backgrounds are varied. Some were skilled researchers, others had superior archival skills. There are descendants of the earliest settlers among them, and others who came later to preserve the past for the future.

They all had one thing in common: They were passionate patriots who loved their community.

At this precarious time, we salute them.

Carolyn McCulloch ✂

HERITAGE WALL UPDATE



Several plaques are now on the wall at the museum with a couple having been purchased and await warmer weather to be attached.

There is no time limit on purchasing a plaque.

Many people have contributed to the building of this community over the decades and this is a great way to honour their contribution.

Eileen Flieler ✂

Plaques are designed and purchased from Hart N Hart, 111 Industrial Blvd. Napanee. Call Andrea Moore at 613-354-9554.

Prices:

5x7 – black \$25.00 with a gold trim option of \$10.00
\$35.00 plus tax

10x13 – black \$40.00 with a gold trim option \$15.00
\$55.00 plus tax

To arrange for the plaque to be mounted on the Heritage Wall or if you have questions, contact Eileen Flieler 613-336-9593.

If you would like to donate \$20 to the project a tax receipt will be issued.



Download the free Bloomberg Connects app from the App Store or Google Play prior to visiting the museum this summer. When you arrive, look for a Bloomberg Connects magnifying glass near exhibits and scan the QR code to learn more. And, don't forget to bring your headphones.

If you read the Pioneer Times newsletter online you need only click on one of these icons. They are active links to our CDHS social media content.



Cemetery

YouTube

Cloyne and District Historical Society Financial Statements to 31 December, 2024

Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$3,863.07
Reserve Fund	\$9,160.00
Total	\$13,023.07
Fixed Assets	
Buildings & Property	\$155,000.00
Display fixtures	\$7,404.00
Computer & Hardware	\$6,160.12
Office Equipment	\$4,000.00
Other Equipment	\$1,555.00
Museum Artifacts	\$23,000.00
Total	\$197,119.12
Total Assets	\$210,142.19
Liabilities & Equity	
Anderson Loan	\$3,000.00
HST Payable	-\$869.29
Total Liabilities	\$2,130.71
CDHS Equity	\$92,113.00
Opening Balance Equity	\$58,738.59
Retained Earnings	\$67,339.89
Net Income	-\$10,180.00
Total	\$208,011.48
Total Liability & Equity	\$210,142.19

Profit & Loss

<u>Expenses</u>	
Historical Society Income - 4-1000	
Misc & Museum Donations	\$4,147.85
Other Donations	\$1,191.00
Canada Helps	\$455.43
Federal Gov't Grants	\$5,203.00
Provincial Grants	\$1,545.00
Municipal Grants	\$1,000.00
Reserve Fund Transfer	\$2,203.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$4,429.00
Membership	\$768.23
Calendar Sales	\$60.00
Other Item Sales	\$46.25
Book Sales	\$2,243.92
Special Events - Bus Tour	\$775.00
- Lions S. Forum grant	\$1,000.00
- Christmas luncheon	\$990.00
- Books at Market	\$159.00
In-Memorium donations	\$80.51
Misc & Interest	\$217.50
Total Revenue	\$26,514.69
Historical Society Expenses - 6-0000	
Accounting & Office Services	\$805.24
Meeting Expense	\$237.57
Utilities - Hydro, etc.	\$1,445.16
Outside Services	\$33.04
Maintenance & Repair	\$212.42
Postage & Shipping	\$52.90
Office Expenses	\$197.05
Museum Grounds Expense	\$715.27
Insurance	\$3,461.40
Book Purchases	\$1,849.36
Special Events - Bus Tour	\$731.94
- Heritage Wall	\$2,601.91
- Speakers Forum	\$1,500.00
- Christmas luncheon	\$930.00
- Books@Market	\$120.00
Professional Memberships	\$292.25
Misc. Expense	\$279.84
Museum Wages & Salaries	\$19,030.78
Museum Payroll Expenses	\$1,532.88
Total	\$36,029.01
Communications Committee - 6-3000	
Advertising & Promotion	\$84.99
Website Expense	\$249.34
Newsletter Expense	\$331.35
Total	\$665.68
Equipment Expense - 6-1200	
Computer/peripherals	\$0.00
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Other Equipment	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$36,694.69

Notes

1. Inventory consists of copies of unsold books, calendars and other sales items.
2. The Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund ended the year with a value of **\$122,136**

Chance Meetings and The Tapping Farm

by Cathy Hook, Photos Ken Hook. Thanks to Jamie Rosenblath

The Addington Road, completed in 1857, was one of the colonization roads built by the government to encourage settlement in the wilderness areas between the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay. Surveyor A.B. Perry supervised the building of the road and laid out lots measuring 20 chains wide and 50 chains long (100 acres)^[1] along both sides of the road from Anglesea Township north to the Madawaska River. Loggers moved into the area to harvest the large stands of white pine. Settlers moved in taking up the offer of free land grants and found a market supplying produce to the loggers.

Conditions had to be met to secure the free land grants including: the settler (*he*) had to be 18 years old, and a subject of Her Majesty (*Queen Victoria*). He had to put into cultivation at least twelve acres of land in the course of four years and build a house (at least 20 x 18 feet).^[2]

Thomas Tapping Sr., a retired London policeman, immigrated to Canada in 1856 with his wife Kezia and 3 children and took advantage of the free land grants. In 1857 Thomas Sr. settled on lot 41 Range B in Barrie Township and his son Thomas Jr. took lot 42. Thomas Sr. and Jr. satisfied the conditions and received their Patent deeds in 1865.^[3]

Ken and I were hiking in Bon Echo Provincial Park last fall and met fellow hiker Jamie Rosenblath. He has explored large portions of the park and has a keen interest, as we do, in the history. Jamie told us that as a young man riding the school bus through the park from his home in Denbigh, he noticed a clearing just in from the road. Years later he went back to explore. The Addington Road and Highway 41 follow almost the same path here. Based on the location and what he found he thought this might be where Thomas Tapping Sr. and his family first arrived to their property. We met Jamie a few days later and he was our guide to the Tapping farm.

The site has not grown-in much over the years because there is very little soil covering the underlying rock. Jamie pointed out several foundations and Ken photographed them.



One of several foundations found along the line between Lots 41 and 42 on the Addington Road.

The Library and Archives of Canada list Thomas Tapping as Postmaster for Hardinge, Barrie Township in Frontenac County from 1866-10-01 until it closed 1900-12-20. The map below from 1878^[4] appears to show the location of the post office on the property line between lots 41 and 42. Ken's camera records the Degrees Minutes Seconds (DMS) for each photo and we were later able to confirm that is exactly where we were. (see map page 7). As we walked around, we speculated that this was the initial Tapping homestead and Hardinge Post Office site.



Prior to the derecho in 2022, we could have easily walked east over the hill to the Mazinaw Lake side of the property. Now there are too many downed trees. We drove to the North Mazinaw Heights Road to access the property.

A sign along the old road, now groomed for snowmobiling, pointed the way. We found an old dug well, a split-rail fence and another stone foundation that was quite overgrown. Photo info indicated we were on Lot 40.



Thomas Sr. and his sons acquired several free land grants in Barrie Township and on the other side of the Addington Road in Anglesea Township.^[5]

In Barrie Township:

- Lot 41 Range B - 96 acres - Thomas Tapping Sr. - 1865
- Lot 42 Range B - 86 acres - Thomas Tapping Jr. - 1865
- Lot 40 Range B - 100 acres - John Grunwell - 1865, Thomas Sr. acquired it and sold to Thomas Jr. - 1881
- Lot 38 Range B - 100 acres - James Tapping - 1872

In Anglesea Township:

- Lot 43 Range A - 100 acres - Robert Tapping - 1873
- Lot 42 Range A - 100 acres - George Tapping - 1874

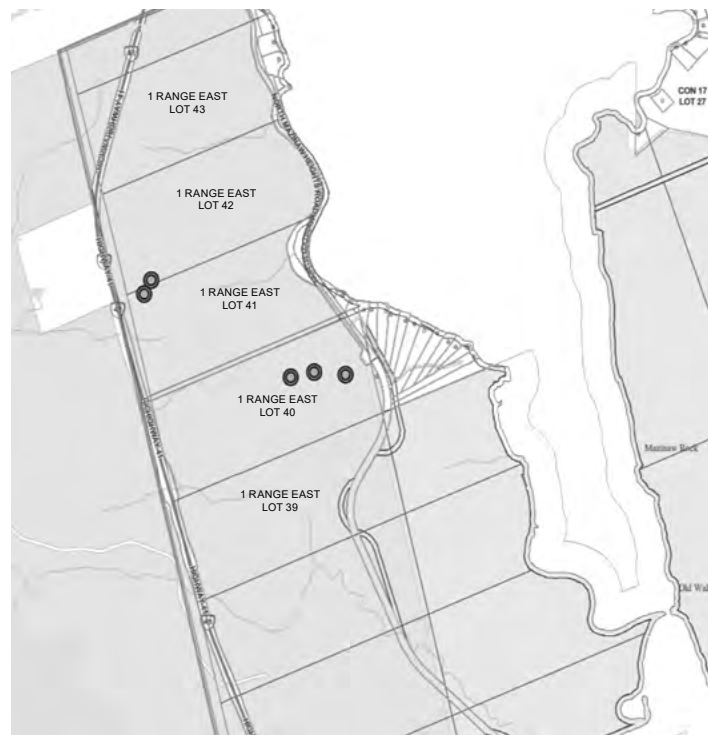
Over the years additional properties acquired by the Tappings brought total holdings to 2000 acres.^[6]

The Tapping family farmed quite successfully during the logging years. After the loggers moved on in the 1890s it became increasingly difficult to continue farming. Several of Thomas Tapping Sr.'s sons moved away to find work elsewhere. The farm site is within the Bon Echo Provincial Park boundaries and the history of the Addington Road, logging and the Tapping family is displayed in the

park museum. There are still descendants of Thomas Tapping Sr. living in the area.

Another chance meeting brought us the photo on the front cover. When we were setting up for the Don Brown Video in November, we met Martin Streit, who was in a meeting with Mazinaw-Lanark Forest Inc. Shortly after, he sent lovely family photos taken by his grandmother, Melanie Smith, while vacationing at Bon Echo in 1920. View

Martin's album at our Flickr site. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdhs/albums/72177720322164812/>



The lot map was created using Frontenac GIS Interactive Mapping <https://county-frontenac.hub.arcgis.com/pages/interactive-mapping>. Photo locations were plotted on the map using the Coordinates function.

[1] The Ontario Land Surveyor, Spring 1991

[2][3][5] *The Hard Road Ahead – The Addington Colonization Road of Early Ontario* written by Linda and Gary Corupe.

[4] The Illustrated Historical Atlas – Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, 1878

[6] Bon Echo Provincial Park Museum

S.S. NO 7 ELZEVIR SCHOOL

by Shelley Holloway

It is often considered that the land we purchase is a part of our story, as are the dwellings that sit on that land. I prefer to think of it in the reverse – we are a part of the land's story. The land and often the buildings were here long before us, and we are but a mere chapter in that history. Often both will remain long after we are gone. Such is the story of the old, converted schoolhouse, down that dusty old road, somewhere between Tweed and Flinton, where my grandparents once lived.

The schoolhouse my grandpa renovated was not the first one to be located on lot 16 in Concession 7, down what would become Elzevir Road. The first one was a small log cabin, built in 1861. It was built by Mr. Johnston, a new resident of the area, who saw the need for a school to serve this rural community, as there was nothing at the time. He gathered a crew of local men, and they set to work. The tiny schoolhouse was built from white pine logs that were dragged to the property by oxen, the school had only dirt floors and no ceiling, just the white cedar roof. The logs were squared with broad axes and all of the desks were crafted by hand. Like all of the old pioneer schools, it was heated by a wood stove. The school served the community for close to 25 years, but a growing community called for a larger school. The little cabin became a woodshed and in 1966 was donated to the O'Hara Mills homestead property, open now for the public to see. Very few pioneer schoolhouses still exist, and this is a lovely example of the craftsmanship of the time.



The first S.S. No 7 School in Elzevir Township was donated, restored and is on display at the O'Hara Mills Homestead near Madoc. *Photo: O'Hara Mills Website*

The new schoolhouse, also known as S.S. NO 7 (school section 7) was built in 1897. It was built from wood planks, not logs, but in many ways was no more modern than its little predecessor. It had floors and a ceiling, but for its entire duration, into the 1960s would never have plumbing or electricity. Once again, it was the job of the wood stove to keep it warm on those long winter days. Back then, children walked to school. Nels Duquette would become a good neighbour to my grandpa. As a child, he was given the job of arriving first and starting the fire. He lived close to two kilometres away. I can only imagine a young child walking that distance in the winter, arriving in the dark, getting things ready for the teacher's arrival. My how things have changed.



The second S.S. No 7 School in Elzevir Township, built in 1897. *Photo: Shelley Holloway*

By the 1950s and the early 1960s a small yellow bus would bring in some of the children from the area, but by 1965 it was decided that the school was in need of too much care and the children were better off being bused to Flinton. The school only went as far as grade 8, so it also made sense for the students to be in the village, where they could attend until grade 12 or 13. From the 1930s to the end of its service, the school taught a who's who of children from families who had been in the area for generations. Many are still in that area. Names like Wood, Duquette, Lessard and Bovard have shaped that little community. The Duquette's still live across the road from what was the schoolhouse. Caroline and Melvin attended as children, married, raised a family. Caroline still

lives in the same house. Theirs is a love story and legacy that goes back to the 1940's, with both family lines going back much farther. Entire lifetimes on one dirt road.

In 1966, on a trip back to visit his friend Mac Wood, my grandpa learned that the school and the property were to be sold. He jumped at the opportunity, paying \$100.00.

Editor's note: To read the rest of Shelley's article, her family connection and see more photos, visit the CDHS website.

This article was on Facebook in early 2025 and received many comments which are also online.

<https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/SS7-School-Elzevir-Actinolite-March-4.pdf>

Shelley's grandfather was Amos (Buck) Hutchinson, her grandmother was Mildred. The address is 405 Elzevir Road. Shelley's article says the second S.S. No 7 was built in 1887. When I increased the size of the photo it looked like 1897 so I took the liberty of changing it.

If you have a story to tell about your family connection to our area, we would love to receive and share it.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND EVENTS



Ken and Cathy Hook interviewed Don Brown and produced a video history of Brown's Tent and Trailer Park on Mazinaw Lake. Don passed away in September of 2023. The video was presented at the November 2024 CDHS meeting to a packed house. Several members of the Brown Family were in attendance: Back row (LtoR) Lisa Martin, nee Foy, Jan Foy, Helen Yanch, Kim Brown, Kevin Hilliker. Front Row: Carol, Sandi and Keith Brown. The video is on the CDHS Youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-A80Tid0Gs>

CDHS members and friends enjoyed a lovely Christmas luncheon at the Lion's Hall in Northbrook on December 5. The luncheon was organized by Marlean McLean and catered by Dave and Pat Cuddy.



Chris Hinsperger, owner with his wife Val, of Bonnechere Caves in Eganville spoke at our January meeting about his history and the history of the Caves. Middle photo right, (LtoR) Chris was presented with a gift of our appreciation by Kim Pierce.

Gary Colwell, accomplished Amateur Astronomer and an award winning Astrophotographer was guest speaker at our March meeting. (LtoR) Gary accepted a gift from Mike Hage. (cont'd page 11)



Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum

The Cloyne & District Historical Society in partnership with the Land O'Lakes Lions Club is again this year presenting The Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum. Mark your calendars for the 4th Wednesday of each month from April to September. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Speakers will begin at 7 pm followed by a Q&A and ending at approximately 8:30 pm.

We acknowledge generous funding for this event from L&A County Activation Fund. Thank you for your support!

April 23, 2025

8 Wing CFB Trenton is a hub for CAF air transport operations in Canada and abroad. 8 Air Maintenance Squadron is responsible for providing mission capable aircraft through safe, efficient maintenance and support to Canadian Armed Forces operations worldwide.

LCol Craig Greely
PEng, CAPM

Aircraft Maintenance
8 Wing – CFB Trenton



LCol Craig Greely commands 8 Air Maintenance Squadron (AMS) at CFB Trenton.

CWO R Gagnon, CD

Aircraft Maintenance
8 Wing – CFB Trenton



CWO R Gagnon, is Senior Chief Warrant Officer (SCWO) at 8 AMS. He is now working on a Defence and Studies Program with Algonquin College.

To find additional background information about forum speakers scroll down on the homepage of our website cloynepieceermuseum.ca.

May 28, 2025

Mary Lee

Music: The Gift That
Only Humans Got



Mary earned her living as a management consultant, but she fulfilled her lifelong avocation for music by performing as a trained singer in concerts and Master Classes and researching music for speeches.

Mary Lee will talk about how musical memory works referencing her book *The Melody Lingers On*.

June 25, 2025

Sue Lounsbury, Eng.

Renovations of Historic
Buildings on Parliament Hill



Sue brings extensive expertise in strategic and financial planning, as well as risk management, through her role as Senior Business Advisor to Public Works Canada for the Parliament Precinct. She has provided critical support for major crown projects including the Centre Block rehabilitation, the conversion of the old Ottawa railway building to the Senate of Canada Building as well as the most recent Block 2 project which will house offices for both the Senate and the House of Commons.

July 23, 2025

Emma Fuller

How to Get Into Birding – A
Beginner's Guide to Explore
the World of Birdwatching



Emma Fuller is the Chief Park Naturalist at Bon Echo Provincial Park and a former Naturalist at Algonquin Provincial Park. An avid birdwatcher, Emma leads birdwatching tours and workshops.

Learn how to identify common bird species, create bird-friendly environments and attract birds to your backyard.

August 27, 2025
Prof. Graham White



Canada's North: The
People and the Politics

Graham White is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Toronto. He has been writing about the politics of the Canadian North since the late 1980s, based on dozens of trips to the three territories. His most recent book as about the North are *Made in Nunavut: An Experiment in Decentralized Government; Indigenous Empowerment through Co-management: Land Claims, Wildlife Management, and Environmental Regulation*, and *'We are in Charge Here': Inuit Self-Government and the Nunatsiavut Assembly*.

September 24, 2025
Nicolas Nakhl, PEng



Electrical Vehicles Penetration
in Canada & Effect on
Grid Congestion

Nicolas is educated in electrical power engineering with IT enterprise software knowledge and is fluent in English, French and Arabic. He is based in Toronto and has also lived and worked in both Abu Dhabi and London.

Nicolas will tackle the dilemmas surrounding the usage of electric vehicles moving on.

(cont'd from page 9)

Elaine Bolton and her daughter Cindy went through hundreds of photos and compiled a history of the Northbrook Hotel. Cindy presented this history at our February 17th meeting to a packed hall. It was "dedicated to all the hardworking men and women who worked at the Northbrook Hotel over the years."

This was a nostalgic presentation – there were only a few folks in the audience who had never visited the Northbrook Hotel or Trappers' Lounge when John and Elaine owned it. The presentation was filled with humorous anecdotes. Cindy reassured people that they wouldn't be naming names in many of the stories but "if you know, you know".

The Northbrook Hotel was built around 1915. John's parents, Joe and Madeline bought it in 1951. In 1965 they agreed that John had matured enough to take over the business and in September 1965, John and Elaine and their two small children moved to the Northbrook Hotel. They sold in 1994.

Cindy and Elaine provided a transcript which is available at our website. Most of the photos are on Flickr. <https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/2025/03/04/the-history-of-the-northbrook-hotel-by-cindy-and-elaine-bolton/>



(LtoR) Cindy Austin, Cindy and Elaine Bolton.

CDHS – Fernleigh Lodge Fundraising Event

The CDHS has created a Fundraising Committee to discuss ideas that will help us raise some funds this year to help support our museum.

The major event this year will combine our annual summer trip with a fundraising event at Fernleigh Lodge.

This fundraising event will take place on Saturday June 14

1. This will consist of a roast beef dinner at 5:00, followed by a cruise, for \$55 per person. There is a limited number of tickets (70), because of Fernleigh's capacity. We suggest that you buy your tickets early so you don't miss out.
2. There will be a silent auction, and we are collecting new donations for this, so please reach out if you are able to donate something.



3. Fernleigh Lodge is donating a grand prize package that will consist of:
 - a two-bedroom cottage for two nights
 - one dinner for 2
 - and one boat cruise for 2.

We will be selling a limited number of tickets for this prize package. Tickets will be \$10 each and we are asking that each CDHS member take a book of 5 tickets and sell them prior to the fundraising event. The tickets will be available at the next general meeting on April 21.

Daryl Austin, CDHS Membership Co-ordinator 🐾

Events - 2025

General Meeting Dates

General Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, 1 pm at the Barrie Community Hall in Cloyne. Visit our website to confirm meeting dates and speakers ahead of time. cloynepioneermuseum.ca

April 21 - The Marble Arts Centre

Presentation by Tim Potter, Award-Winning Artistic Director. Join us to hear about the history of the old Marble Church in Actinolite and how it has been transformed to a new-age theatre that brings live entertainment to our area – and there is a local connection!

May 19 - The History of Fernleigh Lodge

Presentation by Ken Hook

June 14- Fernleigh Lodge Dinner and Cruise Fundraiser and Auction

There will be 70 tickets sold for the Dinner and Cruise.

June 28 - The Pioneer Museum Opening

July 21 - Pot-luck Luncheon

Cathy and Bill Newcombe are hosting our annual pot-luck luncheon.

September 15 - British Home Children

From the late 1860s to 1948, 118,000 children were emigrated to Canada and became indentured farm workers and domestics. Parents thought they were giving their children a better life – it was not always the case. Over 10% (approximately 4 million) of the current Canadian population are descendants of the Home Children. Marg Graham and Dianne Cosway, both of Trent Hills, have been researching their family connections to the British Home Children. Marg's grandmother was among the children sent from England to Canada by the Barnardo organization. Diane's husband's father was placed with Annie Macpherson's operation and sent to Canada to work as a farm hand.

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