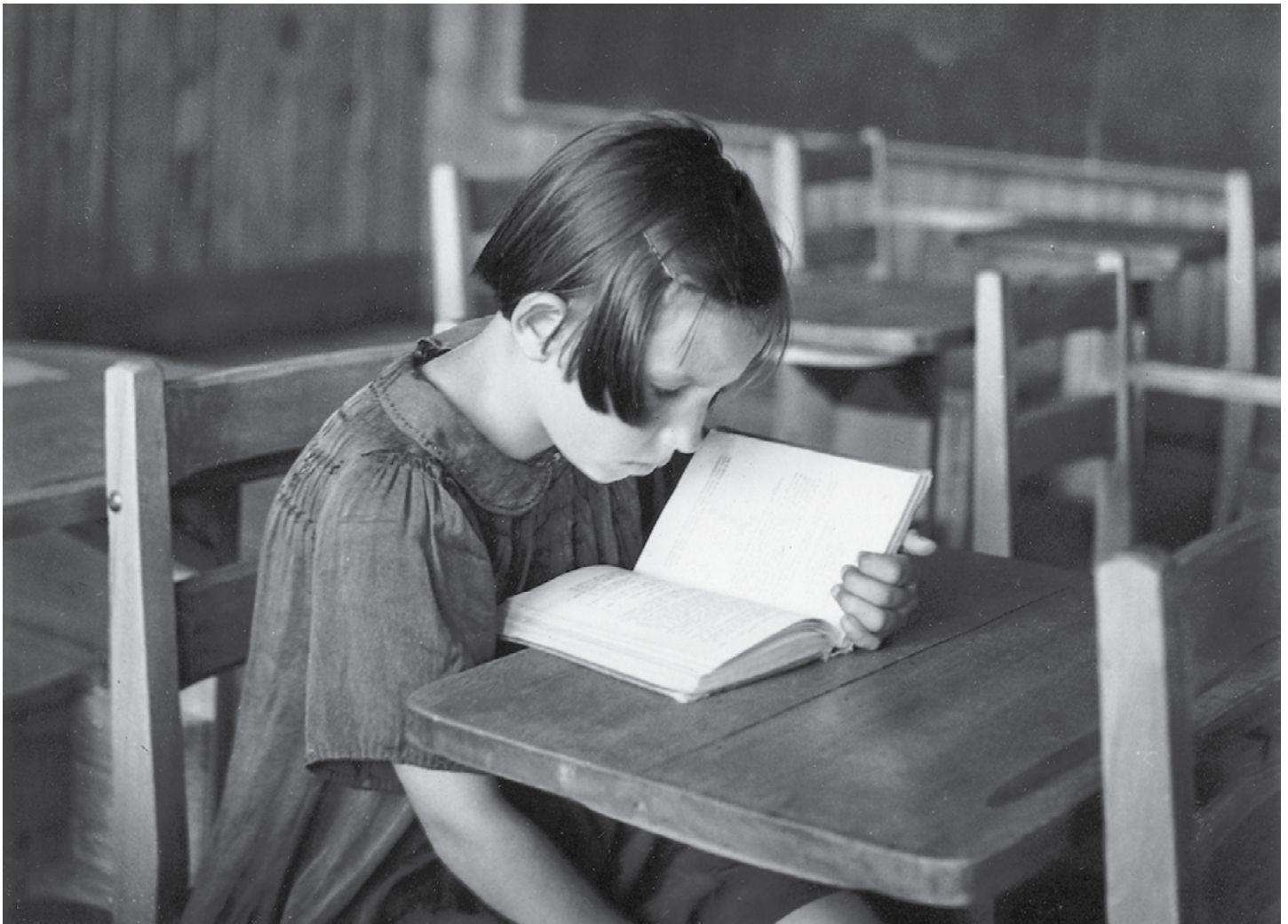


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NEWS VEHICLE OF THE CLOYNE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The *School Girl, Grace Glaeser*. Grace (Glaeser) Gray Kenny was born in Denbigh in 1928. This photo was taken when she was 8 years old. Grace's father Richard worked as a blacksmith for T.A. Wilson Lumber – her aunt and uncle, Herman and Elenore, owned Glaeser's General Store. This photo is one of the most popular on our Flickr site. It has to date received 3,676 views. *Photo: Peter and Mary Jane Turner Album, Flickr.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a long, brutal winter, we are all looking forward to spring! It will soon be time to open the museum and hire students for the summer.

We've had some great general meetings this winter. In November, we had a video about Eileen Flieler's life (narrated by Eileen) which was produced by Ken and Cathy Hook. The hall was full that day! Our Christmas dinner this year was at Mike and Nawar Hage's new venue at Myers Cave Resort and in January we did "bring a thing, tell a tale". In February, we were treated to a video on the history of Flintshire Farms, 1977-2003, which was created and produced by the talented team of Ken and Cathy Hook! Another full hall that day!

Carolyn McCulloch has stepped down from the board after many dedicated years but promises to still be a very valuable member. Kim Pearce was elected at the March AGM to take her place. He has been a member for a number of years and brings some unique skills and experiences to the position. Sadly, we say goodbye to long time members Trudy and Dave Deacon who are moving to BC to be near family. They will be greatly missed.

We are still working on our bus trip in June; details to be announced soon. The upgrade of the gardens at the front of the museum will be completed this spring. Our committee to republish *The Village on the Skoot* have been working diligently to have it ready to sell at the Flinton Fest in August.

We look forward to another busy season at the museum. See you there!

Cathy Newcombe, President 🌸

Treasurer's Report – 2025

The financial position for the Cloyne and District Historical Society for 2025 was not much different than that of other years. Our sales at the Museum and donations went well, being close to \$1,900 in sales, and donations being just over \$3,000. These sales are about average, while the donations appear to have increased from the one dollar per visitor to two dollars per visitor. This increase is certainly appreciated.

An interesting addition to our fundraising is a very much appreciated monthly anonymous donation to the CDHS through CanadaHelps. The donor is unknown, but we want to thank the person very much for their thoughtfulness.

The Historical Society decided that since sales elsewhere are generally being conducted electronically, that we would move to include a credit card sales and donation transaction method. This involved contracting with 'Moneris', a Canadian financial technology company specializing in payment processing. This has allowed us to accept electronic payments and donations and perhaps is the reason for the increase in donations last summer. Startup was precarious, but when it got working properly, was good for business.

Carolyn held the fort at the Lions market last summer which made a significant contribution to our book sales.

The two Municipalities made their usual contribution for which we offer much appreciation. We were the recipient of a Community Improvement grant of \$1,000 from the Municipality of North Frontenac. Their donations help offset the annual Insurance fee of around \$3,600.

For the past couple of years, the CDHS has been involved with the local Lions club in a project called the Speakers' Forum. In 2025, we acted as intermediary for a grant from Lennox & Addington County toward this project with their \$2,000 award. This joint venture has given the Society considerable exposure in the community.

The CDHS endowment Fund, being the largest fund raiser of the Society, saw a modest increase in value in 2025 and produced just over \$4,800 for general revenue.

The Federal Young Canada Works programme granted the Society just over \$10,000 which paid for two summer students, Sadie Grand and Aila Muzio who's contributions were great. Along with these students, we had the pleasure of Jacob Heyman returning for another summer as a co-op student. This employment was part of his museology course. He was of great assistance as well.

Our Society had two major financial events in 2025. The first was a summer lottery and silent auction both combined with our annual summer Society gathering.

It was held at Fernleigh Lodge which also generously donated a weekend stay at the Lodge for which we were able to offer tickets. It was won and enjoyed by a local family. The whole event produced around \$1,800 to general revenue.

The second event was more somber with the death of one of the founders of the CDHS. As grievous as this event was, contributions, as a tribute to her involvement, amounted to around \$5,500, a significant portion of which will be invested in the Endowment Fund since it was one of her pet projects.

This is a summary of the financial activities of the Cloyne and District Historical Society (CDHS) for 2025. Please let us know if there are questions and check out the financial statements elsewhere in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to the email address of 'pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca'.

Ian Brumell, Treasurer ✂ Financial Report Page 5

MEMBERSHIP

The Cloyne and District Historical Society, rely on donations and annual memberships to support our Pioneer Museum in Cloyne and the work of the Historical Society. The number of members has remained quite steady over the last few years, and the annual membership cost has remained the same at \$10.

We have had many terrific speakers at our monthly meetings in 2024 and in 2025, and we will continue to have another strong lineup of speakers in 2026. These great speakers and topics bring out new people, which often leads to a few new members. We had 60 members when I was given the membership list at the end of 2024. This number grew to 72 members by the end of 2025, and we are just a couple of months into 2026, and we are at 50 paid memberships.

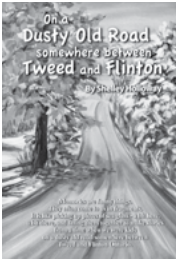
A few minutes are set aside at the start of each meeting to welcome visitors and ask them to provide their email addresses so I can add them to our monthly communication list. Often, our new attendees choose to become members right away, and sometimes they decide to become paid members at a future meeting.

We have an amazing attraction in our Pioneer Museum, and we present unique and interesting speakers at our monthly meetings. We are very grateful to our community for its unwavering ongoing support.

Daryl Austin, CDHS Membership Coordinator ✉

THE BOOKSTORE

We have a new release for you. Author Shelley Holloway's Grandfather wanted his grandchildren to experience their summers in a rural setting where the pace is slower and the stars are brighter. He bought them a pioneer schoolhouse On a Dusty Old Road Somewhere Between Tweed and Flinton.



You shall be able to buy your copy for \$16.00 at the Spring Extravaganza in the Lions Hall on Saturday May 16 from 10AM to 2PM or at the Farmers Market where we shall have a booth every other week. Of course, the book will be available, along with our other fine books at the Museum when it opens in late June.

Carolyn McCulloch ✉

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

The visibility of the CDHS is constantly expanding through social media. Our main Flickr site <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdhs/> now has 3092 photos and is receiving an average of 1,870 views per day.

The *School Girl, Grace Glaeser* was such an exceptional photo it was picked up by Flickr Explore to show to a worldwide audience. From February 24th to 26th it received over 2,800 views, making it one of the most popular Flickr photos on our site. Our most popular, the Northbrook Girl Guides posted nine years ago, has received over 57,000 views. We also have a dedicated Flickr site devoted to our cemeteries with over 1,967 photos of gravestones.

We currently have 551 followers. You can be a follower too by creating a free account. Followers are notified whenever a new photo has been posted and followers can

add their comments to a photograph on the site. If you would rather not have an account and wish to comment, please contact me directly: kenhook@gmail.com.

Our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@cloyneanddistricthistorica2880/videos> has 39 videos, all related to local history. Eileen Flieler's recent video has already received 652 views at time of this writing and the video *Fernleigh Lodge - Our History*, has surpassed 1,000 views. On YouTube, followers are called 'Subscribers'. We now have 248 subscribers who are notified when a new video is posted.

Of course, our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cloynepioneermuseum/> receives many views. This is where we post news and upcoming events. Most posts are shared with the 'What's Happening Northbrook/Flinton/Kaladar/Cloyne' Facebook page which has a whopping 19,000 members. This is the best way to reach the community for news and upcoming events.

All links to our social media can be found on our main website: <https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/> or <https://cloynepioneermuseum.ca>

Lastly, we have an inactive Instagram account. If you would like to manage our Instagram account and keep the site 'fresh', please speak to a Board member.

To be instantly transported to our social media sites click on one of these links in our online newsletter.



Ken Hook, Flickr contact ✉



Download the free Bloomberg Connects app from the App Store or Google Play prior to visiting the museum. 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.

Cloyne and District Historical Society Financial Statements to 31 December, 2025

Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	
Current Assets	
Bank Account	\$3,168.46
Reserve Fund	\$18,160.00
Total	\$21,328.46
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	\$218,447.58
Liabilities & Equity	
HST Payable	-\$632.78
Total Liabilities	-\$632.78
CDHS Equity	\$92,113.00
Opening Balance Equity	\$58,738.59
Retained Earnings	\$57,189.89
Net Income	\$11,038.88
Total	\$219,080.36
Total Liability & Equity	\$218,447.58

Profit & Loss

<u>Expenses</u>	
Historical Society Expenses - 6-0000	
Accounting & Office Services	\$670.00
Utilities - Hydro, etc.	\$2,108.06
Outside Services	\$1,000.00
Photocopier expense	\$10.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$258.68
Postage & Shipping	\$156.38
Museum Grounds Expense	\$442.58
Archival supplies	144.49
Insurance	\$3,596.40
Moneris fees	\$295.46
TipTap fees	\$360.43
Book Purchases	\$671.40
Special Events - Silent auction	\$100.00
- Lions CFFLA	\$7,500.00
- Speakers Forum	\$2,000.00
- Christmas luncheon	\$1,300.00
- Books@Market	\$90.00
- Lottery	\$73.47
- Dinner cruise	\$3,571.57
- Heritage Wall	\$16.40
Professional Memberships	\$312.25
Misc. Expense	\$678.35
Museum Wages & Salaries	\$13,212.60
Museum Payroll Expenses	\$1,061.40
Total	\$39,629.92
Communications Committee - 6-3000	
Advertising & Promotion	\$95.00
Website Expense	\$80.77
Newsletter Expense	\$300.00
Total	\$475.77
Equipment Expense - 6-1200	
Computer/peripherals	\$0.00
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Other Equipment	\$273.07
Total	\$273.07
Total Expenses	\$40,378.76
Revenue	
Historical Society Income - 4-1000	
Misc & Museum Donations	\$2,907.26
Other Donations	\$3,953.02
Canada Helps	\$265.04
Federal Gov't Grants	\$10,189.47
Provincial Grants	\$1,545.00
Municipal Grants	\$2,000.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$4,822.00
Membership	\$568.82
Moneris Sales	\$1,294.25
TipTap donations	\$365.01
Book Sales	\$1,751.83
Special Events - Lottery	\$1,380.00
- Lions S. Forum grant	\$2,000.00
- Christmas luncheon	\$1,190.00
- Dinner cruise	\$4,500.00
- Silent auction	\$1,555.00
- Opening	\$58.37
- Lions CFFLA	\$7,500.00
- Heritage Wall	\$113.00
In-Memorium donations	\$3,443.81
Misc & Interest	\$15.74
Total Revenue	\$51,417.62

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 \$140,164

Fire Towers and Their Role in Fire Control

For many years, fire towers played a very important role in the minimizing of fire damage to Ontario forests and the settlements nestled in them. They were built as a result of two major fires in Ontario, one of which was the “Great Fire of 1903” in the north part of Lennox and Addington and south part of Renfrew Counties. In our locality there were no fatalities, but thousands of acres of timber and many homes and businesses were destroyed by the fire.

The first fire towers were wooden structures 35 feet high, built after World War I. These were abandoned as the forest grew up around them. Steel towers 80 feet high were begun in the 1920s and by



Janet and Bill Lemke recently donated this 360° topographical map board (top photo) to the museum. It was used in the Myers Cave fire tower to pinpoint the location of fires. Below are photos of L-R: Bill Lemke (1963) with Kashwakamak Lake in the background, and his dad Oscar. Oscar worked in the tower from 1958 to 1972. Notice the sighting tool attached to the map board. *Photos: Bill and Janet Lemke Album, Flickr.*

the 1960s towers were in the 100 foot range. The towers were connected to each other by early bush phone lines, often these lines preceded hydro.

Fire control was a seasonal job, May 1st to October 1st. All through the area watchmen, fire-chasers and smoke-chasers spent many hours in the towers or in the bush chasing down fire sightings and managing any fires. Some of the men included Philip Plotz Sr. then Les Mountenay at Ashby Lake, Bryce Brown west of Meeks’ Flat, Mr. Marrisett then Harry Meeks at Skootamatta; Charlie Snider (Ted’s father) at Grimsthorpe Tower, Harry Ellis at the Gilmour Tower (replaced Grimsthorpe Tower); Gerald Wilkes at the Mountain Grove tower; Arnold Boomhour in the Kaladar Tower; Ezra Wheeler, Harvey Spencer, Jim Perry and Oscar Lemke at Myer’s Cave. This tower was an important one in the system, overlooking Marble, Mississagagon, Kashwakamak and Gull Lakes with many resorts and camps in the area.

Sometimes fires were “make work” projects, difficult to prove but a bit suspicious to find a couple of local lads waiting with shovels in their hands or out berry-picking with no berry pails to be seen.

Fire detection progressed from the use of the towers to aircraft. Arnold Flieler of Fernleigh, had a Piper PA-11 float plane kept at his base near his home on Mississagagon Lake. In addition to fire detection, he would fly men and equipment in to fight fires. When the area was not accessible by road, he would fly them to a lake nearest the fire and they would walk from there.

This article appeared in the 2016 CDHS calendar. It is an excerpt from the original article “Fire Towers of Our Area” written by John Bolton for the 2007 fall Newsletter.



[Link to 2007 Newsletter](#)

CDHS HERITAGE WALL PROJECT

The Heritage Wall at the museum is a project created to recognize and honour members of the community and former members who helped build our community.

We are pleased with the response to the Heritage Wall project so far. It has been slow through the winter months as people know we can't mount them in the cold weather.

Now that spring is approaching and the weather warms the promises of more will develop.

We have 12 plaques mounted on the museum wall and have received very positive comments.

You can order a plaque to honour a person or family through:

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

10x12 – black \$40.00 with a gold trim option \$15.00 = \$55.00 plus tax

The plaques can be portrait or landscape with symbols and or logos

This a wonderful tribute to people who have contributed to their community (past or present).

To arrange for the plaque to be mounted on the Heritage Wall or if you have questions, contact me at 613-336-9593 or eflieler@gmail.com. If you would like to donate \$20 to the project a tax receipt will be issued.

Eileen Flieler ✂



Flinton –The Village on the Skoot

On Saturday August 1st, Flinton is having a festival to celebrate the Village and the 50th anniversary of the Flinton Rec Club.

The CDHS is working to bring *The Village on The Skoot (VOS)* back into print for the occasion.

The book was first published in 1979 by the Golden Circle Club and printed by the Tweed News Publishing Co. It was a ten year project. Wilfred Laurier Lessard compiled most of the history and recorded it into a tape recorder. Vera Charlton gathered information from community members on tape and assembled the photos. Bette Sinnett provided extra photos and drawings. Margaret Wood spent a lot of time listening to the tapes and typing them into a format that could be sent to the printer.

The village of Flinton consisting of 98 lots fronting onto 7 streets was laid out by Provincial Land Surveyor John Emerson for property owner William (Billa) Flint in 1859.



Members of the Golden Circle Club. Madeline Freeburn, Gertrude Wilson nee Vance, Tressa Da foe, Clara Trepanier, Maggie Dion, Eva Marrisett, Veronica Huskinson, Yvonne Brushey, Monica Lessard, Eva Reavie, Winnie Killingbeck, Gladys Freeburn, Alice Reavie (sitting) unknown person, Vera Charlton, Maggie Thompson nee Vance, and Agnes Bryden.

This photo was taken during Canada centennial celebrations in 1967. Photo: Janice Andrew Album, and Larry and Pauline Charlton Album, Flickr.

The *Village on the Skoot* details the early history of Flinton and into the late 1970s.

Driving into Flinton today from Highway 41 what remains of the Flinton Continuation School building is on the left. It was built after the ‘Tin School’ burned down on January 5, 1945. This school, with a unique design, was built to replace it. In an article in the Toronto Daily Star, September 15, 1945, correspondent Ben Rose wrote about ‘Canada’s Most Streamlined School in Village of 225 people’. <https://news.google.com/newspapers?id=kvE6AAAAIIBAJ&sjid=fyoMAAAAIIBAJ&pg=818%2C13434659>. The school served the community until 1962.

Across the street from the school was a house with James Freeburn’s General Store. In the 1970s it was owned and operated by Arthur (Art) and Rieta Freeburn. They built a new General Store across the road in the 1980s. The original building was turned into a Canada Post office, Ministry of Transport office and four apartments. In May 2004 a fire destroyed the two-story building. It took the life of one apartment tenant, David Trepanier.

A new Canada Post/Ministry of Transport office was built on the property.

The brick building further on the right is St. Paul’s Anglican Church built on lot 76 in 1895-96. It no longer operates as a church.

On the left, Through the Roof Ministry sits on lots 66 and 67. The two lots were first purchased by Robert Wesley (R.W.) and Ellen Kimmerly in 1891. They built a house from which they operated a general store. The photo (top right) was taken in 1913. The baby in the photo, is Douglas Alkenbrack.

Douglas Alkenbrack had a long career in politics. He was a councillor, then Mayor of Napanee. He was first elected as a Federal Member of Parliament in 1962 for the riding of Prince Edward Lennox. The riding included his brief childhood home of Flinton.

Douglas’s poem General Store was written about his boyhood days spent at his Great Uncle and Aunt’s store in Flinton. They must have been wonderful memories.



GENERAL STORE
FROM: “THE VILLAGE ON THE SKOOT”

I remember the grand old general store,
With the little bell hung above the door
That tinkled, when customers came,
And its vee-joint walls, and the shelves piled high
With goods that the backwoods came to buy,
Of every need and name.

‘Twas a wondrous place for a boy to be,
With its air of plenty, and bonhomie,
I can see the pine floors sag
With barrels of salt, and vinegar sour,
And biscuits, brown sugar, and country flour
With a reindeer on the bag.

(this is an excerpt from the poem, all 20 verses are in the VOS, Chapter 11, Flinton: Fifty Years Ago (1917). *Photo: The Alkenbrack Family Album, Flickr.*

The property was sold in 1935 to Joseph and Annie Demore. When Joseph died his wife Annie and son Gerald continued to run Demore’s store. When Annie died the store was sold. The new owner turned it into an apartment building. It was destroyed by fire in the 1970s. A new General Store was built in the 1980s by Art and Rieta Freeburn. It only operated for a few years. The building was purchased by the Free Methodist Church in Canada in 2004.

Continuing, we pass Edward Street on the left. There is a new duplex on the corner – lots 68 and 69 (911# 3650 A&B). The two lots were originally sold by Billa Flint in 1879 to J. A. Carscallen. The property, that had a house of approximately 1200 square feet was sold several times

before being purchased in 1944 by Cecil J. and Leila Casey. In the 1960s an addition was built which turned it into a 2500 sq. ft. building. In *VOS*, Wilfred Lessard lists the owner in the 1970s as Mrs. Leila Casey who ran a “grocery, confectionery and quick lunch”. Cecil Casey at one time had a barbershop.

The house was owned by George and Carolyn Powles who had renovated and were renting to two families when on December 21, 2015, it was destroyed by fire.



The Casey House, 1982. *Photo: CDHS Archives.*

On the right is a private home that was once the Flinton United Church. It was built in 1876 on lots 80 and 81 (911# 3647). The last sermon in the church was on May 27, 2012.



Flinton United Church before the renovation in 1962. *From the 1976 commemorative booklet.*

“It was an elegant looking structure 45 by 30 feet with a steeple 90 feet high. We have been told that the construction of this steeple had to be built higher than the one on the Catholic Church, so ours could be spotted first. While the steeple was being completed, one of the construction workers turned a somersault on the high structure. From

the high steeple, someone would watch when there was a funeral procession coming, then quickly ring the bell, letting the people know when to gather at the church.” During a renovation in 1962, the steeple was removed.

A booklet was produced by Betty Davison and Verna Andrew in 1976 on the 100th anniversary of the building of the church.

Janice Andrew recently donated a copy of the booklet to the CDHS. <https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/CHURCH-BINDER.pdf>.

Next on the right is the Flinton Public Library and Cenotaph. At the end of the war, the Soldier’s Comfort Club changed their name to the Flinton Community Club. The Club organized and built the library as a memorial to the veterans of the Second World War in 1947. The library was operated by the club until 1967 when the townships of Kaladar, Anglesea and Effingham took over library operations.

Yvonne Brushey and Vera Charlton wrote a history of the Flinton Memorial Library covering the period of 1944-1984. Vera’s son Larry donated a copy to the CDHS. <https://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/History-of-Flinton-Library-web.pdf>. This history also includes ‘The Honour Roll’ – the names of the young men from Flinton, Kaladar, Northbrook and Cloyne who served in WWII.



Flinton Memorial Library – 1987. *Photo: Carol Lessard Album, Flickr*

Our drive through Flinton will continue in the November newsletter. If you have a family history, photos or comments you would like to contribute, contact: cathyhook@gmail.com. Cathy Hook 🐾

Past Events and Speakers



Top L-R: A video, *Eileen Flieler, My Life* was shown at our November meeting. Eileen shared her memories of going to school at the one-room Bishop Lake School, attending Teacher's College, and teaching for 35 years – some of those years in a one-room school; Nawar and Mike Hage hosted the CDHS Christmas Lunch at Myers Cave Resort. It was a great get-together with friends, fun and games, and foolishness. Nawar welcomed us to their new banquet venue; Janet Wilson, Red Emond and Guy Jolivet won the balloon-panty hose contest. Centre LtoR: Dave and Trudy Deacon, Dan and Debbie Nowell, and Mike Hage concentrated on the Christmas trivia game. Dave and Trudy are moving to B.C. We will miss them, and we wish them the best in all their new adventures; February featured a video of the early years of Flintshire Farms, produced by Ken and Cathy Hook. Bottom: At the March meeting, Ian Brumell introduced the *For the Record* TVO documentary from the 1980s featuring Gene Brown and his mother, Nadine Brumell. Gene and Nadine were founding members of the Pioneer Club. Ken Hook introduced a 4-minute video of the Cloyne 150 Celebrations, September 8 - 9, 2009. For all our videos: <https://www.youtube.com/@cloyneanddistricthistorica2880/videos>

Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum – 2026

April 22, 2026

Adam Shoalts, Ph.D.

**Professional Explorer
Bestselling author**



Adam Shoalts is a geographer, historian, and archaeologist, he holds a Ph.D. from McMaster University and undertakes solo expeditions into the most remote wilderness areas. Adam is one of Canada's bestselling authors. His book *Where the Falcon Flies* chronicles his 3400 km solo canoe journey from Lake Erie to the

Arctic. <https://adamshoalts.com>

May 27, 2026

**Bruce Lounsbury,
Engineer**

Environmental Cleanup



May will take us into the world of Environmental Clean-up with Engineer Bruce Lounsbury, renowned for his expertise on environmental remediation, water treatment and sustainability. This is a topic of high importance to everyone living around our lakes eco-systems. Lounsbury, as a speaker, is very approachable and

interesting to chat with, making the question-and-answer session highly relevant to concurrent issues of lakes' robustness.

June 24, 2026

Dr. Joel Sokolosky

**Canadian/American
Relations**



Dr. Joel Sokolosky from the Royal Military College (RMC), Professor Emeritus, is an expert on Canadian/American Relations and will be the speaker for June. At a time of estrangement across our borders, when focus on the economy, trade, and politics is paramount, the opportunity to listen to a speaker of this calibre

and expertise on the topic would be of great value to our communities.

July 22, 2026

Amy Kay

**Wildlife Photographer,
Entrepreneur**

On a lighter, less intense world of birds, Amy Kay, the outstanding bird photographer and owner of the Tweet Boutique and Gallery, will be presenting in July, featuring her own life, and pictures she took in a fun, titled topic of "Wildlife Photographer, with a Slight Bird Obsession".

<https://thetweetboutique.com>



August 26, 2026

Steven Blight

Environmentalist

August takes us on the journey of the Mississippi – Madawaska Land Trust that saw the saving of thousands of acres of wetlands and ponds across the area with the Chair of the Property Acquisition and Stewardship Committee, Steven Blight. This will be a first-hand description, a learning experience, on the process that led to local communities' involvement in protecting individual ponds and rivers.



September 23, 2026

Rick Revelle

**Indigenous Author &
Storyteller**

The season ends in September with author and storyteller Rick Revelle, who, through the art of historical fiction such as *I Am Algonquin*, *Algonquin Spring* and *Algonquin Legacy*, has acted as a knowledge keeper of the indigenous culture and heritage. Revelle will be approaching the subject of storytelling and publishing.





This photo was on the cover of our last newsletter. The father and son were unidentified at the time of printing, but Elaine and Cindy Bolton were able to provide additional information. The man in this photo is Ted Courneya. He and his brother Vern owned the Northbrook Hotel from 1946 to 1951 when it was sold to Joe and Madeline Bolton. Ted had two sons, so these boys are likely Courneya boys. This empty field was across from the hotel and was flooded in the winter for skating. The former Bank of Montreal building, now occupies this spot. Mary Lloyd Johnson chronicled the history of our area through photography. *Photo: Mary Lloyd Johnson and Mary (Hope) Forbes Albums, Flickr*

Events - Spring/Summer 2026

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.

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Guest Speakers

April 20 – Sherry Pringle

Sherry Pringle is an artist and author who lives in Napanee. Sherry is the author of two WWII non-fiction books; *All the Ship's Men: HMCS Athabaskan's Untold Stories* and her topic for our April meeting, *Extraordinary Women, Extraordinary Times; Canadian Women of WWII*. "The book reveals personal accounts, many being told to us for the first time, of courage, survival. Sixty Canadian women will mesmerize and beguile you with their heroism, contributions and suffering as they share firsthand accounts." Sherry's book has been made into a 4-part series being shown on PBS and YouTube.

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April 22 – Land O'Lakes Speakers' Forum

A fourth season of the Land O' Lakes Speakers' Forum will commence on April 22nd and run for six months, with the fourth Wednesday of each month featuring a speaker on a wide array of topics. This is a project built jointly between the Cloyne and District Historical Society and the Lions Club of Land O'

Lakes and takes place at the Lions Hall in Northbrook at 7 pm, followed by a Questions and Answers session ending at 8 pm. Attendance is free of charge, and a light snack is provided, along with a cash bar. Everyone is welcome, residents and visitors! Speaker profiles are on page 11.

May 16 10AM-2PM – Land O' Lakes Lions Club Spring Extravaganza.

Lions Hall, Northbrook. The CDHS will have a display with books available. You can also find us every other weekend this summer at the Lions Farmers Market.

June Bus Trip

There will be a bus trip in lieu of the June 15 meeting. Details have yet to be finalized.

July CDHS Pot-Luck Luncheon

Details have yet to be finalized.

August 1 11AM-4PM – Flinton Festival

The CDHS will have a display at the festival which celebrates the Village of Flinton and 50th Anniversary of the Flinton Rec Club.

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