

The Blacksmith Shop.

A blacksmith shop was located across the road from the Temperanceville store. It was operated in early days by Jim Burke and later by Theo Carscadden. (The latter sold out and went west, living first in Saskatchewan and later in Vancouver where he died around 1950). Edward Carson was the last blacksmith there. He moved to Aurora before World War I and continued his craft there.

Jim Paxton bought the old shop and turned it into a grist mill which he operated in the winters for many years.

(There was a carpenter's shop near the blacksmith shop, perhaps behind it. A Mr. Lonsdale was once the carpenter there.)

Temperanceville Hall

To the north and adjoining the Methodist (now United) Church property was a hall known as Temperance Hall. The Chosen Friends Lodge members held their meetings there. Concerts and public meetings were held in it. At election times it was the polling place. About the beginning of World War I it was closed and was converted into a house. James Lloyd and his family lived there for many years.

High Scales

On the south side of the road about half way between the store and Jim Paxton's home there once was a big scales. (They were never used as far as Elsie Legge can recall.)

Temperanceville School.

In the early days when the Stewarts were attending school, there was a log building. Alison used to recall what a strict teacher Mr. Milne was. (He lived east of the Methodist Church. Later he was a Presbyterian minister and had a charge in Ottawa from which he retired. He was well up in his eighties when Elsie Legge met him in the mid 1930's.)

When Thomas Legge's family attended the school, it was in the brick building now on the site but there was no basement under it. One of the teachers of the oldest boys was their father's sister, Bessie.

In World War I years, Miss Wellwood of Richmond Hill was the teacher for nearly four years. She was the daughter of one of the Beynon girls from south of the town line on the second. She was a very well-liked teacher. Her Christmas concerts always drew a large audience.

One of Alison Stewart's classmates at the school was Lucy Andrews who lived on the farm west of the Stewart, one (as far as I can ascertain). She married James Cairns and lived north of King City, on the sideroad west of the fourth. After her husband retired from the farm, their son Jimmy took it over. Mr. & Mrs. Cairns and their daughter, Lena lived in King City till their deaths.

Temperanceville Presbyterian Church.

The Temperanceville Presbyterian Church was located on the corner of Lot 5, Concession 2 in King Township, across the corner from the Methodist Church (now the United Church). James Stewart deeded this parcel of land in the corner of his farm to the Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church on February 28, 1853. The trustees were Alex. McMechanic, David Johnston, William Ellis, Donald McDonald, and James Stewart. The signing was witnessed by Thomas Wood and Thomas Folliott.

At first this church was united with the Richmond Hill church and the first minister was Rev. Jas Dick. According to the records long held by Jas Jenkins of King City, the church was built in 1858 and the first service in it was on September 24, 1859.

In 1861 the Temperanceville church severed connections with Richmond Hill and was united with East King and Laskay. A call was given to Rev. Jas Mulligan who was followed by Rev. S.R. Warner and Rev. Geo. Haigh.

In 1879 the union with East King and Laskay was dissolved. The congregation then united with St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Aurora. Their minister, Rev. Walter Amos, then took charge of the Temperanceville church. He continued his ministry to the two churches till he resigned on May 7, 1912, after serving the Temperanceville church for thirty-three years. The last service was held in July 1912 and the cause then ceased.

During his long ministry, Rev. Mr. Amos

usually walked from his home in Quora
 To conduct the services in the afternoons.
 At one time he used a bicycle. It was a
 rare occasion indeed if he didn't make the
 trip even in the worst wintry weather. On
 one such occasion only he, David Paxton
 who used to light the fire, and one or
 two others made it to the church.

At one time Mr. Amos taught the Bible
 Class in the Methodist Sunday School across
 the corner before conducting his own
 service. Many members of the class then
 attended his church service. Mr. Amos
 was well-beloved by the members of his
 own congregation and by many other
 people in the community also.

There were times when members of the
 congregation failed to see eye to eye with
 hard feelings sometimes developing. When
 it was proposed that the congregation
 would obtain an organ, two bitter opponents
 of it were Mr. Ness and Mr. Gibson but they
 lost out.

In the days before the automobiles were
 numerous enough to cause much traffic,
 the farmers sometimes used to allow their
 cattle and sheep to pasture along the
 roadsides, in the daytime, maybe unherded.
 Mr. Roger Ball, who lived on the farm just
 east of the Methodist church, let his sheep
 do so. Mrs. Ball wished him to keep them
 in on Sundays but he didn't. One hot
 Sunday afternoon in the midst of the
 service one of the sheep put its head in
 at the open door and went "Baa-baa"
 much to the amusement of the assembled
 people. From then on Mr. Ball avoided having
 his sheep at large along the road on Sunday.

The Old Church Building after 1912.

After the Presbyterians ceased holding services in the building on the corner, the furnishings were disposed of and the building sold.

Milt Legge purchased four choir chairs which his family used in their kitchen at the store and in their home in King City later for many years. His daughters still have them.

Ollie Legge turned the church into a house. He, his wife, and daughter lived there a few years before moving to Newmarket. There were some tenants in it for a year or two - one family being Mr. & Mrs. Oram. Wilfred and Ruth, who lived there while remodeling a house they moved from the Thos. Ferguson farm to the farm just south of Temperanceville School.

Ivan Legge, who moved his family down from Saskatchewan, took up residence there late in 1918. His third daughter, Doris, was born there. In March 1920 Ivan moved to Aurora. Soon afterwards the property was sold.

One owner in later years was William Barker. He, his second wife, and daughter Beverly lived there several years.

The last owner was Mr. Jos. Bishop who sold it in 1970 because the York Roads Commission required the land for widening the intersection of the King Road and Concession 2, now called Bathurst Street. The house was torn down that fall.

Thus ended a building which had stood on the corner for well over a century and had served as a place of worship for about half that time.

(According to an item in the Aurora Banner of Sept. 22, 1971, the old building was taken down by Dr. Michael Hillinaky and Doug Hillinaky. It is now being erected as a barn on the former property on Concession 3 of King.)

The Burying Grounds.

Adjacent to the Presbyterian Church property on the south side was a small burying-ground, also formerly a part of the Stewart farm. In the south-west corner of it was the Stewart plot where James Stewart, his wife, and several other relatives were buried. There were some other people buried there also. One family later removed three bodies and had them re-interred in a larger plot in King City Cemetery, leaving the holes to fill in naturally.

The last burial in this cemetery was that of Mrs. Jas. Stewart in May 1911.

During Am. Paxton's time, he took care of the cemetery but this pioneer burial ground has stood neglected for a long time and now is badly overgrown with bushes and weeds. However from outside the fence, the Stewart family monument and at least two more can still be discerned still standing erect.

The Stewart Farm.

Lot 5, Concession 2, in King Township was long known as the Stewart farm. It had been deeded by the Crown to Jas. McCauley on November 25, 1802. When Henry Stewart came from Scotland with his wife and family in 1831, he acquired this farm. It remained in the possession of the Stewart family until about the middle of the first decade of this century.

James Stewart took it over from his father, Henry, and then it passed to his son, George, who lived on it till 1899 when he moved to King City due to his wife's failing health. His sister, Alison, and her husband, William Paxton, rented it from him and moved down from North Orellia Township where they had owned a farm on the sixth concession. Soon after that William Paxton bought the farm just west of the Stewart one and he worked both of them till he moved to his own farm about 1906 after having remodelled the house there.

For a year thereafter Phos. Legge rented the land of the Stewart farm. Then Geo. Stewart sold the property to Benjamin Stephenson, a brother of Mrs. Phos. Legge. He moved his wife and family to it. (His wife was a sister of Mr. Phos. Legge.)

An English family called Hild bought the farm from Ben Stephenson about 1911 and sold it to William Barker, who moved his wife and family to it from the fifth concession of King in 1914. There have been several owners since Mr. Barker sold it.

The original house, the one occupied by Henry Stewart and his family, was ^{on} the

The Stewart Farm

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the knoll near where the present barn is. (1971)

The house now standing on the farm was built by James Stewart. His daughter, ^{Alison} used to tell about them moving into the house when she was eight years old. Since she was born on December 3, 1858, the move was made in 1866 or 1867.

The house remained about as it was originally until Ben Stephenson moved the summer kitchen and woodshed part down by the barn where it was used as an icehouse, a sheep pen and other things. Owners in recent times have remodelled ^{the house} it.

The original barn used by all the Stewarts who owned the farm, was on the side of the knoll across the creek from the house near the present pond. Ben Stephenson built a new barn to the south of the house, while he lived there. That was the barn which was burned a few years ago. The present barn was erected to the south-west of it.

When James Stewart and his family moved into their fine, new home a set of parlour furniture was purchased. It included a set of six straight-backed walnut chairs, a matching rocker, an oval table and a rolled-end sofa with a carved back. These pieces are much cherished by two of his great-granddaughters who have them in their home. They also have a walnut bureau made for Mrs. Jas. Stewart by her father-in-law, Henry, at the time of her marriage.

Of all the very large number of direct

Descendants of Henry Stewart, the only ones now living in the Temperanceville area are Stewart Paxton^{and} his son Jimmy, on a house across from the east field of the farm, and Hayne Paxton, Stewart's nephew, who lives on the King Road about three quarters of a mile east of the Temperanceville corner.

At one time when the people of the community were wishing to change its name from Love's Corners, the name Stewartville was proposed and especially found favour among the Presbyterian group apparently. The other big favourite was Temperanceville which finally was chosen.