

Snowball

Tweedsmuir History Book

STORY

1949-1950 — 1951-1952

The Historical Research Committee appointed by the Women's Institute for the year 1949-1950 had as its members, Mrs. Norval Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert Patrick, Mrs. Edward Reddick, Mrs. Ernest Copson Mrs. William Storey active members, and Mrs. Harry Mills Mrs. George Painter.

The active members met at Mrs. Norval Mitchell's home to plan this book and forthwith began to gather material for same.

We are indebted to Mrs. E. S. Reddick for the Branch Area Maps of Snowball Area and eight other Branches in Centre York District, as she supervised the photography of these maps taken from a large map of the County of York in 1860 and made possible by the Photographer Mr. Frank Diamond of Aurora, Ontario!

To Mrs. William (Emma) Farren a Charter member with a good memory of early churches, schools.

To Mr. Edward Reddick, Assessor for King Township.

To former Secretaries for their recorded information gleaned from seven Minute Books by our present Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

To all our Members who have contributed to the History of the Farm they are living on or may do so in the near future.

We are happy to tell you this Book was on display at our Twenty Fifth (25) Anniversary celebration in Snowball United Church May 31st 1951.

N.B. written by Mrs. E. Copson.

R.R.



LORD AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR

“FOREWORD”

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them “The Tweedsmuir Village Histories”.

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.



Braemar Castle -

Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Home of Lord and Lady Suedsmuir.

Quote on back of card -

"This 'Fairy Tale' castle built in the 17th. century is of great historical interest. It is open daily to visitors from June until early October!"

Card sent by Beulah Swayze while on a trip to Britain in 1976.



Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless
founder of
The Women's Institute.

Stoney Creek, 1897.

Club Women's Creed



Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

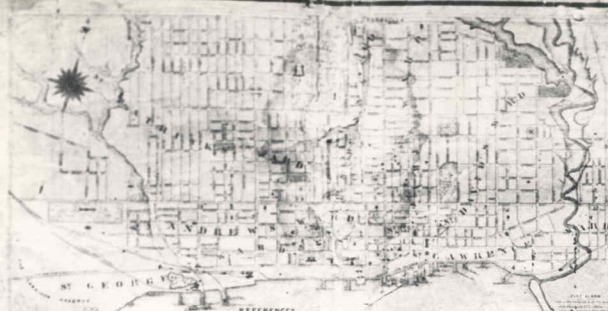
And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all. And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

... Mary Stewart

Old Maps of York County,
King Township and Snowball Community.

The original map from which these photographs were taken was owned by the late Gladstone Kloyd of Schomberg. It was loaned by Mr. Kloyd to Mrs. Edward Reddick of Snowball for the purpose of taking photographs of it, of the township and spot photographs of their particular localities for the Women's Institute Branches of Centre York, to be inserted in their *Ducessmeir* histories.

Mrs. Reddick arranged for these photographs to be taken by Mr. Frank Diamond of Aurora, and they were distributed to the branches at the District Annual held in King June, 1952.



PLAN of the City of TORONTO



Tremaine's Map
COUNTY OF YORK
CANADA WEST.
GEOR. TREMAINE
TORONTO
PUBLISHED BY 1860.



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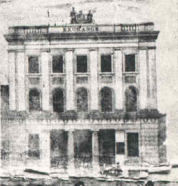
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W H I T C H U R C H
List of names and addresses in the township of Whitchurch.

MARKHAM
List of names and addresses in the township of Markham.

Y O R K
List of names and addresses in the township of York.

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TORONTO

PUBLISHED BY 1860. GEO. C. TREMAYNE



Original Land Owners in Snowball Area.

Copied from an old history and atlas dated 1878
found in Temperanceville School.

Con. 1. Lot 76. Alex Gardner crown deed granted in 1799.

- 77 Hy. Harman. in 1802.
- 78. John Dean Fisk 1806
- 79 Wm. Kennedy 1803.
- 80 Wm. Tyler 1800
- 81. Thos. Phillips 1797.
- 82 Wm Mc. Clellan 1797.
- 83. Jas. Body. 1802.
- 84. P. Body. 1802.
- 85 Wm. Hughes 1803.
- 86. Benj. Pearson 1806.
- 87. Jas. Gilbert 1806
- 88 Isaac Hallingshead 1803.
- 89 Isaac Phillips 1802
- 90 Nathaniel Gamble Jr 1802.
- 91-95 Rufus, Asa, Isaac
Ning and James Rogers

Con. 2.

- 15 Alex Gardner 1817.
- 17-23. James Feltan 1803. East side at
Snowball Con.
- 25 Rosannah Ferris 1817.
- 26 Jeremiah Taylor 1801
- 28 Mary Riety 1801
- 29 Rachel Rawson 1802.
- 30 N. Gamble 1830
- 31-38. Rogers Bros. as in
91-95 Con 1.

Original Land Owners - contd.

- Con 3. Rot. - 16 Alex Gardner 1799
17. Eliz. Ross 1801.
18 & 19 Pierre Protin 1802. } West side at
20. Chas Jobbin 1802. } Snowball
22. Jos. Gillie 1801.
23. Matthew Stern 1802.
24. Jennie Cairn 1802.
26 & 27 Jonathan Sells 1801.
29 Catharine Walker 1802.
no lot given
but we suppose *30 Fred Lewis Mills 1802.

Note 1. Lot 81, Con. 1., known as the Appleton Farm
for over a century, was the first crown deed
granted in the Snowball area, -
To Thos. Phillips in 1797.

Note 2. Snowball corner is at Lot 20. (South of corner
and lot 21. (North of corner) of Concessions 2 and 3. -
Con. 2. East of corner and Con 3. West of corner.

The Lake Bottom
Place.

Hon. W.P. Mullock

B.B. Higgins King TWP. Terry Murphy F.W. Browne John Barris

Lot 30 Aubrey Hope

J.D. Ross Ivan Ashbury W.T. Orris Lot 30.

Hon. W.P. Mullock Lot 90

Bert. Smith

Owen Barr Wellington Willson

E.S. Reddick ELTON Armstrong

Harry Mills

FRANK Williams & sons. Frank Williams and sons

Walter Terry Earl Buckle.

Aubrey Woods

Henry Webb Est.

A.W. Harris Chas Shearson

4 Arthur Nicol Est.

Hunter Wm & Fred Hunter

Harvey Noss

Ernest Copson

Chas Shearson

Lot 25 Leonard Hall

Clifford White Clifton Copson W. & E. Copson Lot 25.

Wm and Ella Copson Lot 95.

Geo. Cutting

Weatherby Howard Morning

Arthur Evans

John Miller

Victor Carroll

William Blum

Norman Teasdale

Arthur Morning

4th Concession

3rd Concession

2nd Concession

Albert & Arthur Kerr (Lot 21) Arthur Storey

Arthur Morning

Malcolm Richardson

J.A. Appleton

Chas. Hunt Est.

Herb & Hugh Hunt.

Chas. Casey

Collis Leather Co (Wm. Storey) TENANT

Clifford Seaton Lot 20

Dr. Victor McCormick

Philip Bridgeman

Fennel Rothwell

Emerson Bateman

Mildred Mitchell

Wm Bodfish

Geo Painter

Chas Casey Wm Bodfish

Geo. Culpin

Normal Mitchell

ALLAN GELLATLY Lot 16

Bernard Smith

Wm. Farrer

Chas Evelyn Seaton

Geo Reade

Chas Barret

Lot 16.

Map of Snowball Area in 1950 with owners' names.

by - Elias J. Reddick

Snowball in 1950.

Snowball is the name given the corners at the Third Line and Twenty Sideroad in King Township, York County, Ontario, Canada. The small settlement is located mostly along the North side of the side road east of the corner and along the Third north of the corner in the West part of lot 24. Concession 2. and some along the west side of the Third north of the corner in the east part of lot 24. concession 3.

In March 1950 when this account was presented at the Institute meeting at the home of Mrs. Hm. Farrer, Sr. the settlement ~~was~~ made up as follows -

On the north side of the sideroad, east of the corner, the corner property consisting of a booth and service station, living quarters and garage with apartment above it ~~was~~ owned by Mr. Hm. Farrer Jr. His wife, Ollie and their children, Lois, Karen and Dale; the garage apartment was rented to Mr and Mrs East. East of the service station is the ^{steamed} house of Mr and Mrs Chauncey Conner, their son Allan and his wife Margaret. Next is the United Church of brown insul brick with

2. Snowball in 1950 contd.

white trim. The shed still stands unused. East of the church is a small field then then the stuccoed house of Mr. John Morning and his daughter Eana, living with him also are two granddaughters, Brenda and Barbara, motherless children of son Oscar. Next is the red brick, one-roomed Snowball school, S.S. No 10, King; there are thirty-four pupils registered, taught by Mr. Thomas McKeown of Alliston who is completing his third year at Snowball. After this is the house and many chicken houses of Mr and Mrs Floyd Fowler, their children, Ronald, John and Linda, no chickens there now but one building houses the ^{one} year old industry "Modern Wood Products" of Floyd Fowler and George Bert-Herans of Schomberg. This is followed by the cottage of Mr and Mrs H. H. Harding and music studio of daughter Sandra, who teaches music in the Snowball school. Next is the house and small barn and vegetable plot of Mr and Mrs Emile Kussmann, their sons Emile and Eddie,

North of the corner on the east side of the Third is just the white frame house and small barn of Mrs Grand

3. Snowball in 1950.

Hollingshead.

On the north west corner facing the sideroad is the small house and lot of Douglas Harrison of Aurora, rented to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Skenden and their three children.

The corner house faces the Third and is owned by Mrs. Lora Farrow Sr. whose grand daughter, Marie Cunningham lives with her. A small barn on a stone foundation is on this lot at the road side. Next is the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gould, Bert and Barbara are still at home. A small lot lies between their house and the brick bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Storey, which is built on a lot on the front of their hundred acre farm. The farm house is rented to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cutting and their four children, and to Mr. and Mrs. Corne Ellis.

On the south side of the sideroad east of the corner there is only one set of farm buildings owned by the Collins Leather Company of Aurora and rented by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Storey, their son Norman, his wife Phyllis and baby son Lerman.

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Snowball in 1950.

on the south west corner is the lot and house of Mr and Mrs. Ben Kerton and daughter Mary.

Continuing South is the fifty acre farm with brick house of Philip Bridgman and wife Nina.

Facing that lot on the east side of the 3rd line are no buildings; The corner lot being part of the Collis Reicher farm and the next lot south is the west end of the 200 acre farm of Emerson Bateman whose buildings face onto the 2nd line.

Such is the immediate vicinity of Snowball in 1950.

R. R.

"How Snowball Got Its Name"

Away back in the year 1850 Samuel Thompson deeded a plot of land on Lot 35 Concession 2. to the Primitive Methodists in Vaughan Township.

They built a log church. A story is told that when the men were putting it up, they pegged the joints so full of snow that work was delayed until the snow melted. They thought Snowball would be a good name for the church.

Wm. Denton, father of Judge Denton preached in the church.

On the first Sunday in the month of May in the year 1870, the church was burned to the ground, caused by an overheated stove. The people set to work, got donations of money, lumber or labor and soon erected a new building. The contractor was Wm. Clifford of Markham.

When the frame work and rafters were up. Misfortune struck, a wind storm blew the structure down. It was rebuilt later, painted white and opened for service in the month of October the same year.

The cash outlay was Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

For several years the Primitive Methodists held Sunday services in the new church. Then the Salvation Army from Toronto began to come frequently and held evening meetings for a week at a time.

One of our members Mrs. George Case used to attend some of the meetings and joined in the singing of the "Spiritual" Roll Chariot Roll". Gradually services were discontinued, many of the people joining the Methodist Church, which was one and a quarter miles North,

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at Temperanceville.

Our Snowball Community purchased this building in the Month of October 1891 for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

A group of our men with horses and wagons left one morning at five o'clock, to drive the seven miles to tear down and bring back the old Church. Among these men were Arthur Snider, Wm. Appleton, Edmund Johnson, George Justian, George Hutchinson, George Garrow.

The carpenters James Cairns and Archie McYell sawed the sides of the building in two pieces, the floor in four pieces and the end wall in two pieces.

Robert Evans loaded the timbers on his wagon and when he had driven almost home, an axle broke, and he had to go home for repairs.

It was raining and ten by the clock at night when they finally arrived at the new site chosen for the Church. This was donated by George Justian and was located near the South West Corner of Lot 21 Concession 2. of King Township, and on the North Side of the Aurora Sideroad.

Carpenters soon had the Building standing on this site. It was painted white later on and a white picket fence built across the front.

A long shed was built at the back for horses and buggies.

Charles Blaker planed a board, printed the name "Snowball" on it, and nailed it high up on the front of the Church and that is the name it has been known by ever since.

J.L.B.