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**TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY**  
**KING RIDGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

February 1, 1956.

Historical Research.

In the year 1837, the time of Rebellion, William Lyon McKenzie hid in the bush in the middle block lot 18 rear of the fourth concession.

There was a man by the name of Thomas Watson who lived on lot 26. He used to go every day between the hours of 12 and two o'clock to take him food to eat.

At this time no one lived south of the Aurora side road. It was all a thick bush.

In 1910 there was a tower built on the fifty acres south half of lot 17. No one really knew why it was built.

Nov. 14: 1955.

Lot 28 Concession 6. Farm. now owned by Orval Osbourne

The crown deed for this land was taken out about the year 1800. In 1886 a man by the name of Jacque who lived at Holland Landing owned the farm.

In 1887 William Benfield rented it. He left at the end of the year 1893. In 1891 Federal Election, William Benfield had a neighbour who lived across the road and as neither one had any help they agreed to pair off, one being a Liberal, the other Conservative. Benfield was a little suspicious of the other fellow. At three thirty William Benfield having been keeping a very close watch on the other fellow saw him strike back the lane walking towards Kettleby, so he got on his horse and rode to Kettleby and he passed the other fellow near the cemetery gate. There had been a very heavy rain that afternoon and the creek was swelling badly. Just as Mr Benfield & his horse got over the bridge the damn broke and took the bridge out. The other fellow never got across the other side at all.

In the year 1894 to 1895, this farm was rented by Garret Pottage, and in 1896 - 1897 it was rented by Hugh Archibald.

In the year 1898 William Archibald lived in the house and rented the farm.

In 1902 J. Pottages bought the farm and Steve and Garret Munshaw's mother & sister lived there. The Munshaw's boys mother died there.

In 1912 John Rae & Oliver Patton rented and worked the place

In 1922 Steve and Agnes Pottage bought the farm & lived there while Steve and Garret Munshaw worked it. Steve Munshaw got married and went to live there. Steve and Agnes Pottage moved to Kettleby. Steve Munshaw lived on this farm with his family till 1950.

In the year 1950 this farm was bought by Orval Osbourne who at the present time May 1956 still resides there.

Mr & Mrs Orval Osbourne have two children: Orval Jr. and a daughter Linda.

## ITEMS FROM KING RIDGE

Correspondent: MRS. L. FINK  
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Ed. Wolfe entered Shouldice Hospital on April 22 to undergo an operation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Brien took in the stock-car races in Toronto last week. This was Mrs. O'Brien's first trip since she broke her leg last May.

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Spring flowers and Mendelssohn's wedding march were the background in Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church for the marriage of Margaret Mary O'Reilly, to John Offord, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Offord Sr., of Aurora, on April 28. Rev. C. Bennett officiated. During the nuptial mass the convent choir sang "On this Day O Beautiful Mother," "Ave Maria" and "O Heart of Jesus."

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a nylon net gown over white satin. The skirt was full with lace applique sleeves. The bodice featured a square-cut neckline with a long torso, a matching sweetheart cup with lace applique held her finger-tip veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations. Bridesmaid Rosemarie O'Reilly, sister of the bride, wore a strapless, full-skirted gown of pink nylon net over satin, with a matching net pleated crown and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and snapdragons. Wm. O'Reilly Jr., was best man.

The bride's mother received at the Sacred Heart auditorium in a street-length dress of grey-blue shot taffeta with a corsage of red roses. Among the guests were Rev. F. J. McGoey, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright, Aurora, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McClenny, Richmond Hill. Following the reception the bride and groom left by motor for Buffalo.

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A committee of eight, including four ladies sponsored by the Womens Institute, met April 9, to draw up plans for a euchre in aid of the building fund of the Sacred Heart Church. W.I. members were Mrs. Jack Patterson, Mrs. Larry McCormick, Mrs. Horace Weedon and Mrs. Larry Fink. Those who will act on the committee from the church were Mrs. Pat McGeean Sr., Mrs. Ed. Wolfe, Mrs. Anne Lawlor and Mrs. Peter Flanagan.

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A shower honouring Miss Margaret (Tibby) O'Reilly was held in Sacred Heart School auditorium April 20, when the stage was decorated with pink and blue streamers and balloons in clusters suspended over the chair of the guest of honour. Miss O'Reilly will wed John Offord on April 28th.

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The gifts were in a large basket decorated with streamers and a beautiful bride doll. After the gifts were opened and exhibited to the guests, the balloons were burst and "Tibby" was showered with confetti. The hostesses, Misses Joan Hughes and Dorothy Adamson served the 36 guests present, with a delightful luncheon, assisted by Mrs. Jos. Ball.

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Wm. O'Reilly Jr., and John Jenner were hosts at a "stag" party, April 20, held at the home of Thomas O'Reilly in honour of John Offord. The guests presented Mr. Offord with a gift of money.

Mrs. Horace Weedon of Jane Street, King Ridge community, returned home April 18, after an operation in York County hospital, Newmarket.

Feb 26. 1955.

## The Carson Farm. "Grandview Acres"

This farm is situated on the South half of lot 23. Concession 5. in the Township of King, County of York. In the year 1804. Crown Deed was taken out for 200 acres, by Samuel Mc Kerlie.

In 1805 Samuel Mc Kerlie sold the 200 acres to James Thompson. no money exchanged hands.

In 1828 James Thompson sold the 200 acres to Andrew Thompson, for the sum of \$1.00 dollar.

In the year 1848. Andrew Thompson executor sold to 1st. Uncle David Terry 200 acres for the sum of \$760.00.

In 1871, Uncle David made his will, and left the north half to Alex Terry.

In 1879 Alex Terry took possession of the north half. This was when the two hundred acres was divided into two string one hundred acre farms.

In the year 1885, Alex Terry bought the south one hundred acres from his Father, Jonathan Terry for the sum of \$5500.00

In 1924 Alex Terry sold the south half of the farm, one hundred acres to William Klazer as a going concern for the sum of \$9000.00.

In 1927, William Klazer, sold the farm to Walter Klazer, and his partner Micheal Pystula for the sum of \$9000.00.

In the year 1941. Walter Klazer and his partner Micheal Pystula parted and had an auction sale. This being the first auction sale ever held on this farm.

In the year 1942 Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Pleasance rented the farm. In the January of the next year 1943. Mrs Ernie Pleasance, died. And in April of the same year, Mr Ernie Pleasance, was taken to the hospital and died a few days later.

In the same year 1943 Howard Pleasance only son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Pleasance had an auction sale. This being the second auction sale on this farm.

In the year 1946 when the Toronto to Barrie highway was under construction, the government took over the farm from Walter Klazer and his partner Micheal Pystula, and in this same year,

1946 the farm was up for tender. William Anderson tendered and got the farm for \$3000.00 and an extra \$25.00.

In 1949 William Anderson sold the farm to the present owners, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley G. Carson.

Mr Stanley Carson was born in Proton, Ontario, Artemesia township, Grey county. His wife Doris was born in Toronto Ontario, daughter of Mr & Mrs. W. J. Wells. Mr & Mrs. Carson have six children.

A son, Kenneth Thomas Grant Carson, born on Apr. 17, 1933 in Toronto.

A daughter, Gail Elizabeth Ruth Carson, born on June 22, 1937 in Toronto, was married in Kettleby Anglican church to William E. Cannon on July 27, 1956.

A daughter, Iris Margaret Jane Carson, born Mar. 26, 1940 in Toronto, Ont.

A son, Evan Stanley Brian Carson, born Nov. 4, 1943 in Toronto, Ont.

A son, Lorne John Wells Carson, born Feb. 19, 1944 in Toronto, Ont.

A son, Bruce Daniel William Carson born Nov. 1, 1947 in Toronto, Ont.

Apr. 28/55.

## The Church lot.

Col. S. Tyrwhill, owned a lot of property in this neighbourhood. It was said that if he had, had all the land he owned together he could have walked from Kettleby to Schonberg without stepping from his own property.

Finally he sold nearly all his property except a fifty acre lot, situated on the south side of the Lloytown road, just west of the fifth concession of King. There were no buildings on this property at this time.

People could rent the property and the rent was to be paid to the board of the English Church. They called it the Church lot. The Hugheys worked and rented it for a number of years. They wanted to buy the property and build a house on it. However Col. Tyrwhill had said in his will, the property was not to be sold as long as water ran and grass grew.

Mr. Hughey went to the church board and asked if he could buy the property. Some of them decided it was alright while others said no. There was a division arose in the congregation of the church because of this. They were called the Hugheyites and the Waltonites.

Finally after a lot of trouble and hard feelings the Hugheyites stayed with the church and the Waltonites left the church.

The Hugheys finally bought the lot and at present there are three houses on it.



## The Walls' Farm.

This farm is on the fifth concession of King township lot twenty three. North half of lot twenty-three.

The land was first obtained by Crown Deed. It was all bush around here at that time. The land was surveyed and the people settled on the place. They had to cut down the trees and clear the land. After they had lived so long on the land they applied for the Crown Deed.

In the year 1804, the Crown Deed was taken out by Samuel McKerlie, for two hundred acres.

In the year 1805 Samuel McKerlie sold the farm to James Thompson.

In the year 1828, James Thompson sold the farm to Andrew Thompson, for \$100.00. which was the first money ever to exchange hands on this place.

In the year 1845, Andrew Thompson sold the farm to David Terry for the sum of \$760.00, and in 1879, David Terry left the farm by will to his nephew Alex Terry. It just consisted of one hundred acres the north half of the farm. Lot 23.

In the year 1880 the barn was built and in 1881. the house.

In the year 1887, Alex Terry sold it to Thomas Hulse the price was \$4800. and an organ.

In the year 1911, Thomas Hulse sold the one hundred acres to George Walls for the sum of \$5000.00. cash. In 1935 George Walls left the farm to Wesley Walls by will.

In 1946, Wesley Walls sold the back fifty acres to the Government, when the Toronto to Barrie Highway went through the middle of the farm.

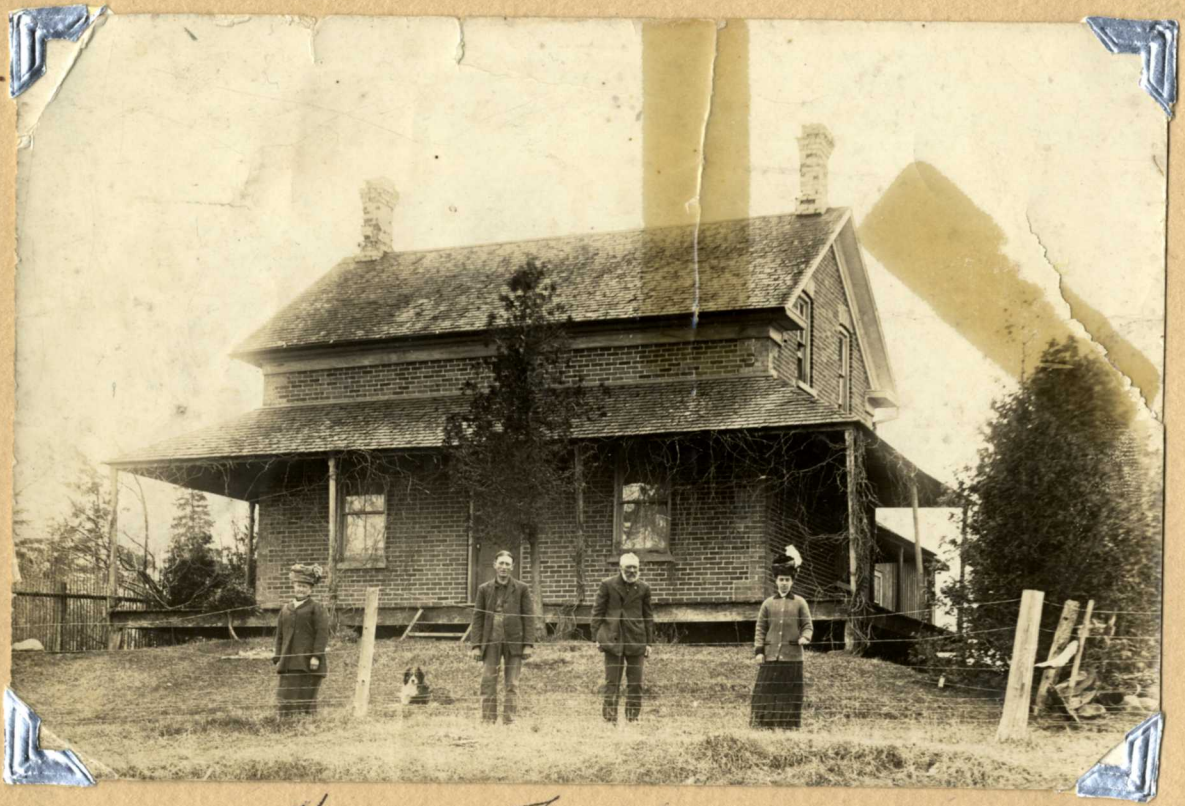
In 1954, Mr. & Mrs. Horace Kedon built a home on a piece of land in the <sup>N.E.AST.</sup> far corner of the front field. Mrs. Horace Kedon being the former Marjorie Walls daughter of Mr. Wesley Walls. Mr. & Mrs. Walls have one other daughter Ruby. Walls.

Mr. & Mrs. Horace Kedon have a son Gary

## The Yankee Lots      Year. 1910.

There was a tower built on the fifty acres south half of lot seventeen, (17) fifth concession of King township. No one really knew why it was built. It was built of wood and was ninety-four feet high. It was blown down by the wind in the year 1925.

Around the same time some Americans, came from the United States, by the names of Cook and Draper. They bought eight hundred or one thousand acres of bush from lots nineteen down to lot thirteen. They cut all the good trees from this bush and then just left it. So they named that block the Yankee lots. A few years later it was surveyed into one hundred acre farms. Several years later, it was sold to the Catholic Church for the building of the Catholic community.



Halls' Farmhouse.  
 situated on North half of Lot 23 Conc 5.  
 of King Township.  
 Left to right. Mrs. Halls Sr. Mr. Wesley Halls.  
 Mr. William Halls Sr. Mrs. H. Halls.

May 2, 1956.

Current Events.

Jan. 1956.

These Current events were compiled by Mrs. HESS. Halls. King Ridge's Women's Institute. Historical Research and Current Events convenor.

Jan. 1956. A freak accident took the life of a four year old Scarborough boy. A box he was playing on turned over throwing him into a hydro pit, and he was drowned.

Women's Institute member were entertained at a tea, at the home of Mrs. Elton Armstrong given in honour of Mrs. J. Ewen, formerly Miss Anna P. Lewis. Our President, Mrs. L. Mc Cormick and District Director Mrs Stanley Carson attended this tea. The rooms were decorated in St. J. Colours of blue & gold. Many of the surrounding districts Women's Institute officers were present.

Out West they are having trouble with floods. Saskatchewan faces a grim picture with a terrible storm. Cattle dead, power lines down and maybe a poor crop this year. In United States they are having tornadoes. In England it is the elections. Around home the government has decided to take over Humber Trail near Nobleton for reforestation purposes.

Four hundred acres of land on the sixth concession of King township is to be sold and turned into a racing car track.

A little three year old boy strayed from his parents and was smothered in a bin of chicken feed near Kettleby. His name was Janeson.

Feb. 1956. Highlights of some of the Institute Conventions.

Never look backwards, always look and press forward and you will reach the goal.

The Institutes are urging members to have and enjoy a hobby.

The new director is Miss Helen Mc.

" Few minds wear out - more rust out."

Machinery that's gone to rust  
Is useless in this life.  
But King Ridge Institute Meetings  
Are good for any wife.

Preparing topics and mottos  
May put us in a whirl -  
But planning programmes & projects  
Is good for any girl.

We need the exercise involved,  
We need the hearty fun,  
We need the company of friends  
For minds to smoothly run.

As we progress along life's path  
We never can stand still  
Our minds must work constructively  
If we would cure our ills.

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by Mary.

Feb. 26. 1955.

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*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.



February 26, 1955.

## The Opening Ode,

A goodly thing it is to meet,  
In friendships circle bright,  
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,  
Nor time the radiant light,  
No unkind word our lips shall pass,  
No envy sour the mind,  
But each shall seek the common weal,  
The good of all mankind.

## Mary Stuart Collect,

Keep us, Oh Lord, from pettiness. Let us be large in thought word and deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity, and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgement, and always be 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 and 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 Oh Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

## Tweedsmuir History.

This book was started in the year 1955. and was compiled by the members of the King Ridge Women's Institute.

The book was written by Mrs. Stanley Carson. The convenor of Historical Research and Current Events gathered a great deal of the events written on these pages. Her name is Mrs. Jess. Walls.





# Womens Institute News

THE BANNER, AURORA, MAY 10th, 1956

## KING RIDGE

The meeting for May of King Ridge W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. McCormick, president. Main business of the meeting was the planning of next year's program, which begins in June. A fund is to be established by King Ridge W.I. to provide a memorial to a deceased Institute member, Joan McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCormick. It will be in the form of pictures for two years and library books later, to be donated to Sacred Heart School. Sister Mary Carmella, Sacred Heart principal, and her successors will choose the gift to be made each year.

THE BANNER, AURORA, MAY 10th, 1956  
**KING RIDGE**  
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A miscellaneous shower was held May 8 at Sacred Heart School. Miss Irma Mary Holmes, daughter of Charlotte and Mrs. P. E. I. James McVeigh, married to Patrick J. McVeigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McVeigh, town of King Ridge, on May 12 Mrs. J. W. Turner, the hostess, which open and exhibit the gifts. The highlight of the luncheon, which was the storibread baked by Mrs. Turner's nine year old daughter, Marlene, F. McCarthy, Mrs. P. McNaughton and Mrs. L. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip O'Reilly, Newmarket, were guests at the home of Thos. Brown, who this baby the first visit of Anne to her many King Ridge cousins.

A welcome is extended to several residents in King Ridge, who bought the Norman Brown, three children, Muriel 6, Kenny 5 and Linda 3. With them temporarily are Mrs. Annie Wright, David 10. The Wrights are looking forward to staying here, also.

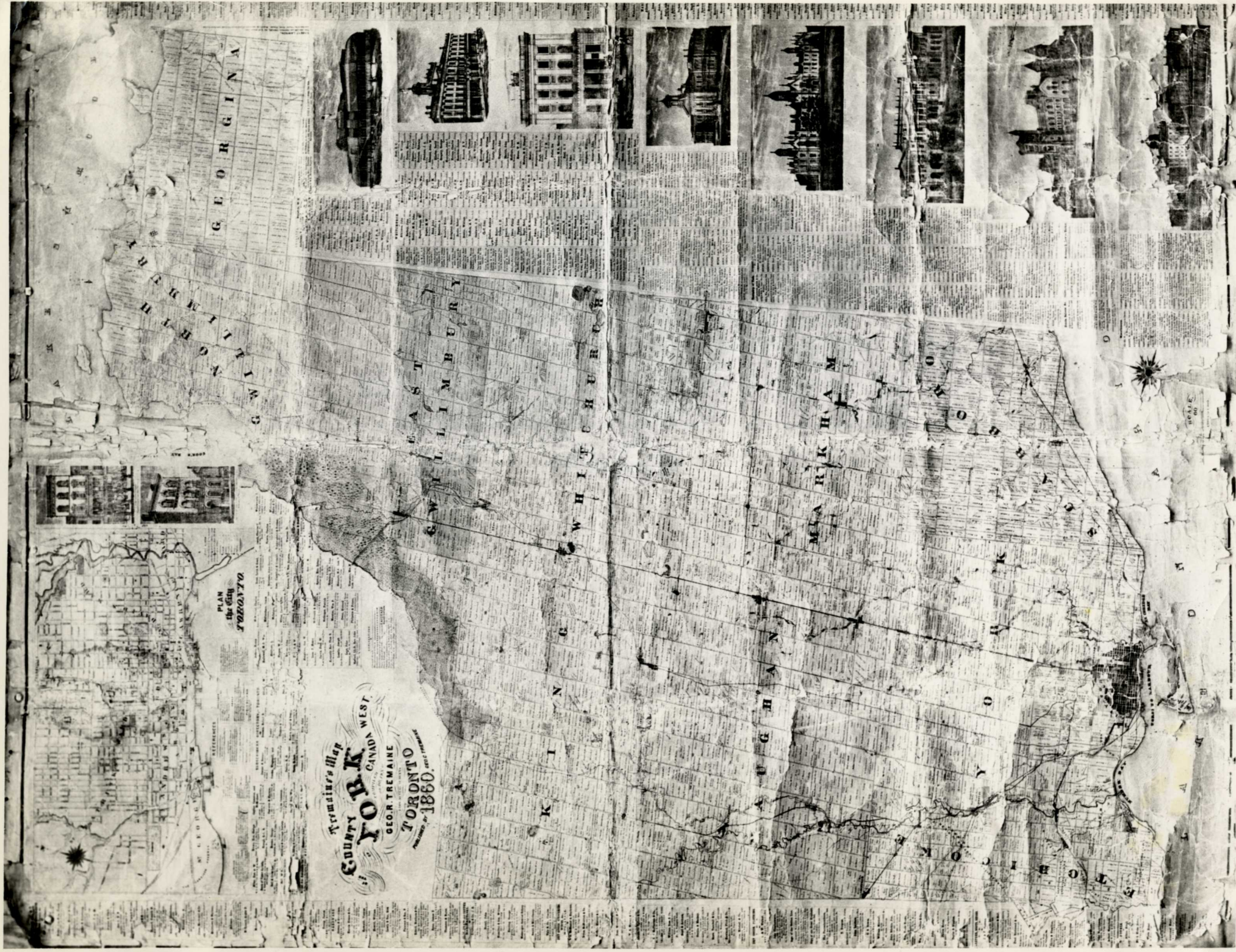
A euchre in aid of the Sacred Heart Church building fund was held at the school auditorium on May 9. The committee thank all those who helped make it such a success, especially Ed Wolfe, Mrs. Wilson Marsh, Mrs. Thomas Hughes, a basket of groceries, Mrs. Cliff Patterson, cup and saucer, and Mrs. Wesley Mrs. Shirley Lawrence and Mrs. Robert Crook. There were nine door-prize winners.

**McVEIGH - HOLMES**  
Irma Mary Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Holmes, Charlottetown, P.E.I., became the bride of Patrick Joseph Schomberg, in an afternoon ceremony at St. Patrick's Church, Father J. Veigh officiated. The bride wore a gown of white tulle lace over a gown of white studded of red roses with long sleeves offset by a tiny rhinestone studded collar. She carried a bouquet of red roses with white streamers. She wore a full skirt in pale blue with rhinestone studded collar. Her bouquet was a tiny rhinestone studded of red roses with white streamers. She wore a full skirt in pale blue with rhinestone studded collar. Her bouquet was a tiny rhinestone studded of red roses with white streamers.

Rose McVeigh, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. She wore a taffeta gown in pale blue with studded jacket and a rhinestone crown. Her bouquet was best pink roses. Basil Cain was best man.

At a reception held at King Ridge, the out-of-town guests were Cliford L. Gray, King; Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, Detroit; Mrs. Mae Sturdy, Mrs. Ida Firth, Miss Elizabeth Atiken, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMillan and George Wood of Toronto. Following a wedding trip to Charlotte own, Mr. and Mrs. McVeigh will live in Toronto.





County of York.

1860.

Photo taken from the estate of the late Gladstone Lloyd & of Schomberg.

Feb. 26. 1955.

## Mount Melic.

Mount Melic situated west of the fifth concession of King, ~~was~~ on the Aurora side road. There were several families whose names were Mounts who owned farms and the pond on the side road. They named in Mount Melic. There used to be a saw mill situated by the pond on the north side of the road. They employed about one hundred men at that time. Henry Marsh was the man who owned the saw mill, and a Mrs Gidney looked after the boarding house for the men who worked at the mill. When the mill closed down Mount Melic was a very quiet place. The Toronto to Barrie Highway goes through that land to-day. Mr. Marsh lived on a farm on lot 19, fifth concession of King. It was later owned by John Anning. Its present owner is Mr. Glen Asten. Henry Marsh had a team of horses that always travelled very fast, and when turning the corner at such a speed used to lie down in the bottom of the wagon to keep from falling out. At the end of his lane he built an old shed to run the horse into, when he got home to stop them they were going so fast.

In 1926 Sidney McLaughlin was drowned in the pond. He was drowned on a Sunday morning and his body was not located till the following Tuesday. He was the son of Mr & Mrs James McLaughlin. The former was a blacksmith.

## **MOUNT ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY**

(Transcribed by Fiona Cowles, King Heritage Committee 2005 from notes made by Mrs. Doris Carson, May 1956 for the King Ridge Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History)

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Twenty-two years' ago in 1934, a community was started on the fifth Concession of King Township on King Ridge Farm.

Five acres of land were loaned to the Rev. Father McGoey by Mr. John McCabe to start this community. There was a church already built here about 1929. The land for the church was donated by Mr. McCabe and the farmers living around this area formed a bee to build the church which was called Sacred Heart Church.

The first year, 1934, five men and their families who, because of the Depression were unable to make a living for themselves and their families (in the city) moved into the community. Three families had quite a few children, the other two were young married couples without children. Four small houses were built by them and one of the young couples lived in the big barn on Mrs. Bertrand's land. Here the first baby of the Community was born, in a January snowstorm and both the baby and his mother were moved to the hospital as soon as they could be moved out.

The second year, 1935, 50 acres were bought from Mr. McCabe on the Sideroad between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Concessions which is now known as the Community Sideroad (16<sup>th</sup> S.R.) Then there were fourteen more families selected to come out to live here. These men built five two storey houses for the first five families and they each got 10 acres apiece from the 50 acres. These five families also each got a horse, cow, chickens, pigs, and implements such as a wagon, harrows, disks, sleds, and other things that are needed on a small farm. While the five big houses were being built, the other fourteen men were also building small one storey houses 15' x 30' so they could bring their families to be with them.

There was one family who came out on their own. They lived for a while in Mrs. Bertrand's house, then in the McCabe homestead, and then they bought John Gould's house on the hill on the sideroad. By this time there were quite a few children in the community. Each of the 14 men was given a small piece of land for a garden. They and their wives produced a lot towards their food for the year. The women went out in the bush, of which there was much more than there is now, and picked wild fruit such as raspberries, strawberries, chokecherries, and sugar plums to preserve for the coming winter. They also received quite a bit of domestic fruit, such as peaches, pears, and apples which they preserved making pickles, relishes and jams. There was quite a bit of competition between the ladies as to who could preserve the most food and fruit for winter. There was also wool and material for socks, sweaters and clothes for their families which was quite rugged (?) as some of the ladies had never done anything like this in their lives. They also had to do all their housework such as washing and cooking in the old-fashioned way.



There was no well, so the men had to take big wooden barrels on a wagon and go about three miles to bring water to drink and for cooking. And they had big barrels to catch as much rain water as possible for washing and scrubbing. What money was to be had was spent at McDonald and Wells' General Store in King City for the staple foods that were needed. But with all the hardships, there was quite a bit of fun, visiting neighbours, learning how to knit and sew, trading receipts, and ideas for fixing up the homes to make them more liveable.

There was one small house built for a school and every Friday night there was a dance, with a fiddle for music, and the ladies provided food and tea and coffee. By the end of the second year there were about five new babies and more on the way. Dr. Devins of Aurora was the Community doctor and the babies were born in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Towards the end of the second year, all of John Gould's farm was bought. It extended from the Community Side Road south to H. Gilliams (?), and west to the 50 acres bought from McCabes, about 100 acres. And 68 acres from Mr. Campbell of King Horn, which was lot 18 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession. All this was divided into 10 acre lots. These were drawn for by each of the second year men. One 10 acre lot was kept for the school property.

After the land was divided, the men cut their small homes in sections and moved them onto their 10 acre lots. Then they started farming in earnest. They also received stock, chickens and farm implements.

In 1936, there were thirteen more families brought out from the city. Four of these were put on land bought in Tecumce. During the third year it was decided some of these families would not make good on the farm, so there was a decision made to re-establish them back in the city. Out of the twenty-eight families, the original five families went back of their own accord, and 15 more were re-established back in the city.

The land was re-divided into 20 acre lots on the side road, and two lots of 34 acres each on the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession.

The men then started to build their permanent homes and the school. Then the Sisters of Providence came to teach, and a house was built for them. Since then there have been two new additions to Sacred Heart School, and a High School. And the seven who are left have paid for their land and houses, and have deeds to them.

Some of the 20 acre lots have been divided again, and sold to people who are not of the first settlers of the Community.

## Mount St Francis Community

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These five families also got each a horse, cow, chickens, pigs, and the implements such as a wagon, harrows, disk, sleds, and other that are needed on a small farm.

While the five big houses were being built, the other fourteen men, were also building small one story houses 15' x 30' so they could bring their family to be with them.

There was one family who came out on their own. They lived for a while in Mrs. Dutton's house, then in the McCabe home stead, and they then bought John Gould's house on the hill on the side road.

By this time there were quite a few children in the community. Each of the 14 men was given a small piece

of land for a garden. <sup>3</sup> They and their wives produced a lot towards their food for the year. The women went out in the bush of which there was much more than there is now, and picked wild fruit such as Raspberries, Strawberries, chokeberries and sugar plums to preserve for the coming winter.

They also received quite a bit of domestic fruit such as peaches, pears, and apples which they preserved also pickles, Relishes, and jams. There was quite a bit of competition between the ladies as to who could preserve the most food and fruit for winter.

There was also wool and material for socks, sweaters and cloths for their families, which was quite rugged as some of the ladies had never done anything like this in their lives. They also had to do all their house work such as washing and cooking in the old fashioned way.

There were no wells, so the men had to take big wooden barrels on a wagon, and go about three miles to bring water to drink and for cooking. And they had big barrels to catch as much rain water as possible, for washing and scrubbing.

What money was to be had was spent at McDonald & Hill's General Store in King.

city for the staple foods that were needed. But with all the hardships, there was quite a bit of fun, visiting neighbors, learning how to knit and sew, trading receipts, and ideas for fixing up the homes to make them more livable.

There was one small house built for a school, and every Friday night there was a dance, with a fiddle for music, and the ladies provided the food and tea or coffee.

By the end of the second year there were about five new babies, and more on the way. St. Dennis of Aurora was the Community Pr, and the babies were born in York County Hospital, New Market.

Towards the end of the second year, all of John Gould's farm was bought. It extended from the Community Side Road south to N. Gilliams, and West to the 50 acres bought from McCabe about 100 acres. And 68 acres from Mrs. Campbell of King Row, which was lot 18 on the 5th concession. All this was divided into 10 acres lots. These were drawn for by each of the second year men. One 10 acre lot was left for the school Property.

After the land was divided, the men cut their small homes in secessions, and moved them onto their 10 acre lots. Then they started farming in earnest.

They also received stock chickens and farm implements.

In 1936 there were thirteen more families brought out from the city. Four of these were put on land bought in Tecumseh. During the third year it was decided some of these families would not make good on the farm, so there was a decision made to reestablish them back in the city. Out of the twenty-eight families, the original five families went back of their own accord, and 15 more were reestablished back in the city.

The land was redivided, into 20 acres lots on the side road, and two lots of 34 acres each on the 5<sup>th</sup> Concession.

The men then started to build their permanent homes, and the school. Then the Sisters of Providence came to teach, and a home was built for them. Since then there have been two new additions to Sacred Heart School and a High School. And the seven who are left have paid for their land-houses, and have

needs to them.

Some of the 20 acres lots have been divided again, and sold to people who are not of the first settlers of the community.

## Mount St. Francis Community.

Twenty-two years ago in 1934 a community was started on the fifth concession of King Ridge on King Ridge farm. King township.

Five acres of land were loaned to the Reverent Father McGoey, by Mr. John McCabe to start this community.

There was a church already built here about 1929. The land for the church was donated by Mr. J. McCabe and the farmers living around formed a bee to build the church which was called Sacred Heart Church.

The first year 1934 Five men and their families who because of the the depression were unable to make a living for themselves moved into the community. Three of these had quite a few children, the other two were young married couples without children.

Four small houses were built by them and one of the young couples lived in the big barn on Mrs. Bertrand's land.

Here the first baby of the community was born and both the baby and mother were soon moved to the hospital as soon as possible. The baby was born during a January snowstorm.

The second year 1935, fifty acres were bought from Mr. McCabe on the side road between the fifth & sixth concessions of King, which is now known as the Community Side Road.

Then there were fourteen more families selected to come and live here. These men built five two storey houses for the first five families and these people each got ten acres apiece from the 50 acres.

These five families each got a horse, cow, chickens, pigs, and the implements such as a wagon, harrows, disks, sleds and others that are needed on a small farm.

While the five big houses were being built, the other fourteen men were building small one storey houses 15' x 30's so they could bring their family to be with them.

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## Schomberg Radial Line.

In the year 1899, they started work on the Schomberg Radial line. They started laying the track from Schomberg junction, on Youngs St. near Bond Lake, to the village of Schomberg in the township of King.

In the year 1902 they finished laying the track. The first coach was drawn with a steam engine. They used this steam engine for the first seventeen years. Later they put up poles and hydro wires, and then they used electric cars.

In the year 1927 the last car went over the track, and in 1928 the tracks were pulled up and the poles taken down.

In 1928 the land was sold back to the people who owned the farms on which the tracks ran through

## The C. N. R. Railroad. 1852.

In the year 1852 the C. N. R. Railroad was built from Toronto, north, through Aurora.

Mr. John McCarthy, grandfather of James McCarthy, Micheal Hurley and William Cain's brother, helped lay the track from the South Down line, north, as far as Holland Landing. The wages were 10¢ a day 10 hours a day. They travelled by sleigh drawn by a team of horses as there were no buggies or cutters in those days.

Mr McCarthy & Mr. Cain lived on lots 21, and 22, on the rear of the fourth Concession of King. Mr. Hurley lived on lot 20 on the fifth concession of King. Some of them had twenty-five acres and one had fifty acres.

These people sowed their grain at night broadcasting it by hand. In harvest time they cradled the grain at night. The women and children raked it up and bound it by hand, in the daytime.

The McCabe boys used to help on the farm and walk from lot 17, to No. 12 School which is on lot 30.

*Sacred Heart*



*Catholic Church.*

*King Ridge Community.  
5<sup>th</sup> Conc. of King.*



*Sacred Heart School.*

*Built 1936.*

Feb. 1/56.

## S. S. No. 6. Public School.

In the year 1866 the people that lived around these parts formed a section and built a school. It was called S. S. No. 6. Public School. Later it was called Jamieson School, because it was built on a piece of land from the Jamieson Farm.

The school was a plank building covered with ship lap. with a bell tower on the top and a shingle roof. Later they replaced the shingled roof with a steel one. There was three windows on the east side and three on the west side.

The school ground was only rented. The rent was \$5.00 a year and was paid to whoever lived on the farm which the school ground was taken from. The school ground consisted of a half acre of land.

They paid rent on this land for eighty years. 1866-1946.

The Toronto to Barrie highway was surveyed in 1946 and it was found the highway would go through the middle of the school so it was decided to move it.

They had several meetings and quite a lot of trouble, but finally things settled down and the school was moved to its present site.

The School Board bought the present One acre site for \$100.00. After it was moved they re-roofed it and removed the Bell tower and put Insul Brick on the outside.

The wages of some of the earlier teacher who taught in the school was \$300.00. and they were paid at the end of the school year. The wages of some of the last teachers to teach in this school was \$2500. and was paid at the end of each month.

In 1898-1899. a Mr Graham was the teacher and had quite a large attendance for that time. Pupils taught in the old school have followed all walks of life, Doctors, Teachers, Lawyers, Bankers, farmers, store keepers, soldiers, Bakers, ministers and travellers.

Of all the original families who lived in this section in 1890 there are only five left in the district, Jamiesons, Lewis, Harmon, Terry's, McCarthys. From 1866 to 1890. There is a record of eleven teachers. and from 1890-1948. a record of forty teachers, teaching in the school.

Practically all members of the school Board during this time have passed away. Mr. Hiss Halls a member is still hale & hearty at this time.