



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Business Community in Stayner is a critical element to the development and growth of our town. Some businesses have come and gone but some have been a staple in the community for many years. One of those long time businesses, Barb's Clothes Closet, just celebrated its 40th anniversary.

On August 18th, 1976, Barb Jerry opened the doors to her new shop, which had previously been Edith Brown's Ladies Wear store for many years.

At the time of the purchase, an article in the Stayner Sun stated that Edith Brown began her career in ladies wear in 1944 when she went to work for Helen O'Malley who had a shop in the Pearson block. In 1953 Mrs. Brown purchased the shop from Miss O'Malley and in 1958 moved to the present location of Barb's Clothes Closet. Customers travelled many miles to shop at Edith Brown's Ladies Wear. Edith was ready to retire and after much persuasion she agreed to sell the business to Barb Jerry. According to Barb, the building was owned by Donna & Bob Gerrior, and prior to that owned by John Scott (Scott's Shoe Store), and before that, by Herman Fairbarn (who also had a shoe store).

Barb's store was very small for the first few years and then it was decided to make the basement into a sales room which, required entrance renovations. A few years later Barb and her husband Elwood (known to all as Pete) bought the building from the Gerriors. Nelda Lageer, who had Nelda's Fabrics, in the east side of the building, decided to move into a larger store thus allowing Barb's store to expand.

The next move was in 1985 when the Jerry's rented a store in Alliston. By then Pete had sold another long time Stayner business, Jerry's Body Shop, thus enabling the family to support their growing business. A few years later came the opportunity to start a store in Collingwood, an exciting time as the family now managed three retail locations.

In the meantime, their daughter, Lisa Hare, became an owner/operator of the Stayner retail location. The building immediately to the west of Barb's was purchased to use as an outlet. After the closure of the Collingwood store, renovations between the outlet and the main Stayner store created an opportune time for expansion. The Alliston business was purchased by Pete and Barb's son, Mike and his wife Teri, who now carry on the family tradition within that community.

Some of the first staff to work in the business include Buffy Williams and Elaine Dickinson. Many other wonderful staff followed in their footsteps. Today, the great staff include Lorraine Hare McLeod, Shirley Somerville, Joy Burkholder, Sandra Hodgkinson and Janice Clair.

Just as in the days of Edith Brown, customers travel many miles to shop at Barb's Clothes Closet. Without question this business has helped keep Stayner on the map.



Barb's Clothes Closet

A 40th Year Celebration

Congratulations to Barb, Pete and Lisa, together with their staff, for their important contribution to the history and growth of Stayner.

The Seventh Annual Remembrance Day Event

The Stayner Heritage Society will present the 7th annual Remembrance Day Event on Saturday, November 5th, 2016 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from SHS members or at Barb's Clothes Closet, Main Street, Stayner. At 9:15am a Continental Breakfast will be served, followed by the opening ceremonies and guest speakers, Rita McCort and Ken Voss, who will share their experiences. Other guests include Don Doner, June Flynn, Olivia Walker, Alexandro Gascho-Holmes and Ken Parton.

Mike and Tom Scholte's "Stayner Heroes" DVD will be shown followed by the "Commemorative" book presentation.



Thomas Parton



Rodger Brockwell

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this inspirational morning to honour the men and women of our community who served, and continue to serve our Country.

Stayner Heritage Society Supports Local Youth

In June 2016 Carol Marsden, of the SHS, presented Katja Awender with a \$1,000 bursary on behalf of the Stayner Heritage Society. The Stayner Collegiate Institute graduate will be continuing her studies this fall at the University of Guelph, focusing primarily on history and heritage subjects. Congratulations Katja.



Carol Marsden (SHS) & Katja Awender

20th Annual Heritage/Canada Day Celebration

The day began with questionable weather but preparations went ahead as planned. The Scouts prepared pancakes, booths were set up - Candy Floss, Popcorn, Children's Activities, Silent Auction and our Heritage Corner. The Friends Pub and The Door's food venues were set up and the Parade formed at the far end of town.

Jane Coutts had a good group of children who were dressed in costume with their pets. The Beinn Gorm Highlanders fell into line and were ready to march. The rain was beginning to be a problem but the parade went ahead.

The show in the park got off to a great start with two young singers, Ava Corbitt and Lillian Sebastiano. Jim Kinnear was able to entertain us for a portion of his gig when midafternoon rain ended proceedings. It was disappointing that Jason Redman's performance and our historical wagon tours had to be cancelled. Thanks to the SHS tour team for all their work and planning. A special thank you to Dr. Bill Ives, Dalton Lowe and Robert Walker, our story tellers, Manfred Leimgardt and Jim McFarlane, our people movers, and to Paul Gartlan for guiding us through the Gartlan businesses.

It was a big disappointment for all those waiting for the show and for those who had prepared and worked so hard to make the day a success.

Thanks to our sponsors; namely, Wheeler-Sprigg Insurance, Hanna Motors, Reinhart Foods, Stayner Lions Club, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 457, Tim Weel Farms, Stayner Car Wash, the Stayner Chamber of Commerce and finally the Government of Canada.



Phyllis Perry & Ferne Allen

Museum at the Market

The Museum was active on Market nights this summer. SHS members were present and got to meet folks old and new and talk about our fair town over the years, reminiscing of days gone by. Sorting through our collections of past issues of the "Stayner Sun" brought back many memories. Our Art items and notes were on display.

Membership in SHS

If you wish to renew your membership, please return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Your continued commitment to the Stayner Heritage Society greatly supports the work that we do and is very much appreciated.

In a continuing series, describing families settling in the Stayner and surrounding area, we are pleased to present the Bellamy Story. Respectfully submitted by Jim Bellamy.

William Bellamy was born in Aslackby, Lincolnshire, England on Jan 26, 1840. His mother Ann died two years later and he and his father, also William, left England for Canada. William and his father stayed briefly in the Newmarket area of Canada West (now Ontario) and eventually travelled north and settled in Tosorontio Township just east of the village of Everett (north west of Alliston).

William Bellamy grew up in the Everett area and married Maria Heritage on March 29, 1866. They were married on the farm of Mr and Mrs Henry Baycroft . William and Maria purchased the farm (Lot 8 Con 6 of Tosorontio) that was immediately adjacent to the farm of Henry and Helen Baycroft (Lot 9 Con 6). Helen (Heritage) Baycroft and Maria (Heritage) Bellamy were sisters. Elsie (Baycroft) Brownridge, a former long-time resident of Stayner, was a granddaughter of Henry and Helen Baycroft.

William and Maria Bellamy farmed for 37 years and raised five children on the farm near Everett . The children were William Edwin, Martha Ann, Oscar, Albert, and Edgar.



Standing L to R: Albert Bellamy, Oscar Bellamy, Edgar Bellamy
Seated L to R: Anne Bellamy, Maria (Heritage) Bellamy, William Bellamy Sr., William Edwin Bellamy

In 1903 William and Maria purchased the “Model Farm” on the north side of the tenth line (Highway 26) of Sunnidale Twp., just east of Stayner and moved there with children Oscar, Ann, Albert and Edgar. William and Maria Bellamy stayed on the Sunnidale farm for a few years then retired to Eliza St. Stayner. William died in 1916, a few months after celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary and Maria died in 1930. They are both buried in Stayner Union Cemetery.

William Edwin Bellamy stayed on the home farm near Everett for most of his life, He married Ida Chantler of West Essa in 1898 and they had three children – William, Frank, and Fred.

Fred and Frank remained on the home farm in Everett. William married Margaret Dority of Stayner. William and Margaret later farmed in Hawkestone and Avening and eventually settled in Stayner; they raised four children, Bill, Lois, Ralph, and Paul.

Martha Ann (Annie) Bellamy married John J Black of Sunnidale in 1908 and settled on a farm in Sunnidale twp. They had 2 sons John Albert Black and James Gilbert Black. John Black married Eleanor Bannerman and they farmed in Nottawasaga for several years and then in Sunnidale, where they raised four children, Dallas, Elayne, Leslie, and Claire.

Oscar Bellamy married Agnes Lillian Gibson in 1908 in Sunnidale. They purchased a farm on the Tosorontio-Mulmer town line near Glencairn and had four children Esther, Cora, Verona, and Gibson. Esther Bellamy married Arnott Weatherall and their daughter, Orma, married Burnfield Wines from New Lowell. Cora Bellamy married Claude Patton and they farmed on the Tosorontio-Mulmer town line and raised five children – Mervin, Bill, Ruth, Oscar, and Donald. Verona Bellamy married Irvin Haines from Blenheim and they had three children – Patricia, John, and Nancy. Gibson Bellamy married Reta Denison and lived most of their lives in Barrie raising five children – Ralph, Jackie, Lillian, Sharon, and Robert.

Albert and Edgar Bellamy remained on the “Model Farm” on the north side of highway 26 just east of the Clearview sideroad. They farmed together for several years and each raised a family.

Albert Bellamy married Florence Culham and they had four children Luena, Lloyd, Edna, and Ray. Luena Bellamy married Ivan Daley and they spent most of their lives in Stayner where Ivan and his brother Homer had an excavating business. Ivan and Luena raised four daughters in Stayner - Marlene, Joyce, Gwen, and Sharyn. Lloyd, Edna , and Ray lived most of their lives in Sudbury, Oshawa, and Toronto respectively.

Edgar Bellamy married Ellen (Nellie) Cooper in Stayner. They had six children, Oscar, Harold, Helen, Jean, Dorothy, and Ethel. In the early 1940s Edgar and his family purchased a neighboring farm on Highway 26 east of Stayner. Edgar and Ellen retired to Stayner in the late 1940s. For many years Edgar played the tuba in the Stayner Brass Band. Members of the Stayner Brass Band in the late 1920s included Jack Bloomsfield, Alfred Selfe, Lyle Currie, Percy Glen, Edgar Buckingham, Ab Culham, Edgar Bellamy, Stanley Flynn, James Kirkwood, Jim Wheeler, Rex Holroyd, and Wilt Turner (A photograph of the Stayner Brass Band with this group of men is on the Stayner Heritage Society website). Edgar worked

at the Stayner Farmers' Cooperative for several years. Edgar and Nellie were long time members of the Stayner Methodist Church, which later became Centennial United Church.

Edgar and Ellen's son Oscar Bellamy married Jean Glenn of Stayner. In the mid 1950s Oscar and Jean purchased the Massey Ferguson dealership in Stayner from D. Hodgins. Bellamy Equipment operated first on Main Street, just west of Besse's dairy, then moved to larger quarters on Airport Road where the grocery store now stands. Several Stayner folks worked at Bellamy Equipment over the years including Ernie Chapman, Dick Prosser, Bill Patterson, Pete Perry, Arnott Carruthers, Arnold Bowser, and many others part time. Oscar and Jean had two children, Peter Bellamy (a former lawyer in Collingwood) and Joan Bellamy (a former real estate agent in Collingwood and Muskoka). After Jean died Oscar married Hazel (Walker) Rawn of Stayner and they lived in the area for many years.

Harold Bellamy married Marie Brunelle of Acton and for several years had a home renovation business in Stayner. They had 5 children, Jim, Craig, Wayne, Gordon, and MaryEllen, all of whom attended school in Stayner in the 1950s and 60s. Jim and Craig both became veterinarians and Craig practiced in Stayner for several years.

Helen Bellamy married Bert Black of Sunnidale and they had one son Michael. They resided for many years in Thornhill. Jean Bellamy married Cap Phillips and lived in North Bay. Ethel Bellamy married Frank Shortt from Stayner and lived in Sarnia where they raised two children Karen and Pat.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The following items make excellent gifts. Samples can be seen and purchased at the Heritage Centre in the former Co-Op Building during open hours.

Stayner Notes - \$10 + \$3 shipping we have 3 different sets. The latest set features 4 original drawings of Heritage Buildings on Main St. by Anson Finlay.

Postcards - including a drawing of the Co-Op Buildings by John Hindle, photo of Bell Tower, Gazebo, Fountain, etc., \$2.

Prints - 4x6 of various Stayner landmarks. suitable for framing. The Fountain Park, The Gazebo, and the Hindle drawing of the Co-Op building. The prints are \$3.

Christmas Ornaments - Hand-crafted, wooden, depicting Railroad Station, Bell Tower and Town Hall - \$5. Must be picked up as shipping cost is \$6!

Pieces of Art from our **Bell Tower Shingle** items make memorable gifts with a story

Baseball caps - 4 colours (red, navy, green, black) \$15

DVD's

"Memories of Our Town" (Bill Ives and D.A. Millsap narrators of the Roger Watson film taken in 1948)

"The 125th Anniversary of Stayner in 1997"
(narrated by Brian Pounder, video by Maryanne Buie)

"Stayner's Millennium Day, 2000"(narrated by D.A. Millsap, video by Maryanne Buie and Gren Bray).

"Stayner Granite Club - A Celebration of 50 Years" - by Tom Scholte

The 17th (July 5/2014) and 18th (July 1, 2015) Annual Heritage Day Celebration DVD's by Tom Scholte

The **"Fireside Chat"** series featuring Dr. Bill Ives and others, at Blue Mountain Manor (Spring 2015) and our latest chat featuring Dalton Lowe (2016) by Tom Scholte are available upon request or through our website

If you wish to order one or more of these unique recordings of special events, send \$15 + \$2 for shipping.

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