



# STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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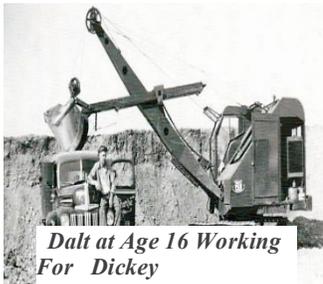
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**The Business Community in Stayner is a critical element to the development and growth of our town. In our continuing series, the Stayner Heritage Society is pleased to profile one of the longest owner/operated businesses in our community's history. For the past 65 years Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction has been an intricate part of our community's growth and commercial success.**

In 1952, Dalton Lowe at 18 years old started a sand, gravel and trucking business that would grow into his life's passion. Working on tanks and heavy equipment for RCME at Camp Borden during the day, he

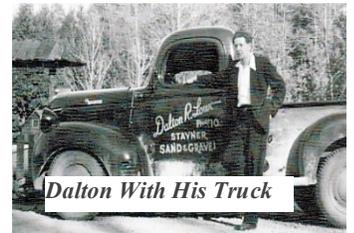


*Dalt at Age 16 Working For Dickey*

worked evenings, nights and weekends trucking for himself. As a young boy, Dalton was influenced by his older brother Ken who was a mechanic and by some of the locals; Lou Swinton,

Clarence and Ian Henderson, Lou and Harvey Bellwood and JA Dickey who taught him how to drive different kinds of machinery and trucks. Although he helped in the family butcher business he really wanted to work at what he loved...trucks and equipment.

At that same time, Dalton met and fell in love with Viola Lee, a waitress at Lamberts' Hotel on the Main Street of Stayner. Viola became his wife and business partner. Together they worked hard to start the company, D. R. Lowe.



*Dalton With His Truck*

In the early days of the business, he worked at as many jobs and as many hours as he could to pay the bills and survive. He had to make deals and come up with creative ways to finance his business. You had to figure out ways to make things work. It wasn't easy to get financing when you were young, self-employed and had a family. You had to be 21 years old to sign a contract so some of his early job contracts had to be signed by his mother. He bought his first bulldozer when he was 19.

Dalt purchased property at the corner of Superior and Mill (now Perry) Streets where he housed his trucks next door to his home. In 1962, he was able to move his operation to its current location on Hwy 26 next to

*Dalt's Fleet of Trucks*

Reinhart Vinegar.



After years of trucking gravel and sand, Dalton R. Lowe and Sons Construction, started crushing aggregate products. In winter months, he had sanding and snow removal contracts with the Department of Highways.

Dalton credits the business's success to Viola, his family and his staff. He also is very grateful to the local Stayner businessmen who mentored him, such as: Clarence Brownridge, Aubrey and Webb Perry, Clarence and Ian Henderson, Jack Dickey, Irvin Millsap, R.O. Dickey, Angus and Leighton Campbell and Doug, Ed and Jim Hanna. All taught him what hard work and doing what you love to do makes a successful business. 65 years in business...amazing



for 2 young adults with a love of trucks!

*This is an abridged version- see the full story on the Stayner Heritage Society website (link)*

*If you have a business that you would like highlighted in the*

*newsletter, please contact the SHS.*

## Upcoming SHS Events

The Stayner Heritage Society  
Presents

**The Beckett's**  
Stayner Heritage Society  
Presents  
www.beckettfamilymusic.com

An evening of Old Time Fiddling, Step Dancing & Country Music!  
**Friday, April 21st, 2017. 7:30pm**  
Clearview Community Church  
1070 County Road 42, Stayner, ON.

Adults: \$20.00 in advance	Tickets can be purchased by calling
\$25.00 at the door	Myrna: 705-428-2540, or by visiting
Children (under 12): \$10.00	Barb's Clothes Closet

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Stayner Heritage Society will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Centennial United Church, Stayner, Ontario. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and refreshment as we discover our communities past through our featured speakers.

## Heritage/Canada Day

This year Canada will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plans are now well underway by your Heritage Society to make our July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration a memorable event. Stay tuned for further details.

## **Summer Market Nights 2017**

While attending the Thursday Market Nights in Stayner this summer (June, July & August) the Stayner Heritage Society invites you to visit us at the Museum between the hours of 5:30 to 8:00pm. Our well-informed greeters will step you back in time through a variety of artifacts on display. The Museum is located adjacent to Station Park. See you there.

## **Vimy Ridge 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This year 25 students from our local High School (SCI) will journey to France to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge (WW1). From all of us at the Stayner Heritage Society we wish you a memorable and a historic trip.

## **Membership in SHS**

If you wish to renew your membership, please return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Your support helps make our projects possible as we strive to maintain the heritage of our community. We appreciate your continued commitment to the Stayner Heritage Society

*In a continuing series, describing families settling in the Stayner and surrounding area, we are pleased to present the Perry Story. Respectfully submitted by Phyllis & Pete Perry.*

## The Perry Family

This story begins in Ireland where Richard Perry was born. He married Susannah Proctor and they had four children, all born in Ireland. In 1831 they immigrated to Canada and settled in King Township in the County of York, Ontario, six more children were born after their arrival in Canada.

The family moved to the Orillia area and one of Richard Perry's great grandsons, Stephen, married Emily Haagan. They had seven children. They moved to Sunnidale Township. All this family of seven stayed in Stayner and raised their families here.

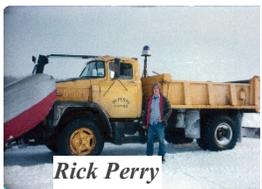
Nellis (Pat) married Flora Lawrence and had two children, Audrey and Irvin (Pete). Nellis started a trucking business and later was a heavy equipment operator. They lived at the corner of Mill (Perry) & William Streets, where the Post Office is today. Audrey married Allen Foisie. They had three children – Gary, Yvonne and Kenneth. Allen had the Stayner Ambulance Business from 1966-1975. Allen then worked for Somerville's Garage in Stayner until his retirement.

Their son, Pete, married Phyllis Loughheed. They had two children, Pam and Rick. Pete purchased Perry's Garage & Snowplow Business from his Uncle Aub and worked along with son, Rick, until his retirement. Phyllis had Perry's Childcare & Nursery School and daughter Pam worked with her mother until Phyllis retired in 2002.

Wilda never married. She worked at Watson's Hardware which is now Home Hardware. She lived with her brother Nellis. Wilda also did live-in housekeeping and when she retired, lived in an apartment in Stayner.

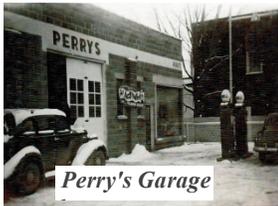
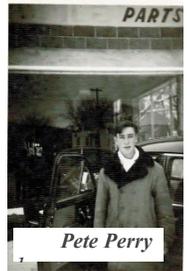
Aubrey (Aub) married Helen Carol. They had no children. They purchased a property on Fisher's Side road (Klondike Park Road) –which had a log house and a sugar bush. Later, Aub moved his parents into the log house that still stands today on Klondike Park Road. Aub moved into an apartment which was over the Pool Hall on the Main Street and then into a house on the corner of Oak and William Streets. He then built the new house on William Street. He had a garage and snowplow business - where Sunny Mart is today on the corner of William and Perry Streets. Aub built a new garage and moved the business to Beech Street. This business was sold to nephew Pete. Aub was Mayor of Stayner for some years in the '50s.

Wilbert (Web) married Helen Buie and they lived with Nellis until they purchased the house on Mill (Perry) Street. Web worked in a sawmill owned by Bob Dickey as a steam engine operator, a mechanic at Perry's Garage and then on to Somerville's Garage until his retirement. They had three girls. Sandra married Bill Schell. They had five children and live in Brentwood. Sharon married Ron Bone who worked for Ontario Hydro until his retirement. They had three sons. Janice married Mac McDonald and had two sons. Janice worked at the Stayner Nursing Home until her retirement in 2010. Melville died as a baby. Thelma (Ted) married Claude Timmons. They had no children.



Thelma and Claude moved into the log house on Klondike Road when their parents moved into a house on Brock Street. Thelma worked at the Town Hall office until her retirement. She then moved into the Brock Street house. Truman (Nip) married Lillian Grainger. Nip was a heavy equipment operator and had his own grading business. They purchased the driving shed at Hanna's Veterinary Hospital on John Street - remodeling it into their home. They had three children. Jack married Marg Neil moving to Toronto. They had four children. Gail married Garry Green moving to Midhurst. They had two children. Judy married Steve Boyce moving to Collingwood. They had two girls.

**This family has indeed been an intrical part of Stayner over a number of generations!**



## MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The following items make excellent gifts. Samples can be seen and purchased at the Museum 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 17<sup>th</sup> (July 5/2014) and 18<sup>th</sup> (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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