



Heritage Research Resources

Ontario Heritage Conference CHO 2026

Artemesia Council – mid 1880's

Tips & Tricks for Heritage Research:

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Digital information for YOUR location:

- **Fire Insurance Maps for Towns**
- **1880's Ontario Atlas for your county**
- **Census Data about historic property owners**
- **Other resources for *google detectives***



OHA Section IV: Essential Guideline for Schedule A Criteria Statement

HOW Historic Research can help define 5 or more criteria for DESIGNATED PROPERTY

The property has design value or physical value because

- 1. it is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.**
2. it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. it demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

The property has historical value or associative value because

- 4. it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to a community.**
- 5. it yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.**
- 6. it demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community.**

The property has contextual value because

7. it is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area.
- 8. it is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.**
9. it is a landmark.



Heritage Research = solving a mystery

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| ✓ WHO | ➤ Who settled or donated land? Built structure? |
| ✓ WHAT | ➤ What Materials? Structure design? Inspiration? |
| ✓ WHEN | ➤ When did anything happen, start or stop? |
| ✓ WHERE | ➤ Where is structure and/or related information? |
| ✓ WHY? Or | ➤ Motivations? Community impact? Significant activities? |
| ✓ Maybe HOW? | ➤ Access material? Building technique? |

Early fire maps show construction materials,
how many storeys, usage esp. if flammable etc.
<https://www.lib.uwo.ca/madgic/fipon.html>

Ontario Fire Insurance Plans

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

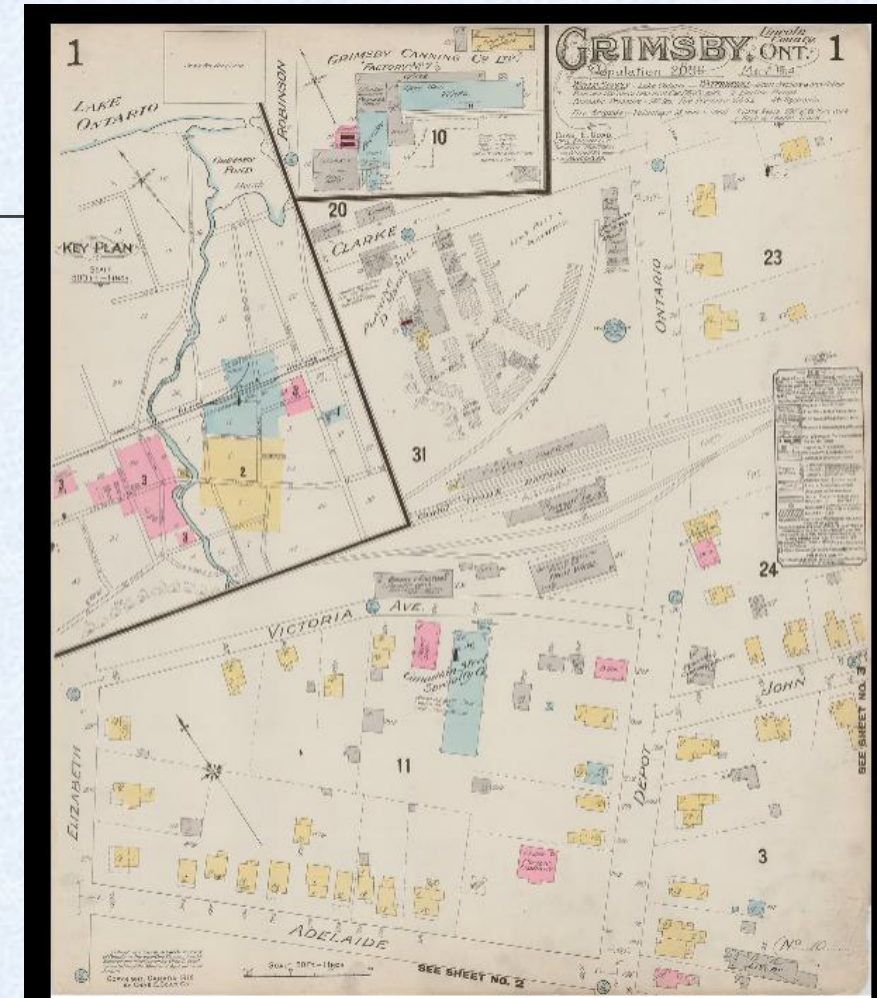
The Archives and Special Collections will only be retrieving hard copy plans not available online. This practice will reduce the damage due to heavy usage from retrieving and stacking of plans plus have a Reading Room, and will aid in the preservation of the plans for the future.

Municipality	Plans
ACTON	1898 Rev. 1904 (Chas. E. Goad), 2 sheets 1934 (Underwriters' Survey Bureau Limited), 6 sheets
AILSA CRAIG	1906 (Chas. E. Goad), 2 sheets
AJAX	1949 (Underwriters' Survey Bureau Limited), 15 sheets 1960 (Underwriters' Survey Bureau), 22 sheets

	1959 (Underwriter)
GOODWOOD	1910 (Chas. E. Goad)
GORE BAY	1922 (Underwriter)
GORRIE	1885 Rev. 1904 (Chas. E. Goad)
GRAND VALLEY	1907 (Chas. E. Goad)
GRANTON	1898 (Chas. E. Goad) 1898 Rev. 1906 (Chas. E. Goad)
GRAVENHURST	1888 Rev. 1904 (Chas. E. Goad) 1925 (Underwriter)
GRIMSBY	1914 (Chas. E. Goad) 1925 (Manuscript) 1928 (Underwriter)
GUELPH	1897 Rev. 1916 (Chas. E. Goad) 1922 Rev. 1929 (Underwriter)

Choose first letter in town name for that drop-down list
Cities, towns & larger villages will be listed

Select town name to download historic fire maps – may have choice of date



Above: Grimsby 1914 from the list

Insurance Fire Maps

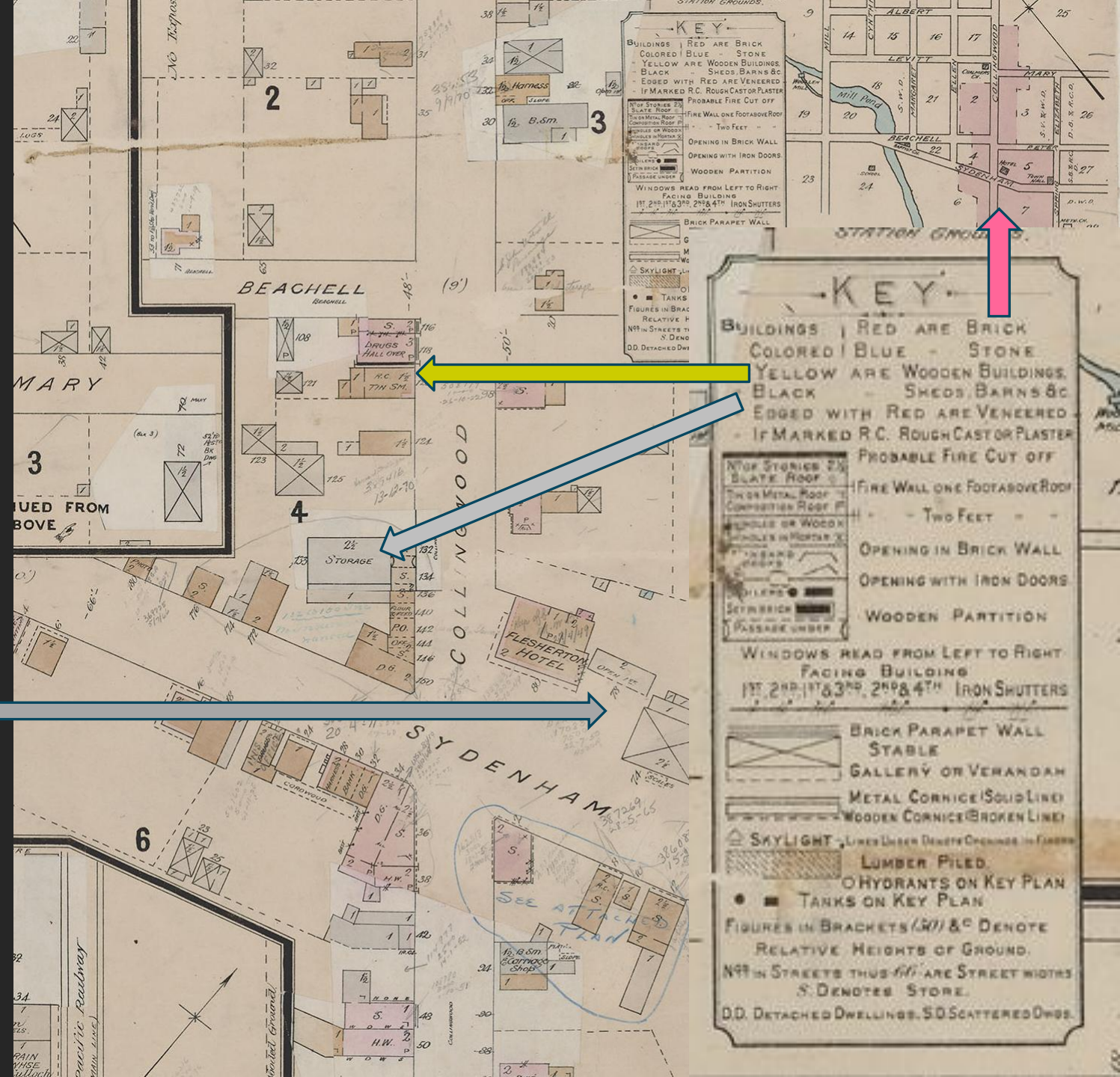
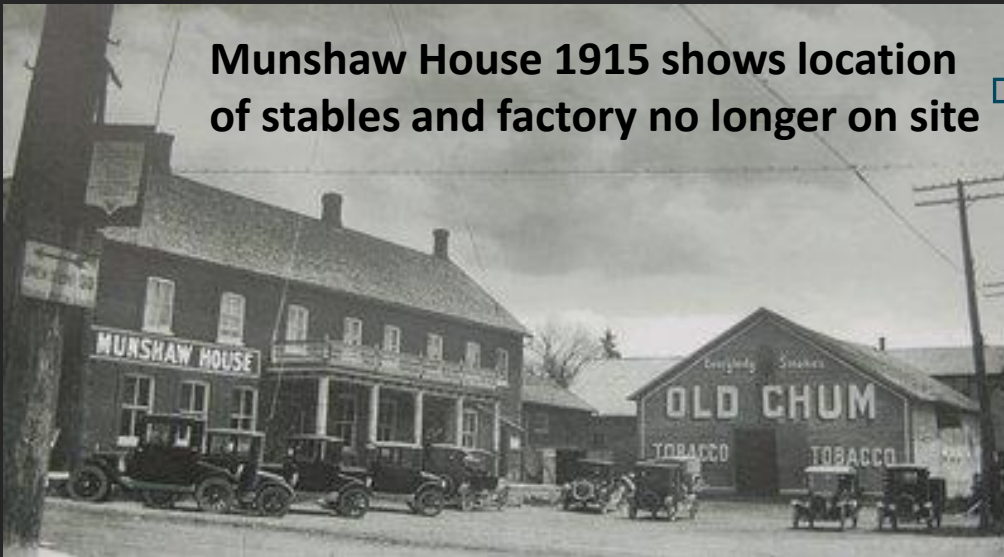
<https://www.lib.uwo.ca/madgic/fipon.html>

Used by early appraisers etc to save travel.
Today can help date buildings, locate
missing structures, show renos/changes

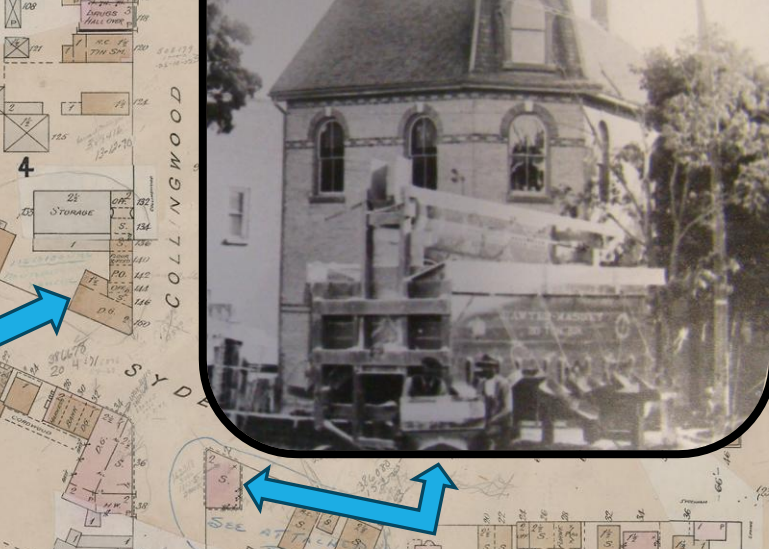
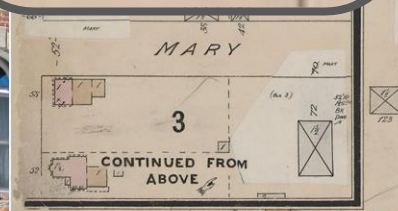
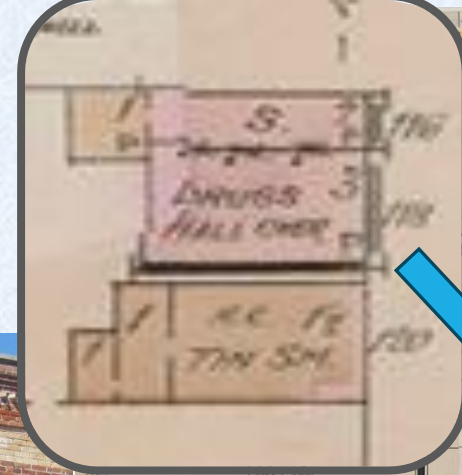
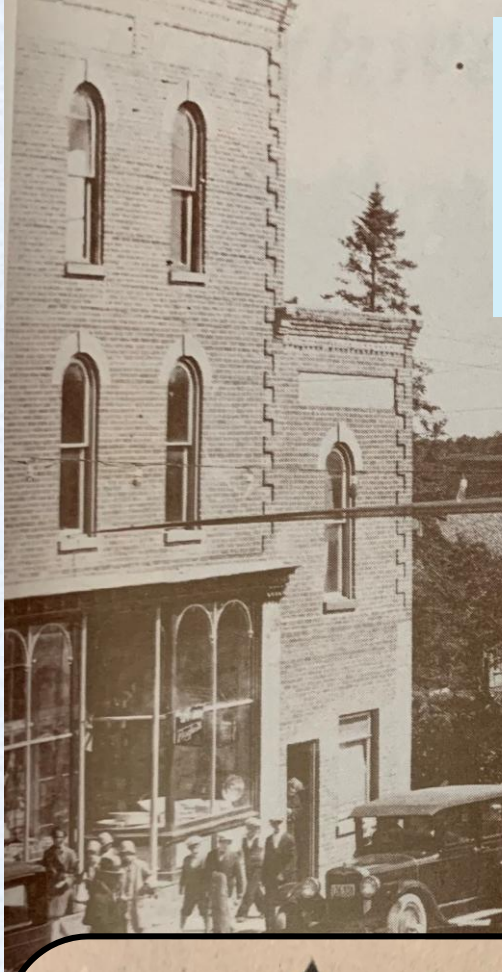
Describes purpose of commercial spaces
esp. if usage is fire hazard eg newspaper,
furniture, wood storage, baker, forge.

Legend: # floors, dimensions, features;
colors = construction materials

**Munshaw House 1915 shows location
of stables and factory no longer on site**

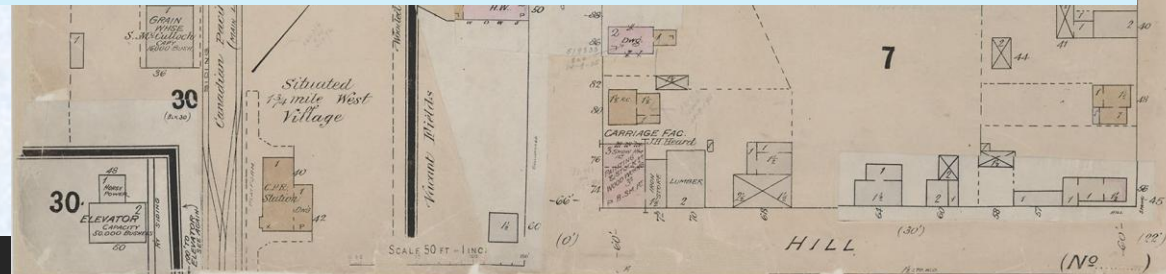


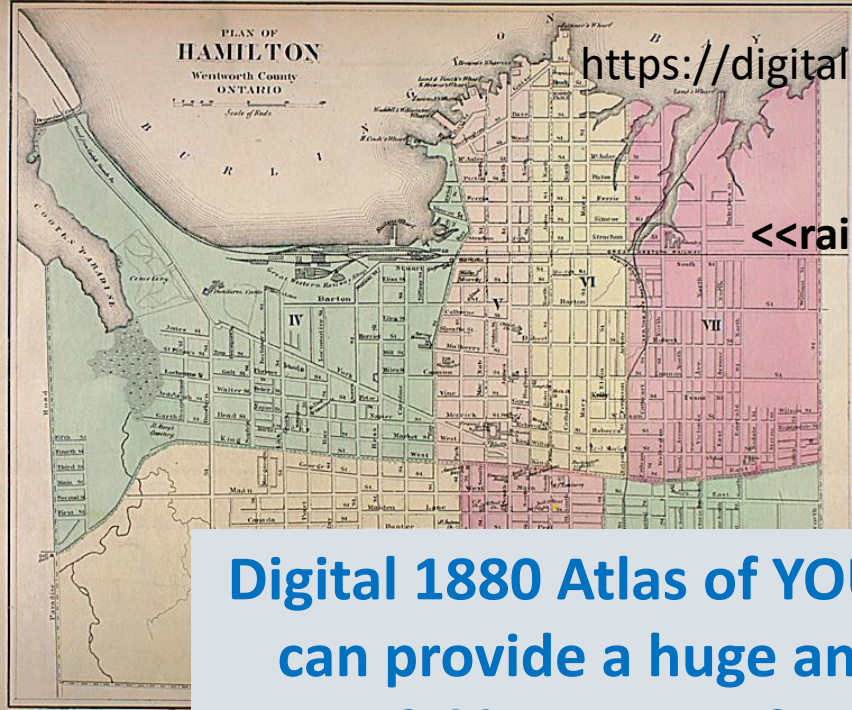
Map shows S (store) 2 floors east half. 3 floors west is drugstore w. 3rd floor hall over it, as shown 1929 pic. Current building (below) 3rd floor missing due to a fire.



Sproule Block burned 1908

Fawcett's burned 1961





<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/Images/Maps/TownMaps/large/wen-m-hamilton.jpg>

<<railway

Digital 1880 Atlas of YOUR county can provide a huge amount of useful heritage information:

- Date built – year or approximate period
- Name(s) and biographical details of owner(s) or users of property listed by township
- Concession/lot location, lot size
- Public buildings: Church/school/lodge
- Detailed maps larger cities, towns



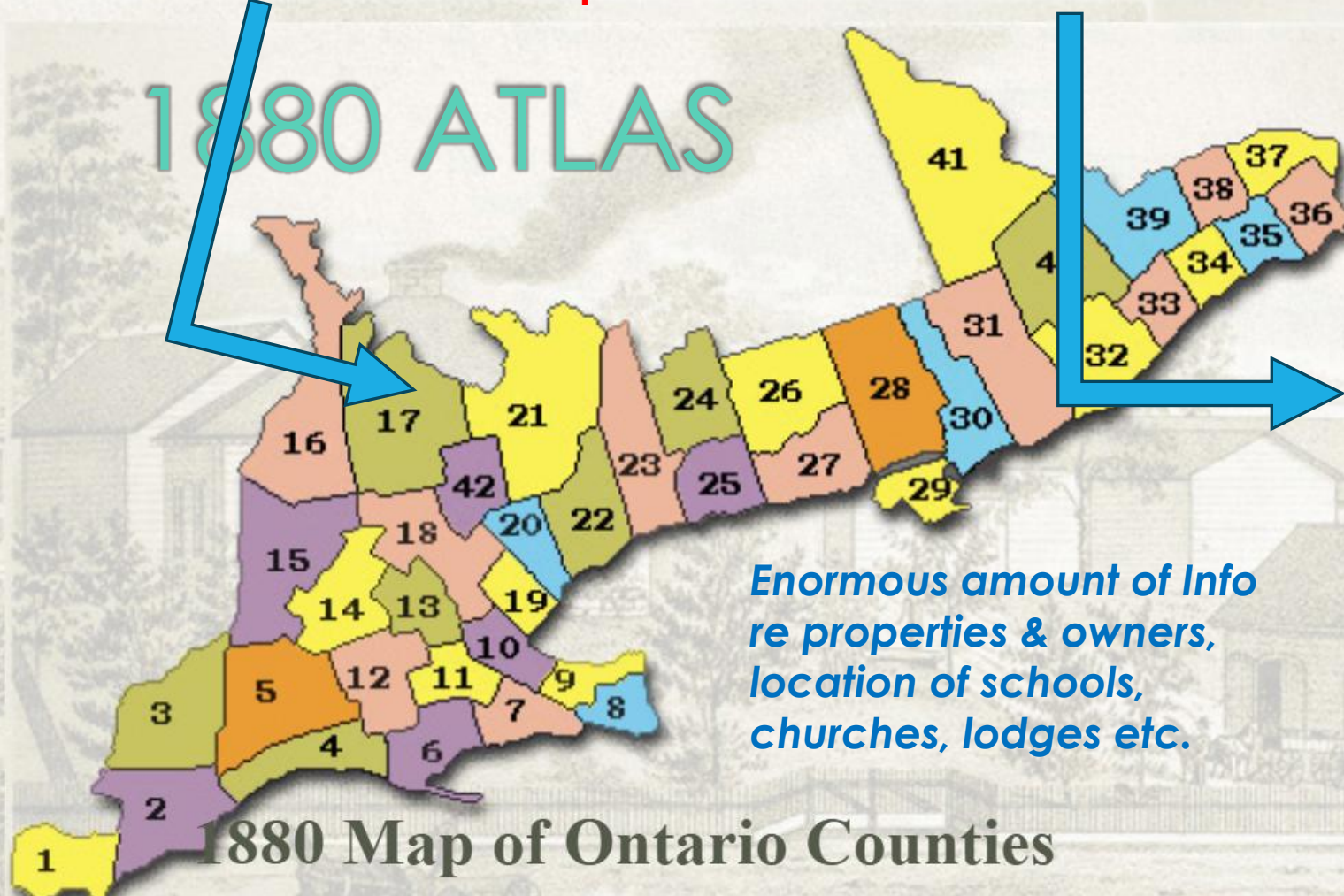
[Click here to generate index of people](#)

Choose a County ▾ Choose a Township ▾ Choose a Town ▾ Get Map

Ontario Map

Click on the map area OR click on the name

1880 ATLAS



*Enormous amount of Info
re properties & owners,
location of schools,
churches, lodges etc.*

Brant County 11
Bruce County 16
Carleton County 39
Dufferin County 42
Dundas County 34
Durham County 25
Elgin County 4
Essex County 1
Frontenac County 31
Glengarry County 36
Grenville County 33
Grey County 17
Haldimand County 7
Halton County 19
Hastings County 28
Huron County 15
Kent County 2
Lambton County 3
Lanark County 40
Leeds County 32
Lennox and Addington County 30
Lincoln County 9

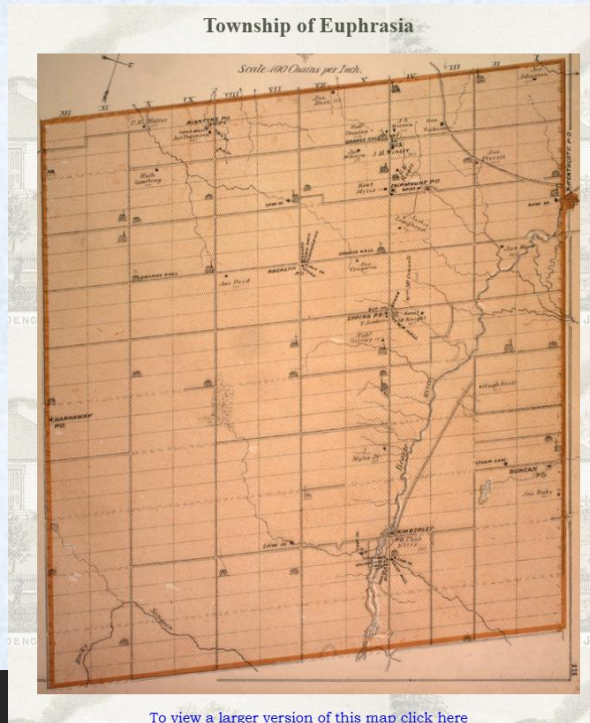
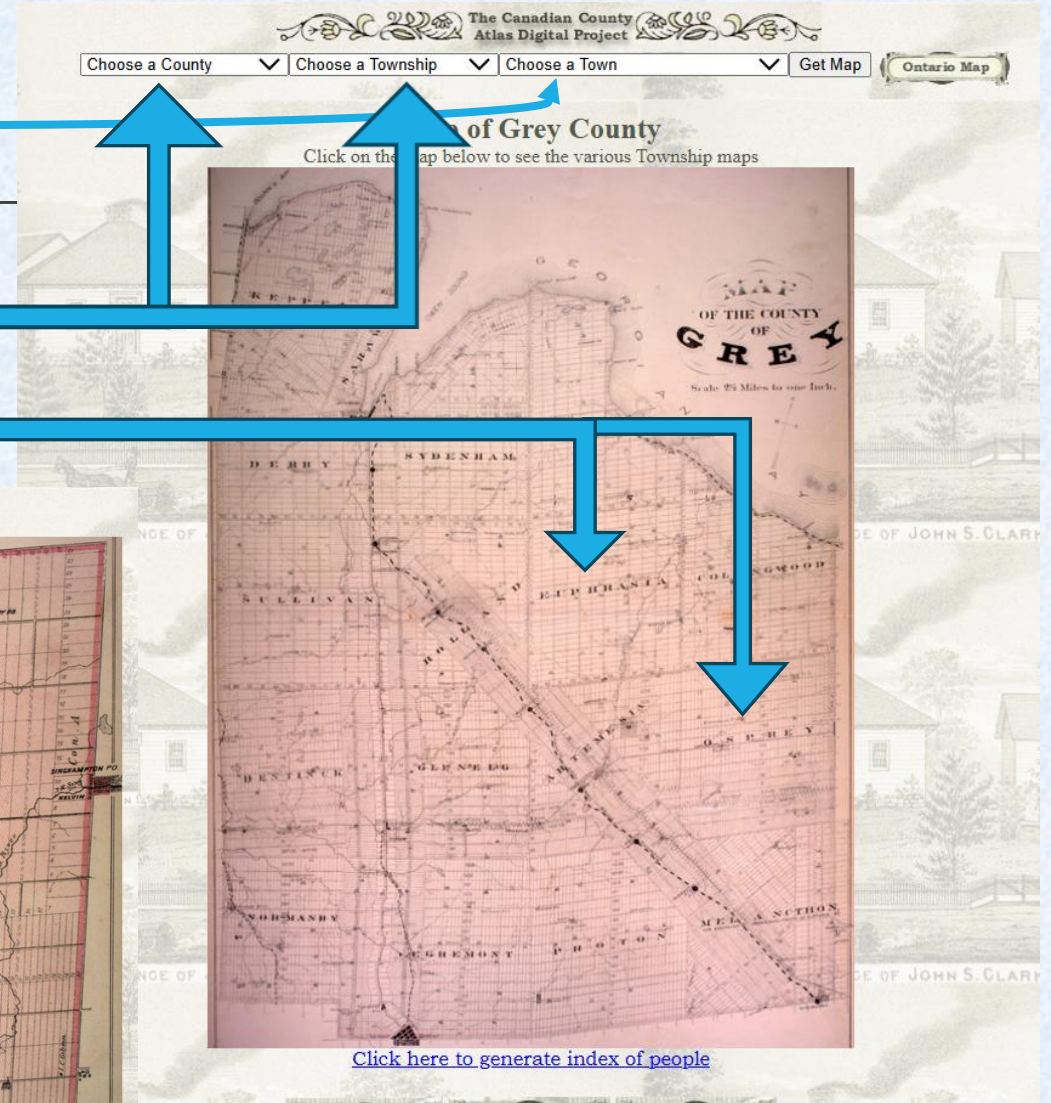
Middlesex County 5
Norfolk County 6
Northumberland County 27
Ontario County 23
Oxford County 12
Peel County 20
Perth County 14
Peterborough County 26
Prescott County 37
Prince Edward County 29
Renfrew County 41
Russell County 38
Simcoe County 21
Stormont County 35
Victoria County 24
Waterloo County 13
Welland County 8
Wellington County 18
Wentworth County 10
York County 22

<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>

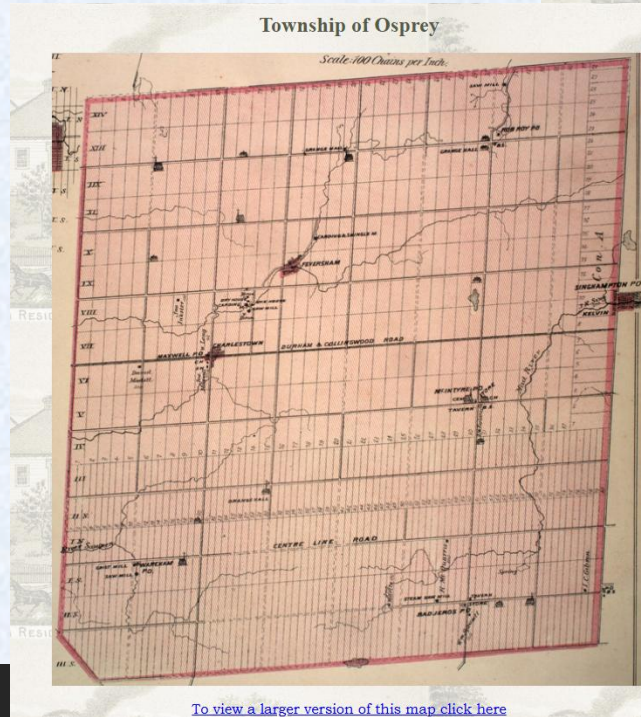
Finding YOUR municipality:

(only larger towns have maps on list)

- Drop down list for county or township
- Click on township 



[To view a larger version of this map click here](#)



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Original lot & conc might help research more than Current lot addresses

Digital lot # across top

Roman # concessions down sides

Pertinent historic info at first glance

Markdale: half was over original border

Eugenia: planned larger before RR & lake

Salem Church: no longer there, only cemetery

Angled section due Hwy 10 = back lot lines

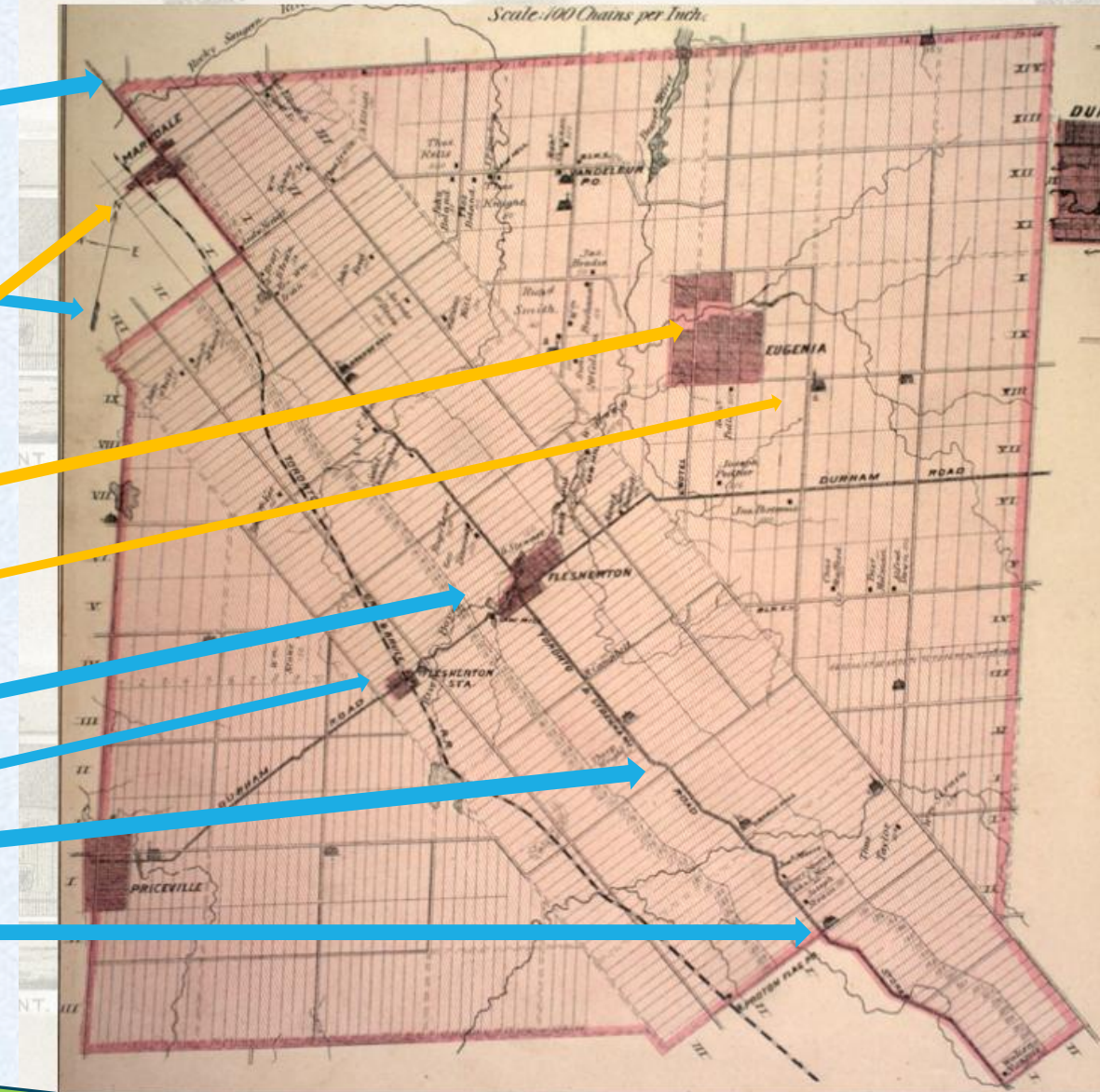
Hamlets in darker background colour

Railroads dotted line, stations marked

Roads darker than lot lines

Schools: of interest if still there?

Click to enlarge a portion

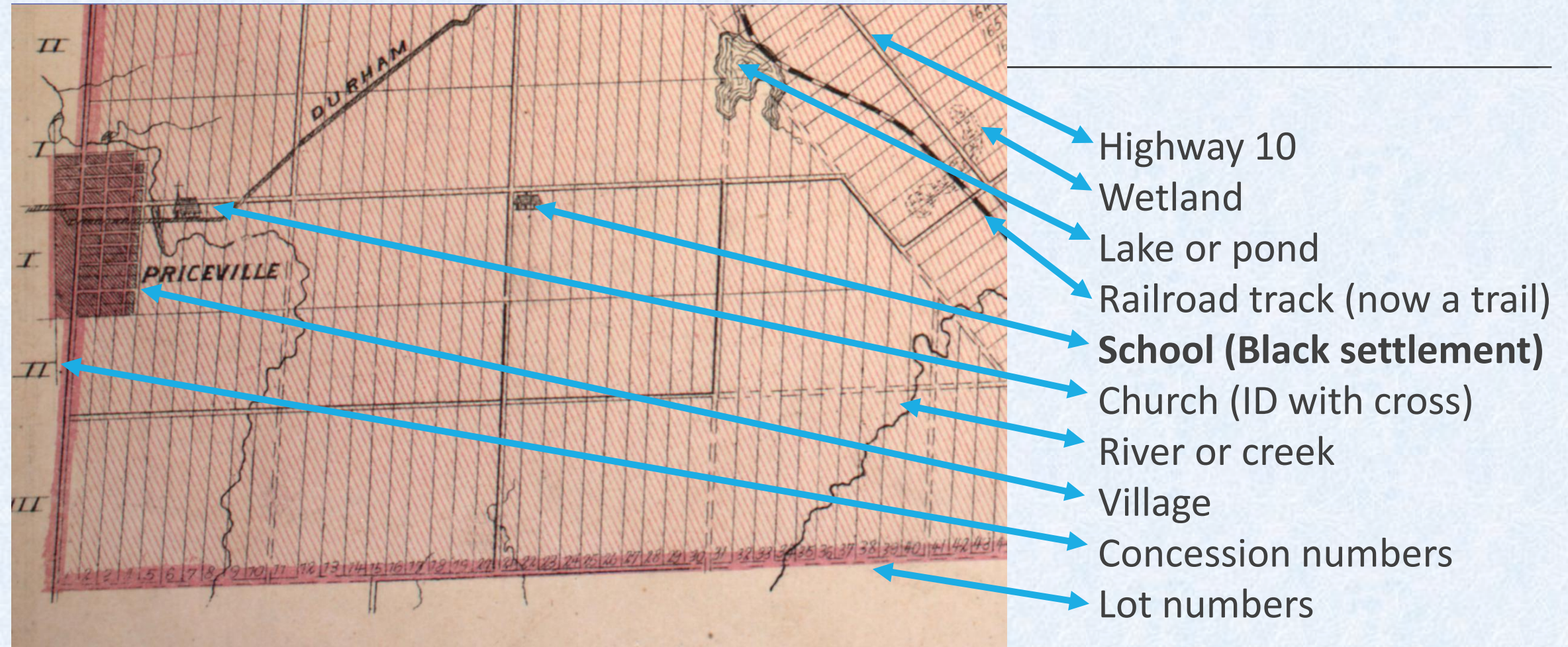


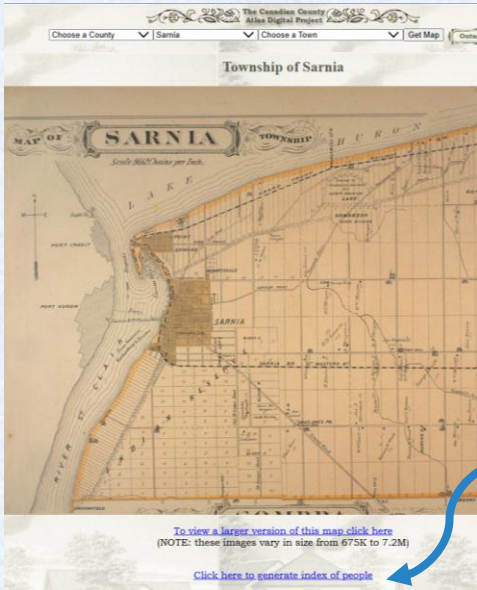
[To view a larger version of this map click here](#)
(NOTE: these images vary in size from 675K to 7.2M)

[Click here to generate index of people](#)

Click any area of twp. map for enlarged view

area shown is bottom left corner of Artemesia Twp map (important Black settlement - more research to come)





Pottenger	Sylvia V.	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	School teacher	England	GO
Re: PROCTOR OF JOHN S. CLARK, CAMDEN	George A.	FARM RES: Lambton	Sarnia ONT.	FARM RES: Sarnia	Builder; Contractor; Former Councillor	Lambton Co., Ontario, Canada	GO ONT.
Rauthier	J.	Lambton	Sarnia	Point Edward	Carpenter; Builder	New York, United States	GO
Reilly	Robert	Lambton	Sarnia	Point Edward	Steamboat engineer	Ireland	GO
Reynolds	L.	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	Dealer in fancy goods	England	GO
Rodey	John	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	Contractor	Scotland	GO
Russell	John	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	Brewer and maltster		GO
Simpson	John D.	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	Farmer; Government Road Inspector	Scotland	GO
Sinclair	John	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	County Registrar		GO
Sinclair	William	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	Principal of High School		GO
Sisson	Alfred	Lambton	Sarnia	Sarnia	General blacksmith	Manvers Tp., Durham Co., Canada	GO

drop down list of names from county map
For more info choose GO beside a name
If map location available, button will activate

The Canadian County Atlas Digital Project

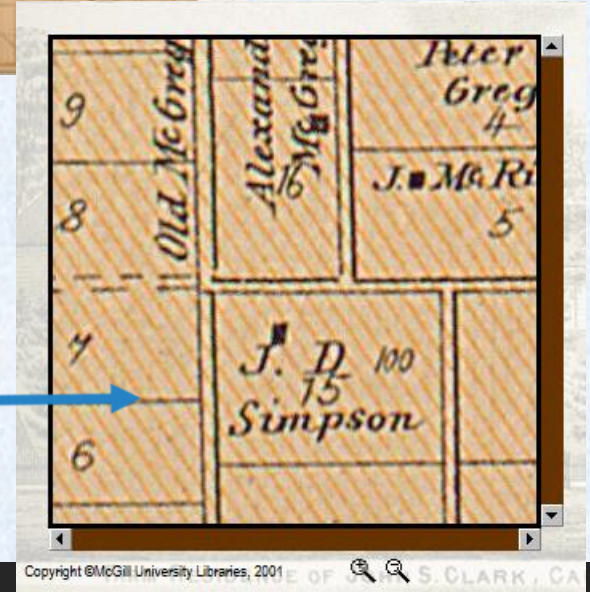
Full record for Simpson, John D.

Last Name	Simpson
First Name	John D.
Nativity	Scotland
Business	Farmer; Government Road Inspector
Year Settled	1860
Township	Sarnia
County	Lambton
Source Date	b. 1830
Atlas Date	1880

Concession and Lot	Lot size
IR-A, 15	100

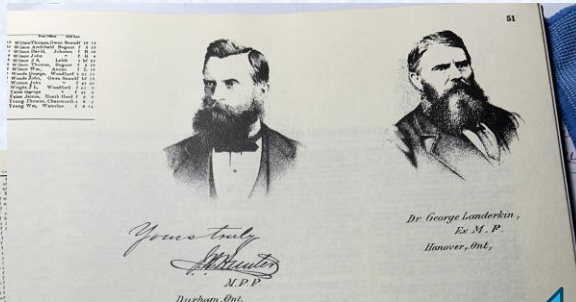
FARM RESIDENCE OF JOHN S. CLARK, CAMDEN TWP. ONT.

IR-A, 15:



not all owners listed digitally - need print copy to search

Printed Lists in Physical Atlas



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Digital name search gives info for paid subscribers

Print atlas also lists ALL owners w. Conc & Lot #

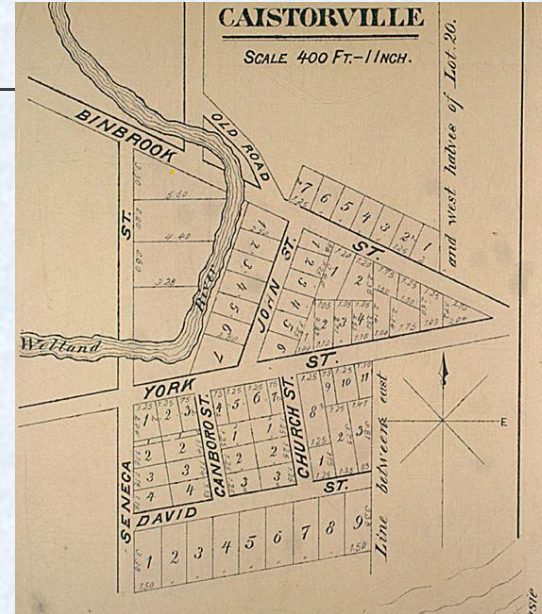
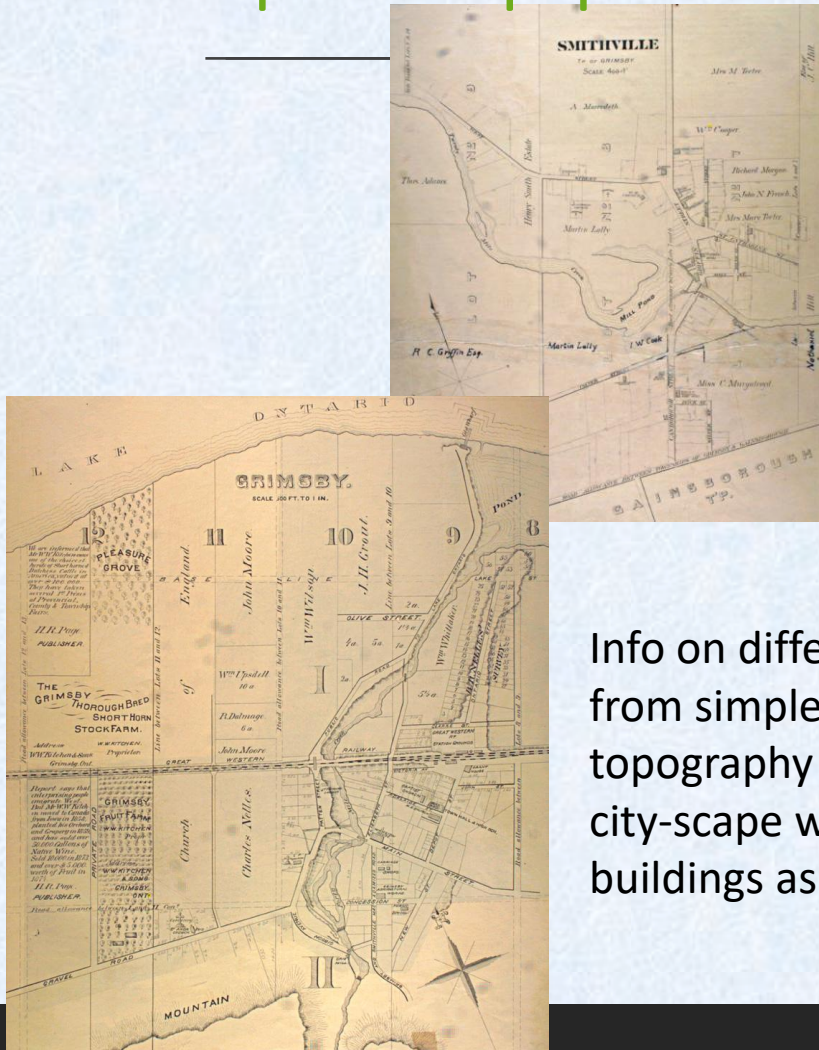
James Handy (gravestone from Black cemetery) lot location found on list

If you only have conc & lot #, visually reverse search the numbers to find 1880 owner: (R) conc 5 lot 38 = Hemphill

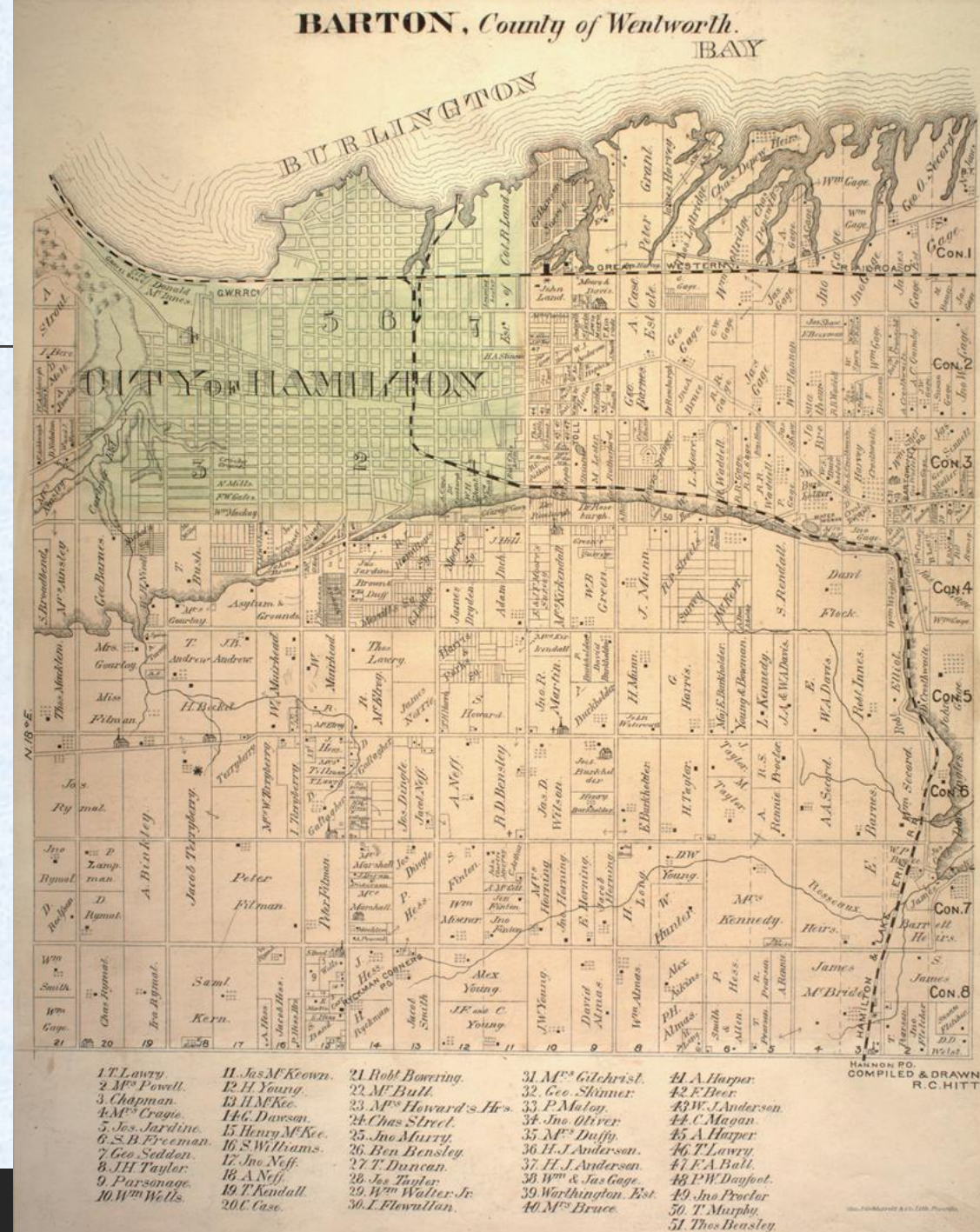


Gott Wm, Dundalk f 1 210	Lodlow John " f 2 210	Moore
Graham David, Vandeleur f 13 21	Lodlow Richard " f 1 201	Moore
Graham Elizabeth " f 14 21	Lodlow Thomas " f 1 195	Moore
Graham John, Port Arthur f 1 21	Ludlow W H, Proton Stat f 3 3	Man
Graham J I, Vandeleur f 11 21	Lyons Alexander, Markdale f 1 36	Man
Grainger Thos, Flesherston f 3 133	Lyons Charles, Proton Stat f 2 188	Man
Gray W N, Priceville t 3 24	Lyons John " f 2 183	Mul
Gregston Thomas, Eugenia f 13 30	McArthur Alex, Priceville f N 9	Mul
Guy Thomas, Maxwell f N 78	McArthur Alexander " f 1 2	Mul
Hadden Thomas, Vandeleur f 14 14	McArthur Archibald " f 1 2	Mul
Hales Elizabeth, Flesherston f 2 172	McArthur Colin " t N 6	Mul
Hales John " f 1 2	McArthur Donald " f 1 2	Mul
Halfpenny Jacob, Priceville f 1 2	McArthur D C " f 1 2	Mul
Hambley Wm, Eugenia f N 36	McArthur Hugh " f 1 2	Mul
Hames Wm, Inistoga f 1 121	McArthur John " f 1 2	Mul
Handy James, Flesherston f 2 180	McArthur John " f 1 2	Mul
Hanley W C, Eugenia f 1 2	McArthur L " f 1 2	Mul
Hannah A, Flesherston Stat f 1 2	McArthur Mary Flesherston f 1 2	Mul
Hargrave H J, Flesherston f 6 37	McArthur Thomas " f 1 2	Mul
Harrison John " f 1 168	McAuley John, Priceville f 1 2	Mul
Harrow David, Priceville f 4 2	McAuley Walter " f 1 2	Mul
Hawk George, Flesherston f 1 2	McCaless Alexander " f 1 2	Mul
Hawk H A " f 1 2	McCallum S, Flesherston f 1 2	Mul
Hawkins Joseph, Eugenia f 1 2	McConnell Neil, Priceville f 1 2	Mul
Hawkins Robert " f 1 2	McCormack J, Flesherston f 1 2	Mul
Hayes Garret, Priceville f 1 2	McCormack W J, Markdale f 1 2	Mul
Hazard J, Flesherston Stat f 1 2	McDonald Angus, Priceville f 1 2	Mul
Hazard John " f 1 2	McDonald Daniel " f 1 2	Mul
Heard J H, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald Donald " f 1 2	Mul
Heath Wm, Vandeleur f 1 2	McDonald John, Eugenia f 1 2	Mul
Hemphill Jas, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald Hector, Priceville f 1 2	Mul
Hemphill R J, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald Joseph " f 1 2	Mul
Hemphill W H " f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul
Henderson David, Priceville f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul
Henderson Jos, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald Wm " f 1 2	Mul
Henderson J W, Toronto f 1 2	McDonald John " f 1 2	Mul
Henderson Sam, Priceville f 1 2	McDonald James " f 1 2	Mul
Henderson W J, Wareham f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul
Henry Alex, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald Wm " f 1 2	Mul
Henry Jervis, Markdale f 1 2	McDonald John " f 1 2	Mul
Henry John " f 1 2	McDonald James " f 1 2	Mul
Henry Michael, Priceville f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul
Henry Thomas, Flesherston f 1 2	McDonald John " f 1 2	Mul
Heppburn James, Eugenia f 1 2	McDonald James " f 1 2	Mul
Heppburn May " f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul
Hickling Jonathan " f 1 2	McDonald John " f 1 2	Mul
Hill James, Markdale f 1 2	McDonald M " f 1 2	Mul

Town maps accessed from atlas can give early map of properties developed by 1881:
<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>



Info on different town maps will vary from simple as above, to names plus topography at left, to very complex city-scape with owners, usages and buildings as visible for 1881 Hamilton



You have an owner name from the atlas (or elsewhere)
Got the lot & other info for that person including arrival date
Link at bottom showed map location – need to know more?

Next stop? 1871 or 1881 census

The Canadian County Atlas Digital Project

Full record for Pedlar, Joesph

Last Name	Pedlar
First Name	Joesph
Dates	b. 1831
Nativity	England
Business	Farmer
Year Settled	1856
Post Office	Eugenia
Township	Artemesia
County	Grey
Atlas Date	1880

Concession and Lot	Lot size
VII, 27	216

VII, 27: [Locate on Map](#)

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Canada Census

- Click this button to begin an actual search
- Click any of the pictures for helpful information on what is in that segment and how to activate it

Information about historic owners & descendants:
birthplace/nationality, age, gender, ethnicity, occupation, all family members (can help trace progenitors and/or descendants)

Information about lot, location, neighboring properties:
population listed with other owners of property on that street (help you build community profile, find missing names)

Main link: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/censuses/Pages/censuses.aspx>

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Census records

Census returns are official records that count the country's population. They are an invaluable source of information for researchers.

Search the censuses



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Help for researchers to learn about different kinds of census records



[Early census and related documents, 1640 to 1945](#)
A guide to early census and related documents found at LAC



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Census records taken before Confederation



[Dominion of Canada, 1871 to 1931](#)
National censuses taken after Confederation



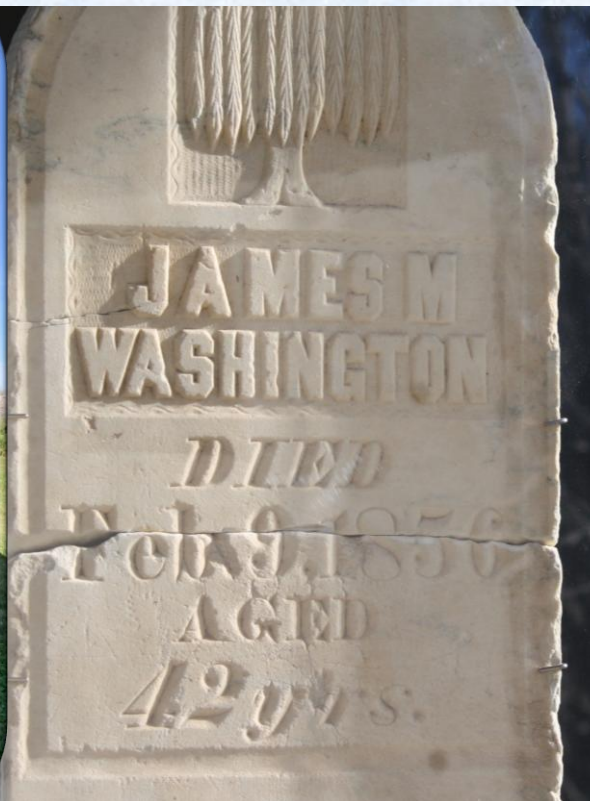
[Prairie Provinces Census, 1870-1926](#)
A closer look at the development of the prairies

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Library and Archives Canada

Old Durham Rd Black Pioneer Cemetery

how census information helped research heritage designation



Black settlement of refugees from slavery est. late 1840s. By 1880, most farms had been “taken over” by Scottish settlers.

Cemetery with approx. 100 Black graves was abandoned 1880's. 1930's stones removed, graveyard ploughed over for potatoes.

1990's restoration found 5 stones on site, now in monument on the designated historic site.

PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. 1 Township OF

Names of Inmates.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence if out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	
						Male.	Female.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. John Brown		U. S. State	Methodist	X	40		
2. Mary Brown		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		7		
3. Hannah Brown		"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
4. Susan Brown		"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
5. Benjamin Brown	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		12		
6. Charlotte Brown		"	2 nd 2 nd		3		
7. William Brown		"	2 nd 2 nd		1		
8. Susan Brown		"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
9. Henry Brady		U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	37		
10. Benjamin Brady		"	2 nd 2 nd		15		
11. John Brady	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		14		
12. James Brady	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		17		
13. John Brady	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
14. Rebecca Brady		"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
15. William Brady		U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	50		
16. John Brady		"	2 nd 2 nd		57		
17. Catherine Johnson	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		21		
18. Susan Johnson		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		16		
19. James Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		13		
20. Elizabeth Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		50		
21. Susan Johnson	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd		55		
22. Sarah Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		12		
23. James Johnson	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		53		
24. John Johnson	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd		55		
25. William Johnson	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		54		
26. Sarah Johnson	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd	X	31		
27. William Johnson	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd	X	23		
28. Benjamin Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd	X	1		
29. Susan Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd	X	47		
30. James Johnson	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	40		
31. Elizabeth Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
32. Sarah Johnson	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		16		
33. William Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
34. Charles Johnson		"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
35. Benjamin Johnson	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	27		
36. John Black		"	2 nd 2 nd	X	24		
37. Mary Black	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		2		
38. John Black	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		11		
39. Sarah Black	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	34		
40. James Black	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd	X	34		
41. Susan Black		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		12		
42. Sarah Black		"	2 nd 2 nd		7		
43. Mary Black		"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
44. Benjamin Black		"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
45. William Black	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	47		
46. James Black	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd	X	45		
47. Charlotte Black	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		30		
48. James Black	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		16		
49. Charlotte Black		"	2 nd 2 nd		15		
50. Susan Black		"	2 nd 2 nd				

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Jonathan Coffey	Laborer	U. S. State	Methodist	X	40		
2. Rebecca Coffey		"	2 nd 2 nd		21		
3. Sarah Coffey		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		7		
4. John Coffey	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
5. William Coffey		"	2 nd 2 nd		3		
6. Sarah Coffey		"	2 nd 2 nd		1		
7. John Coffey	Black Smith	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	73		
8. Sarah Coffey		"	2 nd 2 nd		46		
9. Joseph Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		10		
10. Benjamin Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		14		
11. David Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	31		
12. Sarah Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		27		
13. Thomas Smith	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		11		
14. Sarah Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		7		
15. David Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
16. John Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
17. Susan Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	51		
18. William Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		45		
19. Rebecca Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		17		
20. Sarah Smith	Laborer	Canada	2 nd 2 nd		11		
21. Susan Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		6		
22. William Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		1		
23. Sarah Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		1		
24. John Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	21		
25. Susan Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		35		
26. Sarah Smith		England	2 nd 2 nd	X	16		
27. William Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		10		
28. Sarah Smith	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		12		
29. John Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		11		
30. Susan Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		7		
31. William Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		4		
32. James Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
33. George Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		16		
34. John Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	42		
35. Sarah Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
36. James Smith	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		10		
37. John Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		13		
38. William Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		3		
39. Susan Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		1		
40. Benjamin Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd	X	11		
41. Sarah Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	30		
42. John Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		6		
43. William Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		15		
44. Sarah Smith		U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd		35		
45. William Smith	Laborer	"	2 nd 2 nd		20		
46. Benjamin Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		5		
47. William Smith		Canada	2 nd 2 nd		4		
48. Benjamin Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		2		
49. Susan Smith	Laborer	U. S. State	2 nd 2 nd	X	20		
50. William Smith		"	2 nd 2 nd		15		

PERSONAL CENSUS—ENUMERATION DISTRICT, No. 16 Township OF

Names of Inmates.	Profession, Trade or Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Religion.	Residence if out of limits.	Age next birth day.	Sex.	
						Male.	Female.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ellen Hardy		Canada	Methodist		13		
Mary Hardy		"	"		9		
John Hardy	Laborer	"	"		7		
Charles Hardy	Laborer	"	"		5		
William Hardy	Laborer	"	"		3		
Harriet Hardy		"	"		1		
James Hardy	Laborer	U. S. State	Methodist	X	81		
Henry Washington	Laborer	U. S. State	Methodist		40		
John Washington		"	"		24		
Mary Washington	Laborer	Canada	"		8		
Benjamin Washington	Laborer	"	"		6		
Philip Washington		"	"		4		
19					15		

Black Community near Priceville

WHAT TO LEARN from LISTS?

1851: 114 Black residents - this is 14% of total population!

Eldest child born Canada helps target arrival time from US

Compare names to 1861 & 1871 for births, deaths & properties now owned by Scottish

Census Search Info to Find:

age, birthplace/nationality, occupation,
religious affiliation, all residents of property

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/index>

- Choose year & an accurate name – last name only is safest way to get results
- Limit with province, county, town(ship)
- If no record for person, check for another family nearby in that area as name might be misspelled
- as a last resort - first name gives lots of choices but might render the family you are seeking

Census search

Search the census returns from 1825 to 1931. For search tips and more information see [Census records](#).

[Advanced search](#)

When
Choose one or more

☐ All Census years	☐ All preconfederation	☐ All Dominion of Canada	☐ All prairies
☐ 1825 (Lower Canada)	☐ 1825 (Lower Canada)	☐ 1871 (Ontario)	☐ 1870 (Manitoba)
☐ 1831 (Lower Canada)	☐ 1871	☐ 1881	☐ 1906 (Northwest Provinces)
☐ 1842 (Canada East)	☐ 1881	☐ 1891	☐ 1916 (Prairies)
☐ 1842 (Canada West)	☐ 1891	☐ 1901	☐ 1926 (Prairies)
☒ 1851	☐ 1901	☐ 1911	
☐ 1861	☐ 1911	☐ 1921	
	☐ 1921	☐ 1931	

Who

Some information was written or transcribed with errors. [Use wildcards](#), such as the asterisk (*) and question mark (?) to search for spelling variations.

First name:

Last name:

Age: [Set range](#)

Year of birth: [Set range](#)

[More](#)

Where
Choose one or more

☐ All provinces and territories	☐ Alberta	☐ Ontario	☐ Lower Canada (Quebec)
☐ British Columbia	☐ Prince Edward Island	☐ Upper Canada (Ontario)	☐ Canada East (Quebec)
☐ Manitoba	☐ Quebec	☒ Canada West (Ontario)	☐ The Territories
☐ New Brunswick	☐ Saskatchewan		
☐ Northwest Territories	☐ Yukon		
☐ Nova Scotia			

Place:

[Less](#)

District name:

District number:

Sub-district name:

Sub-district number:

Division:

Census Search results:

Gabriel Black / donated school Old Durham Rd Black settlement

Last name only will list access to entire family and any others in that area with same name

Use the age and/or first name to find “head of household” or person you seek. Click link

If all 4 these are members of the same family, they will be listed together on the census page

The screenshot shows a web interface for searching census records. At the top, there are filter boxes with the following criteria: Found in: Census, Census year(s): 1851, Last name: Black, Province: Canada West (Ontario), District name: Grey (county), and Sub-district name: Artemesia. Below the filters, there are tabs for 'Limited to', 'All', 'Archives', 'Genealogy', 'Library', and 'Images'. The 'Genealogy' tab is selected. The results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 'Showing 1 - 5 of 5 results'. The results list five entries, each with a thumbnail image of a census page and a link to the full record. The entries are for Black, Elsey; Black, Gabriel; Black, Gabriel; Black, Peter; and Black, Sarah. Each entry includes the census year (1851), age, province (Canada West (Ontario)), district (Grey (county)), and sub-district (Artemesia). A blue arrow points from the text 'Click link' to the link icon in the first result entry.

Filters

Found in: Census X Census year(s): 1851 X Last name: Black X Province: Canada West (Ontario) X District name: Grey (county) X Sub-district name: Artemesia X

Limited to All Archives Genealogy Library Images

Showing 1 - 5 of 5 results Sort by: Relevance Per page: 25

1 [Black, Elsey](#)
Genealogy / Census
Census
Census year: 1851
Age: 22 years
Province: Canada West (Ontario)
District: Grey (county)
Sub-district: Artemesia

2 [Black, Gabriel](#)
Genealogy / Census
Census
Census year: 1851
Province: Canada West (Ontario)
District: Grey (county)
Sub-district: Artemesia

3 [Black, Gabriel](#)
Genealogy / Census
Census
Census year: 1851
Age: 29 years
Province: Canada West (Ontario)
District: Grey (county)
Sub-district: Artemesia

4 [Black, Peter](#)
Genealogy / Census
Census
Census year: 1851
Age: 9 years
Province: Canada West (Ontario)
District: Grey (county)
Sub-district: Artemesia

5 [Black, Sarah](#)
Genealogy / Census
Census
Census year: 1851
Age: 2 years
Province: Canada West (Ontario)
District: Grey (county)
Sub-district: Artemesia

Gabriel Black & family – search of multiple records

34	Martha Simon		D ^o	D ^o " D ^o		29	/	
35	Reannah Simon		16 " Sister	D ^o " D ^o	X	22	/	
36	Gabriel Black	Farmer	D ^o " D ^o	D ^o " D ^o	X	9	/	
37	Elsey Black		Canada	D ^o " D ^o		2	/	
38	Peter Black	Labourer	D ^o	D ^o " D ^o		10	/	
39	Sarah Black		16 " Sister	D ^o " D ^o	X	34	/	
40	James Jackson	Farmer	D ^o " D ^o	D ^o " D ^o	X	12	/	

13	Donald Gilles		U Canada	Brito		2	/	
14	Gabriel Black		U States	None		39	/	
15	Elsey B. Black		Brito	None		27	/	
16	Elizabeth Black		U Canada	"		11	/	
17	Evangeline Black		U C	"		5	/	
18	Mary Ann Black		U C	"		3	/	

85	Waters Richard M	1	Ont.	Mrs. Mott	English			
86	91 Black Labine M	4/	U.S.	"	African			
-	" Evangel F	15	Ont.	Newborn M. Mott	"			
-	" Mary A F	13	"	"	"			
-	" Laura F	8	"	"	"			
-	" Anne F	4	"	"	"			
-	" Catharine F	2	"	"	"			
-	86 92 Jones Beverly M	40	U.S.	W. England	"			
-	Compton Mary	4	Scotland	Pushy U Canada	Scotch			
-	" " "	7	U.S.	U. England	African			

1851: Gabriel 29 & Elsey 22 shown born in US. (9-year-old Peter born UC so they arrived here prior to 1840 - probably the Guelph area Black settlement)

1861: Elsey shown age 27 so one of the two is wrong (maybe both). Peter 19 not listed – he may have died or possibly moved out. Sarah 2 from 1851 is now Elizabeth 11. 2 more kids age 5 & 3.

1871: Elizabeth has left. 3 more kids age 8, 4, & 2. Elsey not listed – likely passed away after birth of last baby. **ALL family members are now identified as African** which means they are unable to vote

1881: no listings anywhere for Gabriel

Fawcett Families 1861/1891 ➡

Original names		Place	Year	Age		
Richard Ellison		nc				27
Robt. Brewcatt	Yoman	Ireland	1844	W. M.		6
Elizabeth Brewcatt		Ireland	1844	W. M.		40
Edna Brewcatt		nc		W. M.		37
Sarah Jane Brewcatt		nc				14
James Brewcatt		nc				12
Wm. Brewcatt		nc				10
John Brewcatt		nc				7
Robt. Alex. Brewcatt		nc				4
Priscilla Brewcatt		nc				2
Thos. Holmes		L. C.		C. C.		1
Pat Brewcatt		Ireland	1850	C. C.		7
Sarah Brewcatt		Ireland	1850	C. C.		72
Priscilla Brewcatt	Yoman	Ireland		C. C.		67
W. Boston Simon		Engl	1860	W. M.		21

W ^o	Age	Offic	Full Name	Sex	Age	W ^o	Religion	Province	Place	Religion
W ^o 57	57	Jamett	Charles	M	74	W ^o	Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
W ^o 60	60	Jamett	Robert	M	38	M	Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			Christina	F	41	M	Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			Charles W	M	18		Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			John A	M	16		Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			Richard S	M	9		Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			Ellet B R	M	6		Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist
			Peter A L	M	4		Irish	Canada West (Ontario)	Euphrasia	Methodist

▼ Filters

Census year(s): 1851 Last name: Fawcett Province: Canada West (Ontario) Place: Euphrasia

Found in: Census

All Archives **Genealogy** Library Images

1 Your search returned 0 results

1851

ADA, 1891.

Province of Ontario

District No. 67 Gray East

E. D

SCHEDULE No. 1.—Nominal Return of the Living. Enumerated by me on the 13 day of

TABLEAU No. 1.—Dénombrement des Vivants. Enuméré par moi ce _____ jour de _____ 1891.

OF VISITATION.		NAMES.	SEX.	AGE.	Married or Widowed.	Relation to Head of Family.	Country or Province of Birth.	French Canadians.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	RELIGION.
House or Isolated.	Family.										
OF THE VISITOR.		NOMS.	SEX.	AGE.	Marié ou en Veuvage.	Lien de parenté avec le Chef de Famille.	Pays ou Province de Naissance.	Conditions Français.	Lieu de Naissance du Père.	Lieu de Naissance de la Mère.	RELIGION.
Maison Isolée.	Famille.										
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		4978 Fancott Isabella	F	2	—	D	at	—	ant	ant	Methodist
		Chiam S	M	4 1/2	—	S	"	"	"	"	"

SOLVING A MYSTERY: A large Fawcett family had emigrated to Upper Canada from Ireland with several grown, married children in the 1940s. However, in designating a Fawcett property, one of two adjacent farms settled in Euphrasia township by the parents and one of their sons, **THERE WAS NO 1851 CENSUS RECORD**. From 1861, 71, 81 and on to 1891, records clearly document the continuous habitation of the older parents, as well as the gap of 20 years when the son's property was rented out after the death of Elizabeth, then re-settled by grandson.

No Fawcetts 1851 ??

- 1861 census shows adjacent 150-acre farms on same road settled by James Fawcett Sr and his 31-year-old son Charles
- 1881 Atlas lists 5 Fawcett: Conc 1 lot 12 (Duncan) is the one we want
- You know they were there 1851 but no census records ??
- Modify the search for 1851 using just a first name or a neighbor
- VOILA! 1851 spelling **Faussett**
- Country of birth, age and birth dates starts to spell out family history continued on to 1861 ...

▼ Filters

Census year(s): 1851 ✕ Last name: Fawcett ✕ Province: Canada West (Ontario) ✕ Place: Euphrasia ✕
Found in: Census ✕

All

Archives

Genealogy

Library

Images

! Your search returned 0 results

Census year(s): 1851 ✕ Last name: Faussett ✕ Province: Canada West (Ontario) ✕ Place: Euphrasia ✕
Found in: Census ✕

Limited to

All

Archives

Genealogy

Library

Images

Census year(s):

Showing 1 - 14 of 14 results

Sort by: Relevance

1851 (14) ✕

Province:

25	Farding James	"	f	9	10	K
21	Fawcett Alex, Kimberley	f	5	6		R
6	Fawcett Charles, Duncan	f	1	12		R
5	Fawcett Irwin, Kimberley	f	9	5		R
6	Fawcett John	"	f	5	6	R
2	Fawcett Joseph, Heathcote	f	1	19		R
26	Fawcett J M, Kimberley	f	5	5		R
18	Fawcett J R	"	f	5	5	R
6	Fawcett Robert, Duncan	f	1	12		R
7	Fawcett Robert, Heathcote	f	1	19		R
7	Fawcett Wm	"	f	1	19	R

1	Elizabeth Faussett	Ireland	Church of England	X	27
2	Edward Faussett	Albion	"	✓	5
3	Sarah Faussett	"	"	✓	3
4	James Faussett	"	"	✓	1
5	James Faussett	Ireland	do	✓	60
6	Sarah Faussett	do	do	✓	54
7	Alfred Faussett	"	do	✓	17
8	Irwin Faussett	"	do	✓	13
9	Charles Faussett	do	do	✓	31
10	Isabella Faussett	"	do	✓	28
11	Robert Faussett	Euphrasia	do	✓	1
12	William Faussett	Ireland	do	✓	25
13	Sarah Faussett	Albion	do	✓	19
14	William Faussett	Euphrasia	do	✓	1
15	David Black	Ireland	Presbyterian	X	42
16	James Black	do	do	X	41

Useful Links: Online Research

Ontario Heritage Trust (general overview): <https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/>

Census (birthplace, occupations of historic owners & descendants): <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/research-help/genealogy-family-history/censuses/Pages/censuses.aspx>

Architecture (architects/styles): <http://www.dictionaryofarchitectsincanada.org/>
<https://www.ontarioarchitecture.com/> ~ <https://www.therealtydeal.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Heritage-Resource-Centre-Achitectural-Styles-Guide.pdf>

1880 Atlas (maps, pictures, owner names. Locate churches & halls: <https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>

Fire Maps: (building size, materials & usage) <https://www.lib.uwo.ca/madgic/fipon.html>

Cemeteries & Gravesites: https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/Canada/Ontario?id=state_830

Research Workshops for owners and the public to learn about:

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- The collage features a variety of historical materials. At the top left is a detailed historical map of Peterborough, Ontario, from 1894, showing streets like Mary, Peter, and Sydenham, and landmarks like the Collingwood Hotel. To the right is a screenshot of the 'In Search of Your Canadian Past' website, which includes a search bar, project overview, and county atlases. Below the map is a photograph of a group of people, likely a school fair in Faversham, 1930. To the right of the photograph is a photograph of a bookshelf filled with local history books, including 'The Ancestral Roof', 'The Crossroads of Grey - Markdale, Ont.', and 'History of The Township of Osprey'. At the bottom left is a photograph of a historical deed document dated December 31, 1867, signed by Mark Armstrong and Mark Richardson.

How to use DESIGNATION template: note: erase this page when document finished

1. EITHER Immediately change the file name to ID the building in conformity with your municipal register file name OR open a new document and paste what you want to use.
2. change footer to comply with building name, date prepared (change after later edits)
3. add information in all categories, erasing unneeded text as you go
4. **Adjectives used for description:**
 - a. Use accurate descriptives that clarify items like the style, type, quality or design features e.g. ornate, simple, elaborate, rare, typical, well-crafted
 - b. Avoid adjectives that express opinion e.g. beautiful, ugly, spectacular, unattractive
5. **To define heritage criteria:**
 - a. excerpt and use applicable wording from the Ontario Heritage Act criteria as listed below – not all options will apply so only use the applicable text.
 - b. Important RE #s 7-9: carefully describe location of landmarks or other community contextual value to protect property from adverse effects of nearby development
6. **To itemize protected heritage attributes:**
 - a. Preface each list with which type of criteria the listed attributes demonstrate
 - b. make sure you list everything you want protected from demolition or change – otherwise it is NOT protected under the designation
 - c. If pertinent, include the need to preserve actual location on lot or street
7. **Diagrams & pictures: optional but beneficial**
 - a. DO include as suggested for municipal bylaw
 - b. Send that version with bylaw for provincial designation registration
 - c. FOR REGISRTY ON TITLE: copy the document and re name it, then erase all diagrams & pictures

DESIGNATED PROPERTY must meet two or more of the following criteria for determining whether it is of cultural heritage value or interest:

The property has design value or physical value because

1. It is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method.
2. It displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
3. It demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.

The property has historical value or associative value because

4. It has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to a community.
5. It yields, or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture.
6. It demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community.

The property has contextual value because

7. It is important in defining, maintaining, or supporting the character of an area.
8. It is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.
9. It is a landmark.

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TEMPLATE
RENAME & SAVE
EDIT LISTED ITEMS
W. DETAILS

Property Name (usually original owner) Year built

Street address in community

Legal description of property (from clerk)

Geographic location RE nearby intersections or landmarks

Description of property: (delete anything not applicable)

- Property: size, shape, frontage and/or area of lot
- Building: general style, size & shape, number of storeys, roof line, building and/or structural materials
- Significant external features of building like proportions, number, style or position of windows, doorways, roof line/dormers, porches, entryways, etc.
- Significant internal features such as number of rooms, layout, staircase location, fireplaces/chimney, features related to heritage design/usage that will be listed as protected attributes
- Other structures: location on lot, description of significant features as per above
- Other heritage features of property: trees, wells, ruined foundations,

Optional: MHA suggests lot diagram and/or floorplan(s) for criteria statement in bylaw. Must be removed for registry of designation on title. Insert here or delete box

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

- *Name of property* has design value or physical value because
 - insert appropriate wording from OHA then actual descriptions of style or craftsmanship in as many sentences as needed
- *Name of property* has historical value or associative value because
 - insert appropriate wording from OHA then the names of historic people or events, cultural significance or architects in as many sentences as needed
- *Name of property* has contextual value because
 - insert appropriate wording from OHA then actual descriptions of community significance or importance of landmark

Optional: MHA suggests pictures of facade and/or other heritage features in bylaw criteria statement. Must be removed for registry of designation on title. Insert here or delete box

Description of Heritage Attributes:

- Key exterior attributes that exemplify the typical and/or the unique design value of *Name of property* include:
 - Comprehensive list of all heritage features protected by the designation e.g. windows, doors, roof, wood trim, porches, brickwork, woodwork etc
- Key interior attributes that contribute to the design value of *Name of property* include:
- Key attributes that contribute to the historical or associative value:
- Key attributes that contribute to the contextual value:

Example of using OHA wording

Knarsboro Hall

built 1879 (Markdale)
by Dr. T.S. Sproule, MP

The property has design value because

1. it is a locally unique example of the Victorian Eclectic style with an elaborate 2nd Empire roof, Italianate windows, Queen Anne bays and neo-classical arched windows and doorways.

2. it displays a high degree of craftsmanship in the tri-colour brick and Italianate corbels.

The property has historical and associative value because

4. it has direct associations with Dr T.S. Sproule, an early local doctor, very active in the community and MP for 40 years, the last 7 as Speaker of the House.

6. it demonstrates the early architectural designs of Marshall B. Aylesworth, renowned for many designated heritage buildings across the province.

The property has contextual value because

8. it is physically and historically linked to its location on Main E. among other Victorian mansions of early settlers.

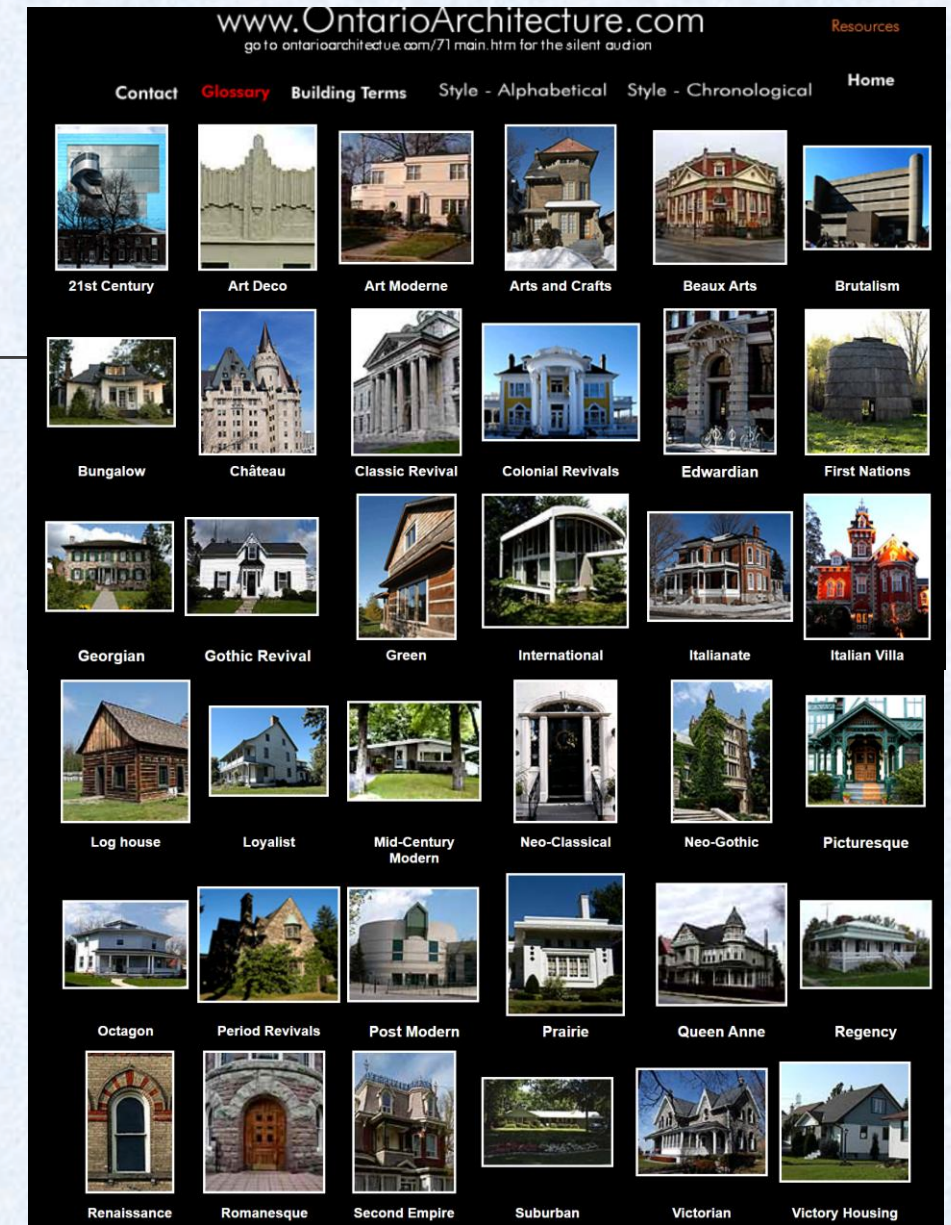
9. it is a landmark prominently located with community associations to Sproule family events and later having served as a funeral home for more than 40 years.



OHA Bylaw requirement:

Design & Physical Value

- **Architectural style:** specific or eclectic mix. Architect?
- **Attributes of specific structural features:** size & massing, quoins, vousoirs, corbels, buttresses, bays, roof design, window/door size, design, placements etc.
- **Noteworthy craftsmanship:** decorative woodwork or brickwork, carved or molded features, unusual materials etc.
- **Research:** ask local architect(s). Hundreds of books. Numerous online resources (see links, next slide #8)
- *OHA encourages inclusion of façade pix. Allowed for local bylaw & provincial registry criteria*
- **Registration on title statement: redact pix/diagrams**



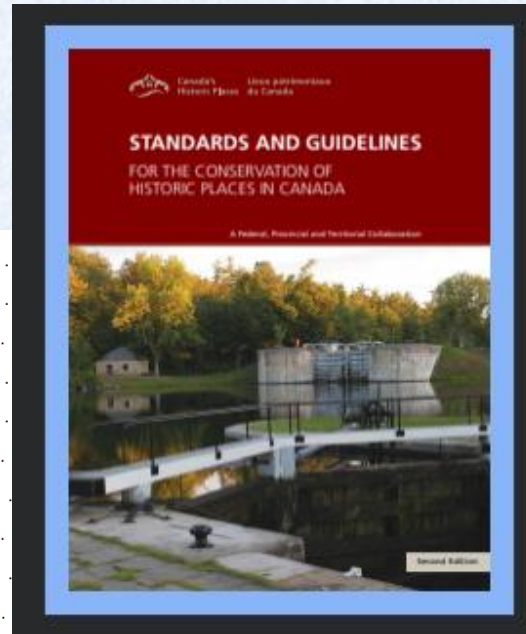
Historic Places Canada: Conservation Guidelines

<https://www.historicplaces.ca/media/18072/81468-parks-s+g-eng-web2.pdf>

- ❖ Detailed guidelines with DOs and DON'Ts for best practices RE restoration and/or preservation
- ❖ Used by many municipalities for making heritage assessments and/or decisions
- ❖ Lots of pictures/illustrations

4.3 Guidelines for Buildings

- 4.3.1 Exterior Form
- 4.3.2 Interior Arrangement
- 4.3.3 Roofs
- 4.3.4 Exterior Walls
- 4.3.5 Windows, Doors and Storefronts
- 4.3.6 Entrances, Porches and Balconies
- 4.3.7 Interior Features
- 4.3.8 Structural Systems
- 4.3.9 Mechanical and Electrical Systems



The steep copper roof of the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg is defined by a multitude of small shed- and hip-roofed dormers, highly elaborate stone dormer facades at the corners, a wealth of pinnacles and large ornate chimneys.



The Rehabilitation of the Truro Post Office, in Truro, NS included restoring its distinctive slate roof. In Rehabilitation, the replacement of missing historic features with a replica based on physical and documentary evidence, as in this project, is acceptable, as is a new design that is compatible with the heritage value of the historic place.



When restoring the former post office in Dawson, YK, the metal roofing surface, which was too deteriorated to repair, was replaced in kind. Physical evidence from the restoration period was used as a model to reproduce the characteristic standing seam detail.

Heritage Organizations:

Feel free to contact any of these resources for information and/or help

MCM	Ministry of Citizenship & Multiculturalism (Heritage)	https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-citizenship-and-multiculturalism#5
CHO	Community Heritage Ontario (support MHCs to fulfil OHA mandate)	https://www.communityheritageontario.ca/
ACO	Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (education & advocacy on issues)	https://acontario.ca/
OAHP	Ontario Association of Heritage Professionals (planners, architects)	https://cahp-acecp.ca/chapters/ontario-nunavut/
OHS	Ontario Historical Society (local branches will support MHC)	https://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/

Heritage Legislation & Links: Useful resources

OHA	Ontario Heritage Act	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18
PPS	Provincial Planning Statement	https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-10/mmah-provincial-planning-statement-en-2024-10-23.pdf heritage: sec. 4.6 p.31
	Ontario Planning Act	https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p13
	Gov Ontario Heritage Info	https://www.ontario.ca/page/heritage-ontario
	National Trust for Canada	https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/ (educational resources)
	Ontario Heritage Trust	https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/pages/tools/ontario-heritage-act-register (designated properties register)

Thank You

Questions?

Feel free to contact

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Martyrdom is for the Birds
Time to Fight for Heritage



2013 conference Midland



Grey Highlands Mayor Paul McQueen