



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming SHS Events

Upbeat and Uplifting – These two words could well describe **The Scott Woods Show** on Friday, April 26th, 2019, 7pm at the Clearview Community Church, 1070 County Road 42, Stayner, Ontario. This is a concert on behalf of **The Stayner Heritage Society**. This fast-paced two-hour concert skillfully

combines old time fiddling with country gospel songs, perennial favourites, and a generous helping of humour. You'll be treated to one of Canada's best talents – the man with the flying fingers and the magic bow – fiddling sensation, Scott Woods. Scott has performed to enthusiastic crowds throughout

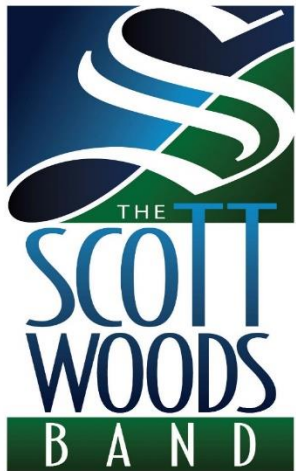
Canada, the U.S. and in Holland.

This young man has captured all the major Canadian fiddling titles, including Canadian Open Fiddle Champion, Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Champion, and Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the year. For seven years he was the musical director and played the part of Don Messer in Memories of Don Messer's Jubilee, a tribute show which has toured across the country. In addition, he has several

recordings to his credit, which will be available at the concert.

There are lots of things to watch for when Scott Woods takes to the stage. His keen sense of timing and his sharp wit will keep you on your toes. And speaking of toes, just try to keep them still as he plays those old-time tunes! Scott is backed up by his own band. Together, they stir up a storm of good music to lift your heart and feed your soul.

Tickets (Cash Only) for The Scott Woods Show are



available at **Barb's Clothes Closet** (257 Main St. E. Stayner) or by calling **Myrna at 706-428-2540**. Visa or Mastercard purchases can be made by calling **The Scott Woods Band** office at **1-855-726-8896**.

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Stayner Heritage Society Annual Meeting

The SHS annual meeting will be held at Centennial United Church on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 at 7:00pm. Special guests include Ina Evans, Marjorie Ridley (Oehm), and pianist Don Buckingham. Please mark your calendar for this important event!

Canada Day Celebrations

Once again, The Stayner Heritage Society and the Stayner Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating Canada's birthday on July 1st as a joint venture. This fun-filled day will include a parade, entertainment,



displays, children's activities, food venues and birthday cake!! Please watch our website for more information.

"Market & Park It"

SHS will once again be participating in the Thursday night Market & Park It" event held each year during



the summer months at Station Park. Take this opportunity to visit us at our MUSEUM to revisit Stayner's wonderful past.

Stayner Heroes Memorial Flags

Our project of creating memorial flags to honour our veterans is near completion. These flags/banners will be mounted on the downtown lamp posts during the fall months. The first phase of this project will be



completed for the fall of 2019. If you would be interested in supporting this very worthwhile project by way of a donation, it would be appreciated. For more information please contact Tom Scholte, Barb Stransky or Myrna Johnson.

Stayner Walking Tour of Historical Homes



A project is currently underway to identify and re-research homes within our community that have historical significance to Stayner's past. To date, we have identified about 10 to 12 homes and research on these homes is presently underway. We are awaiting favourable weather in the spring to obtain pictures of the designated homes. We are looking at creating a small booklet which would show a picture of each home, its location, and its historical information.

Stayner Heritage Society Membership

Memberships for the Stayner Heritage Society are due for renewal on May 31st, 2019. Your ongoing membership support is very important to making our projects possible as we strive to maintain the heritage of our community. Please renew your membership by returning the enclosed form as soon as possible

In a continuing series, describing families and businesses in Stayner and surrounding area, we are pleased to present the Cauthers' Story. Thank you to Gary Cauthers for submitting this article.

The Cauthers' Story

The Cauthers' story in Canada begins with the arrival of Thomas Cauthers (1782-1859) from Enniskillen, County of Fermanagh, Ireland in 1822 & it is thought that the allure was the prospect of available land. They were Irish Protestants and settled in Stanton, Ontario (Airport Rd. south of Mansfield). Land would be cleared for farming just west of Airport Rd. With one son Thomas and his wife Jane (Hand) having 12 children and another son Matthew and his wife Mary (Nixon) having 11, one can see how the genealogical chart quickly spread. Our line of the family originates with Matthew (1805-1884), one of the farm owners & then to his son Nixon (1845-1905) who married Ann (Bradley) (1852-1945) and had 6 children.

We have now arrived in Stayner and some familiar names. One of Nixon's sons was James (Jim) Cauthers, my Grandfather. More about him & our immediate family later, but first a few words about Jim's siblings.

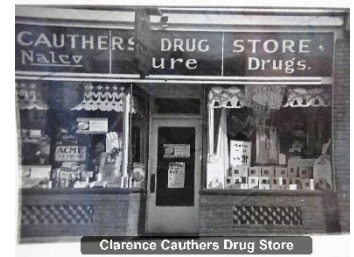
Aunt Mary Jane (known as Minnie) (1876-1959) married Thomas Dickey and gives us the connection to the Brown family, initially through her daughter Jennie who married Charlie Rogers, and then to her daughter Ruth who married Allan Brown.

Jim's brother, Uncle John, (1886-1964) married Ada (Harmon) and lived in Collingwood. He had a grocery store on the main street & supplied many of the ships that would dock in Collingwood harbour.

Aunt Ann (Annie)(1880-1968) lived next door to my Grandparents on Weir Street (third house in from the corner of Weir & Scott St.). Her son Herman (1905-1990) married Mabel Milligan. They lived in Barrie. He was a lay preacher & I believe, more than once, addressed the Baptist congregation in Stayner. Back of Aunt Annie's house was a building used for woodworking by Henry Hollingshead, a local carpenter. Annie later married Fred Pilkey.

Uncle William (Will) (1874-1942) married Jane (Watson), my Grandmother's sister, and lived on the corner house on the other side of my Grandparent's home. Later, Ted & Cora Finn (my mother's sister) lived in that house. Will and Jane had a son, Clarence (1898-1947) who was the druggist at the IDA store on

the south side of main street. He and his wife Bertha lived above the store with their daughter Lorraine. I understand that in early days everyone went to the drug store to get their newspaper (no paper delivery back then). Both newspapers and mail came by train and in the early 1900's there would be up to 6 passenger trains a day on the Meaford to Toronto run. Early newspapers included Mail & Empire, Toronto Globe, Toronto Star and Toronto Telegram.



Clarence Cauthers Drug Store

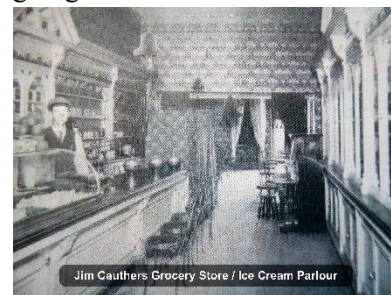
Uncle Andrew (Andy) Cauthers(1888-1955) married Mary (Beatrice) Sharpe. Uncle Andy was a barber who apparently first barbered in what was later Wheeler's Insurance office (7273). I remember his shop across from the Funeral Home in the Pearson block; now Service Ontario (7314). Andy was active in the Baptist Church.

And now to James (Jim) Cauthers, my Grandfather (1878-1958). Jim married Annie May Watson in December of 1901. They had 5 children, 2 of whom, Lloyd and Norman died young. Bill was born in 1902 and my father, Clinton, and Marie (twins) in 1914. Jim and Annie lived on Weir St., almost directly behind Watson's Motors (at that



Jim & Annie Cauthers. At Front: Lloyd, Clinton & Marie

time). They had a chicken coop out back and my sister Carolyn & I would sometimes collect eggs. Carolyn remembers helping Grandma pluck chicken feathers. Grandpa had a 1927 Essex automobile. I can remember going with him and Grandma to the blueberry plains at



Jim Cauthers Grocery Store / Ice Cream Parlour

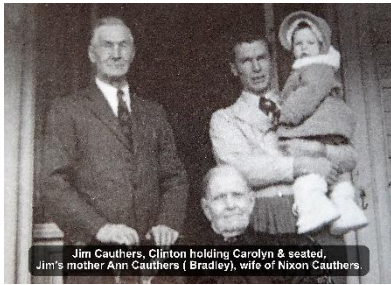
the bottom end of Wasaga Beach. Blueberries were "there for the picking". At one stage, Jim had a grocery store/ice cream parlour on Main Street; now

Nifty Thrifty Shop (7278) beside the Stayner Sun newspaper office. At the back of the store was an ice cream parlour with tables & chairs and on a Saturday night people would line up in the laneway (no longer

there) between the store & the Gartland Building to get access to the parlour. Dad and Grandfather made their own ice cream. A local farm provided the necessary rich cream. Grandpa also ground his own coffee in the store. Pearl Woodard helped out in the store. After he sold the store, Grandpa & Bob Allen painted homes and he also did some carpentry work. He was also a volunteer Fireman. Fire equipment was a two wheel hose cart, the hose on a reel, pulled by the Firemen. Later they would hang the hose from the top to the bottom of the bell tower to dry. Grandma was the “stereotypical grandmother”. Carolyn and I would stop in on the way home from school for brown sugar sandwiches and a glass of milk. Jim & Annie were married for 55 years.

Their son, Bill Cauthers (1902-1981) who married Grace Love, lived in Toronto & worked with Victoria Paper. In later years they moved with their daughter Janet to Victoria, Vancouver Island. Janet, who married Jack Lisman, had a son Alex (Toronto) & a daughter, Amanda. Janet currently lives in Victoria B.C..

My father, Clinton(1914-2005) and my Aunt Marie(1914-1995) were twins. Marie married Roy Wall.



They lived in Stratford and had two children, Bill and Cathy. Roy was killed in a car accident in 1952 and for a period of time Marie, Bill and Cathy lived with Grandpa &

Grandma Cauthers. Marie later remarried to Jack Walker & lived on a farm just south of town. Later they moved into town to John St. Bill worked in Toronto but later returned to this area & married Rebecca (Becky) Bomsta. They live in Nottawa.

Cathy married Jim Woolley, an Anglican Minister. Jim was the minister at The Church of the Good Shepherd for several years. Since then Cathy & Jim have lived and raised a family (two daughters Anne & Sarah) in Mississauga. Jim just recently retired from the Ministry.

My father attended Byng Public/ Stayner Continuation School. One year, at Halloween, kids brought Miss Ruson's cow into the school and left it there overnight. In 1938, Dad married my mother Mary Partridge whom he had met on a blind date. Mom was raised on a farm in Sunnidale with sister Cora (Finn) and brother Johnny. There would be four children; Carolyn, myself, John(Jackie) and Connie. Early homes were rentals. The first home we lived in was on John St. Carolyn was born in this house.

Our second house was on Weir St., next door (east) to

the Clarence Wood family. It rented for the exorbitant sum of \$15.00/month – Dad was earning \$15.00/wk. Carolyn and I have wonderful memories of this time with Grandpa Jim, Grandmother Annie, Aunt Cora (Partridge) and Uncle Ted Finn and cousins June and Blain all living on the same street.

Our next house was the large brick home (“Davis house”) at the east end of town beside the current Ultramar gas station. Finally, in 1953 we purchased our first (and last) home on the corner of Cherry & Charles St. for \$2,200.00. An attached shed at the back of the house held coal, junk, and a “chemical” toilet which had to be emptied. The shed wasn't heated & had cracks in the walls. This later gave way to modern conveniences.

From 1936 – 1941 Dad worked at (Vern) Johnson's Men's Wear. It was here that he learned the tailoring trade. He left there to work at the Clyde during the war. The Clyde was located in Collingwood, & later became Kaufmann's Furniture – now an empty field. The Clyde made and assembled parts for mosquito fighter/ bombers, in particular the wheel cylinders which absorbed the jolt when the plane landed. Dad was there for about 4 years as an Inspector. Then, in partnership with Ted Finn, Modern Men's Wear was born and was a thriving business for many years. They started at the current “Perks” location (7292) and then moved across the street to the same location as Vern Johnson's store earlier. It later became Swanton's Men's Wear; now D-Vine Wine (7289). Adjustments to clothes were made out back with Dad working away at his sewing machine.



My mother, Mary, in addition to being a housekeeper & raising children, was active in the Presbyterian Church – in the choir, in Willing Workers, in W.M.S. & Ladies Aid. She & her sister Cora were long time members of the

Horticultural Society and both enjoyed quilting. Dad and Aunt Marie loved skating and Mom & Dad loved dancing & on a Saturday night they would meet up with their “dancing” friends. Dad passed away in January, 2005. Clint & Mary had been married for 67 years.

And so, to summarize the story for now. Carolyn left Stayner after school (C.D.C.I.), and lived and worked in Barrie. She married Henry (Hank) Muir in 1964. They raised two children, Trudy & Barton who provided Carolyn & Hank with 2 granddaughters each, all of whom live in Georgetown.

Lois (White) and I attended C.D.C.I., went to Toronto to complete our schooling, married in 1965 and worked in Toronto until 1999 when we retired to just south of Glen Huron in what was originally the Glen Huron Orange Lodge hall (moved from Glen Huron in 1974). We have two children, Erinn who lives in the U.S. with her husband and 3 children and John (Jac) who is not married and living in Toronto. Our son Jac, who was born in 1976, is named after my brother Jackie who was tragically killed in 1975 while working with Ontario Hydro on Hwy.#26 near Edenvale. Jackie had lived in Stayner with his wife Linda (Kerluke).

Connie married Adrian Verstegen (owner of Jerry's Body Shop) in Stayner the same year that Jackie died. They live on Warrington Rd. Their two sons Adam & Mark both live & work in the area; Mark in Stayner with his wife Laura, and Adam in Creemore with his wife Jazmin & their two children. Mark works with his father and Adam owns a cabinet making business.

Note: Bracketed numbers represent the current 911 emergency identification number.



It was a good feeling putting this information together. It may not be 100% accurate, but for the most part tells the story. Thank you and if anyone has a Cauthers story that they would like to pass along, please email glcauthers@rogers.com

Health & Leisure Showcase



The **Health & Leisure Showcase** sponsored by The Township of Clearview was held in New Lowell on March 23, 2019. The event was well attended and provided the Stayner Heritage Society an opportunity to display a wealth of historical material and information. Our display was highlighted by the DVD of the 1949 footage taken by Roger Watson of the folks who worked on the tobacco farms and lived in the New Lowell area. Folks stopped to look at pictures, newspapers and to chat about memories of the past.

A special thank you to Barb Stransky, Susan Brockwell and Phyllis Perry (see picture below) who volunteered their time to answer questions.

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