

Notes from the Assessment Roll

1877

Mail carrier mentioned in Port Burwell

Charlie Backhouse age 22

Cyrus Travis - age 44

David Griffin - minister - age 79

Willsonburg - 14 - families - 30 people - Wm. Moore - merchant in Corinth.

N. Bayham - Francis Lilly - blacksmith - age 47 9 n $\frac{1}{2}$ 17

1879 Nova Scotia Street Cheese Company A. Saxton 1 NW 1

Wm. Nickerson = 2 20 99 acres - 80 cleared

Benjamin Backhouse 4 N pt. 13

1878 J.S. Jones - municipal clerk

Isaac Connor - collector

Bayham Cheese Company - Stratton 4 N $\frac{1}{2}$ 10

1871 - merchant - R. P. Scidmore - age 27 - 10 - 25

merchants - Kerr-Brown - McKendrie 10 21

Merchant - Wm. Kaley - age 10 - 20

Miller H. Smell - age 40 10 s pt. 19 - 7 in family

carder - Wm. Wade - age

New England - Dr. Salmon - M.A. 10 23

merchant R. P. Scidmore - age 27 (Acacia) 10 - 25

B. Smith - Francis Lilly - age 40 10 15 - 8 in family

teacher - A.H. Brown - age 35 11 E $\frac{1}{2}$ 17

1871 Church Land (Clergy Reserve?) in Con. 1 18, 19 & 28

1871 Eden School S.S. # 18 - 9 - 23 4/5 \dagger 1/5 value 48, 40 & 20

1871 - Teacher - George W. Hare - 2 in family - age 28 P. religion

Teacher Jeremiah House - tenant S.S. # 10 S.G.

Teacher James Pauling - age 24 - Methodist - 4 in family

Dr. Dancy - maybe came from Aylmer?

Doctor George S. Haney (?) Straffordville - age 52

6 in family Methodist

Thomas Kipp - innkeeper - age 26 - 9 n $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6

1873 Albert McDowell T.S.S.# 14 , 6 N.E. P. 122 age 32 #acres cleared

28, value of property #250. worked 2 days on road division Div. #35.

Albert McDowell T. S.S. # 17 N.G. 12 - 100 acres - 30 acres cleared

V.P. \$1000. other \$150 - 5 in family - 6 days work road Div. #36

6 cattle - 4 sheep, 2 hogs, 3 horses.

1877 Albert McDowell - age 36 tenant (Wm. Kennedy) \$13.00 0200

Albert McDowell & Jesse Hatch - All W.P. Road for owner and address

S.S. # 14, 7 N. pt. 127 # acres cleared 22 value of property \$300.00

1877 Jesse Hatch 7 N pt. 126 pd \$6.75 taxes.

1878 Tenant 7 E pt. 126 # acres 50 - 35 acres cleared value \$850.

Total \$1100. personal property \$150. Total \$1250. \$5.93 taxes.

Gleaned from the TOWNSHIP MINUTES of the Council of the Township of BAYHAM, Elgin County, Ontario.

Mar. 4, 1850 - Fees T.C. &10.0 Collector &15.10 Assessor &10.0
Treasurer &6.5 S. School &10.0 Yeas 3 Nay 1 carried by 2.
S. & S adju. until 9 to M. a.m. C.

Mar. 5 M B & Wr that the B. office - seal with the word B and the crown represented thereon be adopted as the corporate seal of the T. of Bayham until another be procured and that a by-law be passed to that effect. C. N.B. & S. that C resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider and pass Bylaws 1,2,3,4. C.

Mr. S. in chair when said Bylaws were proposed and passed. M.B. & W. that the sum be raised by assessment on the rateable property of this Township be apportioned to the following purposes (that is to say) County purposes &122. S.P. &85 T. and contingencies &106.5 for road and bridges &200. C.

M.B. and Wr. that Alvin Marr be allowed to chop the timber in the road allowance between Lots 10 & 11 in the third concession for distance of 120 rods. C.

M.S. & W. that C. of T. of Bayham do authorize & require that the T. C. do notify Asa Ostrander to attend the next sessions.

and Thos. Dennis
Norman Allen &
John Burwell

Mr. 18 and then and there to give information respecting money that was put in the bank by District Council to be expended on the Publick road in 1849. C

Mar. 18, 1850

B & S Bylaw be purposed to limit under Bylaw # 5 to regulate the licencing of certain houses for the purposes therein to the 10th day of Mar. A.D.1851.

Road allowance - Hog Back Hill to survey of the Plank Road to intersect the sideline between lots 15, & 16 in 3rd C. 60 ft. in width.

Road at the foot of Otter Hill run north until it intersects the old road leading to W.'s Mill. James McMath - as assessor to John Alexander Esq. 5/cn per day of the 715 allowed for that purpose. - benefit of inhabitants of the T. to have it attached to C. of Oxford & petition Legislature be adopted praying for accomplishment of the object.

Apr. 8, 1850 Petition of T.E. Steadman for Town path along Otter Creek - not of sufficient general interest. Survey definite bounds of road leading from foot of Teal's Hill.

Altering Public road at n. from covered bridge in Vienna on the land of Thos. Edison.

S & B that S. be ordered to survey - establishing a road on line between Lots 25 & 24 in 8th Con. Common allowance between 8 & 9 & run along road com. called Ridge Road until it intersects the contemplated Plank Road, the road not to less than 40' wide.

Apr. 9 - Altering Road leading from M.W.'s mill to Richmond.

Printing 75 copies Bylaws defining duties of Pathmasters - pound keepers - regulating & appraising damages done by animals trespassing and regulating towns & taverns Journal of Popular Education - one of deep interest & important. S. of Schools obtain copy for each school - use of Trustees, teachers & school generally - Superintendent to Teachers Institute to be held in London on 14 & 15 of June next - introduce in our common school principles of teaching & system of instruction adopted in the normal school of this province - money for above &5.10.

Each councillor in his respective ward be empowered to Order statute labour from 1 division to another - to name Pathmasters in case of removal or non-appointment in his ward so as not to countermand council order.

Bylaws or parts of the London District Council which are repugnant to or interfere with any by-laws of this council be repealed and that a by-law be passed for their purpose.

John Elliott - fence viewer

Cook's Dam near Vienna.

Inhabitants residing in 8,9,10 Con. from Townline E. to Lot N10 be joined to S.S. # 3 commonly known as Union Section. Bylaw regulating the duties of poundkeeper be repealed. County Oxford petition to forward to care of M.B

Gleaning from township minutes

/sept. 23, 1850 - defaulter of S. labour to pay 3 shillings & 6 pence per day Mr. Ball - surveyor.
& 5 towards erection of bridge on Lot 16 allowance about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. of Sandytown W. & S.
Tax roll and rate & taxes - Martin Moore petitioned for & 10.10 on S.S. # 3.

Survey at East Line of Lot 12 in N.G. running to Leach's Mill and thence to Sandytown.

No. 51 - Road division

Joab Leach road from Sandytown N. by Leach's Mill to H. Katzebacks
18 Oct.

Nov. 12 collection roll for S.S. # 3 Election.

Ward 3 Sandytown - John Livingston

Ward 4 Hatch's schoolhouse - Wm. Veitch.

Ward 5 Dobbie's schoolhouse - Daniel Moss

John M. Lundy & 6.5 for land and fences.

taken from a publick road - Ridge road 8th Con.

Survey of Mr. Ball - road from Sandytown by Leach's Mill & 6 pd.

Andrew Moore & 1.5 for land through which the road passes leading from Sandytown to H. Katzebach's farm.

Nov. 26 S.S. # 3 in 10 Con. be composed of n. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 in 8th Con. Lots 1 - 8 & N $\frac{1}{2}$ of No. 9 & 10 in 9th, Lots 1 - 10 in 10th and part of 11 Con. west of side road between 10 & 11.

Dec. 23 Wm. Lundy - money for road allowance

Jan. 13, 1851 Lancaster, Ontario. - Treasurer pay over school monies raised - to Superintendent.

Nov. 26 resolution re defining limit of S.S. 3 3 be rescinded.

Inspector of Houses of Entertainment - take oath of office.

Village - S & W Councillors - 4 corners - Talbot Road & Side Road between Lots 15 & 16 shall henceforth be called Lancaster.

Jan. 13, 1851

Widow Sealey alias Abigail Harris # 112 N. Talbot road.

Anslim Foster - remuneration for certain pound which he says was destroyed by fire - be not entertained.

15 of May S.#.3 meeting not been held.

Nominate & appoint Martin Moore within 20 days to call S. meeting - Twp. Clerk office- Councillors, Inspector of Houses of Entertainment

Jan. 20, 1851

1 Ward Leonidas Burwell C Richard McCurdy I

Isaac Blain - returning officer R.O.

2 Ward James Hawksworth C & James Walker I Samuel Garnsey R.O.

3 Ward Silvester Cook C John Hatch Inspector John Livingston R.O.

4 Ward A.M. Willson C Joab Leach I William Veitch R.O.

5 Ward John Skinner C George Dobbie I Daniel Moss R.O.

Wm. Veitch - assessor for 1851 - Lancaster

Norman Allen poundkeeper in V. of Lancaster

W.M.S. Newcomb - Superintendent of Common School

Feb. 10 - scale of fees - regulate duties of poundkeeper, fix and limit no. of inns & houses of Publick Entertainment & regulating same - council adjourned.

Mar. 10, 1851 - survey of road between Lots 15 & 16 in 9th Con. road between Lots 13 & 14 in 9th Con.

John Ostrander petition be adopted provided council not pay for land required for road.

Apr. 7, 1851 - new school section # 18 & Mr. McNaughton call first school meeting according to Statute.

Poundkeeper gets copy of Bylaw - 5 shillings each.

Gleanings from township minutes

Apr. 28, 1851 Henry Edison Hill - reason to believe an attempt to be made to take stock in Great Western Railroad by imposing compulsory tax on rateable property in the Frontier as well as in 7 twps. of Middlesex - all Reeves & deputy Reeves of extension Talbot Settlement Council to use every lawful means to resist the passing of such unjust & unfair bylaw & protect property of twp. from the liability of such unfair taxation in future by every available means.

That petition hereinto attached to Legislature praying to having this twp. annexed to County of Oxford be adopted & forwarded by the Clerk to the care of W.L. McKenzie M.P.P. of County of Haldimand - May 24

1851 - Messrs Burwell & Hatch to be bearers of such petition & \$10 be granted for their expenses.

June 12, 1851 - forbidding all persons & James Moore in particular, flowing water, or in any other way trespassing on the allowance for road, between the N. Gore & 8th Con. fronting Lot # 3 or they will be proceeded against as the law direct.

Ebenezer Ostrander be allowed \$5 for taking care of a sick man, who died at his house, and for burying him.

June 30, 1851 - road travelled on Lot 15 & S. Half on 9th Con. - the Joseph Norton farm be done away & allowed to revert to him as soon as the road established between lots 13 & 14 in said Con. is improved & made useful to public.

No. 62 written in petition.

Improve hill front Lot 3, 8th Con.

July 28, 1851

Straffordville - Reeve be authorized to get bylaws of twp printed, not necessary for present year.

Oct. 14, 1851 - Plank Road company - Messrs. Cook & Tunks guaranteeing the rights & privileges of Plank road.

Dec. 23, 1851 - bylaw be drawn up & passed to establish S.S.'s in Twp. of Bzyham according to map drawn by the Rev. T. B. Read & defining the lots contained in the several said Sections. Wm. Veitch call first meeting in S.S. # 15 & \$12.10 be allowed to Simon Newcombe - Grammar School Teacher as rent for School house furnished by him.

Sum of \$1.5 s for Tavern Inspectors.

Rev. T. B. Read \$4 expenses going to London to attend Board of Education.

Sell timber on allowance for road between 8 & N. Gore along Lot 10 construction of bridge on Con. Ball surveyor.

Jan. 10, 1852 Jeremiah Moore assessor for N. part of Twp.
Wm. Veitch Treasurer Alvin Marr - collector

Jan. 19 Thomas Pitcher (?) auditor for township
Andrew Dobbie for Reeve

Feb. 9 Councillors Skinner, T. Elliott, I. McKinnon, I.P. Weaver, M. Willson

Feb. 21 1852 Bylaw 54 - sale of useless roads - opening new
Bylaw 55 - protection of road - sideroads
limited Inns to 16 assessment (20)

Apr. 5, 1852 Town Hall in Vienna
Rodney Hubbard, George Smith & Israel Stilwell \$1 each replace extra tavern licence (No. 6)

May 8, 1852

June 7, 1852 - new road leading from Joseph Lundy's S. through 9th Con. between 13 & 14.

Gleanings from Township minutes

July 3, 1852 Henry Katzbeck 15 pd for land on road passing through his farm from Joab Leach's mills to Dereham Forge Road. Road leaving From Forge Road on Lot 17 in 10th Con. across Lots 18 & 19 intersecting road allowance between 9 & 10 Con. on S.E. corner on Lot 19.

July 16, 1852

Sept. 25, 1852 & 10 for building bridge over Big Creek near Malcolm's Mill on Lot 19 in 10 Con., paying for maintenance of person of weak intellect
Nov. 1 (Casper Best)?

Jan. 10, 1853 - expenses & services of Rev. Wm. Read as Superintendent of Common schools.

Jan. 17, 1853 Councillors John Burwell Esq. 1 Ward
Lyndas McCurdy 2 Ward James (?) P. Weaver 3 Ward D.R.
Ambrose M. Willson 4 Ward R. Andrew Ostrander 5 Ward Clerk to furnish himself proper office & 4.

Feb. 7, 1853 Horace Holden - assessors
Wm. Veitch

Apr. 4, 1853 - John Mills be now prosecuted for assault given him - apology
Map of all roads - licenced surveyor

Apr. 25 - sick emigrant girl - 14 weeks Widow Ford & 2 .10s - destitute situation

June 6, 1853 & 7 taking crazy boy to lunatic asylum, Toronto

June 20 - July 23 - Aug. 10 - Plank or gravel road from Pt. Burwell to Township of Dereham.

Sept. 26, 1853 Bylaw authorizing Reeve to take Stocks in the Talbot Road Company to & 750 - Debenture Interest @ 6%

Nov. 2, 1853 Oath of office service as Pathmaster

Edmond Norton, William Howey, John Buchner, Rendall Gray, John Ketchabaw Township hold & 500 stock - Co. take up Twp. debentures in lieu of tolls - Pt. Burwell Harbor Co.

Dec. 20, 1853 - Frederick Best to open out road between Lots 10 & 11 in 11th Con.

Jan. 9, 1854 & 750 to Talbot Road Co. (#3000. debenture) \$ mentioned first time.

Jan. 16, 1854 Feb. 6, 1854 Mr. Weaver be appointed to meet with other delegates from Twps. at Tillsonburg for the purchase - purchasing the Pt. Burwell & Ingersoll Plank Road Feb. 16 (?) date unclear

Feb. 20,

Apr. 3, 1854 Pathmasters Richard Patton, John L House, Rendall Gray.

Apr. 8 (6?) , 1854 - W. Hazen be appointed Constable for Corporation of Twp. of Bayham - have charge of Twp. Hall. Petition of David Griffin & others in reference to a Survey for railroad from Pt. Dover to St. Thomas for & 25 be not entertained.

Providing a Charter be obtained - St. Thomas to Simcoe. Moved by Alex McGinnis seconded Wm. McCurdy that the clerk be directed to give notice on the Provincial Gazette that an application will be made at the next session of the Legislature for a Charter to construct a Railroad from Pt. Burwell to Ingersoll in the County of Elgin.

May 8, 1854 - Jacob Bentley - Statute Labour. Timber on the sideroad between Lots 10, 11, 8 Con. Andrew Ostrander sell to highest bidder
Survey sideroad between Lots 20 & 21 from Talbot road N. to 8 Con.

June 27, 1854 James Dean invited Persons from this twp. to Simcoe.

Wm. Kennedy - Statute of Labour

July 1, 1854 - Road directors of Pt. Burwell, Richmond & Bayham Plank Road Co. met the council.

Gleanings from the Township minutes

Aug. 1, 1854 Semi-manufactured lumber leaving Big Otter Creek - East Elgin M.P. Dr. Loth (?)

Pres. & directors of Pt. Burwell Richmond & Bayham Plank road Co. meet the Reeve & Clerk to execute a mortgage 5th day of Aug. debenture & loan

Local Board of Health - Lebvenus Stephens , Alexdn McBride, David Merrill, Alexdn. McGinnis, William Willis, J.P. Weaver, Edwin H. Gates, W.H. Howey David W. & John Hatch tendering to paint Hall.

Nov. 25, 1854

Dec. 16 W.H. Hazen - Bailiff pd.

draw bylaw - establish the S.S. in twp. according to division lines & Nos. as set forth by Superintendent of Common Schools & showed on the map of this date & prepared for that purpose.

Dec. 28, 1854 - Bayham & Charlotteville Plank Road Co. must intersect the Ingersoll & Pt. Burwell Co. road at least eighty rods N. of Tollgate No. 7 on the said last mentioned Road & a bylaw drawn up & signed by the Reeve.

January 10, 1855

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St. Georges Ward - John Burwell Esq. Reeve

St. Davids Ward - Henry Edison

St. Laurzances Ward - James P. Weaver

(?)

St. Andrews Ward - Hiram Moss Deputy Reeve

Feb. 3 - Feb. 24 - Wm. Veitch - assessor

Mar. 3, 1855 & 625 to Talbot Road Plank Co. passed

Mar. 10, 1855 Petition of Cyrus Smith - president of Charlotteville & Bayham Road Co. - not expedient

Apr. 9, 1855 - Pathmaster - James Scanlan - Lake Road

James House N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Gore & C. John Hatch to line bet. lots 124 & 125

Henry Howey - 20 & 21 - 8th Levi Hatch - Talbot Road on F. Road

John Ketchabaw - David Leach - Samuel Leach on Ridge Rd. from Plank rd. east to the rear 8 conc.

Daniel Caswell - N.G. - 8th - lots 15 & 16 east to line Lots 20 & 21

John Mabee - Plank rd. east to Little Otter

George Eaton - Lots 11 & 12 to E. of twp.

James G. Bentley - 10 Con. John Crossett to Malcolm Mills 9 & 10

Dereham to Forge road.

Apr. 14 - 5th Ward Wm. Crane, James G. Bentley, Andrew Ostrander

Poundkeepers - Samuel Livingston Jr., James Bentley (?) Benjamin Dean

May 7 - May 26 - refused loan to Bayham Richmond & Pt. Burwell Plank Co.

June 29 - Aug. 18 - twp. received proceeds of Gate # 1 of T.S.P.Co.

Jeremiah Moore - dead

Twp. public meeting re loan to B. R. & Pt. Burwell P. Co.

Oct. 20, Nov. 26 1855 - Reeve called meeting

Jan. 14, 1856 - Michael Depiel - to open the tow road on Lot # 16 in 8th Con. near Gallows Bridge (a man hung himself).

Jan. 21 - Hiram Moss - St. Andrews ward

John Hatch - assessor W. of Talbot

Rbt. Garnham - appointed treasurer.

Feb. 11, 1856 - \$4000. B.R. P. Road Co. Pathmaster John Hatch in Straffordville to Plank road

Ebenezer Buchner from Baptist Chapel North & N.E. to Goshen Road.

Levi Hatch - fence viewer - Ward 4