



Mrs. Aleta Thomson's new house built in 1973, on
74 highway near Mapleton, Taken with the new seeding
appearing in the lawn Oct. 23, 1974.



The New Sarum School and community Association came of age last night when the group met for the first time at the New Sarum Public School. About 40 people turned out, making the event a successful one. Organized to promote community spirit, the association obtained permission to use the school's facilities from the Elgin County Board of Education. Se^{en} here, from L. to R. are. (standing) Mrs. Teresa Silverthorn, and Mrs. Gloria Charlton, both sharing secretary-treasurer duties. John White, president of the association, Mrs. Margaret Ferguson, cochairman of the social and program committee. (seated) Ms. E^{ed}enor Drake, in charge of publicity, and Betty Taylor social and program committee chairman. Vice-president Jim Harris was absent when the picture was taken.



1967

100 Year-Old cradle Six-weeks-old Marianne Denise Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of R. R. 8 St. Thomas, rocks and sleeps in a handmade wooden cradle made by her great-great-grand father Joel Overbough about 100 years ago. The use of the cradle, which has been in storage for 50 years, is a centennial gesture. Rocking the baby are, from left, her grandmother, Mrs. Keith Drake, of R. R. 8 St. Thomas Mapleton, and her mother, Mrs. Charles Drake.

MARIANNE DRAKE SLUMBERS IN 100 - ,YEAR - OLD CRADLE

Mapleton - Six week old Marianne Denise Drake was born in Canada's centennial year and to mark the occasion her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of R.R.8, St. Thomas (Mapleton) wanted something special for her.

The something special is a 100-year-old wooden handmade cradle in which the baby is rocked to sleep.

The cradle which was in storage for about 50 years, was made by Marianne Denise's great-great-grandfather, Joel Overbough, and was last used when her grandfather, Keith Drake of R.R.8, St. Thomas (Mapleton), was a baby.

Marianne Denise has yet another distinction. She is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of the late Benjamin Drake who donated the land upon which the present Elgin County Court House now stands.

Drake Street and Isobell Streets, in the vicinity of the Court House, were named in honor of the donor and his wife.

Marianne Denise, who was born November 1, 1967, is a new sister for the Drake family's three sons, David, 10, Richard, 6, and John, 5.



Maud Bray's store, Mapleton . Charlie Cabott with T. Ford Model 1912



Mapleton old Grist Mill 1902-1909. moved from Kingsmill to
Mapleton in 1902 used from 1902-1909.



Keith Drakes Grist Mill, built in 1947 and 1954, Anderson Embury on porch of mill. Keith Drake in doorway at Mapleton , Ont. Cheese factory & Mapleton Store in back ground.



Grist Mill at Keith Drakes
 Jno. McLardy on porch & Jno Brady
 Top of roof showing above mill is
 the old hotel owned later by Roy
 Weekes. Percy Drakes, house, garage
 and Mapleton store.

June 12, 1975



Mapleton Cheese Factory Fire June 12, 1975

The fire which almost destroyed the Mapleton Cheese and Butter Co. Thursday afternoon started at the south end of the Company. (at left) and fanned by a brisk southerly wind worked its way north through the company. Ed Bridgeman owner of the factory estimated the damage to his property at about \$200,000. However, he said he was completely insured. At the time this photo was taken, the fire was still contained in the south portion of the building.



South Dorchester Mapleton Disciples Church

Biography of Brother Edmund Sheperd, etc.

Through the generosity of a loan of books from Douglas Legg, (I Lenora Free) will endeavour to make a Biography of Edmund Sheperd.

Edmund Sheperd's faithfulness was the spearhead of the truth as preached by the Disciples of Christ in South Dorchester

He was a young Englishman who came to Canada in 1843 from the Disciples Church in Nottingham, Eng. In 1849 he was teaching school at Mapleton. He also began preaching and directed his efforts towards the formation of a church. Probably aided by some Baptists who joined him. He later added a course at Bethany College, Va. He possessed an agreeable personality, with courage and ll among his chartered members in the little church within his own home (now the property of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Stover)

In a record book he wrote for the future, this: The Congregation of South Dorchester under the auspices of a providing and indulgent God. first met at the house of Brother E. Sheperd, on Lordsday, Jan. 6, 1850. There the candle stick was set up. May it it never be removed until the world and all earthly churches shall be no more. Amen. Signed E. Sheperd.

By his preaching he earned for himself one of the titles accorded by 6 known as "Ontario Pioneer Preachers", and whose portraits hung in most Disciple homes following 1890.

He not only founded S. Dorchester but the neighboring ^{Wright} Yarmouth and the St. Thomas church later. ^{in 1864} He assisted at the beginning of various churches throughout Ontario. He continued preaching to within one Sunday of his death at Rodney, on May 30th, 1894.

South Dorchester Charter members of the little church are as follows:

Randall S. Bentley	Helen Bently	Edmund Sheperd
Nancy Bentley	William Bentley	John Inglis
Lavinia Inglis	Benjamin McBeath	Isabella McLachlan
Jno. McLachlan	Mrs. Benjamin McBeath.	

Elders were: Edmund Sheperd Randall S. Bentley

Services continued and then by, Aug. 1850 a frame house for worship was erected near the parsonage. On the occasion of dedication, elder Dug^old Sinclair (the virtual bishop of the district) preached. In 1872 a white octagon shaped, brick building was erected on the site of the present church. Finally, in 1904 another brick church succeeded the one built in 1872, and was dedicated by minster, Randal W. Ballah on Dec. 6th. Later an addition has been added to it.

Baptisms May 19, 1850 included: Amanda Luton, S. Whitmore, Betsy Whitmore, Mr. & Mrs. Irvin, Eliza Cline and Peter McNeil.

Baptisms February 1851:

Benjamin Sherk, and Priscilla Sherk and then on March 16, 1851, Christina Scott, William Little, John Ballah and Donald Turner.

In 1857 John Butchart from Eramora joined the congregation He was a farmer then a school teacher and preacher, of the gospel For some time, her was an assistant editor with David Oliphant in the publication for journals. He married Christiana Scott. one son F. D. Butchart of Cleveland, Ohio, is a minister, the remaining 2 sons were Doctors. Thomas R. of Tampa, Florida. and James D. who went to China with W. E. Macklin in 1891 and later established the LucheofeeChristi^an Hospital. James D. Butchart served in the hospital for 25 yrs. before his death in 1915.

In June 1857 at C. J. Lister's meeting Mathew Gilbert joined the church.

A few of Edmund Shepherd's record of Marriages from 1854-1881.

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Groom	Reidence	Bride	Residence	Date
John Ballah	S. Dorchester	Elizabeth Rutherford	S. Dorchester	Nov. 28, 1854
Donald Turner	S. Dorchester	Margaret McKeller	Yarmouth	July 8, 1855
W. Paul Luton	Yarmouth	Emma Hawley	Yarmouth	May 12, 1857
John Butchart	S. Dor.	Christina Scott	S. Dorch.	Oct. 31, 1857

Marriages by Unknown Ministers from April 7, 1859 to Nov. 17, 1881
 During their term at Mapleton Disciples Church

Wm H. Charlton	Yarmouth	Isabella McLachlan	S. Dorch.	Sept. 25, 1861
Archibald Taylor	S. Dorch.	Margaret Shirk	S. Dorch.	Oct. 3, 1861
William Little	S. Dorch.	Jane Ballah	S. Dorch.	Apr. 24, 1862
Andrew N. Clyne	S. Dorch.	Louisa Lightfoot	Malahide	May 26, 1863
John R. Charlton	Yarmouth	Emily Jane Bray	Yarmouth	Sept. 27, 1864
Francis Kunz	Belmont	Catherine Cline	S. Dorch.	Sept. 9, 1865
Isaac Bentley	S. Dorch.	Alma E. Smith	Yarmouth	Dec. 25, 1866
John Purcella	Aldborough	Misa McDougall	Lobo	May 11, 1871
Miles Charlton	Yarmouth	Sophonra Wismer	S. Dorch.	Feb. 7, 1873
William F. Luton	Yarmouth	E. J. Cline	S. Dorch.	May 27, 1873
Jacob Sherk	S. Dorch.	Lottie Luton	S. Dorch.	Dec. 24, 1874
Randal Learn	S. Dorch.	Sarah Ann Legg.	S. Dorch.	June 2, 1875
Hector Hughes	Yarmouth	Mary Jane Knight	Yarmouth	Mar. 21, 1876
Wm W. Coulter	Yarmouth	Emma Fowler	Yarmouth	Apr. 4, 1876
John W. Finch	S. Dorch.	Maria Allen	S. Dorch.	Sept. 27, 1876
David Sherk	S. Dorch.	Oretta A. Finch	S. Dorch.	Sept. 26, 1877
Robt. M. Luton	Grand Rapids, Mich, U.S.A	Alma Cline	S. Dorch.	Oct. 4, 1877
William Fowler	Yarmouth	Jessie Thomson	Yarmouth	Jan. 2, 1878
Archibald McIntyre	Yarmouth	Annie Fowler	Yarmouth	Oct. 1, 1878

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Groom	Residence	Wife	Residence	Date
John Carter	S. Dorch.	Mary E. Cox	Malahide	Mar.5,1879
Thomas Hughes	Yarmouth	Jane Ballah	S. Dorch.	Sept.15,1879
Edmund E. Sheperd	London	Melissa Culver	Yarmouth	Oct.8,1879
Isaac Bentley	S/ Dorch.	Eliza Munro	Southwold	Jan,7,1880
Edwin Ashbury	Malahide	Mary Ida Putman	Malahide	Nov.17,1881

Latest Marriage recorded- Ronald Ross Stover to Linda Lou Cushman
on March 14th, 1964.

Witnesses: Lynn Tolmie and Karl Stover.

By: D. L. Foley.

First record of deaths- Edmund Shepherd, April 30th, 1894 at Rodney, Ont.
Mrs. W. L. Luton, May 29th, 1895 (Yarmouth)

Last Death Record, Charlie Cline, July 18th, 1968 at St. Thomas Elgin
General Hospital.

MINISTERS FROM 1893 to 1972 were as follows:

1893 ---- Edward R. Black of Eramosa.

1894 ---- N. H. Stephens.

1895----- Randall W. Ballah.

1896----- W. G. Charlton.

Elder Dugald Sinclair of Lobo visited frequently. Around 1897 Randall W. Ballah preached for a term, then went to Toronto in 1899-1900 to assist in the foundation of Wycherwood Church, now part of Hillcrest.

1898----- again W. G. Charlton.

1902-1904 again R.W. Ballah during which time the church was rebuilt.

1907----- W. N. Arnold.

October 1909-October 1910- J.G. Wheeler.

March 26th 1911-February 1913- D. McColl.

September 20th 1913 -- June 30th, 1914- S.W. Fay.

August 7th, 1914- November 1, 1916 - S.R. Aldrich.

November 5th, 1916- ? - D.T. Stanley.

April 1918 - June 1919- Thos. W. Bradt.

June 6th, 1920- June 1922- H.R. Franks.

January 4th, 1923- December 1, 1939- J.D. Stephens.

December 8th, 1939- November 15th, 1942- Angus Butler.

December 1, 1942-January 23, 1945- Carlton Wells.

February 25th, 1945-November 11, 1945- F.R. James.

December 30, 1945-September 1954- william Fermer.

September 1954-May 1955- Carlton Wells.

May 15th, 1955-October 1956- S. Stainton (Student)

November 4th 1956-March 1962- Carlton wells.

March 1962-May 12, 1963- william Bilson.

May 19th, 1963-November 29th, 1964- Rev. D.L. Foley.

December 13, 1964-July 1966- Carlton wells.

August 1, 1966- to present date, 1972- L.B. Nethercott.

Latest register of Elders recorded: Douglas Legg, February 17th, 1964.

First register of Deacons recorded - January 1893.

Jacob Ostrander, Jno. D. Thomson, Duncan Ferguson, Donald Turner,
W.F. Luton.

Latest Register of Deacons and Deaconess recorded in 1967:

Kenneth Mc Neil	<u>Mesdames-</u> Herb Brown
Hugh Mc Neil	Fred Brown
David Stover	Claude Hoover
Bruce Kohrer	Clayton Wodham
Jim Thomson	Stanley Stover
John Thomson	John Thomson
John Brown	Walter Moore.

First register of Trustees, recorded January, 1893.

Jacob Ostrander, J.D. Thomson, Duncan Ferguson, Donald Turner
W. F. Luton.

Latest register of Trustees recorded March 1952-

Douglas Legg, Jno. M. Thomson, Lorne McNeil, Archie Coulter.

First Additional Memberships recorded May 19th, 1850-

John and Amanda Luton, Samuel and Betsy Irvine,
August 25th, 1850- Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeil
- Chas. and Mary Ann Perkins
October 6th, 1850- Eliza Cline.

Latest memberships recorded:

Ronnie Stover- born December 8th, 1952 (Joined April 16th, 1967.)
(Killed by train Dec. 29th, 1971.)
Kenny Stover- born June 29th, 1955. (joined April 16th, 1967.)

Latest Baptisms recorded- Dianne Dance, Rosalie Brown- April 24, 1966.

First Marriage recorded- T.R. Charlton to Jenny Ready, on March 4, 1894
by Mr. Kenada - witnesses- Albert Charlton and Miss L. Ready.

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Thus in the 1st decade Disciples church had 159 members In the 2nd decade brought in the children of the founders and others such as: The Puthams, Fowlers, Hughes, Jacksons, Coopers, and in 1868 Jacob Sherk.

In the octagon year Benjamin Franklin preached enrolling 57 more members thus, making the membership 274. At the 80th Anniversary in Nov. 1929 there assembled the children, grandchildren and great grand children of the first members of the church. Two of these were Mrs. Alice Laidlaw and Miss Nancy Inglis daughters of John and Lavinia Inglis, also the following octogenarians were present:

Mrs. Jno R. Charlton, Mrs Sarah Thomson, Mrs. Duncan Ferguson, D. C. White. Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Turner, Amos Tovell (son of an Bramosa pioneer) gave the sermon on "Faith of our Fathers" J. D. Stephens then pastor records his account by referring to a sister whom he has known for 40 yrs. walking down the streets of Necropolis outside the church where on eitherside were the mable slabs and granite monuments bearing the names of fathers, mothers and friends. Memories of joy and sorrow filled her soul. Next day she told Mr. Stephens that "Faith of our Fathers was a helpful memory including the music.

In 1878 an American evangelist Thomas Garvin gave a message at which 55 were added.

In 1888 W. D. Campbell (nephew of an elder at Lobo) was the speaker and in the records appear the families names of Cecil Legg and D. D. Finch.

In 1889 after 40yrs. of life the church's membership was 478 received or baptized.

Thus in 1929 after 80 yrs. the number who received Christian recognition had been increased to 600.

colours to the masthead.

The Elders recorded

E. Shepherd, R. S. Bentley, Culver Finch,
John Campbell, J. R. Charlton, M. Gilbert, W. H. Charlton,
R. W. Ballah, W. G. Charlton, John Carter, John D. Stephens,
Peter McNeil, Cecil Legg, Dan Thomson, D. O. White, and Lorne
McNeil,

Deacons
Deacons in 1937

Hugh McNeil, Herb Thomson, Douglas Legg.

Board Chairman in 1937 Carol Thomson,

Record of Marriages by Edmund Shepherd 1854-- 1857

John Ballah, S. Dorchester

Sunday School Awards Oct. 1969

1st Yr.

Roger Garton, Tracy Stover, Cindy Garton, and Mrs. Claude Hoover.

2nd, Yr.

Lori Light, and Robert Stover.

3rd. Yr.

Ricky Drake

4th Yr.

Cathy Light, John Drake, Cheryl Robinson and Mrs. Percy Robinson.

5th Yr.

David Drake,

7th Yr.

Joan Irish, Mary Jae Stover, and Mrs Fred. Brown.

9th Yr.

Mrs. Howard Stover.

10 yr.

Mrs. Ralph Stover.

11 Yr.

Mrs. Robena Finch and Mrs. Lorne Orris.

12th Yr.

Mrs. Stanley Stover and Kenneth Stover.

14th Yr.

Wayne Hiepleh and Mrs. Keith Hiepleh.

15th Yr.

David Stover,

18th Yr.

Mrs. David Stover.

October 10th, 1971. There were 31 perfect attendance awards given out at the morning service of the Church of Christ Disciples on Sunday-

1st Year Pin- Stephen Robinson, Barbara Sheils, Carrie Willsey, Kim Willsey, Brenda Sheils and Randy Sheils.

2nd Year Wreath- Billy Light, Brenda Willsey, Myrna Willsey, Mrs. John Erickson.

3rd Year Bar- Roger Garton, Cindy Garton, Mrs. Claude Hoover.

4th Year Bar- Lori Light, Roger Stover, Ricky Drake.

5th Year Bar- John Drake.

6th Year Bar- Cathy Light, Cheryl Robinson, Mrs. Percy Robinson.

9th Year Bar- Mary Jane Stover, Joan Irish and Mrs. Fred Brown.

11th Year Bar- Mrs. Howard Stover and Mrs. Ralph Stover.

13th Year Bar- Mrs. Robena Finch.

14th Year Bar- Mrs. Stanely Stover.

16th Year Bar- Wayne Hiepleh, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh.

17th Year Bar- David Stover.

20th Year Bar- Mrs. David Stover.

Perfect attendance award pins- October 15th, 1972.

Perfect attendance award pins for Sunday School were presented to the following at the morning service last Sunday were:

1. First-year pin- Marianne Drake, Nancy Robinson, Michael Stover.
2. Second year wreath- Kari Willsey, Barbie Shiels, Steven Robinson, Kim Willsey, Brenda Shiels, Randy Shiels.
3. Third year bar- Myrna Willsey, Brenda Willsey, Billy Light, Mrs. Erickson
4. Fourth year bar- Cindy Garton, Roger Garton, Mrs. Claude Hoover.
5. Fifth year bar- Lori Light, Roger Stover, Ricky Drake.
6. Sixth year bar- John Drake, David Drake.
7. Seventh year bar- Cathy Light, Cheryl Robinson, Mrs. Shirley Robinson
8. Tenth year bar- Joan Irish, Mary Jane Stover, Mrs. Fred Brown.
9. Twelvth year bar- Mrs. Ralph Stover.
10. Thirteenth year bar- Marna McNeil
11. Fourteenth year bar- Mrs. Robina Finch.
12. Fifteenth year bar- Mrs. Stanley Stover.
13. Seventeenth year bar- Mrs. Keith Hiepleh.
14. Eighteenth year bar- David Stover.
15. Twenty-first year bar- Mrs. David Stover.