

THE UNION EVAPORATOR.



Some of the Employees of the Union Evaporator-  
(Picture taken about 1912)

Back row, left to right

Geo. Doolittle  
Gladys Doolittle Whitney  
Geo. H. Cross  
Harry Jewell  
Neil Oke  
Roy Oke  
Geo. Hannon  
Frank Chapman  
Roy Jewell  
Frank Watts (standing)  
Walker Sweedland (wearing hat)  
Raston M. Cutcheon  
Geo. Hunt  
Harry Oke

Front row, left to right

little girl  
Eliza Sweedland  
Jennie Doolittle Parker  
Leila Oke Lee  
Cora Doolittle Gould  
Lizzie Stanley Dunn  
Pearl Stanley Vanhorn  
Ada Montgomery  
Violet Locke Hayman  
Mamie Locke Porter  
Roy Ingram



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Practically nothing remains of the industries of Union's early days, but this small village is still the centre of one of the richest farming districts in Ontario and situated on the most travelled stretch of road in the Dominion of Canada, but still retains an atmosphere of serenity, largely due to the splendid folk, who call it 'home'.

*Edna Scott*

NB.

November, 1972.

Many changes in property have taken place since this history was compiled in 1951:

The old brick hotel fell into such a state of disrepair that it had to be acquired by the Township of Yarmouth and torn down.

The cement grist mill formerly owned by Joseph King was also torn down and the water course and dam have been acquired by The Kettle Creek Conservation Authority.

The house formerly owned by Mr. H. Jamieson is now the property of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Beaudry.

The house built by Mr. Cyrus Stockton is now owned by Mr. George Baak.

The house "Burnside", formerly the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Hunter Scott and Miss Edna Scott, is now owned by Mr. John Moore, owner and operator of radio station CHLO, St. Thomas.

The house owned by the late Mr. Murray Scott, retired photographer, is now the property of Mr. Owen McCarthy.

The house of the green-keeper on the property of the Golf and Country Club has now been torn down.

The house and property owned by the late Mrs. B. McIntyre is now owned by Mr. D.L. Roberts, Union.

The house referred to as the home of Mr. Gonzella A. Hannon is now owned by Mr. Clarence Sweedland and the house, referred to as owned by the Schneckenburger Bros., has been torn down and the No 1 Yarmouth Hall has been erected in its place.

The house built by Mr. Norman Archer is now the property of Mr. Robert E. Sayers.



This picture was taken about the year 1910 at the Union cross-roads, Mr. John Pearce, an early resident of the Union district, being the man in the centre foreground. Mr. Ralph Steele is seated in front of his general store at the corner.



The above picture was taken on the bridge in the "Glen" on the former property of Mr. Solomon V. Wilson. His daughter, Miss. Etta Wilson and one of her nieces, are in centre of picture. This property which adjoins the lovely Union pond, is now owned and occupied by Dr. Cecil Hoffman and family.



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1910 at the Union cross-roads



The picturesque Union mill pond, submitted courtesy of Air Commodore Reginald Collis and Mrs. Collis, the large house in the centre foreground, being their former home.

Indenture  
— of —  
Bartham Gale  
— to —  
William A. Mannville & Wife  
— to —

Solomon C. Willson, Frederick  
Johnson & Wm A. Mannville, as  
Trustees for the Use of The  
Society of Good Templars at  
the Village of Union

No 26175

Specify that a Memorial here of  
was Recorded the 11<sup>th</sup> January  
A. D. 1844 at 12. O'Clock Noon  
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J. M. Key  
Registrar  
Essex

THE SOUTH YARMOUTH WOMENS' INSTITUTE HALL

On the 24th day of December, 1863, one-quarter acre of land, part of the northeast part of the northwest quarter of Lot No. 4, in the 3rd Concession of Yarmouth, Village Lot No. 6, fronting on west side of Gravel Road, was deeded by Wm. Mandeville and wife to Solomon V. Willson, Frederick Johnson and Wm. Mandeville, as Trustees for the use of The Society of Good Templars at the Village of Union.

Due to the wisdom and generosity of these pioneer people, a provision was made in the deed that should the present Society (that is in 1863) of Good Templars cease to exist, then any other and new Temperance Order which may be formed at any future period of time in the said Village of Union, have the right to hold meetings and use said hall. Thus it is through the generosity and foresight of these pioneer citizens of Union, that our present Womens' Institute have the use of this property. Apparently the hall had been built and had been in use many years before the execution of this deed.

Previous to the Womens' Institute, the hall had been used by the Order of The Foresters' and through Mrs. Zella Kipp, a daughter of Mr. Alonzo Gonzello Hannan, a member of that organization, it became the property of The South Yarmouth Womens' Institute. Whether the Order of The Foresters' was not strongly enough organized, or through the disinterest of the villagers, the hall and property fell into disuse and was in so much need of repair, that even in the year 1892, it was considered unusable as a hall and another building was moved to Union, south of the church, as a Temperance Hall. The old building continued in this state of disrepair until the Womens' Institute renovated it for it's place of meeting, in the years 1933-4.



Many times during the history of Union, the old hall has served the needs of this community. It is recorded that the first Sunday School in Union was organized and met in this hall under the leadership of Joseph Wintemute as superintendent and Thomas Edgecombe as secretary in the year 1854 on November 17th. The school was undenominational and some of the rules guiding the conduct of the teachers and scholars, should be mentioned:

"No sectarian principles should be laid before the school by any one denomination or anything with regard to personal principles. Any teacher not attending the Sunday School for four weeks and not giving a good reason for absence, should be expelled. No one should be admitted to teach in the Sabbath School who attends dancing parties or uses profane language. A library of 150 volumes was placed in the Sunday School for the use of the scholars and was paid for in pounds, shillings and pence. Emphasis was placed on the memorization of verses of scripture, one hundred and fifty being required of the two oldest classes, a feature that is being neglected to-day."

It was again used as a Sunday School and also as a church after the United Church fire in February 1948, until the present new structure was completed and ready for use in October of 1949. Then in ~~1894~~ when the public school was being enlarged and repaired, day school was conducted in the old hall. Again history repeats itself, and now in the year 1951 it is being used for a third classroom to accommodate the two junior classes. In recent years the population of the village has increased beyond the capacity of the old school and the hall is taking care of this overflow of pupils until the new threeroom school, now under construction, is ready for use and occupation.

All elections, Federal, Provincial and Municipal, have and continue to use this building for a polling booth and it is known for electoral purposes as Polling Division No. 1 Yarmouth and on these days, citizens of this community flock to it's door to cast their ballot for their chosen candidate.

It has been the scene of many busy hours when the women of the community gathered there to accomplish their many tasks during the long years of the two World Wars.