

**Official Unveiling Ceremony of the Canada Southern Railway
Brigden Station and Courtright Terminal
Heritage St. Clair Storyboards
Brigden and Courtright – Saturday, June 22, 2019**



Two barefoot boys watch New York Central 4-6-0 #1290 switch cars, just west of Brigden, ON, on New York Central's St. Clair Branch, Sept. 1955.

Credit: "Ten-Wheeler with an Audience" in *Classic Trains, the Golden Years of Railroading*. Waukesha, Wisconsin: Classic Trains, July 6, 2017 issue. Photographer: Philip R. Hastings

Everyone is invited to join His Worship Mayor Steve Arnold and St. Clair Township Council to attend the twin openings for Heritage St. Clair's storyboards honouring the Canada Southern Railway that extended from St. Thomas, ON to Courtright.

The new railway was intended to be a short route from New York to Chicago, cutting across southwestern Ontario. Due to land speculation along the right-of-way in Michigan, the plans of the stockholders for an international rail link were dashed.

However, the new railway did create some villages and hamlets along the route. In Moore Township, the villages of Brigden and Courtright were created and named after Americans who were Canada Southern Railway officials – William Wharton Brigden and Milton Courtright.

The railway opened on July 1, 1872 with an excursion passenger train that departed the Courtright Terminal and proceeded to St. Thomas. Later known as the New York Central Railroad, it ceased operations and pulled up the tracks in 1960.

Heritage St. Clair Storyboard Unveilings
Saturday, June 22, 2019

10 a.m. Brigden Station – Brigden Optimist Park, east of the ball diamond, Brigden

11 a.m. Courtright Terminal – Courtright Waterfront Park, Courtright