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Photos still being sought

The Port Lambton 200th Committee is seeking photographs and information that will help illuminate the area's heritage. To donate, please email the Port Lambton 200th Anniversary Historical Committee at portlambtonhistory@gmail.com or contact Kailyn at the Sombra Museum, sombramuseum@hotmail.com

Sombra Museum seeks information to document COVID-19 era

Please help the Sombra Museum preserve memories of this sad time in our history.

So often, when looking through the archives we get very excited to find the shortest photo caption, post card, note, or on rare occasions, a diary recording daily life. Looking for local accounts of the 1919 Spanish Flu pandemic and finding very little from the local perspective, we realized that we need our St. Clair Township residents to help us record and preserve memories of the present time for future generations. What is going on day-to-day in Sombra, Wilkesport, Port Lambton, Mooretown, Lambton County, Canada, and elsewhere in the world?

Information we hope you will share includes:

- * Shopping conditions and how they changed over time.
- * Adapting to working at home, and any challenges or creative solutions that were needed.
- * Financial challenges.
- * Feelings caused by the outbreak and thoughts about social distancing.
- * Keeping children occupied during self-isolation.
- * Keeping adults occupied during self-isolation.
- * What new or newly rediscovered hobbies or crafts were taken up.
- * Stories from workers on the front lines and staffing essential services.

- * Struggles of family members or friends infected with the virus.
- * Stories of everyday heroes, i.e. people helping neighbours during self-isolation or people accepting inconveniences for the greater good.
- * How daily life and routines have changed.
- * For those who lived through the Great Depression, World War II, etc., are there similarities to those experiences?
- * How social media and technology is impacting life in social isolation (using technology for the first time, using it differently).

Photos, videos, drawings, anecdotes, a few jotted thoughts - we want all the family-friendly material you feel comfortable sharing (no explicit material).

Submissions can be sent by email to:

sombramuseum@hotmail.com with the subject line "COVID-19 History Snapshot".

Please share this request for community life memories with as many people as possible. We encourage everyone to document this time, if not to share publicly, then for yourself and your family to look back and reflect on in years to come.

Take care and be well.

~Kailyn Shepley, curator, Sombra Museum

A FROOMFIELD CHRISTMAS, 1890

[Note: Froomefield and Froomfield are both spellings seen in various writings. While Froomefield is the more generally accepted one, Froomfield is used here as in the original from 1948]

This excerpt is from J. M. Warwick's article "Froomfield Christmas, 1890" which appeared in the *Sarnia Canadian Observer* as part of the Lambton Centennial Series in 1948/49. It describes the Christmas feast of the family of James and Mary Ann (Major) Warwick at Froomfield in 1890:

"There was Christmas turkey (and not just one); there was goose, and duck and chicken; to say noth-



ing of the roast beef of Old England and a roasted ham; there were jelloes and jellies of all colors, and celery and radishes and pickles (how many varieties have long been forgotten). There were mince pies and fruit cake, and plum puddings, and nuts and oranges and candies. Two tables were set; one for the grown Warwicks, and the other for the growing and half-grown members of the family.

It was more fun to eat at the latter, for the waitresses were a bevy of aunts and aunts by marriage, and the little grandmother herself with a skirt that swept the ground, hovering over the small fry to see that each one got his share and lots of it. There was another meal at night when young stomachs were empty again after the walk to Christ Church, Corunna, and the skating on the creek."

~Courtesy Moore Museum archives

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Moore Museum seeks information about history of former Moore Twp. schools



Did you attend a school in the former Moore Township prior to 1963?

Moore Museum is developing another virtual exhibit for our website, this one featuring brief histories and photos of the schools in the former Moore Township prior to centralization in 1963. There were 19 school sections in Moore, four of which were union schools - two shared with Sombra Township and two with Sarnia Township. The map, shown above, indicates the location of these schools.

If you have information on the history of any of these schools, or photos (or scans of photos) that you would be willing to share with us, we'd love to hear from you. We would appreciate details about any school in the township, but especially School Sections #6, #13 and #19 Moore, as our research files contain some information for most of the school sections in the township, but we have no information at all for those three. Information can be sent to lmason@stclairtownship.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

Connect with Moore Museum

We want to hear from you. Please follow the link on the home page of www.mooremuseum.ca to our online survey. We very much appreciate input from our community and, as a thanks for your assistance, survey respondents will be entered in a draw (to be held on November 13, 2020) to win a 2021 family membership and \$25 gift shop gift certificate. In addition to our website and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mooremuseum, we are now also on Instagram @mooremuseum so you can watch for news from Moore Museum.

~Laurie Mason, curator, Moore Museum