

HERITAGE CORNER

Ghost of the hamlet of Logierait lives on in grand old buildings

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When you're driving along Kimball Road, you will come to a beautiful brick house at the corner of LaSalle Line.

The house marks the location of the former hamlet of Logierait. Built in 1880, the house was originally the manse for Burns Presbyterian Church, which can be seen adjacent to the house on the south side of LaSalle Line.

Originally known as Hossie Settlement, after the founding family of the community, the hamlet's post office was named Logierait in 1863. At least three buildings in the hamlet survived from the 1880s; the house and church building, now a private residence, are still in use.

The church and manse were used by the congregation until 1985, when the congregation amalgamated with Mooreline United Church to form Burns-Mooreline United Church in the Mooreline church at LaSalle Line and Brigden Road.

Interestingly, Burns Presbyterian Church was situated within the boundaries of Moore Township, while the manse across the road was in Sarnia Township.

The wire fence in the photograph is long gone, but it bears decorative maple leaf embellishments along its top edge. (See inset, top right) One such fence is still known to exist



The original house is shown here with the Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Dodds, who occupied it from 1902 to 1912. Photo courtesy of the Moore Museum archives

ist elsewhere in St. Clair Township.

The photo shown here was taken by the husband and wife photography partnership of William W. Carter and

Alberta Isaac, originally from St. Mary's, Ontario, later moving to Galt, Ontario.

Remembering S.S.#15 Moore (Kimball School)

Kimball School stood along Kimball Road between Courtright and Moore Lines and housed generations of students from 1870 to 1959, when it became a private residence. The residence burned down in March, 2015 and new private residence stands in its place today.

Early records from its opening until 1879 are not available, but teachers who taught there when the school was new included: Miss Harkness, Mr. Pierce, Miss Milligan, Mr. Trapp, Mr. Brown, Mrs. James, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Kerr.

Four generations of the Miller family attended the school, and there were three generations of Blackmans, Leapers, Nicholsons, Grays, Courtneys, Robbins, and Eyres.

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Sombra Museum seeking baseball memorabilia

The Sombra Museum staff and volunteers continue to work on an exhibit to explore the history of St. Clair Township baseball. Stories, photos, memorabilia, or artefacts like baseball bats, gloves pre-1970 girls/women's baseball uniforms and trophies are being sought to be taken on loan during the 2018 season. Photos and documents can be scanned and returned promptly. If you can help, please call 519-892-3082 or email: sombramuseum@hotmail.com