



S.S. # 6: Derry School

Lot 22, Con 6—Kidd Rd

The date of the first and second schools built are unknown. A third school was built with government assistance and supervision which closed in 1869. The fourth and last school was built in 1870. This school was closed to students in June of 1945 and students were transported to SS#4 Prospect. The school remained open for the community's use for several years until it was sold in 1966 and converted to a private residence.

S.S. #7: Hillview School

Lot 11, Con 9—Blacks Corners

In 1868, the land for the school was bought for \$5.00 from Finlay McEwen. A log school was erected on the property which was later covered with siding. Children who attended the school walked across the fields from the 10th Line. Throughout the 1900's attendance at the school was sparse, with class sizes between 6 and 10. Class sizes slowly increased, reaching 21 pupils in September of 1918. In 1967, John Montreuil bought the school for \$310.00 after its closure. He converted it into a Sports Centre which burned in 1974.



S.S. #8: Goodwood School

Lot 19, Con 8 — 9th Line E.

Built in 1825, Goodwood school was the first schoolhouse in Section No. 8 in Beckwith. The original structure was made of log and remained there until 1879. In 1879 it was decided to build a new stone school in a new, more convenient location for the eastern part of the section. In 1901 a frame school was built to replace the original school which was

S.S.#9: Ferguson's School

Lot 22 Con 10—11th Line E.

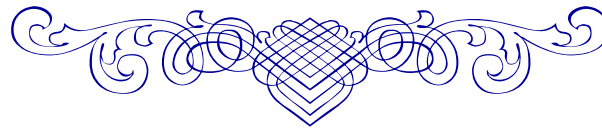
In 1870 a new school was built to replace the original school that was situated on the 11th line. In 1918 the school was condemned as unsafe. A new school was erected in 1919. Shortly after its closure in 1966, the school was demolished in order to widen the highway right of way.



S.S. #10: Scotch Corners Union School

Lot 2, Con 10—Scotch Corners

The first school house was built of logs and was located on the corner of the property close to the 11th Concession to be more central. The last school house was built of a frame structure in 1872 located in the same vicinity as the first. The school was closed in June of 1959 and pupils were to attend Innisville School in Drummond for the following three years. In 1962 they were then transported to S.S.#9: Ferguson's School.



Surrounding Schools that served Beckwith Students

Residents of Beckwith also attended schools outside of Beckwith in Goulbourn, Montague, and Ramsay Township:

- ◆ S.S. #11 Beckwith in Carleton Place
- ◆ S.S. #12 Beckwith in Goulbourn
- ◆ S.S. #13 Beckwith in Montague
- ◆ S.S. #14 Beckwith in Ramsay



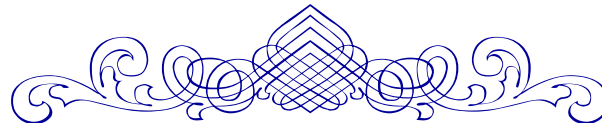
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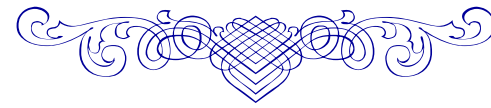
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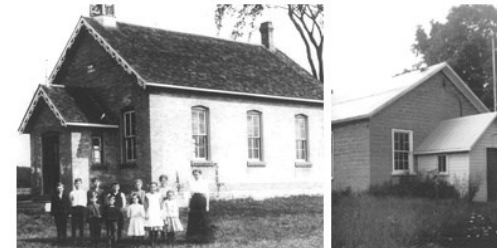
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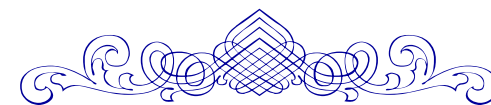
School Houses

of

BECKWITH TOWNSHIP



Distance: Approx. 80 km



Tour Two

S.S.#1: Gillies Corners School

Lot 3 Con 2—Gillies Corners

This school was a union school, meaning it was attended by children from two neighbouring townships, Beckwith and Drummond. In 1967 the school was sold and converted to a family home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford.



S.S. # 2: Franktown School

Lot 11, Con 3—Franktown

The school was opened in Franktown in the year of 1824. The first teacher was Mr. James Kent who later served as Clerk of Beckwith Township in 1840. A small stone school was built in 1848, making it the only stone school built in Beckwith prior to 1850. A fire in 1899, caused by carelessness with ashes, partially destroyed the school.

S.S. # 3: Cuckoo's Nest School

Lot 15, Con 3

In the 1830's, Robert Saunders and his neighbours in southeast Beckwith decided to build a schoolhouse. A brick school was built in 1908. Typically fewer than 10 students attended the school at any one time. The school was closed in 1945, and is now maintained as a private residence.



S.S. #4 : Prospect School

Lot 24, Con 4—Prospect

The stone school was built in 1868, which is still standing. In 1966 following its closure the school was converted to a private residence.

S.S. #5 : Elmstone School

Lot 9, Con 7—7th Line E.

In 1822 the 1st school in Beckwith Township was held in this school section, Rev. George Buchanan taught pupils in his home, Lot 14 Con 6. In 1827 11 boys and 9 girls attended this school on Lot 8 Con 6. A stone school was erected on Lot 9 Con 7 in 1873. The school was closed in 1966 and was sold. In the 1980's it was struck by lightning and burned.



S.S. #5: Tennyson Union School

Lot 1, Con 7—Tennyson

Reports in Lloyd Sutherland's book, Yearning for Learning dates the earliest school at Tennyson to 1824. However, further information has yet to be found. In 1874, a new frame school is said to have been built.

A Brief History of Beckwith Township

The Township of Beckwith was surveyed in 1816 and settlement started around 1817 with about 27 land grants being acted on.

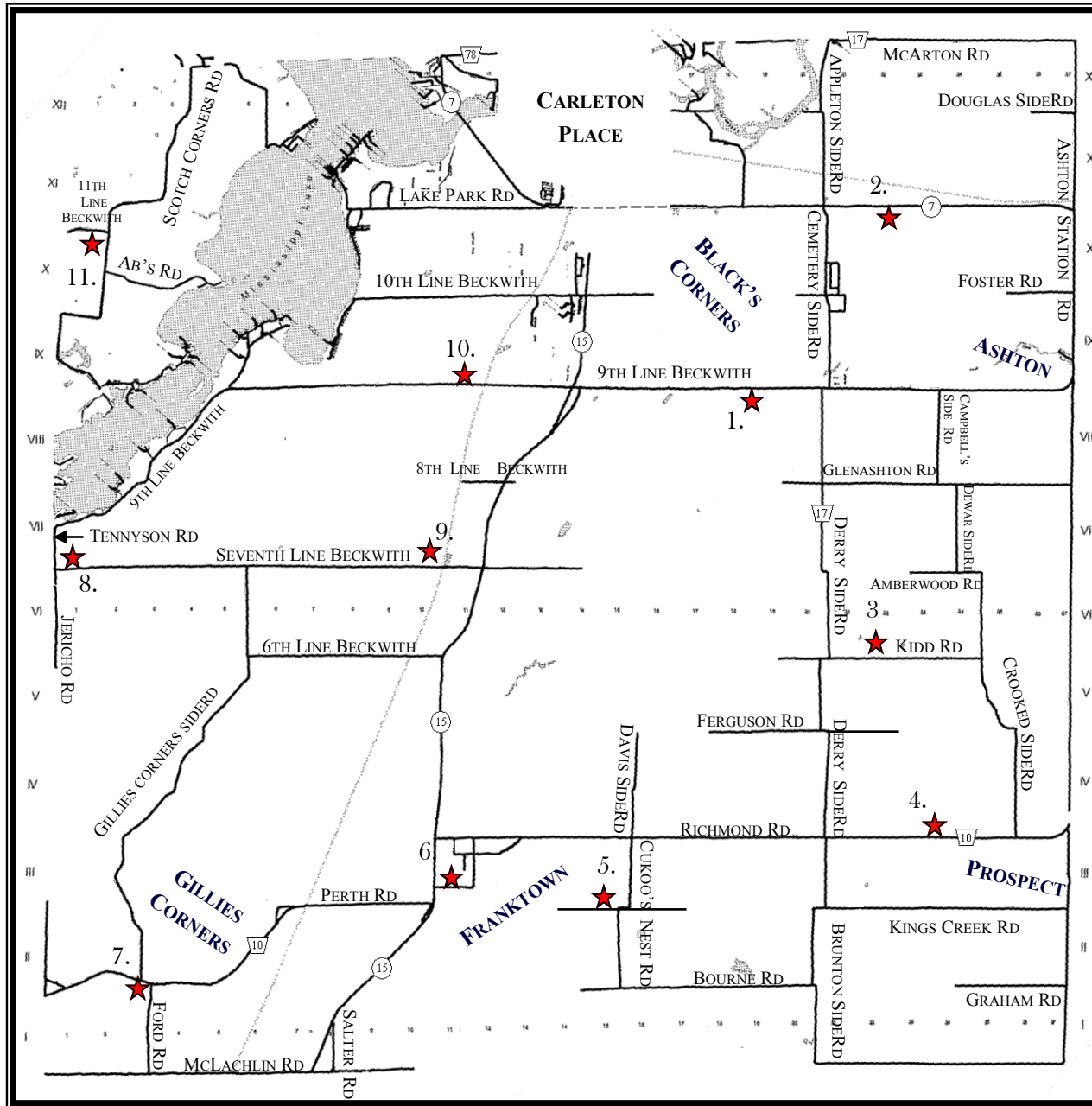
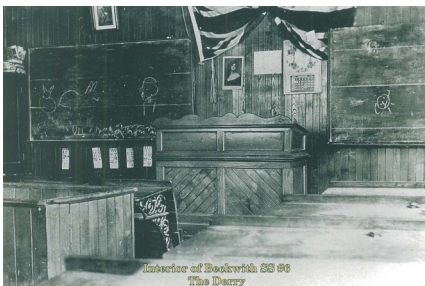
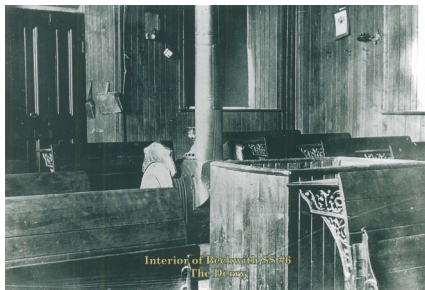
The Township was named after Sir Thomas Sydney Beckwith (born in 1772 and died in 1831). Sir Sydney Beckwith was the Quarter Master for Canada between 1815 and 1823.

By the 1860's Beckwith's population was 2,629 which included Villages with schools, churches, black smith shops, cobblers, tailors, coopers, taverns, general stores, etc.

The Closure of Beckwith School Houses

All school houses in Beckwith that were still in use were closed in 1966 due to an amalgamation between the Carleton Place and Beckwith School Boards. Following the school closures, students were bussed into the Town of Carleton Place in order to attend school.

Interior of Beckwith School Houses (Derry School)



Historical School Houses of Beckwith Township

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- * *S.S.* = *School Section*

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Beckwith Historical Interactive Map

The Beckwith Heritage Committee has developed an Historical Interactive Map on the history of the Township of Beckwith. Please consult our website www.twp.beckwith.on.ca under Community—History— Beckwith Historical Map.

Beckwith Book

An extensive history of the Township of Beckwith was published in 1991 by Glen J. Lockwood *Beckwith: Irish and Scottish Identities in a Canadian Community*. Copies are on display and available for sale in the Township Office reception area at the price of \$45.53 (GST included).

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