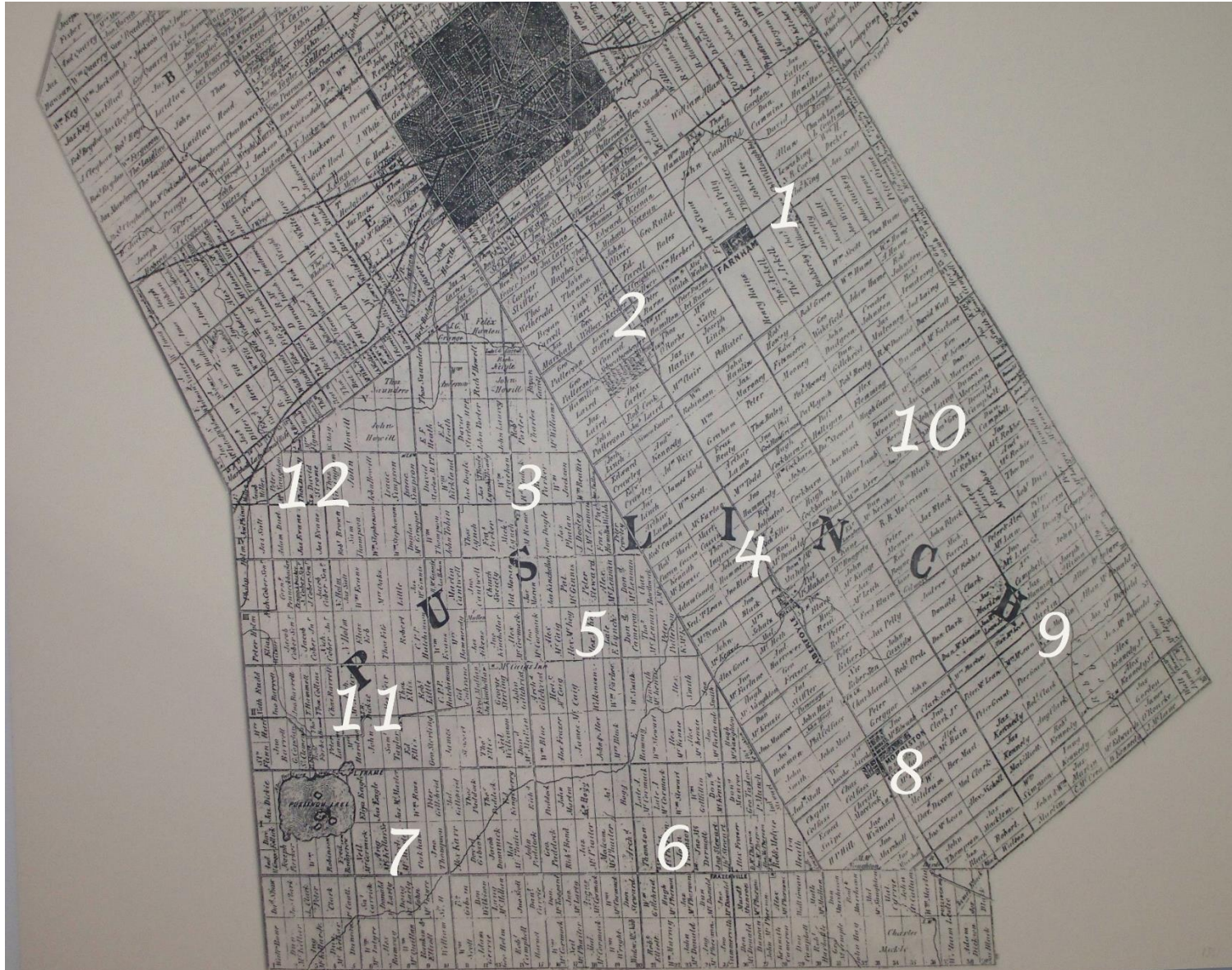


The Communities in Puslinch, Part 3

School Sections 9 & 10

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Township School Districts



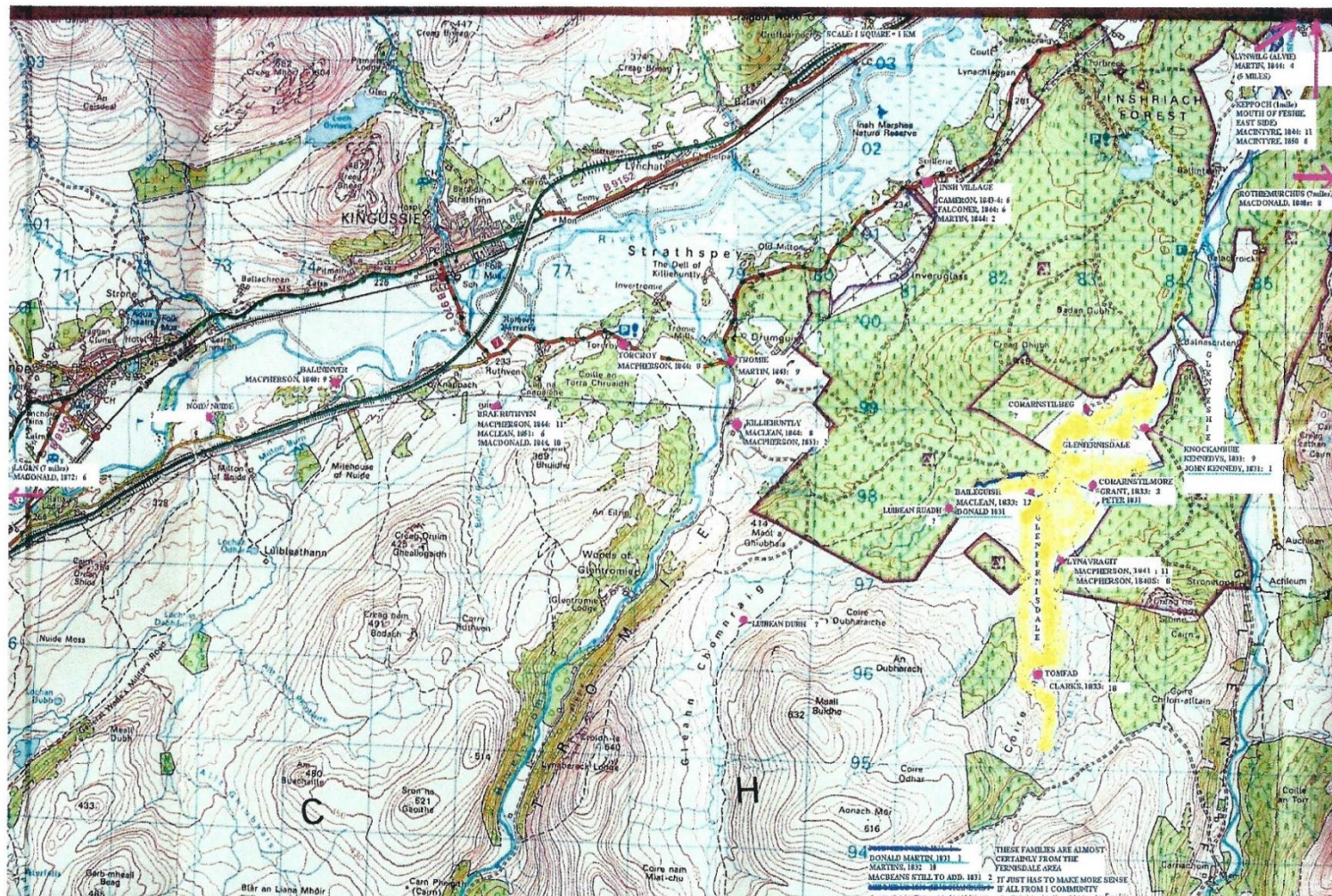
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- S.S. # 7 Killeen
- S.S. # 8 Morriston
- S.S. # 9 Badenoch
- S.S. # 10 Corwhin
- S.S. # 11 Puslinch Lake
- S.S. # 12 Glenchristie

School Section 9

Pioneers in 1861

How it all began

Map of Badenoch Settlements



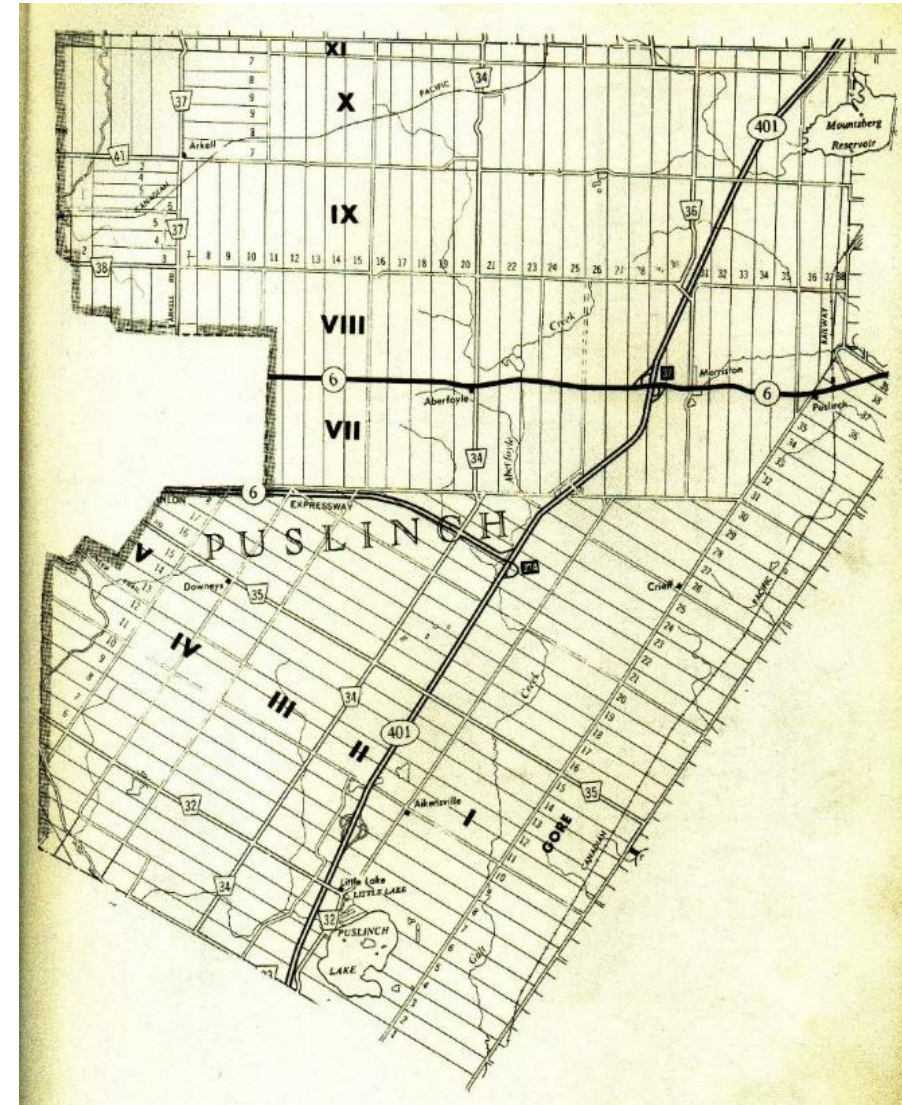
1877 landowners

IX			XI		
Pelley	A M'Robbie	J M'Leann	A. M'Lean	J M'Laren	J M'Laren
J. Fowler	D Clark	P Clark	P M'Lean	N Campbell	N Campbell
A Ord	D Clark	J Martin	D M'Lean	R Allison	D Stuart
M Clark	D M'Kenzie	J M'Leann	Campbell	R Allison	T Dunn
M Clark	Mrs D. Martin	A M'Leann	Mrs Hanning	A Allison	A M'Intyre
No 30	Clark	M'Leann	Martin	M'Intyre	M'Intyre
J Clark	P M'Leann	P M'Leann	D Martin	A M'Donald	P M'Leann
J Grant	P Grant	P Grant	J M'Farlane	A Anderson	J Weir
Mrs W Martin	J Kennedy	R Clark	J M'Farlane	A M'Donald	A M'Donald
M Clark Sr	J Kennedy	R Clark	J M'Farlane	J M'Farlane	A M'Leann
W Nicoll	M E. H. 101	Kennedy	J M'Farlane	R M'Farlane	A M'Leann
J Macklin	W. Simpson	J Kennedy	J M'Farlane	W Anderson	J Patterson
R Watson	B Mast	A Martin	J M'Farlane	Anderson	J Maccock
R Watson	B Mast	C M'Kay	Mae Edward	C'Rourke	W Lamb
			Pane	W Lamb	W Lamb

NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES



Natural heritage road signs were erected by Puslinch Council in 2013 at the suggestion of Marjorie Clark.



Township map with streams and Mountsberg Reservoir marked

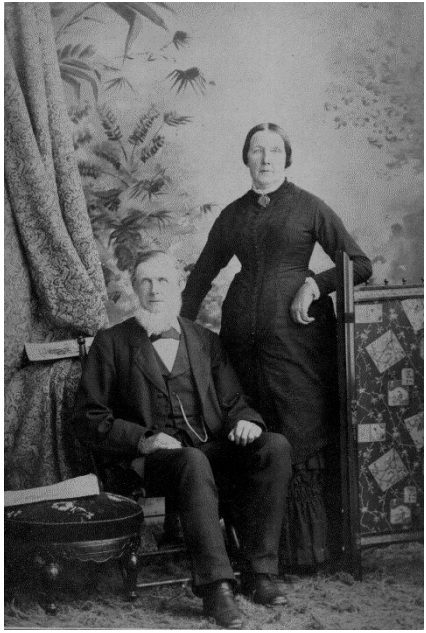
Settlement



First log house in Badenoch, lot 31 R 9
built by Donald McLean in 1832



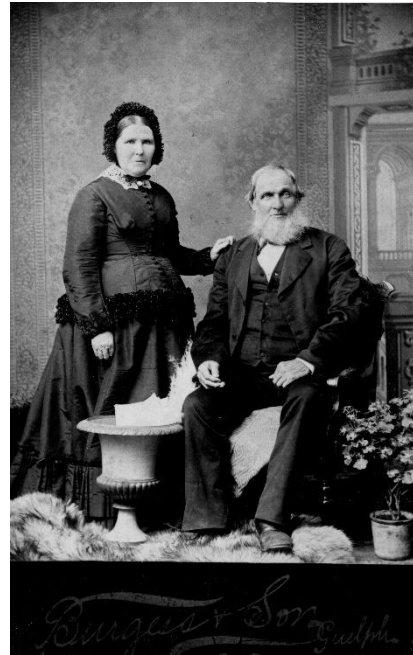
Barn raising at Peter MacLean's c. 1900, lot 31 F 9



Donald & Margaret, nee
McPherson, Clark



Lachlan and Mary Kennedy



Alexander and Christina,
nee Cameron, McLean



Alexander (Sandy) and Mary Catherine
(Kate), nee Kennedy, MacEdward family

PIONEERS

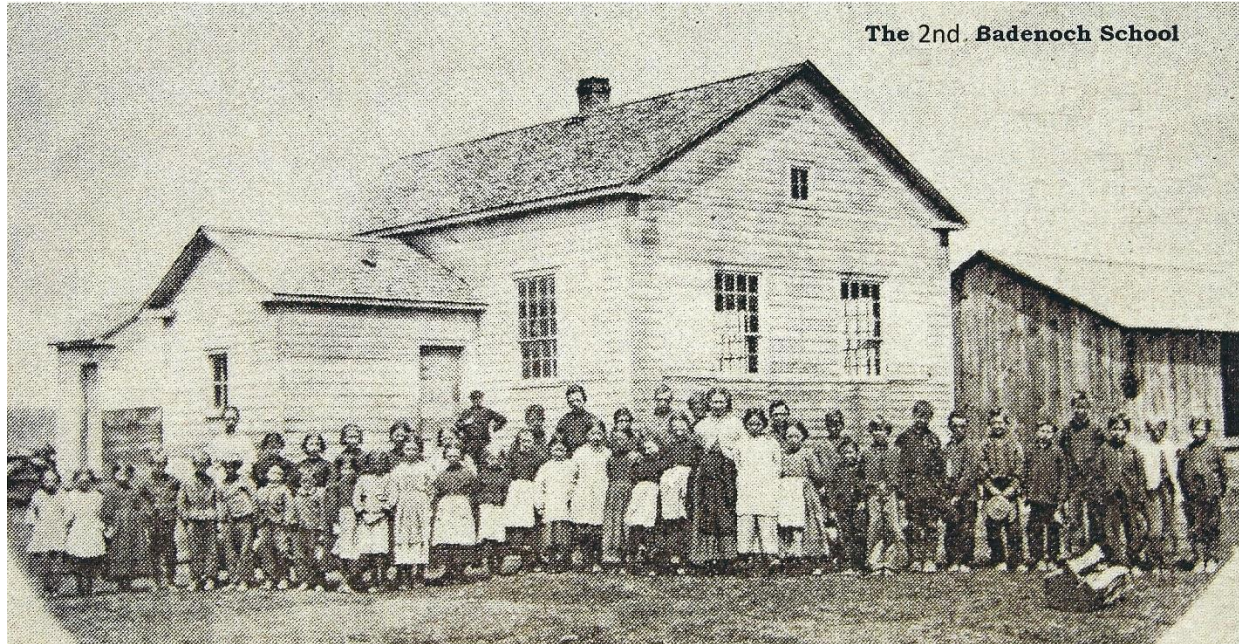


Andrew and Elizabeth, nee
MacEdward, Gilmour



'Councillor Peter' and
Christine, nee McKenzie,
McLean

School and Church



As in most of the school sections, a log schoolhouse was built first, followed by a frame school in the 1850s in Badenoch.

In 1889 a stone schoolhouse was built to replace the frame one at left on a lot directly behind the frame school.



WARDEN from SCHOOL SECTION 9

Lt. Col. William Nichol, Warden in 1890

Alexander Nicol had served on the Gore District Council in the 1840s with William H. Leslie but died when his son William was in his teens. Aspiring to the political interests of these mentors, young William was elected to Puslinch Council in 1869, became Deputy-Reeve in 1870 and Reeve in 1882 when William Leslie retired. Active in the military all his life, he rose to the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the local militia.



PUSLINCH COUNCIL

Puslinch Centennial Council

1950

1909



Puslinch Councillors James McCaig, rear l.; Peter C. McLean, middle row, l.; James Starkey, Reeve; front row, l.; Ervin Steffler, Deputy-Reeve, front row, r.; Clerk Alex Ord, rear row, 2nd from l.; Robert Pettigrew, Building Inspector, rear row, 2nd from r.; Angus Smith, middle row, r. and Roads Superintendent Chester Schultz, rear r.

Military

W. W. I



Above: Young men from Badenoch who served in the First World War.

W. W. II

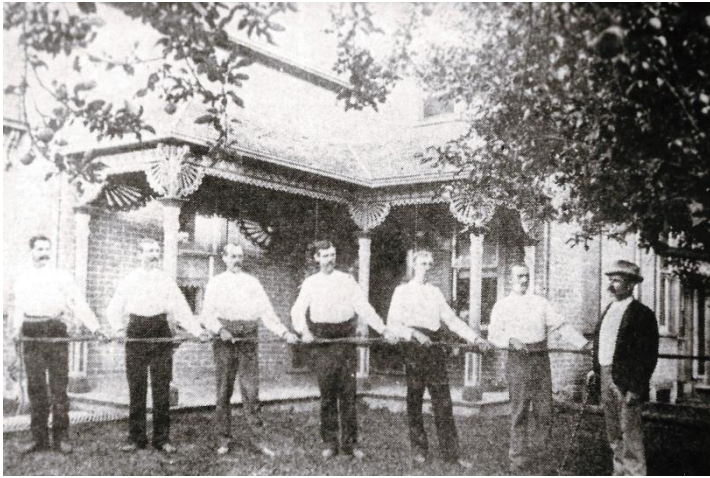


Alexander McLean (l.) paid the supreme sacrifice, giving up his life for his country.

W. W. II



Nursing Sister Marjorie McLean,
1903-1967.



1899 Badenoch tug-of-war champions



1954 men's ORSA champions

1923 Badenoch ladies' ball team

RECREATION

Below: dedication of the
Badenoch ball park –
officials, from left, MPP
Harry Warton; M.P. Alf
Hales; Warden, Allan
Snow; Puslinch Reeve
Sam Roszell



The Badenoch Girls' Softball Team, 1923

MARY V. L. CLARK, Pitcher	G. HANNING, S. Stop	E. CLARK, 1st Base	M. CLARK, C. Fielder
O. MARTIN, L. Fielder	G. CLARK, 3rd Base	A. McLEAN, Catcher	M. CLARK, 2nd Base
		M. McLEAN, R. Fielder	



LISTED HERITAGE SITES

Lot 37, F 10



Duncan McEdward brought his family to Badenoch in 1833 and his son James had this farmhouse built in 1862

Lot 27, R 8



John McPhee c.1877 erected this later fieldstone house with stone wing - son James farmed here next adding a large greenhouse seen at right

Lot 35, R 8



In 1834 Andrew Stahl sold this lot to Alexander Nichol whose son William was active in the militia – Lt. Col. Wm. Nichol built the main house in the 1860s with many additions in the 1890s

Lot 38, R 8



Archibald Watson/ Mast farmhouse – today this is a standardbred farm

Right: Built in 3 stages, a small brick farmhouse by the Kennedy family, a large addition to match by the next to farm here – the Beatons – and a modern board-and-batten extension recently

Lot 36, F 10



Lot 29, R 9



Right: Settled by John McLean, then owned by Peter J. McLean – now a horse farm

Lot 33, R 9



Right: Robert Clark received the Crown deed for this lot in 1860 and built the farmhouse in the 1870s – today owned by Russell Law

BADENOCH FARMS in HERITAGE REGISTRY

Lots 29 & 30, R 8



Lot 31, F 9



First settled by John McLean,
today this is the farm of his
4th gt.grandson Jim MacLean
and his family

Lot 30, R 9



Alexander & Christina McLean's son
Alexander farmed Lot 30 next with
Alexander (III) taking over – today
his nephews Ian & Alastair farm the
land



Lot 31, R 9

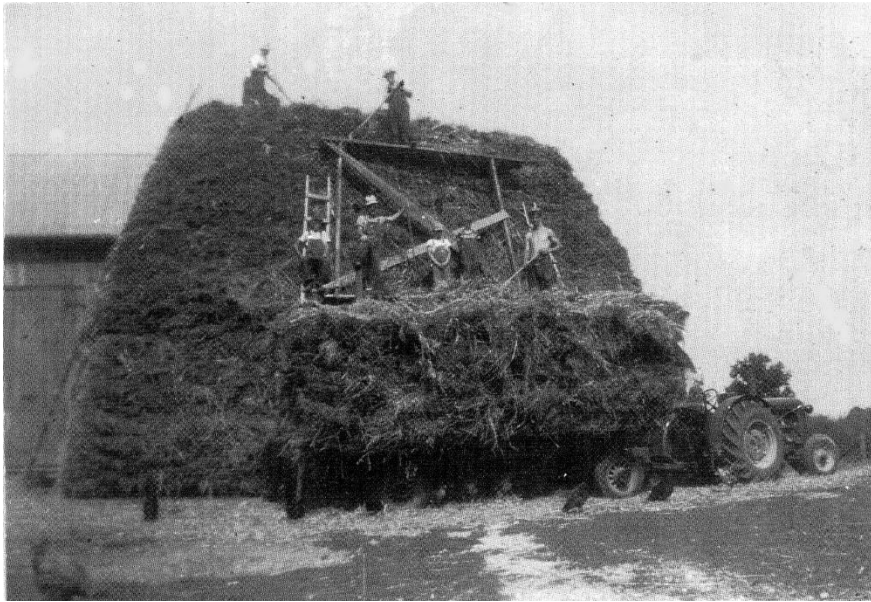


Donald McLean took up 200
acres in 1831 - in 2015 this is
Bousfield's farm.

(McLean's log home is pictured on the
SETTLEMENT slide.)

John Clark Sr. and
family arrived in 1832
and built one of the
earliest stone
farmhouses in Puslinch
in the late 1830s/early
1840s. The farm is
owned today by his 4th
great grandsons Jim
and John Clark.





Agriculture has changed from intense manual labour (above) to expensive automation.



CHANGING TIMES



Today the former schoolhouse has become the *Badenoch Community Centre*, hosting many events. A 2010 quilting circle, above right, is a leisure time activity now rather than a necessity.

Below, right, is the 2014 final meeting of the Badenoch W. I., 1934-2014, celebrating 80 years.



The stone school replaced a frame school earlier on the site. Note the architectural details in this early class photo, right.



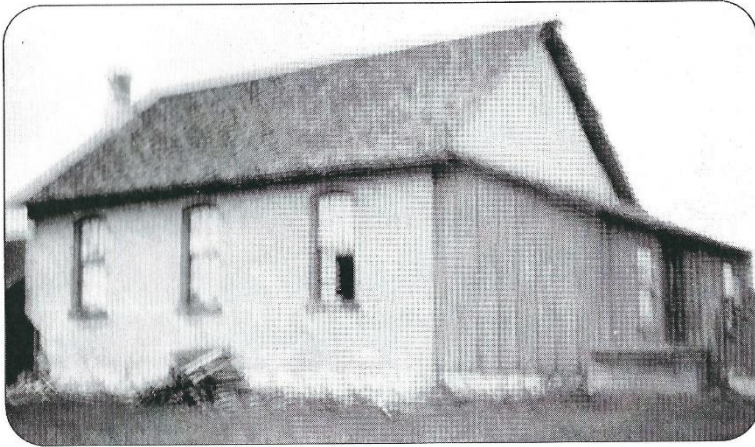
SCHOOL

S. S. 10 Corwhin
1926 class - teacher
Esther Johnson



CHURCH

SOURCE: PHS archives, Nassagaweya history



Corwhin Methodist Church, often called Union, stood on the south corner of the Kitching farm, Lot 21, Con. 1 (20th Sideroad), Nassagaweya. This church was on the site of the retirement home of Percy and Ella Kitching. There was one set of sheds behind the church and another set across the road where the lilac bushes grew on the unopened road allowance.

COURTESY OF JOHN KITCHING

Corwhin Methodist Church
was on the SW corner of 34
and the Townline with Halton



Corwhin Methodist Church Bible Class - 1908
Nassagaweya Township (corner of Kitching farm)
Centre front - George Kitching, Teacher; Back row - Percy Kitching, 2nd from Left

CORWHIN PEOPLE then & now



Duncan McFarlane and
his wife Janet, nee
Taylor, and their family.



John and Jane
McRobbie family



This school photo includes many
people in our community in 2015.

SPORTS



1963 Corwhin baseball team. Coaches: Duncan McFarlane, Rear left; Keith Moore, Rear right

Corwhin ski slope and clubhouse

The ski hill operated from 1966 to the 1980s. This chalet burned in the 1970s and was replaced with a larger one. Later named the Corwhin Ski Resort, besides skiing it offered fishing, swimming and later golf.



Gordon Couling photo, 1968 Wellington Co. Museum & Archives # A1985.110

HERITAGE SITES



Former Corwhin teacherage
(front section of building) – SW
corner of 34 and Watson Road



1870s Hugh Cockburn Jr., Lot 19 R 8
now part of Audrey Meadows Estates



1870s Duncan Campbell house, Lot 21 R 10
now a riding school



1880s Kenneth & Archibald McKenzie
farmhouse Lot 17 R 10



William Laing farmhouse, Lot 14 F 10
no longer standing



James McLaren/Amos farmstead, Lots 25 & 26, F 11
- today Southward's farm



LISTED FARMS

John McRobbie farmhouse, Lot 22, F 10



When four McRobbie brothers came to Puslinch, they bought adjoining farms and built their log cabins on the inner corners so that they could see each other's places.

Andrew McRobbie farmhouse, Lot 23, R 10
- today Nap's farm



CHANGING TIMES

GHOST HAMLET of PUSLINCH

- no church
- no school
- no store
- no post office

Today, most of the former farms in the Corwhin area have been purchased by people wanting the rural lifestyle Puslinch offers. Some renovate the original buildings, some restore them and others build new homes to replace them.



1860s Duncan McFarlane farmhouse
restored by Barry and Jane Lee, both buildings
listed by the Puslinch Heritage Committee

Puslinch Communities from A to T

As we continue to explore the communities within the Township, be sure to open School Sections 11 & 12 to complete the journey.

Aberfoyle
Aikensville
Arkell
Badenoch
Brock Road
Corwhin
Crieff
Downey
Elgin
Farnham Plains
Frazerville
Glen Christie
Killean
Morrison
Paddock's Corners
Puslinch Lake
Schaw Station
Strachan's Corners
The Third