

EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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**“Doors
Open Ontario”**
Our *Old Ebenezer
Pioneer Chapel*
has been invited
by the Ontario

Heritage Trust to participate in “Doors Open” this year. Please mark the date on your calendars, Saturday September 30th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. only. Be sure to attend and check out the special displays for the day in our Chapel, 8999 The Gore Road, Brampton.

The list of other Doors Open venues is below,
- admission to all is FREE.

Alderlea House
Brampton City Hall
*Brampton Stake Centre of the Church of
Jesus Christ*
Grace United Church
St. Pauls United Church
Historic Bovaird House
Jamiat-UI-Ansor of Brampton (Mosque)
Pell Art Gallery, Museum & Archive
*St. Elias the Prophet Ukrainian
Catholic Church*
Lorne Scots Museum & Armoury
Mount Pleasant Rec Centre
Old Ebenezer Pioneer Chapel

Touring Tips

1. Doors Open allows you to tour sites that may not normally be open to the public so plan your visit ahead of time so you have time to visit the buildings you especially wish to see.
2. For a relaxing day, it is suggested that you choose no more than five sites to visit.
3. Pick up maps and site listings on the website www.DoorsOpenOntario.on/ca and follow the links to Brampton Doors Open for site addresses and special exhibits and features which may be available to see only on that day.
3. Allow enough time to travel between sites.
4. Some sites may offer guided tours, special

lectures or exhibits so be sure to make time for them.

Memories of the war time,

Isabelle Bottoms of Bolton remembers that when her great aunt was living with her family in war time that she said she was going to the bank to buy bonds. Isabelle was about 3 or 4 years old at the time and could not understand why her aunt was going to the bank “to buy bombs”.

Ann Fieldhouse Price remembers that a lot of the hired farm hands around Ebenezer went off to fight in WWII. One was Ed Welton who worked for the Kellam family. Their farm was situated on Ebenezer Side Road across from Ebenezer Church. Ed was involved in the Dieppe Raid in August of 1942 where nearly 5000 Canadian, 50 American and 1000 British troops took part in the August 19, 1942 beach landing in German occupied France. More than half of the Canadians taking part were killed or taken prisoner-of-war. Ed was taken prisoner-of-war and was on the “death march” until the war ended. Since Ed attended Ebenezer church with the Kellams, took part in community events and was a good friend of my Dad and my Uncle George, his capture was of great concern of the Fieldhouse family. For this reason my mother, Alma Fieldhouse, my Aunt Edna Fieldhouse and Aunt Bessie Julian and a few neighbours went into action knitting wool socks, gathering razors, soap, and other necessities they thought Ed would need. They packed and mailed many parcels over the three year period. Occasionally Alma would receive a post card from Ed with a German post mark. It wasn't until Ed returned home that we learned that it was the “knitted wool socks” that kept Ed alive. Apparently “foot rot” was the main reason that many men, who could no

longer walk in the “march”, would be shot on the spot. Ed said that when his socks were

wet, he would hang them on his belt around his waist and then he would put a dry pair.



Coleraine Public School Reunion, June 14, 2017

Back Row l-r: John Kellam, Robert Kellam, Jim Maw, Gordon Carberry, Eleanor Weber Minnes, Jack Maw, Tom Carberry, Murray Peters,

Middle Row l-r: Shirley Brownlee Zobolotny, Verna Brownlee Sawyer, Marie Brooks Galitis, Joyce Foster Neary, Marlene Foster Harris, Lois Brooks Hatch, Sandra Johnston Cation, Eleanor Johnston, James Johnston

Front Row l-r: Lois Patterson Wood, Louise Carberry, Jean Black Stewart, Agnes Foster, Betty Johnston Silver, Audrey Patterson Sant

Thirty five former students of Coleraine Public School got together on June 14, 2017 along with their spouses and some neighbours to share memories of the years they spent learning and playing at the one room school on Major MacKenzie Drive just east of Highway #50. SS#16 Vaughan started out as a log school house in 1853. In 1868 a new brick school was erected and was closed in June 1967. Every three

years alumni get together for a meal and share photos and stories about the times they spent learning and playing together and along the way making lifelong friends.

This year Agnes Foster attended at 97 years of age. Her daughters remembered the anxiety of being on the border of school areas and not being able to attend the closest school, which is still an issue today. Into the 1960's the teacher either stayed inside or left during lunch hour, which left the students entirely unsupervised. Sandra Johnston Cation was one of the youngest students in attendance and she is planning to organize another trip down memory lane in 2020.

Submitted by James and Frances Johnston