

EDUCATION IN WILLOUGHBY::: from Historical Writings of Willoughby.

The early settlers realized the importance of education in establishing foundations for the developing of a new community. In Willoughby the first school was formed and classes held in the Riverside Church. the first centre of worship built in 1824. Following the large immigration in the 1830's the need for more schools became apparent. The Township was divided into seven sections for school purposes and a log school was built at the centre of each section.

Sections one and two served the Niagara River front area. School number three was to become what is now King George the V. School in Chippewa. Schools four and five were on the Sodom Rd. School number six served the southwest corner of the Township located at the corner of Dell and Sauer's Church Rds. This was known as the Rob Dell School. Section no. seven covered the northwest portion of the Township , around the school which was located at the corner of what is now Beck and Lyon's Creek Rds.

The schools , although very rough and with conveniences almost none existent, served for many years. Replacements to the schools started in 1868.

Following page gives the dates that each of the original schools was replaced.

WILLOUGHBY SCHOOL SECTION:::

- SCHOOL #1 River Rd. south of Black Creek::: 1873 brick
#2 River RD. north of Black Creek::: 1916
#3 Became St. Georges School Chippewa
#4 Sodom Rd. brick school 1889
#5 Sodom Rd. brick school East side 1891
#6 Frame: Dell & Sauer*s Creek Rd. 1899
#7 Brick school: Beach & Lyons Creek Rd. 1868

New Schools::: 1954 :

Baker Rd. by Creek

1953 St. Joseph*s Seperate School : Snider

The old schools no longer were occupied for teaching:::

NO1 purchased by Niagara Parks: demolished

2 purchased by Niagara Parks: Museum.

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4: 5: 6: & 7: converted to houses.

1863: 1st Township Superitendent Rev. A. christy.

1864-71: Rev. D.I.F. Mc. Leed: trinity Anglican Church.

1871 june 29th., James H. Ball M.A. appointed 1st., County
Inspector: till 1906.

1907- 1919. John W. Marshall Inspector for the entire County.

1919- James Mc. Niece: Inspector for the southern
part of the County.

Mr. Marshall , remained Inspector till 1939