

Historical Scavenger Hunt 2022



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Harrisburg Church
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6. Sunnyside Residence
13 Main St. St. George



7. St. George School
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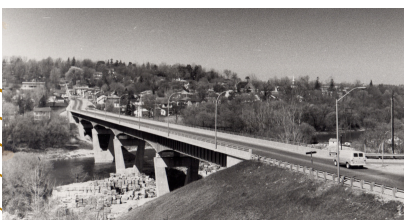
8. Glen Morris Library
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9. Paris Plains Church
598-760 Paris Plains Church
Rd., Brant.



10. Governor's Road
Now, HWY 2, Dundas St.
Paris



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13 Burwell St., Paris



12. Bethel Stone
United Church
154 Bethel Road, Paris



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1. Burtch Baptist Church, 352 Cockshutt rd., Burtch

Burtch Baptist Church is over 150 years old. The original chapel, erected in 1869 still stands today. The wooden ceiling was added in the mid-1920s. Additions to the rear of the chapel were made in 1905 and in 1957. After additional land to the south was acquired in 1965, the gymnasium was built in 1975.

2. Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 78 Painter Rd., Onondaga

This Cemetery was established in 1881 on two acres of land purchased from the farm of Elijah Harrison for \$200. A difficult cemetery to find, it was one of original burial grounds in Onondaga.

3. Onondaga Hall, 42 Brantford St., Onondaga

This Italianate style hall was designed by renowned architect John Turner and is believed to have been erected in 1874. It has long served the needs of the community and was used as a council chamber until 1976. The brick used in construction is thought to have been produced locally and construction costs at the time of its erection were over \$3000.

4. Langford Community Church, 1601 Colborne Street East, Langford

The Langford Community Church, was constructed in 1868 and was known by many different names. It was first called the Plank Road Church, then in 1924, after joining forces with the United Church of Canada, it became known as Langford United Church. After much deliberation, in 1989 Langford decided to break away from the United Church of Canada. At the end of a four-year battle, Langford United Church became known as the Langford Community Church.

5. Harrisburg Cemetery, 81 Harrisburg Rd., Harrisburg

The Harrisburg United Church was originally located in front of this cemetery. Two tombstones located in the northwest corner name two locals, Joseph Jones and Charles Larking who died July, 1871 and May, 1880 respectively while working for the Grey, Wellington & Bruce Railway and the Great Western Railway. Located at Harrisburg Church Park.

6. Sunnyside Residence, 13 Main St., St. George

Constructed in 1888 by Dr. E.E. Kitchen, Sunnyside was built as a show piece with well-kept grounds. This building was the location for the inaugural meeting of the St. George Women's Institute on January 13th, 1903 and the group continued to meet here until 1920. Beginning in 1957, Sunnyside operated as a nursing home and was then converted into a municipal hall in 1997. It was purchased by current Mayor David Bailey in the year 2000.

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7. St. George School, 39 Beverly St., St. George

Bruce's School was named for James Bruce, a graduate of Dublin University who taught in the County of Brant for ten years. A log school was built on the modern location, then replaced with a white brick structure, and finally the new red brick building in 1909. It remained open until 1961 when it closed due to the movement to centralize public education. The students were bused to Glen Morris and German's Schools. It is now used as a childcare centre.

8. Glen Morris Library, 474 East River Rd., Glen Morris

Originally built as a hotel in 1845, the building was vacant when the Library took up residence in 1888. The Public Library was established in 1864 and was housed in a local school prior to its move. The library continues at this historic location to this day.

9. Paris Plains Church, 598-760 Paris Plains Church Rd., Brant

The Church was built in 1845 by the free labour of its own congregation with stones gathered from nearby fields (check out the construction when visiting). The building was restored in 1948 as a memorial to the pioneers of the community.

10. Military Road, Governor's Road, Current Day HWY 2, Paris

Dundas Street came to the River in 1793 and a stone cairn commemorates this located in front of the Fire hall. Originally, it was a military road to gain access to this part of Ontario, to set up defense for the War of 1812. When the bridge was completed, the stagecoach regularly stopped here on its route to London.

Originally, Dundas st./Governor's Rd. continued straight up the hill with horses, buggies, and sleighs struggling to make the climb. Near the top of the hill was Arnold's nurseries and over the hill the original cemetery. Drive Dundas St./now HWY 2 and see how the route has changed over the years.

11. Old Town Hall/ Bawcutt Centre/ New Site for Library, 13 Burwell St. Paris.

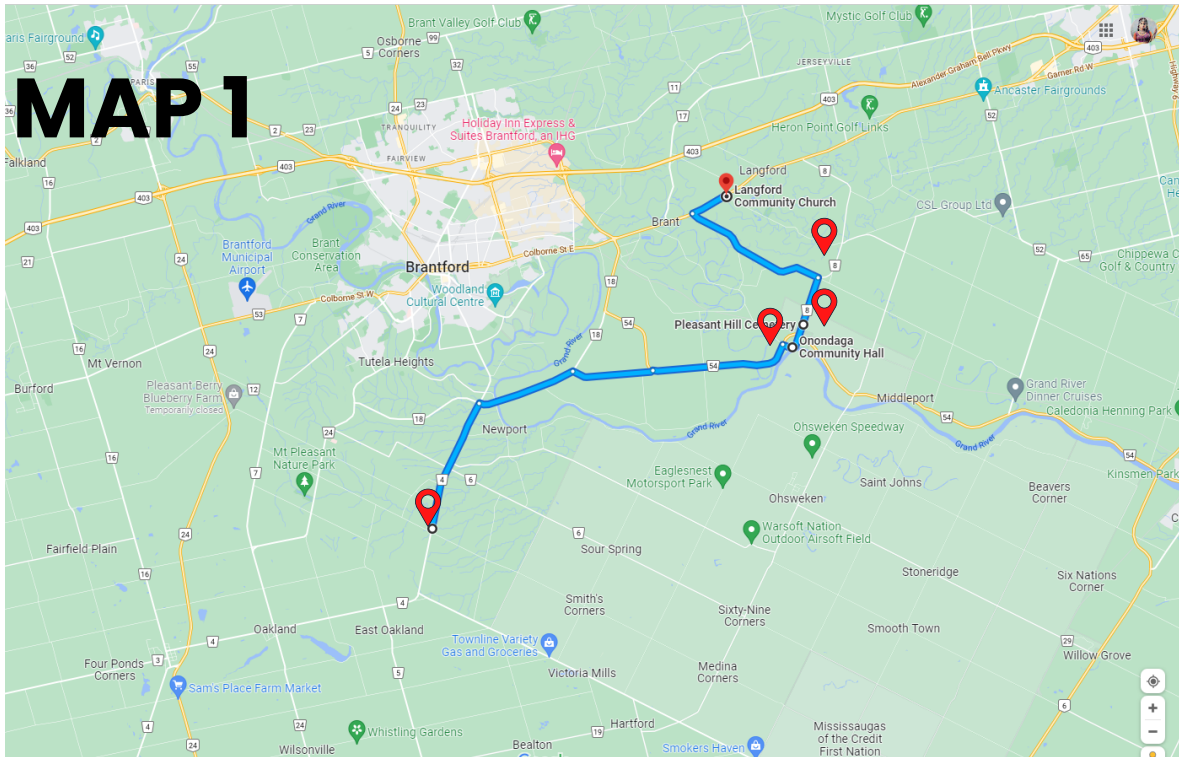
Old Town Hall in Paris was built on Burwell Street in 1853. The building, renowned for its gothic architecture, and is the first of the civic kind to be built in this style in Canada.

Originally, the basement was used as a space for jail cells and part of the market that mainly operated on the ground floor. Offices for councilors of the Town Hall were also present on the ground floor. The second floor was used as an assembly room that later became an Opera House where Parisians would go for entertainment in the early 1900's. In 1917, the Old Town Hall was purchased by Charles and Chester Wheeler and became the Wheeler Needle Works factory. Years later in 1954, the factory was sold to Mary Maxim. It is the future site of The County of Brant Public Library's Main Paris Branch.

12. Bethel Stone United Church, 154 Bethel Road, Paris

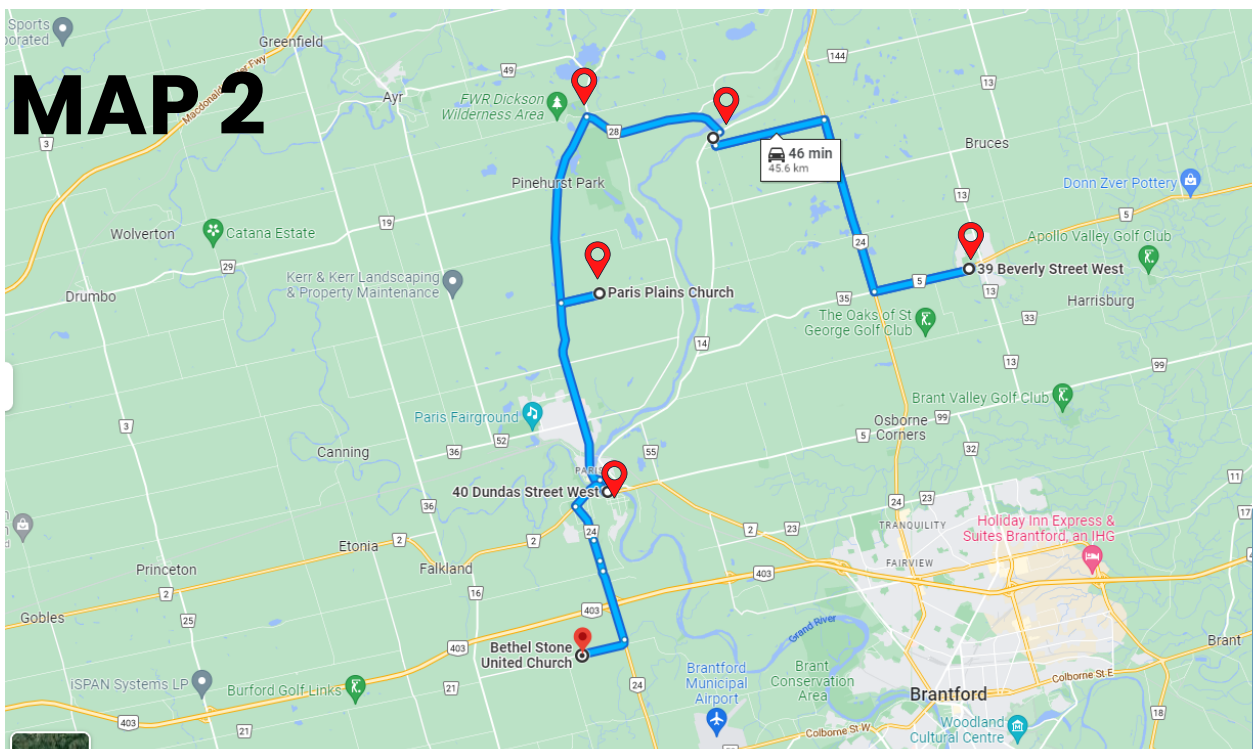
Before 1864, it was decided that a regular house of worship was needed in the area. The piece of land was donated and most of the work in building the church was done by the people of the community. The final cost of the church was \$1,200 and it was built c. 1864.

Historical Scavenger Hunt MAP



Map 1 shows potential route for first 6 stops.

Non-stop route takes approximately 1 hour to complete.
(Add time for exploration and pictures!)



Map 2 shows potential route for second 6 stops.

Non-stop route takes approximately 50 minutes to complete.
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