

**Welcome To**  
**CAESAREA**



**Southern Ontario's**  
**Resort Town**  
**1900 -1950**

## Appreciation

I would like to thank all those who have contributed recollections and photographs for this publication, which highlights Scugog's most popular resort hamlet of the early to mid-1900s.

Most of the information found on these pages was located in published articles in local and national newspapers, advertisements, and memories of former residents and friends of the community.

Photographs are primarily from the dozens of post cards produced to promote Caesarea during this era. Thankfully these cards provide an excellent visual look at Caesarea at the turn of the 20th Century.

Special thanks Lloyd Trewin and Marilyn Pearce for sharing their vast collection of post cards from this exciting time in Scugog's history.

### **WELCOME TO CAESAREA**

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# Introduction

The early history of Caesarea, which began almost 200 years ago, has been well documented. Before the Caesar family arrived, this tiny hamlet on the north shore of Lake Scugog was known as Lasherville, named after John Lasher, who was among the first to arrive, and after settling opened a small Inn.

About 1836 the Caesar family settled in the area, acquiring about 1,000 acres near the shore of Lake Scugog. After their arrival, the village became known as Caesarea.

In later years Caesarea became a busy port with three storehouses for grain. By the 1850s, steamboats arrived and they began hauling barges filled with lumber and cargo. About the same time some steamers began to provide passenger service and excursions on the lake. For more than 40 years, beginning in the 1860s steamboats made frequent stops at Caesarea to pick up passengers on their way to Lindsay.

The Anglo Saxon and Crandella were among the largest steamboats to provide excursions from Caesarea north to Chemong Lake, leaving at 7:00 in the morning and arriving back at the dock at Caesarea at 10 p.m.

The excursions, often filled to capacity with hundreds of people who were entertained by local bands playing popular tunes. These excursions may have been the beginning of a tourism boom for Lake Scugog.

Spurred on by the attraction of people to their lakeside hamlet, Caesarea residents began to provide rental accommodations, restaurants and water sports for their guests to enjoy.

The earliest records of large resort-style inns comes in 1900, when it was reported that the "Leland House", Caesarea was being besieged with tourists. *"The number of visitors at Caesarea the present summer exceeds all former years,"* a newspaper reported. The location, size and ownership of Leland House has not been determined, but it did provide accommodation from at least 1900 to 1908.

Andrew Harran, opened Lakeview House and began advertising accommodation, fishing and swimming at his summer resort in 1909. Located at the foot of Pier St., it was adjacent to the sandy shore of Lake Scugog and he provided good accommodation for only five dollars a week.

As you will see on the following pages, Caesarea became one of the most popular summer vacation destinations for the next 50 years. Multiple large buildings were erected to accommodate the increasingly popularity of the area which was only a short one hour drive from Toronto.

Among the many guest houses to be established was the Kenosha House, Hiawatha House, Scugog Inn, Linton House and Glenlake House.

*Please Note: There may be few people living today that could provide information for this accounting of Caesarea's era as a resort town. Most of the information published was found in newspaper, accounts from former family members of the community, and photographs from post cards produced during this era.*

# CAESAREA from the wharf



This post card photograph was taken circa 1913, at Caesarea, Ontario. Above, partially hidden by trees, is Lakeview House a local guest house.

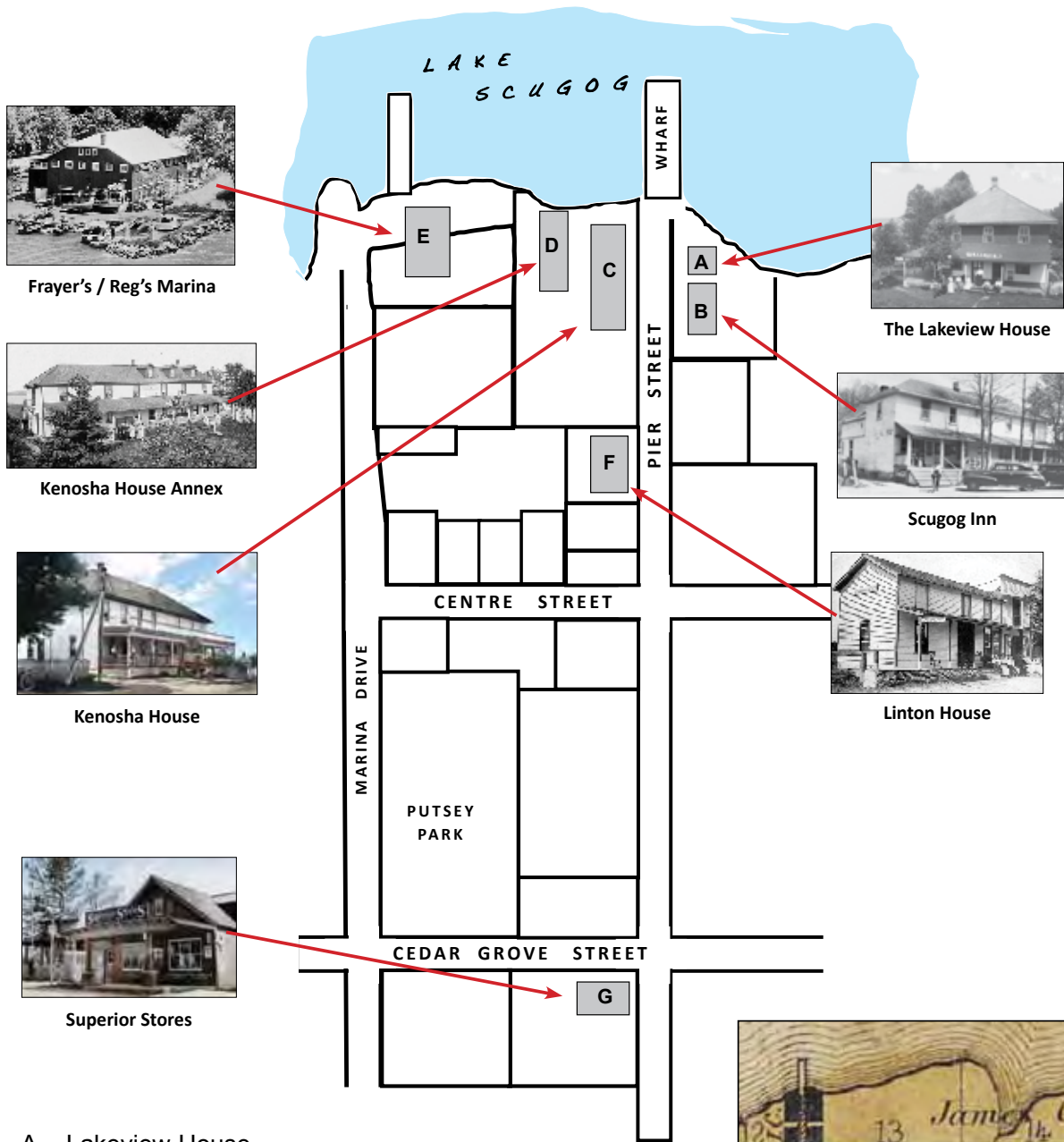
# looking south on Pier St.



The cement wharf was constructed during 1913 at the north end of Pier Street. Partially visible behind boat house, above, is the Kenosha House hotel.

# CAESAREA RESORT

## Location Plan



Frayer's / Reg's Marina



Kenosha House Annex



Kenosha House



Superior Stores



The Lakeview House



Scugog Inn



Linton House

- A Lakeview House
- B Kenosha House  
Scugog Inn, Holiday Inn
- C Kenosha House
- D Kenosha House Annex
- E Frayer's Edgewater Marina  
Reg's Marina, Beacon Marina
- F Linton House
- G Superior & Gordon's Market



Caesarea location map of 1861.



# KYNOSHA HOUSE HOTEL

## Kenosha House - Caesarea, Ontario



Photo colorized by J.P. Hvidsten

*The Kenosha House resort, located on Pier Street, Caesarea, circa 1914.*

## Caesarea's popular summer vacation resort

The Kenosha House resort hotel was the best known of the many summer vacation resorts found within the hamlet of Caesarea during the early 1900s. It was one of two hotels built by Andrew Harran and his son Fred, the other being the Lakeview House.

The Kenosha, originally advertised with the spelling Kynosha House, appears to have opened by Fred Harran about June 1908. He advertised his new summer resort in the *Toronto Star*, as being located in Caesarea on the water's edge of Lake Scugog, with a beautiful sandy beach. A one week stay was six dollars at the Kenosha.

The hotel was located on the west side of Pier Street near the Government wharf. The attractive wood clad structure was two-storeys with a porch stretching the entire length of the building, and wrapping around the north side to provide a great

view of Lake Scugog. The main floor would have included a reception area, lounges, kitchen and possibly more guest rooms.

Photographs of the Kenosha, show there may have been as many as 14 rooms on the second floor. These would have been accessed by a central staircase opening into a hall which ran the length of the building.



At the height of Caesarea's popularity as a summer holiday location, the Kenosha House appears to have had three buildings. Exactly in what order they were constructed is unknown.

There was the familiar Kenosha House located on the west side of Pier Street. Another large building

**KYNOSHA HOUSE, LAKE SCUGOG,**  
good muscalonge and bass fishing.  
Fred Harran, Caesarea, Ont.      dJuly7

*Kynosha House, advertisements from the Toronto Star, above June 1908, and at right, July 1910.*

**LAKE SCUGOG—Kynosha House, new resort, situated on water's edge, home of muscalonge and bass; beautiful sandy beach; tennis; six weekly. Fred Harran, Caesarea, Ont.**

# Kenosha House Annex



This photo of the Kenosha (Kynosha) House Annex was taken about 1908.

—ooo—  
**DANCING**  
 AT THE  
**Kenosha House**  
**Caesarea**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY  
 and SATURDAY NIGHT  
**Arnold Roach's**  
**Kenoshans in**  
**Attendance.**  
 —ooo—

**THE KYNOSHA**  
**DRINKS & CIGARS**

Sign attached the front of the Kynosha Annex, circa 1910.

THE  
**Kenosha House**  
 FRED HARRAN, Proprietor  
 CAESAREA, ONT.  
 —  
 Accommodation for 150 Guests  
 —  
 Excellent Bathing, Boating  
 and Fishing  
 Dancing Pavilion, and Tennis  
 Courts.  
 Rates: \$15.00 per Week



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As can be seen by this picture, an addition had been added to the east side of the original Annex building almost doubling its size. Line through picture shows original building on right, and addition to the left.

directly across the street on the east side, and a the third building being the Annex, west of the original building. Both the Annex and the east side Kenosha buildings appear to have been expanded at some time after the initially opened.

When the Harran's first announced the opening of the Kynosha House in 1908, the spelling used in their advertising, and the hotel's sign was "The Kenosha". The only place this spelling shows up was on what is believed to be the "annex" building. It wasn't until later that the spelling was changed to "Kenosha".

During the first decade of their operation, it appears they underwent a number of expansions, and erections of new facilities. There was the familiar Kenosha House located on the west side of Pier Street, and another large building referred to as the Kenosha annex, which underwent a large expansion.

On the east side of Pier St., across from the Kenosha House, was another large building that also carried the Kenosha House signage. In addition to these two building there was the Kynosha annex, west of the original building, which was expanded some time after it initially opened.

Due to the popularity of the resort, in 1922 Mr. Harran constructed a large dance hall on the property over looking Lake Scugog. The large two-storey annex is believed to have been the location of the Harran's large dance hall on the main floor, with guests rooms above the hall.

The Kenosha became a favoured vacation location, with guests arriving from Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, Rochester and Detroit to relax and enjoy the amenities, including dances every Wednesday and

Saturday evening. At the height of its popularity, the resort provided accommodation for up to 150 guests.

Before the opening of 1938, the Kenosha House and Annex underwent improvements, upgrading its plumbing, and refreshing the building with new paint. The resort was booked to capacity for the season, and the Harran's were unable to accommodate many others wishing to spend their summer at Caesarea.

Forty four years after the Kenosha House opened, the a disastrous fire broke out, destroying the historic building and taking the life of Tilly Harran, who had run back into the burning building to retrieve her dog Lucky, and some personal valuables.

Fred Harran recalled he and Tilly had escaped out when Tilley ran back into get some items. "I shouted 'come back, come back' but she ran right into the burning building. She was found later outside her bedroom door, apparently overcome by smoke. All the guests escaped from the fire, with one lady who jumped from a window suffering a broken leg.

Police believed the fire started from a smouldering cigarette butt which had slipped behind a sofa on the veranda. The fire then tore through the recently painted building and by morning all that was left of the landmark hotel was a heap of smoldering debris.

**Kenosha Hotel—Caesarea**  
**SOUTH SHORE—LAKE SCUGOG —**  
marvellous bass and muskellunge;  
sandy beach; excellent meals. Fred  
Harran. proprietor. n70

*Toronto Daily Star, June 17, 1935*



*An elevated view of the Kenosha House Annex, probably taken from a second-storey window of the original Kenosha House, located on Pier Street.*

# Kenosha House & Annex



*The Kenosha House, left facing Pier St., and the Kenosha Annex, right. Photo taken circa 1914. Guests gather at the boatlaunch near the wharf on Lake Scugog.*



*Cars owned by guests, park along Pier Street, Caesarea, in front of the Kenosha House hotel, circa 1920.*



*Copy of the sign attached the front of the Kynosha Annex, circa 1910.*



*Kynosha (Kenosha) House, circe 1915, with guests lined up along the porch.*



SPECTATORS VIEW SMOULDERING RUINS of the Kenosha hotel at Caesaria on Lake Scugog. Mrs. Harran had made a desperate dash back into the flames and was followed by her faithful dog, "Lucky," 13-years-old and blind, which perished by her side. Eight Toronto residents, holidaying at the hotel, were forced to flee in night clothing. One man leaped from a window with his child in his arms. The building was entirely destroyed

Toronto Daily Star: Monday July 14, 1952

## Fire Traps Proprietor's Crippled Wife as Kenosha Resort Hotel Burns to Ground

Globe & Mail, July 14, 1952

An elderly woman, partly crippled in one arm, was trapped by flames and burned to death just before dawn at Caesarea, on Sunday after she had rushed into her flaming wooden hotel to save sonic valuables. Her 13-year old dog, Lucky, followed her into the house and perished with her.

Eight Toronto people, holidaying for the weekend, got out of the hotel in the nick-of- time. Four had to leap from a second-floor window to save themselves. One man made the 20 foot jump with his son in his arms as the flames raced through the house.

The woman who was burned to death was 67 year old Mrs. Tilly Harran, wife of Fred Harran, proprietor a Kenosha House, a tourist hotel, about nine miles from Port Perry.

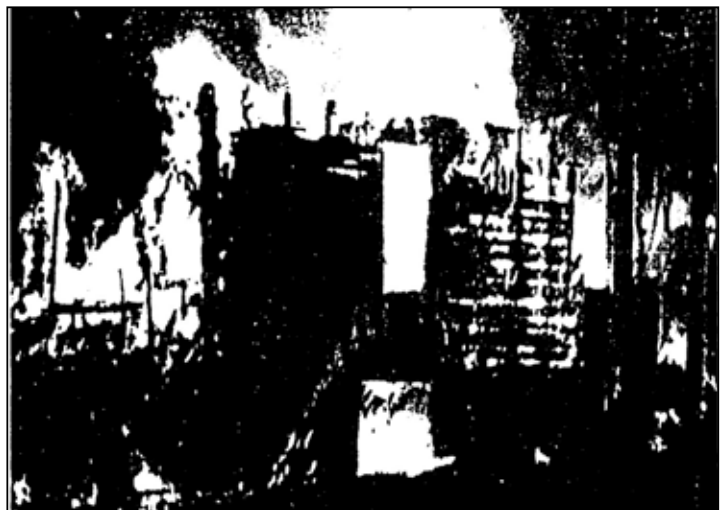
Mrs. Sally McBride of 170 Major St., Toronto is in St. Michael's Hospital, with a broken right leg following her frantic jump to safety.

Mrs. Helen Skene of Toronto, discovered the fire soon after 4 o'clock in the morning. She said that she and a friend, Marjory Barton, with whom she was sharing the room booked into the Kenosha House at 8 o'clock last night and had spent the evening at a friend's cabin. The two women returned to the hotel at 2 a.m.

Everything was quiet and every-body was-asleep when we got in," Mrs. Skene said. "Suddenly, after we'd been asleep for a couple of hours, Marjory woke me and said "I'm sure there's a fire somewhere." I jumped up and ran down stairs."

Mrs. Skene said even before she opened the front door she could see a red glow. "When I looked along the veranda, I saw the old couch they had there ablaze and the flames creeping up the walls. The crackling was terrific.

"I ran up stairs and into the old couple's room and shouted, 'Madam, the hotel's on fire', and then



Flames sweep through skeleton of the two-story Kenosha hotel.

Toronto Daily Star photo.

# Kenosha Annex

Pictures on this page show three different views of the Kenosha Annex building which was located behind the main building which fronted on Pier St.



Photo coloured by J.P. Hvidsten



I ran into our room and told Marjory to get out, but quick. We grabbed our things including my cocker, Brucie. My car was parked right next to the house, and I'd forgotten my key. Men were around by this time, and I opened the door, and we pushed it down to the lake. I've never felt such a heat. Cinders were flying and nobody could get near the place. It all went up in a few minutes."

Police believe that a smoldering cigarette butt, which had slipped behind the chesterfield on the verandah, caused the disaster. The fire tore through the recently painted building in a few minutes, and at sunup, all that was left of the 14 room, two-storey hotel were heaps of black, smoking ruins.'

Mrs. Griffith Pritchard, who was staying at the hotel with her husband and six year old son David, said she was awakened by shouts of "Fire". "But there didn't seem to be much excitement", said Mrs. Pritchard, so we just gut together our bags and were ready to leave when Mrs. McBride rushed into our room and screamed that we couldn't go down stairs because the stairs were on fire. My husband tore out the screens, and I jumped first, thinking I'd catch David, but then Griffith was beside me.

"He'd jumped with our boy in his arms. David only had pyjamas, on and we carried him to a friend's place nearby."

Mrs. McBride was slightly panicky and fell when she hit the ground after her jump. Sunday night doctors at St. Michael's reported that her condition was satisfactory.

The daughter of the Harrans, 48-year old Mrs. Alice Padget, of Toronto, was slightly injured when she fell carrying a bucket of water to the fire. The bucket brigade of neighbours and vacationists was driven back by the heat and gave up when they realized nothing could save the hotel.

The heat from the blaze blistered the paint on the village store more than 60 feet from the hotel. Store owner Art McColl and his family evacuated their premises because they believed that their building would catch fire in the intense heat.

In the height of the confusion Mrs. Harran thought she might have a chance of fighting her way through the flames to reach the upstairs living room where the strong box was kept.

Neighbours yelled at her but it was too late. She disappeared into a pall of smoke. Port Perry



FRED & TILLY HARRAN

firemen recovered her body several hours later. It is believed as she was groping her way upstairs the second storey collapsed and she went with it. Not far from Mrs. Harran was the charred body of Lucky, her dog.

Last out of the house was 59-year old Annie Ralph, who was sharing a room with Mrs. McBride. She refused to jump until helpers had placed a ladder against the verandah where she was standing. There were plenty of ladders around and I didn't want to hurt myself", site explained.

A mystery late-model car parked outside Kenosha House and completely burned out caused firemen to probe the charred hotel ruins for nearly six hours. They feared that several more people, including a blind couple, had been let into the hotel by Mrs. Harran and had also died. The hotel register was a heap of ashes but neighbours knew that there were several empty rooms in the hotel.

Only when the owner of the car, Mr. Bruce Mackay returned from a 10 hour fishing trip on Lake Scugog, to find his car a shambles, did police establish that he, two other people in the same fishing party, and the blind couple, never entered the hotel.



# CAESAREA

the swimming is great!





# HIAWATHA RESORT

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*The Hiawatha Resort, Caesarea, circa 1920.*

During the summer of 1911, Thomas Pengally and Ernest Frayer, two enterprising carpenters from Caesarea began building summer cottages in this small lakeside hamlet.

Caesarea, located on Lake Scugog, had become a popular vacation location people from across the province, and beyond by the start of the century and accommodation was of utmost importance.

The first season for the Hiawatha Resort was a highly successful and was so great that many wishing to stay at the resort could not be accommodated.

In the spring of 1912, Pengally and Frayer began a major renovation of the Hiawatha, constructing a large four storey building. By this time, Caesarea

was being referred to by the media as “The Eden of Canada” as a summer resort town, and celebrating its scenic views, beautiful shores and Lake Scugog excellent for fishing, boating and bathing,

The newly enlarged Hiawatha was a wood frame structure featuring four floors, capped with a barn-style roofline. It had a veranda on the first floor facing the street, capped with an upper storey balcony.

The renovations provided a more commodious and convenient facility, putting them in a position to cater more effectually and beneficially for its patrons and Mr. Pengally was determined to leave nothing undone in order to meet the requirements of his patrons.

After a second successful year, in June 1913 the owners advertised in the Toronto Star that the Hiawatha was open for the summer seasons and provided home comfort and a high class dining room. The also boasted providing a homelike summer resort with scenic grounds and facilities for tennis, golf, fishing, boating and bathing,

Exactly when Pengally left the Hiawatha is not known, but by 1926 it was being operated by Mrs. T. VanCamp, a businesswoman from Toronto who

**L**AKE SCUGOG—Good accommodation, first-class board, in private family. Apply Thos. Pengally, Caesarea, Ont. 135tJun17

*Toronto Daily Star, June 1910*

**H**IAWATHA HOUSE, LAKE SCUGOG, open for summer season, all home comforts and privileges to guests, high-class dining-room. Apply for terms. Thomas Pengalley, Caesarea, Ont.

*Toronto Daily Star, June 1913*

NOTE: PENGELLY, also spelled Pengalley and Pengally.



The dining room of the Hiawatha Resort, Caesarea, circa 1920.

**HIAWATHA HOUSE, CAESAREA** -  
boating, fishing; fourteen weekly;  
children half fare. T. Van Camp & Sons.  
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Toronto Daily Star, May 1927

**HIAWATHA HOTEL, Caesarea, Ontario.**  
under new management, comfortable  
rooms, home cooking, rooms and board by  
day or week, reasonable rates, good bathing  
beach, boating and fishing. Write W. A.  
Reynolds for reservations.

Toronto Daily Star, July 1930

**BUSINESS PERSONALS**  
**MRS. T. VAN CAMP**  
**AND SONS**

**BEESLEY'S BITTERS**  
**GIVE LASTING RESULTS**

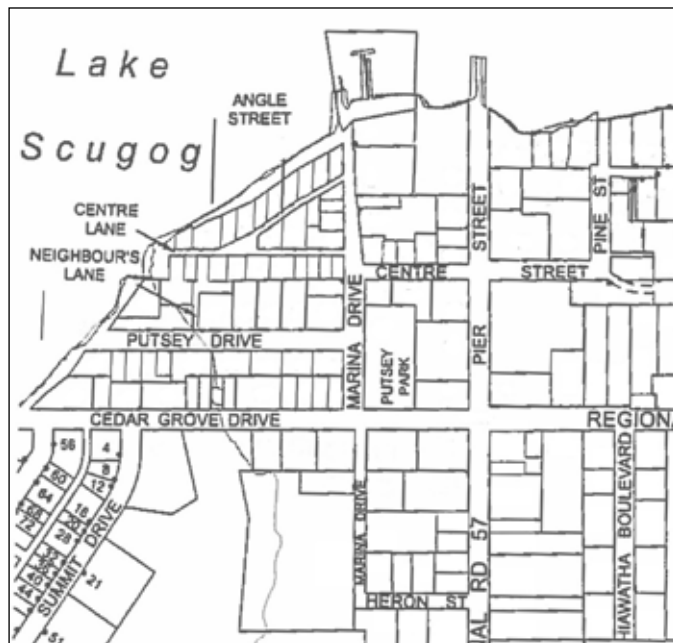
**WE** can save you from the risks of operations for ulcers of the stomach.  
**A GENTLEMAN** called at our store, 1152 Danforth avenue, two weeks ago, saying he had an ulcer on the duodenum, having been in hospital for seven weeks and would not consent to operation.  
**IN** one week after taking Beesley's Bitters pain grew less and he has returned to work.

**WE** can guarantee the same results to hundreds more. We overcome the acid conditions which cause the trouble.  
**SOLD** at 1152 Danforth avenue. Call for references to others who have been benefited.

Toronto Daily Star, April 1938

manufactured and sold Beesley's Bitters". Within four year, by 1930 Mr. W.A. Reynolds was the proprietor.

No further information can be located regarding the Hiawatha Resort. It's exact location is unknown, and if the building was removed or destroyed by fire, as did many of the wood structures of that era.



The exact location of the Hiawatha Resort has yet to be confirmed, although it is expected to have been on Hiawatha Boulevard.



## **The Hiawatha Hotel**

The Hiawatha Hotel, Caesarea with guests and staff of the the hotel, circa 1925.



# CAESAREA

**the fishing is amazing!**



**Lake Scugog was known for its great bass, maskinonge\* and walleye fishing during the early part of the 20th Century**



**\*Also spelled "muskelunge"**

# LAKEVIEW HOUSE HOTEL

## Pier Street - Caesarea, Ontario



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*Lakeview House, left, was located on the east side of Pier St., along the waterfront of Lake Scugog, Caesarea.*

As early as June 1909, Andrew Harran was advertising his Lakeview House summer resort at Caesarea. The resort, located at the foot of Pier St., at the sandy shore of Lake Scugog. He offered to provide good fishing, a guest could stay for a week for only five dollars.

Andrew was born in 1853 in Cartwright Twp. and spent his entire life in the rural community, passing away when he was 97 years old.

As a young man he was a labourer, and it wasn't until 1909, after constructing Lakeview House, that he changed occupations. He and his wife Martha became hosts to dozens of people who came every summer to enjoy a vacation fishing, boating and swimming.

An avid fisherman, Andrew was often called put on guide his guests out onto the lake. One story told is that while guiding an American tourist, Andrew and his guest tipped back a drink to celebrated each fish caught. "They must have caught an awful lot of fish, for Mr. Harlan had no idea how he got his boat homes and his wife had to help him to the house."

Little information is available about Lakeview House, although it appears that Andrew enlarged his building. An article in the Port Perry Star dated June 12, 1912 mentions, "Fred and Andrew Harran have their new summer resorts nearly built." It appears as if Andrew's Lakeview House and his son's Kenosha House were located across the street from each other.

**LAKEVIEW HOUSE, a beautiful summer resort, on Lake Scugog, good maskalonge and bass fishing. Terms, five dollars per week. Andrew Harran, Caesarea, Ont.**

*Toronto Daily Star, June 1909*

**LAKEVIEW HOUSE, CAESAREA, ON shore of Lake Scugog, fishing, boating, and bathing, tennis, telephone and piano; rates \$6 and \$7 per week; for particulars apply Andrew Harran, Caesarea, Ontario.**

*Toronto Daily Star, July 1914*

Based on photographs, Lakeview House was a two storey structure, with a wrap-around veranda on the street and lake sides where people could gather and enjoy the views.



**Lakeview House, Caesarea**  
**ON** the shores of Lake Scugog, good  
 meals, fishing, bathing and dancing.  
*Toronto Daily Star, July 1948*

Harran's "Lakeview House" is seen, above left, during the 1930s, during the annual Caesarea Regatta, held in August ever year. The larger building south of the Lakeview was known as the "Scugog Inn" during the 1940s.



*The Lakeview House, left, nestled along the lakeshore of Lake Scugog, with boats ready for its guest. Building at right is the Kenosha House.*

The two pictures on this page, taken from approximately the same location shows the Caesarea Post Office and general store about 1912 (above) and the same building after it was enlarged. Bottom picture taken in the 1930s.

The original building, seen above, was incorporated into the building below. This can be seen by the distinct change of colour in the roof shingles, the darker being the original building and the lighter, the new large addition.

It is believed this entire building (below) was originally part of the "Lakeview House", but has yet to be verified. The building was renamed the "Scugog Inn" during the 1940s.



*Lakeview House, partially hidden behind trees, and the Post Office about 1910. The post office was also a general store, and it was operated by Albert and Thomasena Harran from 1921-1928.*



*Lakeview House, far left, with the post office (above) combined into the new large building, area outlined.*



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Views of "The Lakeview" guest house, circa 1912.





# THE LAKEVIEW PAVILION

Another of the Harran family was David. He was one of five children raised by Andrew and Martha Harran. Little is know of his life as young many, but by the 1930s he was operating a small store and resort near Caesarea's lakefront on Lake Scugog.

A destructive fire awakened the community in September 1933 to find a mass of flames raging through his store and its contents. When he arrived on the scene the building was a mass of flames. The cause of the fire was never determined, and the loss was estimated at \$2,500, with only \$800 insurance.

Although there are no records of him rebuilding, in July 1937 a news report in a local newspaper declared that visitors to Lake Scugog were enjoying the promenade walk constructed around Mr. Harran's restaurant near the main pier. In addition he had improved and enlarged the parlour giving a beautiful view of the lake, while eating one of his famous hot dogs.

In addition to his business, David was very involved with the protection of the Lake Scugog and provided the government statistics on lake levels each year. He also worked with the Dept. of Game and Fisheries on the stocking of Lake Scugog with Pickerel fingerlings.

David Harran was 77 when he died on December 12, 1955, in Caesarea.



*David Harran's pavilion at the lakefront where he served hot dogs. This picture shows the "promenade walk" around the restaurant parlour.*



*The Pavilion near the wharf, Lake Scugog, circa 1930.*

## Caesarea pioneer settler Andrew Harran death

In the passing of the late Andrew Harran, Saturday, Aug. 26, 1944, Caesarea lost one who was commensurate with it, one who was the dominant factor in its own life century. For most pioneer folk now approaching an extended life of 100 years, there naturally is some haziness about their early years and so it was with the deceased whose age was finally adjudged to be 97 years.

A full obituary would likewise be the chronicle of this lake-side community's history, for born here, he has never travelled farther than his canoe would take him, save one trip to Toronto not many years ago.

His parents emigrated from England, reaching Canada after seven weeks travel in an old sailing vessel. Relative to history in centuries, he was born just 200 years after the Iroquois wiped out the Huron tribe and French hopes of New World Empire at the burning of Fort Ste. Marie (Martyr's Shrine, near Midland), and 100 years following the execution of Prince Charlie in England.

As he grew up his environment was Indian life and Squatter's Rights. As houses were built, they often proved later to be on the road and it seems what registrations there were, found asylum at Whitby.

So all his long sojourn in Caesarea from when it was unbroken bush of great hardwood trees and stalwart pine where Indian skulls and stone hatchets were here and there, run across near the fringing border of the lake's marshy area, until now when all lovely streams have dwindled to a trickle with others less fortunate with erosion, gullies and weeds supplanting the over-stripping of our heritage of forest growth, he led his outdoor life fishing, trapping, gardening, mending his boats, living a natural, temperate life amid the great outdoors, surely the secret of his many years.

He was one of eight in a family whose nearest neighbour was poverty, with Edward, Polly (Mrs. Bullock), William, John, Rose, Agnes (Mrs. Joe Cook) and I understand, one other. Mrs. Bullock and William were twins and she alone survives.

His first wife was Martha Mallory, whose maiden home was east from Smith's Woods, and their children, Fred, Dave, Russel and Charlie, the latter deceased in 1924.

### He paddled with his mother by canoe up the Scugog River 20 miles to Lindsay to get supplies when he was a young boy

What hereabouts the name Caesar, whose monument in Caesar's Cemetery nearby dates 1838, was to pioneer life, what the late John Watson was to lumbering and local industry, so was the name of Andrew Harran to trapping and fishing.

Born to poverty in a large family, it is much to his credit that he got along well in later life as the world views



*Andrew Harran with a 25 lb. maskinonge caught near Caesarea in Lake Scugog.*

*Toronto Daily Star, July 21, 1925*

Russel tells of one occasion when his mother placed him in front of her on horse-back for a visit to her old homestead and he still recalls some features of the ride that were none too comfortable.

There were, of course, no stores in Caesarea or nearby in those days and the mother would pack her two oldest boys in the canoe and paddle down the lake, through Scugog River some 20 miles to Lindsay and back with home supplies - such was the pioneer's endurance lot. She died aged 48.

He is survived by his second wife, (nee Emma Hill). The burial services were at Nestleton United Church, Monday, Rev. Dr. R. P. Bowles officiating. Pall-bearers were Jerry Wilson, Fred Johns, James' Bruce, Harold Barker, Mr. Fraser, John Sando.

Despite the fact that he never associated himself much with community social activities, but rather lived a life apart as a rugged individualist, as his remains were lowered in the cemetery, all present realized with a neighbourly sadness that a precious thread of continuity had been drawn from Caesarea's fabric of unrecorded remembrances an encyclopedia of community past had been forever sealed.

success. It was interesting to hear him tell that with the little education he got within an early log school near the so called George Lansing cottage, he never had a pair of boots until he was 15 years old and these were revamped from a pair thrown out from a lumber camp at Shingle Landing.

During winter, fishing through the ice in Lake Scugog, he wrapped his feet in strips of factory cotton and old sacking in Indian fashion. He later worked in the fields at 50¢ a day, sold maskinonge at 6¢ a lb., sold muskrat pelts at 10¢ each, and as guide, rowed American fishermen at 25¢ an hour – and incidentally whiskey was only “six shots for a quarter.”

Fred recalls that he has seen his father with 50 beautiful mink skins sell at \$1.50 and now they bring \$20 a skin. From his own chat and with the family, many touching, pioneer reminiscences might be recalled, but space forbids.

His last illness of a month originated up the marsh last spring when, while trapping, his spaniel best friend went through a weak spot in the ice and the trapper instinctively plunged in to save his dog. By being able to grab the end of a limb of a tree he was able to save himself but his freezing clothes together with his many years nearly stopped him from reaching home.

One of his last remarks which points to the philosophy of his long life was, “I hope to die in the open.” A number of years ago he and Fred drew a hand sleigh loaded with traps, bedding, etc., over the snow to Pigeon Creek to set up for a week for mink. The father spotted mink footprints and placed the traps along a length of trail. On the way back they found a mink already in a trap but an owl had spotted it first and left the remains with a hide of no use – \$10 gone that time.

## **When his dog went through the ice, his trapper instinct kicked in and he plunged in to save his best friend.**

The family recounts he would get out in the morning at four o'clock for Fallis' Creek pond, bring back the pelts of chiefly rats and mink on his back, have breakfast and proceed to Williams' Point, later in the day to follow the Marsh to the Big Creek.

I was curious to know how Mrs. Bullock knew her brother, who was two years older than she, was born in the month of August. She said her mother told her he was born when the “long black berries” (thimbleberries) were getting ripe. Such was the calendar of those days. One time after setting a trap line, to his surprise he caught a wildcat, down about Janetville, then called Washago Beach.

He trapped all last winter at 96 years, and one day, taking his gun, brought back three ducks, still a crack shot. His heart would sadden when he recounted how thick the wild ducks were in his early years and how tame. The Syndicate watch tower didn't exist up the marsh then.

When importuned to take a trip somewhere, his answer was that he would rather stay at home and watch the dandelions grow. He liked to talk about the two grain (wheat) storehouses (most of us but vaguely recall one) here on Caesarea side of the lake. There were then three hotels and where Robert Savigny lives was one location.

## **He never had a pair of boots until he was 15 years old.**

Many of my readers will recall renting one of Andrew's “old boats” to go fishing and how heavy they were to row, particularly if you weren't getting any fish. Well, he was a great believer in white lead for the ills of all boats and some of them won't have to survive much longer to reach the century mark.

Local animosity, here as elsewhere, played a part in the trapper's life. Game was snatched, even the traps disappeared and he tells of lying concealed all night to catch the intruder.

Much might be said about his maskinonge fishing experiences, but just one. An American for whom he was acting as guide and rowing (the deceased never used a motor boat) remarked that he had come prepared in the boat for a drink for each fish caught, and insisted. The guide doesn't remember how he got to shore but Martha had to help him up to the house. This exceptional case must be attributed to the lake's plenitude of fish.

In furtherance of this he tells of one time finding a previously unknown rather deep hole near the Scugog Island shore from which eventually he took out 125 bass. He used to go to Bobcaygeon for eels which he would crate, salt and smoke for winter use. Catching fish on the way down and selling would provide groceries and tobacco for the trip and then he simply caught eels by the dozen.

I like to think on the derivation of Caesarea as Caesar's Area, for from Squatter's Rights at a nominal figure from the Crown, I have heard said he finally controlled 1,000 acres.

The Harran property was acquired similarly. Many Cartwright properties have changed hands from the Crown from 20 to 30 times during the deceased's lifetime. He tells of young Caesar as a boy (he never married) going about in a top hat, Eton a la mode.

When we think of those early days, with no doubt their hard-ships, but offset their simple lives and home-ly joys against our streamlined present with luxury craving vs. taxation and super-taxation, and we secretly long for “the good old days.”

And so Caesarea bids adieu to one who had been a part of all its years, who lived his life as he saw it, a worshipper of God's Nature.

*Bowmanville Statesman Editor's Note:*

*We are indebted to Dr. L. B. Williams, Toronto, for sending us this very interesting story of the late Andrew Harran.*

# CAESAREA REGATTA



*The Caesarea  
Regatta has been  
an annual event  
on Lake Scugog  
Civic Holiday  
Weekend  
since  
1928*



# THE SCUGOG INN

later to be renamed

# THE HOLIDAY INN



**SCUGOG Inn, on Lake Scugog, at Caesarea: clean, comfortable, double rooms, \$15 per week.**



*This building was known as the Kenosha House during the 1900s-1930s under the ownership of the Harran family. It changed names twice later, renamed the Scugog Inn, circa 1959, and the Holiday Inn during 1959.*

This picture of the Scugog Inn, Caesarea shows a two-storey structure with what appears to be a large addition at the rear. On the main floor was a general store, and the upper floor was rented out to guests during the summer.

The car in front of the building is an 1942 Chevrolet, which helps to date the picture as being taken during the 1940s.

This building, located on the east side of Pier St., was owned by the Harran family during the early 1900s, and operated under the name Kenosha House. It was one of three large building owned by Andrew, Fred and David Harran.

The hotel's name was changed to the Scugog Inn during the late 1930s and operated under this name for about 15 years.

The last recorded use of the Scugog Inn name appears in July 1956, when the new owners John and Ida Hobbs, advertised in the *Port Perry Star* the Scugog Inn was "under new management" and was operating as the

"Scugog Inn General Store".

Three years later a Toronto newspaper published an advertisement announcing "The Grand Opening at Caesarea of Holiday Inn on Friday, May 15, 1959, 7 pm. Come one! Come All! Barbecue Chickens and Ribs. Charcoal broiled steak and hamburgers. Dancing, Games and recreation."

The new owners of the Inn were William McLenschan, Blackstock, and Albert Ellis, Nestleton. They spent a few months remodelled the building before announcing the change of name to Holiday Inn.

Surprisingly, only two months after opening under the new name, the Holiday Inn, restaurant, dance hall and barbecue were advertised for quick sale for only \$13,500.

Even more surprising and somewhat suspicious, was a fire in September that year which destroyed the Holiday Inn.

The *Port Perry Star* reported, "Another old landmark at Caesarea was wiped out yesterday, September 3, when fire destroyed the Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn restaurant and dance hall was owned by William McLenschan and Albert Ellis.

This was the end for one of the oldest dance hall and inns, in Caesarea.

**SCUGOG INN GENERAL STORE**  
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT  
Full Line of GROCERIES, MEATS, also NOVELTIES,  
HARDWARE, NOTIONS, DRYGOODS  
**John L. Hobbs, Proprietor**  
CAESAREA PHONE BLACKSTOCK 21-8-3  
July 1956

**RESTAURANT, Holiday Inn, barbecue and dance hall, Caesarea, Ont. \$13,500—Priced for quick sale, completely equipped. Centre of thriving summer resort on Lake Scugog, 1 hour from Toronto. Terms arranged, phone Blackstock 113 or drive down.**

*Toronto Daily Star, July 10, 1959*

## Flash fire destroys Holiday Inn restaurant and dance hall

September 3, 1959

A fire completely destroyed the Holiday Inn, a restaurant and dance hall in Caesarea on Wednesday, September 3, 1959. Several cottagers were evacuated from their homes near the burning dance hall.

The fire started soon after 6 p.m. and threatened a line of cottages in the vicinity for more than an hour, as it tore through Lake Scugog oldest dance hall, gutting the building.

The blaze was battled by fire truck from Caesarea and Port Perry for more than two hours, but by the time the firemen gained control of the flash fire, the building was totally wrecked.

Caesarea Fire Chief Charles Miller said afterward, that the dance hall went up like a "great ball of fire." The restaurant and dance hall was owned by William McLenachan, Blackstock and Albert Ellis, Nestleton. They bought the place last winter and remodelled the building completely before re-opening early in May.

It is believed that the renovation work of the structure cost \$20,000 and that the building was probably worth almost \$30,000. In addition to the building, much expensive equipment was lost.

One of the owners, William McLenachan gave the alarm. He had gone to the restaurant and closed the door, and then suddenly noticed that flames were pouring out of the upstairs rooms. He re-opened the door to be met by a wall of flames sweeping through the building.

Mr. McLenachan called the fire department and disconnected three tanks of propane gas, rolling them across the street to safety. The 80'x80' structure burned rapidly.

The Caesarea fire truck arrived at the scene within minutes of the fire breaking out, but it was already too late. Despite the efforts of the local firemen and those from Port Perry, the dance hall and restaurant were consumed by the flames.

The fire is thought to have started from faulty fuses in the kitchen which might have been damaged in the storm the previous night.

Photo colourized by J.P. Hvidsten



These photos were taken by Reg Renouf on September 3, 1959. They show the fire as it raged through the Holiday Inn. The Renouf's home was located on the opposite side of Pier St. from the Holiday Inn.



# LINTON HOUSE

Caesarea, Ontario



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The Linton House is said to have been originally built as a small general store with accommodation on the second floor. The picture above confirms this, with signage on the building identifying an "Ice Cream Parlor" and the selling of gasoline.

Later reports suggest that William Henry Harlan and his wife purchased it and converted it to a boarding house, although documentation has not been found to confirm this.

As near as can be determined, the Linton House was located on the west side of Pier Street, south of the Kenosha House, and half way between the Lake Scugog pier and Centre Street.

*See Caesarea village plan on page 6 for the believed location of the Linton House.*





# SUMMER RENTALS

## Caesarea, Ontario

Caesarea, during the first four decades of the 1900s, was a popular vacation destination for people from all over Ontario and beyond. Families booked cabins and cottages months ahead to ensure they would have accommodation when they arrived at this popular lakeside village. Here they would spend weekends and longer vacations with family and friends taking in the sun and enjoying all of the activities Lake Scugog offered.

In addition to the larger resort-style hotels Caesarea offered a number of smaller and less known cabins and cottages which could be rented from local citizens.

Hillcrest House was operated by another member of the Harran family. William Harran who operated this smaller house was the younger brother of Fred Harran, owner of the Kenosha House. As seen in his advertisement below, he was the one to contact for information and bookings for Hillcrest House.

Glenlake House, also known as Glenlake Lodge was another place that could be rented by guests during the summer months. Who operated Glenlake is not known, but the advertised in Toronto newspapers offering comfortable accommodation at reasonable prices.



Cottages and cabins at Caesarea, on the shore of Lake Scugog, circa 1930.

**Glenlake House, Caesarea**  
COMFORTABLE accommodation, reasonable; fishing, boating, etc. Phone or write, Glenlake, Caesarea, Ontario.

*Toronto Daily Star, July 22, 1932*

ACCOMMODATION at "The Glen Lake," Caesarea, on Lake Scugog, sixty miles from Toronto.  
BOATING, fishing, swimming, dancing, good meals, moderate rates, for particulars write "The Glen Lake," Caesarea, Ontario.

*Toronto Daily Star, June 12, 1911*

LAKE SCUGOG, private boarding house, close to beach, good fishing, terms \$5 weekly. Apply William Harran, Hillcrest House, Caesarea, Ont.

*Toronto Daily Star, June 12, 1911*

HILLCREST HOUSE, Lake Scugog; private boarding house, close to beach, bathing, fishing; six dollars weekly. William Harran, Caesarea.

*Toronto Daily Star, June 10, 1912*

# SUPERIOR STORES

## Caesarea, Ontario



*The Hiawatha Resort, Caesarea, circa 1920.*

Russel Harran was the son of one of Caesarea's leading businessmen, Andrew Harran. Growing up in the community, and no doubt working for his father at the Lakeview House and Kenosha House, it's understandable he would enter into business.

Russel and Rose Harran built and opened a general store in Caesarea on the northwest side of Cedar Grove and Pier Street in 1928. The store was operated under the name Superior Store.

After opening their store, the Post Office was moved to their new store. For seven years prior, the post office had been operated by his cousin Albert and his wife Thomasina (Minnie) on Pier St. near the lakefront.

"Russel and Rose" were popular figures in Caesarea and they operated the local general store for 20 years before selling it in 1949.

Charles and Caroline Millers along with George and Sophie Blyth became the new proprietors of the store, as well as becoming the new postmasters for the village of Caesarea. In 1966 the Superior Store became a Dollar Store.



*Russell and Rose Harran, with the dog Vic.*

*Photo courtesy S. Gettins.*



*Charles and Caroline Miller (right) and George and Sophie Blyth operated the Superior Store (below) from 1949 until 1960.*

## **GORDON'S MARKET**

The Caesarea general store was later owned and operated by Gordon and Marilyn Cooledge and it became known as Gordon's Market. They also took on the role of postmaster for the village.

Their store, along with a garage and gas, was located on the northeast corner of Cedar Grove and Pier Streets, facing onto Pier Street.



*Charles and Caroline Miller.*

*Photo courtesy Richard Miller*



# FRAYER'S EDGEWATER PAVILION

## Caesarea, Ontario



Photo colourized by J.P. Hvidsten

*Fred Frayer's "Edgewater Dance Pavilion" and marina, circa 1940.*

Long before Beacon Marina became known as the hot-spot for Saturday night dances, the property was owned by the Frayer family. The Frayer's were a pioneer Cartwright family with roots going back well into the mid-1800s.

Ernest Frayer was the first to begin developing his Caesarea property for tourism back in 1911, when he began building summer cottages on his lakeside lot. Percy and his wife Caroline rented the cottages out to guests throughout the summer with the help of their son Frederick, or Fred, as he was best known.

During the 1920s, the Frayer's Tourist Camp advertised their cottages for rent in the *Toronto Daily Star*, promoting their resort services, which included boat rentals, fishing, swimming and fresh home cooked meals.

Following the death of Ernest Frayer in August 1936, Fred took over operation of the business. A few years later he began the marina portion of the busi-

ness where he repaired and rented boats.

By the early 1940s, it became known locally as Fred Frayer's Pavilion. It was during Fred's ownership that a dance hall was constructed and along with it a concession stand and snack bar opened daily.

The dance hall became an immediate success, and in 1944 an article in the *Port Perry Star* reported: "*Frayer's Edgewater Dance Pavilion at Caesarea is gaining in popularity. Crowds have been growing steadily, so this year Fred enlarged the pavilion between three and four times its former size. It has been built out towards the lake, with a raised platform on the end for the orchestra.*"

Fred's son, Percy, recalled "*Saturday night dances*

**L**AKE SCUGOG, accommodation for guests.  
**L** fishing, boating, bathing, special rates.  
**Mrs. E. Frayer, Caesarea, Ontario.**

*Toronto Daily Star July 28, 1928*

## Frayer's Tourist & Fishing Camp



*Ernest Frayer's cabins were erected on his Lake Scugog shoreline property during the circa 1915.*

What is known as Beacon Marina today, was first opened as Frayer's Fish Camp in 1928. It was known for its -. The camp was also known locally as Frayer's Tourist Camp or Frayer's Camping Ground.

Ernest Frayer, who was born in 1872, erected a few small cabins along the Lake Scugog waterfront in the early 1900s, and advertised them for rent in Toronto newspapers. The ads attracted many families to spend their vacations on Lake Scugog, enjoying swimming, fishing and boating.

After Ernest passed away in 1936, the family business was passed on to his son Fred, who a few years later opened Frayer's Marina and Edgewater Pavilion.



**L**AKE SCUGOG, accommodation for guests. fishing, boating, bathing, home cooking, fresh milk and eggs. Special rates. Mrs. E. Frayer, Caesarea. O

*Toronto Daily Star July 10, 1926*

**A** COMFORTABLY furnished cottage on Lake Scugog, two hours from Toronto. Motorboat and garage; refrigerator and ice; good bathing and fishing. Bargain for immediate disposal. See this before locating. Ernest Frayer, Caesarea, or phone New Toronto 1351. N

*Toronto Daily Star Juee 21, 1928*



*The Caesarea home of Ernest and Caroline Frayer, circa 1925.*



## REG'S MARINA

*were a very big attraction at Caesarea and often brought hundreds of people who danced to a variety of bands."*

The entrance to the dance hall on the upper floor of the marina, was from a parking lot on the south side of the building. The massive dance hall was said to be one of the finest in Ontario and featured dances for teens on Wednesday and Friday, while Saturday was reserved for an older clientele. Bob Richards, who helped out at the pavilion remembers it was a "rockin' place".

Tragically, while out on the ice in his car in March 1955, Fred Frayer's car broke through the ice and sank into the lake. Fred was unable to escape and drowned.

About 1958 Frayer's Marina and dance pavilion was sold to Reg. Renouf who lived on the adjacent property. Reg recounted in an interview years later about the purchase and operation of the marina and dance hall.

He said his family had a cottage in Caesarea and I was quite familiar with the small resort. *"When I learned the pavilion was being put up for sale, I felt that the business would be an ideal enterprise to operate during the summer months, and Reg's Marina was born."*

Reg transformed the concession stand portion of the business into a restaurant where patrons could order a breakfast or lunch.

He hired popular Big Band sound orchestra's for



Fred Frayer, circa 1950.



# BEACON MARINA



**REG'S MARINA, CAESAREA**  
 TEEN-AGE DANCING TO THE CAPRI'S  
**FRIDAY, MAY 20th** ✓  
 REGULAR DANCING TO JACK FOWLER'S ORCHESTRA  
**SATURDAY, MAY 21st**  
 Alternate Road passable — 3rd Concession of Reach  
 May 19, 1960

*Beacon Marina from a post card, date unknown.*

the Dance Pavilion, and people came from Oshawa, Port Perry, Peterborough and other nearby towns on a Saturday night to dance at Caesarea.

In addition to his Big Band sounds, he also booked a number of rock bands, including Ronnie Hawkins and Little Caesar and the Consuls.

As the 1960s moved along, the crowds became a little rougher at Caesarea, particularly on a Friday night when motorcycle gangs would arrive to party. As a result, Reg made strong alliances with the OPP, who were responsible for policing the area.

The change in clientele was one of the major factors behind Reg's decision to sell his marina and dance hall in 1968.

The business continued to operate under Reg's Marina for a number of years with different owners.

By 1972 the marina had been renamed Beacon Marina, under the name of Fred Thomas. Mitch Newbold purchased it in 1982 and it became known as Newbold Beacon Marina.

It changed hands again in 1990 and was purchased by a group of motorcycle enthusiasts called the Paradise Riders. The property gained infamy as a meeting place for a number of local motorcycle clubs such as Satan's Choice and The Vagabonds and eventually the Hell's Angels.

The Hell's Angels began to amalgamate most of the exist-

ing clubs all over Ontario in 2000 and subsequently became the owners of this facility which then became known as Hell's Half Acre.

The Motorcycle club decided to sell their clubhouse in 2005 and it was purchased by Kelly Patterson and Mike Mitchell, who renovated the buildings and reinstated the Beacon Marina name. Since then it has been the venue for a sailing facility and sailing club.

**NEWBOLD'S  
 BEACON MARINA**  
 — Lake Scugog —



**MID-SUMMER  
 SPECIALS!**

'84 60 H.P. TILT & TRIM - with controls ... \$3150.  
 '84 35 H.P. - with controls ... \$1995.  
 '79 55 H.P. - wicontrols, full 1 yr. warranty \$1400.

**Caesarea, Ontario**  
**(416) 986-5188**

June 1987

# Canada/Ontario Directory Records

## 1864 - 1895

### 1864-1865 Directory

Caesarea, C.W. - A post village in the township of Cartwright and county of Durham, West Riding. Distance from Bowmanville, 18 miles; Lindsay, 18 miles; and Toronto 55 miles. Population about 200.

Caesar, James, J.P. and postmaster  
Demara, Ephraim, general merchant  
Grextton, Wm. J., pump maker  
Herrin, Edward, watchmaker  
Mallory, Alvy, innkeeper  
Miller, John, blacksmith  
Minerhead, Jacob, shingle maker  
Munson, Oliver, innkeeper

### 1869-1870 Directory

Caesarea - A village in the township of Cartwright, on Lake Scugog, about 35 miles from Port Hope. Population about 125.

Cameron, Wm., laborer  
Crozier, George, gentleman  
Delemare, Jas., farmer  
Demara, Ephraim, postmaster and merchant  
Elliott, John, waggon maker  
Emerson, Matthew, farmer  
Graham, George, tailor  
Herron, Ed., tinsmith  
Irwin, John, farmer  
Irwin, Robert, farmer  
Keys, John, hotelkeeper  
McDonald Rev. J., Wesleyan  
Martin, Wm., lumber merchant  
Muirhead, Jacob, shingle maker  
Proutt, Wm., farmer  
Fraye, Paul, carpenter

### 1884-1885 Directory

Caesarea - A village near Lake Scugog, in Cartwright township, Durham County, 20 miles north of Bowmanville, the county seat, and 16 miles northeast of Port Perry, the nearest bank location and railway station. It contained a Bible Christian church and a public school. Stage from Bowmanville daily, with mail, fare \$1.00. Population 150. Henry Joblin, postmaster

Emerson Matthew, builder, carpenter  
Fraye, Paul, carpenter  
Joblin, Henry, blacksmith  
Savigny, Wm., flour mill  
Watson and Thomson, shingle mill

### 1871-1872 Directory

Caesarea - A small village in the township of Cartwright, county of Durham. Distance from Bowmanville, a station of the Grand Trunk railway, 18 miles; fare \$1; from Port Hope 40 miles. Mail daily. Population about 200.

Crozier, George, farmer  
Demara, Ephraim  
Demara, James, laborer  
Elliott, John, carpenter  
Emmerson, Matthew, farmer  
Frayor, Paul, carpenter  
Grextton, Francis, laborer  
Grextton, Thomas, laborer  
Harran, Edward, watchmaker  
Kheys, John, innkeeper  
Latanville, Anthony, farmer  
Mallory, Alvy, innkeeper  
Martin, William, J.P., farmer  
McAlister, John, laborer  
McLenaghan, John, pump maker  
Miller John, blacksmith  
Muirhead, Jacob, laborer  
Pollock, Miss. Nancy, teacher  
Prout, John, farmer  
Rowan, Richard, farmer  
Watson, John, laborer  
Watson, William, laborer

### 1895-1896 Directory

Caesarea - A post office on the shore of Lake Scugog, Cartwright Twp., Durham County, 20 miles north of Bowmanville, the county seat, 8 miles northeast of Port Perry, the nearest bank location, and 7 miles from Burketown, on the O&Q division of CPR, the nearest railway station.

It contains a Methodist church, public school, saw and shingle mills. Stage to Bowmanville daily, fare \$1.00. Population 200. Mail daily. Henry Joblin post master.

Fraye, Paul, carpenter and contractor  
Hurlbut, Aaron, boot and shoemaker  
Joblin, Henry, Blacksmith and Horseshoer  
Swain, Thomas, hotel and livery  
Thomson, Edward, general store  
Venning, Wm, flour mill  
Watson & Thomson, saw and shingle mills

*Note: Spelling of family names in these lists, are as they were spelled in the Canadian and Ontario Directories and Gazetteers in each of the years recorded. Spelling of names and information often differed, depending on who and when they were registered for the directories.*



# Caesarea Photo Album

An assortment of post  
card pictures circa  
1910-1950



Caesarea Aerial, circa 1940



Lakeside Cabins



Regatta



Kids at the lakefront



Lakeshore west of Caesarea



Caesarea Regatta Gate





# CAESAREA

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