

Shewan Family

The community would be honouring a family who devoted their lives to the betterment of Thamesford for 4 generations totalling more than 150 years. John Shewan, a Scottish immigrant, arrived in 1858 with his family to help the fledgling community grow and prosper. He was well respected as a shoe and boot maker with a village business which employed six workers. As a staunch church member he served as treasurer for 33 years. His children grew up in the village, attended school and St. Andrew's Church where they eventually married.

Familiar names-Young, Bain, Broughton and Donaldson were all part of the Shewan family tree.

Later, his youngest son, James, had a butcher shop on Dundas Street which served Thamesford and the surrounding townships for 70 years. The shop, the two houses he owned and the river flats are still part of this community.

Three grandsons also lived, worked and owned businesses in Thamesford -a butcher, a barber and an accountant. Three grandsons also served in World War II and the Shewan family were well known for their involvement within the community.

John Shewan's house and barn on George Street between Dundas Street and Brock Street remained in the family for many years after his death. Thus, a street named after him in the nearby subdivision would honour the legacy he began five generations ago

