INVENTORY of HERITAGE RESOURCES

STEPHENFIELD

One of the objectives of the C/D MHAC is to ensure that the heritage of small/former communities across the rural municipality is preserved and suitably recognized. The following inventory of resources for the Stephenfield community is listed under various categories. Printed and audiovisual materials may be: original [O]; copied/scanned & printed [C]; saved on disks [D] or video [V]. Present locations of resources are as follows: Dufferin Historical Museum [DHM]; Boyne Regional Library (BRL); PS (private sources). Information compiled by Shirley Snider [SS]; Nedra Burnett [NB]; Betty Friesen [BF]).

1. HERITAGE SITES

SITE	LOCATION	SOURCES OF INFORMATION	COMMENTS
None			

2. OTHER HERITAGE BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES OF INTEREST

BUILDING	LOCATION	SOURCES OF INFORMATION	COMMENTS
Stephenfield School	19-6-6-w (south of cairn west of Hwy 338)	PS (SS)	In poor condition in abandoned farm yard (former Jacob Bergen Yard). Desks and Stephenfield School Sign moved to the Boyne School in Carman next to the Museum in 2016.
Federal Elevator	Moved to NW 26-6-8w	History of the RM of Dufferin 1880-1980, p.76	Moved to farm of Gabriel Durand, Notre Dame De Lourdes, to be used in seed cleaning operation, after 1970

Stephenfield Store	Built on SE 30-6-6w; torn down & rebuilt on SW29-6-6w		Built 1904 by Billy Moore on SE 30-6-6w. Operated by several different owners (see history of postmasters). Demolished & rebuilt across the road to the east on SW 29-6-6 in the 1970's.
Lintrathen School	Moved to SW29-6-6w	History of the RM of Dufferin 1880-1980, p. 184 Also p.235 (list of postmasters).	Built in 1902 on SE 3-6-6; purchased by Hubert Brown of Stephenfield in 1919 when it closed. Moved to SW 29-6-6 and remodelled as family home. For 10 years the post office was in the home (1935-1945)
Stephenfield Sommerfeld Mennonite Church	Moved to 29-6-6w	carmandufferinheritage.c a/local heritage/churches	Moved from Grossweide to one mile north and two miles west of Stephenfield on NW 36-7-7w. Cemetery lay southeast of the church. For many years the single grave marked the cemetery site. The grave has now been moved to Winkler and there are no markers at the site. The church was later moved to its present location 29-6-6, ½ north of Stephenfield where it was active until closure in 1993. The building now serves as a private residence. Present owners are Terry & Susan Paetkau.

3. MONUMENTS & CAIRNS

MONUMENT/ CAIRN	LOCATION	SOURCES OF INFORMATION	COMMENTS
Stephenfield School Cairn	NW 20-6-6w	PS	Rock with bronze plaque, commemorating the school 1889-1966. Erected in 1990 at the time of the school reunion.

4. LOCAL HISTORIES

TITLE	LOCATION	COMMENTS
History of the R.M. of Dufferin in Manitoba 1800-1980 edited by June Watson provides a basic history of the area. Some local families also listed alphabetically.	Book is now out of print but available in BRL, DHM and online through the University of Manitoba Digital Library	See the following pages: Story of Stephenfield, p. 76; homesteads (6-6w) p. 25; small settlements—Almasippi p 38; education (Ravenswood p.175; Stephenfield p.178); Orr Church p. 210; Ravenswood/Almasippi area, p. 211; Stephenfield P.O. p. 230 & post-masters p.235; also Almasippi P.O, p.230 & p.234 Some local families also listed alphabetically: Brown, Henry and family—under Charlie Brown, p. 354 Families in the area by Clifford Brown, p. 358 David Bruce family, p. 358-360 Albert Clarke, Tom Clarke, Kane Family, p.382 Cracknell family NE 18-6-6 (post office), p.398 Cliff Ferris. p.435 John & Sandra Giesbrecht (Stephenfield Store), p.469 W.C. Gillingham—Charlie and Alfred, p. 470 Hildebrandt, Jacob, p. 501 Johnston, John A., p. 534 McDiarmid, Edward, p. 609 McIntosh, James, p. 623 McQueen, Joseph, pp. 642-645 Owen, Willliam John, p. 681 Owen Lawrence (Laurie), p. 682 Smith, Stanley, p.738 Taylor, Joseph, p.769 settled on 20-6-6w in 1899 for a few years before moving to 2-7-7w in Hyde Park district

Stephenfield School Booklet 1889-1966	DHM, SS files, O	Published in 1990 for reunion, contains short history, list of teachers, trustees, students, Secretary-Treasurers, 2 school pictures and a few misc. people pictures.
Stephenfield Memories	SS files, O	Written by John J. Bergen August 1990

5. OTHER LOCAL DOCUMENTS

TITLE	LOCATION	COMMENTS
ARTICLES & CLIPPINGS: Story of the Stephenfield Post Office from 1886-1970	Source: copy from Sandra Giesbrecht [SS files, C]	Sandra Giesbrecht was the last postmaster
Newspaper clippings of Stephenfield news Feb. 25, 1932, January 11, 1945 and July 8, 1954 DOCUMENTS: Resolution to close Stephenfield School, and let Graysville use the premises as long as needed.	SS files, O SS files, O	Dated July 1961, after which the electors of Stephenfield SD could dispose of the school.
Stephenfield Coffee Party Guest book of 2003 and some pictures	SS files, O	
Guest Book of 2004 Coffee Party	SS files, O	

6. FAMILY HISTORIES

FAMILY	LOCATION	COMMENTS
None identified yet		

7. PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTIONS

SUBJECT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
Aerial view of Stephenfield; School van pulled by horses; School class 1930-identified; 1945 girls class-identified; Stephenfield Store c. 1904 or later	Source: Sandra Giesbrecht [SS files, C]	
Photo album of school reunion pictures in 1990	SS files	
2 photos early Stephenfield	J.B. Coleman collection	

8. MISCELLANEOUS

TITLE	LOCATION	COMMENTS
Listing of Land Owners and Residents in Townships 6-6	DHM	Incomplete, changes since then
Canadian Speller - Grade 2	SS files	From Stephenfield School