

House History

88 Hendershot Street, Tavistock

Plan 167 and Plan 307 - Lot 5 North of Decew and South of Hendershot Streets



circa 1976



2023

Question # 1: What would William B. Hendershot think of the house at # 88?

Question # 2: Who is William B. Hendershot?

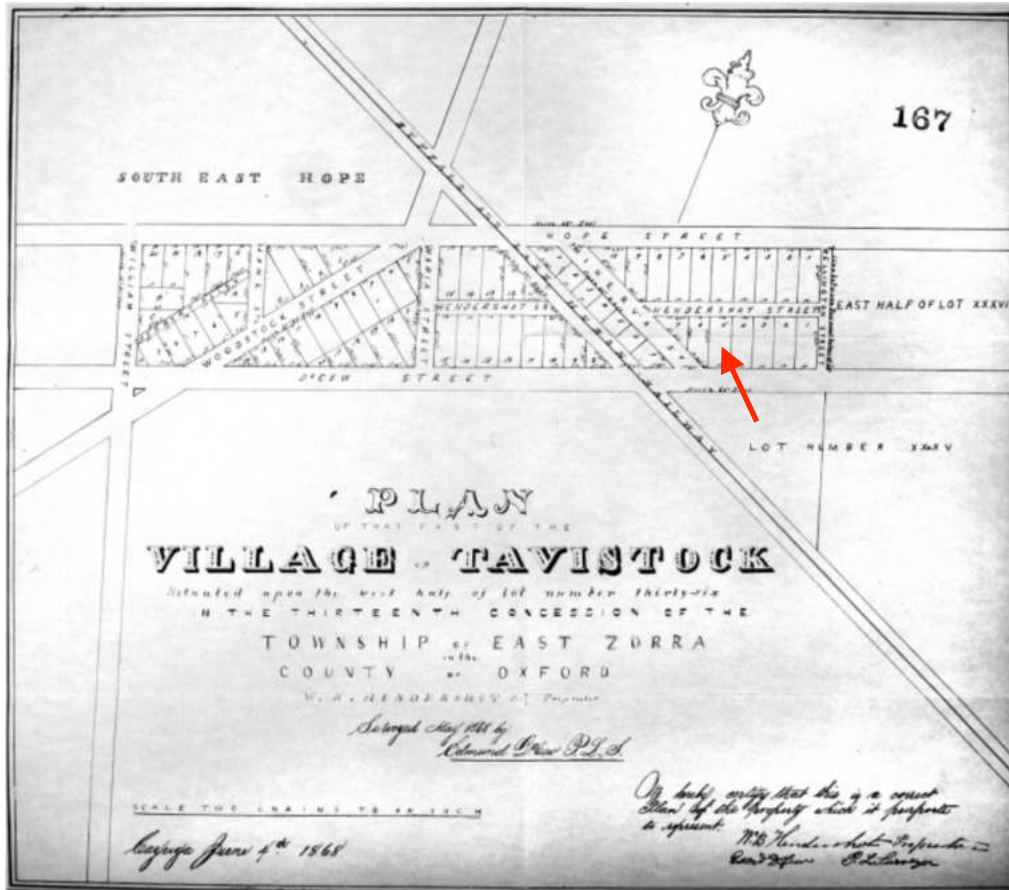


Let's tackle question # 2 first. William Bradley Hendershot was a grocery store owner in the then small village of Thorold, south of St. Catharines, who parlayed his considerable business skills to amass a fortune in general stores, flour mills and sawmills. He owned land in 10 towns and villages in 5 counties in southern Ontario and also in the USA. Hendershot's public life included terms as Niagara District Councillor and 5 terms as the Mayor of Thorold. William Bradley Hendershot was born about 1815 and died in 1873. Quite the man.

<<<< Willam B. Hendershot with his children (left to right) Henry Herbert, William Merritt, Anna Maria and Louisa Minerva.

Enter Alexander Mitchell. Alex was an interesting character. On one hand he was Shakespeare's Postmaster and, for a brief time, served as the Reeve of South Easthope Township. On the other hand he was the man taken to court for missing money on land deals in Tavistock. By the time the court decision came down Alex was long gone and, when last heard from, was far away in Texas. The court sold the land in question to the highest bidder ... William B. Hendershot.

In 1868 William B. Hendershot commissioned a survey of his newly-acquired Tavistock property. He then proceeded to name the new streets. Decew Street recognizes Edmund DeCew, the surveyor. Perhaps William B. believed the long street running between Hope and Decew and bisected by the all-important railroad was the crown jewel in his survey as he named that street Hendershot after himself. Other new streets were named for family members. In 1874 the first lots on Hendershot Street were up for sale.



Plan 167 - The Hendershot Survey - dated 1868
 Lot 5 marked with red arrow

Louisa Richardson ... 1874

The first owner of the lot that would later become # 88 was Louisa Minerva Richardson. She was the daughter of William B. Hendershot and the inspiration behind the Minerva Street name.

Louisa was the registered owner of many of the Hendershot Street lots. At that time and for the next 100+ years the lots extended from Hendershot through to Decew Street. Most were 1/4 acre in size.

During the period when she owned land in Tavistock, Louisa and her husband Robert lived in Thorold. These days we would call her an absentee owner.



Rudolf Heidmann ... 1874 - 1875

The next owner, Rudolf Heideman, also fits the absentee classification. Rudolf was born in Prussia; married Henrietta W. Schultz in Brantford; worked as a cooper in Zurich; died in Flint, Michigan; and is buried in Zurich, Ontario.

His only connection to Tavistock was his parents, Theodore and Maria Heidmann (with Heidmann of many different spellings) who were living here at the time. Theodore worked at the flax mill and later operated a cooper shop in Balaclava, north of Sebastopol.

Perhaps the possibility of getting in on the ground floor of a new "subdivision" in Tavistock and realizing a profit at a future point was raised at some Heidmann family gathering. Whatever the source, Rudolf purchased one lot only, # 5, and sold it one year later.

Wilhelmina Hanke ... 1875 - 1900

Wilhelmina Hanke and 4 children, ranging in age from 8 to 16, emigrated from Germany to Canada in 1873, shortly after the death of her husband. Wilhelmina was 46 years old at the time and this was a big undertaking. It helped that a son and daughter and other relatives were already living in Tavistock.

In August of 1874 Wilhelmina purchased the 1/4 acre Lot 4 (now # 92) from Louisa Richardson. Wilhelmina's son August wrote in his diary ... "We built a nice little home for mother. Mr. Kalbfleisch did the building and we all worked together and paid for it".

With the purchase of the 1/4 acre Lot 5 (now # 88) in June of 1875 Wilhelmina effectively doubled her property holdings.

Wilhelmina Hanke lived to the ripe old age of 88. She saw her family thrive and become well known and well respected members of the community.

Charles Hanke ... 1900 - 1905

The next owner is Charles Hanke, the youngest of Wilhelmina's children. These days Charles Hanke is perhaps best known as the builder of the stone gates at Queen's Park ... the gates we call "The Pillars of The Community".

Charles (Karl) was born in Germany in 1865, emigrated with his mother and siblings and lived in the house on Lot 4 (# 92). In 1891, when he was 26 years old, he married Bertha Schmidt.

In February 1900 Charles purchased both Lots 4 and 5 (# 92 and # 88) from his mother. The price for each lot was \$700. This is the first recorded price for property transactions.

Charles was a mason by trade ... a stone mason and bricklayer. At the time of the 1901 census he was making brooms in a factory started by his brother William on Woodstock Street North. By 1911 he was back plying his masonry skills. From there he progressed to home construction including his own home at 164 William Street South.

Charles sold Lots 4 and 5 (# 92 and # 88) to Elizabeth Hoffman in 1905 at a sale price of \$1450 per lot.

When Was The House At # 88 Hendershot Street Built?

In some house histories this is a straightforward question with a straightforward answer.

- A descendant of an early owner knows the date and the circumstances.*
- The home construction was written about in the Tavistock Gazette or in a family history.*
- Available records on a host of subjects lead to a building date that is deemed very close to the mark.*

None of that applies in this case. This house history is compounded by the fact that early owners owned both Lot 4 and Lot 5 (# 92 and # 88).

Registry Office records (used here) tell us about property transactions ... owners, dates, property size, prices and mortgages. A transcription of those records is included on the last page of this history. Registry Office records do not tell us when buildings were constructed or improvements made.

Mortgage details and sale prices can lead to some good speculation but it is speculation. Using mortgage information:

1) It is possible but not provable that a dwelling was built on Lot 5 (# 88) as early as 1876. Wilhelmina Hanke, living on Lot 4 (# 92) would have benefited from rental income from a home on her new property next door.

2) Assuming point 1 is true, the 1884 mortgage transactions could have been used to upgrade the house on Lot 5 (# 88) and perhaps add an outbuilding.

In 1900 when Wilhelmina sold the lots to son Charles the price of \$700 per lot suggests a house on each property.

In the 1901 census Wilhelmina is living with Charles, his wife Bertha and their two young children. We know from that record they are on Hendershot Street but not precisely where. Assessment records that provide names of who was actually living in each house in the village for that year disappeared many years ago.

It might seem reasonable that Charles and Bertha would have wanted a "new" home to raise their family. Charles certainly had the skills to significantly upgrade an existing house.

The general style of # 88 is similar to homes built in the late 1880s - early 1900s time frame. The size and colour of the brick almost certainly suggests it was sourced at the 15th line brickyard.

So, when was the house at # 88 Hendershot Street built? Best speculation is that a dwelling was built in 1876. Improvements were made in 1884. A significant upgrade occurred in the 1890 - 1905 time frame.

Elizabeth Hoffman ... 1905 - 1907

And the mystery continues. The next owner of both lots is Elizabeth Hoffman.

Elizabeth Flach was born in North Easthope in 1853, married Henry Hoffman in 1878 and had a son Andrew that same year. In 1898 the family moved to Michigan and appear on the 1901 US census. The Tavistock Gazette periodically reported that Mrs. Henry Hoffman of Flint Michigan was visiting in the vicinity. This was in the 1903 time frame.

From son Andrew's obituary we learn that the family moved to Saskatchewan in 1910 and they appear on the 1916 Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta census. Elizabeth and Henry are back in Tavistock for the 1921 census.

The gap in records in the 1905 - 1907 time frame is interesting. Did the Hoffmans return to Tavistock before moving out west and live for two years on Hendershot Street? While living in the US did Elizabeth purchase the property as an investment, rent out the houses on both property and then cash in on her investment a very short time afterwards? Good questions. No answers. Time to move on to the next owner.

Robert Walter ... 1907 - 1907

Robert Walter was well known in Tavistock ... grocery store owner, Tavistock School Board member, Tavistock Library Board member, Trinity Lutheran Church Council member and Sunday School teacher and active in many community events.

Robert and wife Sophia purchased Lots 4 and 5 in 1907. Just a few months later they sold Lot 5 (# 88) to Henry N. Roth. The Walters retained the Lot 4 (# 92) property until 1922.

Henry N. Roth ... 1907 - 1942



The headlines were favourable in 1935. It was a far cry from the problems of 1915 when newspapers reported "And so ended the worst municipal tangle ever heard of in Canada".

Henry N. Roth featured prominently in both stories.

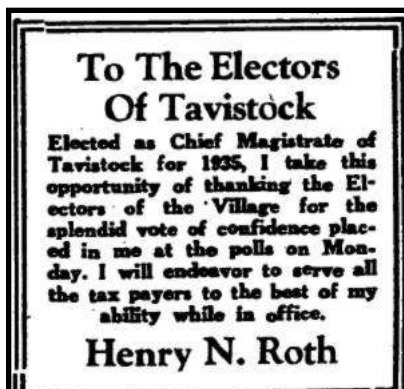
In 1915 the Tavistock Village Council meetings was a hot topic in the news. The Village Clerk was dismissed. The Police Constable was dismissed. Several Councillors resigned. There was an attempt to set aside the recent election. The Reeve was charged as an enemy alien. That case went to court where the verdict was first guilty and then changed to not guilty. Henry N. Roth was a very vocal and very active key player in all of it. He's the man who took the Reeve to court!



We first meet Henry in the 1901 Gazette when his wife Lulu (Malcolm) died. Next was 1903 when it was reported that Henry N. Roth and his gang of wood choppers was at work in Norwich. In 1908 he married again to Christene Schmidt. In 1910 he purchased a woodlot and was busy in the construction trade. That same year he first ran for Reeve of Tavistock and also for Councillor. He succeeded in the Councillor vote ... the first council in the newly-incorporated Village of Tavistock. In 1913 Henry N. purchased a block of stores on Woodstock Street North and acquired a flour and feed business.

After the debacle of 1915 Henry, wife Christene and daughter Lulu kept a fairly low profile. Lulu married, was widowed the day after their baby was born and she married again a few years later. In 1933 Henry N. and wife Christene celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a party at their home on Hendershot Street. There were 100 guests and everyone sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner.

In 1935 Henry N. was back on the local political scene as the new Reeve of Tavistock for 1935 and 1936. He used the media of the day ... Stratford radio station ... to talk up Tavistock.



<<< Thank you ad in the Gazette following the 1935 election. The term Chief Magistrate was occasionally used at that time as another name for Reeve.

Henry N. Roth ran again in 1939 but lost.

Henry N.'s wife Christene died in 1938 at their home. The funeral service was first at the home followed by a service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Her obituary notes that she was a member of the Tavistock Horticultural Society with an active interest in beautifying the village: a member of the Tavistock Agricultural Society and keenly interested in the welfare of that organization: and active in the Ladies Aid at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, having served as their first Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1942 Henry N., then unwell and living with his daughter in Baden, sold his Hendershot Street property to George and Lily Streicher. Henry N. Roth died in 1948 and is buried with Christene at St. Paul's Lutheran Church cemetery.



*above - a bird's-eye view of Tavistock looking east in a set of postcards published in 1911
88 Hendershot is marked with a yellow arrow*

*below - Hendershot Street sometime after 1911 - Lemp Studio Collection
The plank walk was removed in 1939*





*above - a bird's-eye view of Tavistock looking east in a set of postcards published in 1923
88 Hendershot is marked with a yellow arrow
below - an aerial photo of Tavistock 1947*



George Streicher ... 1942 - 1974

George Streicher has an interesting legacy. People of a certain vintage in Tavistock remember George as the man who sold Christmas trees. A 1941 edition of the Tavistock Gazette reported that he brought 270 Christmas trees with him following a trip up north and that was all he could get ... the implication being that he could sell more.

CHRISTMAS TREES—Balsam and spruce. Arriving Friday. From 50 cents up. George Streicher, Phone 98-W, Tavistock.

George's ads, like this one in December 1948, always told people when the trees would be arriving and how much they could expect to pay. He always included a telephone number. He never included an address. Everyone knew where he lived on Hendershot Street. The last ad for trees was in 1963.

When not busy selling Christmas trees in December and garden produce in the summer, also from their home, George was a truck driver working for the Village Council at times and also on contract with other businesses.

George and his wife Lily were by all accounts a fairly social couple mentioned frequently in the Gazette having visitors for the evening or the weekend. With no children of their own, visitors would have a choice of bedrooms at their home. The Streichers were also generous with charitable donations reported in the paper.

The year 1963 saw a big change on in the neighbourhood. The "Tavistock Dairy", operated by Mahlon Leis and sons, relocated to a new building on Hendershot Street. It was a bustling operation. Those were still the days when empty glass milk bottles were left on the porch at night with coins inside to pay for the next morning's delivery.

The neighbourhood was ablaze with activity one night in June of 1968. Literally ablaze. George's barn and a small outbuilding caught on fire. Bobby Routly, a neighbourhood boy, saw the flames from his bedroom window, called for his dad and Jim Routly sounded the alarm. Quick action by the Tavistock Volunteer Fire Brigade limited the damages.

George died in 1969 at age 77. Lily stayed in their home for 5 more years. By then she felt the house was much too big for her. In true Tavistock style, a bit of real estate magic happened. LaRoyd and Lynne Bender were living on Jane Street and thinking it was time for a bigger house and bigger property for their growing family. Lily had always like the Jane Street house, having good memories of it from her childhood days. It was well suited for her current needs. You know what comes next. Lily Streicher moved to Jane Street and the next owners of the house at 88 Hendershot were LaRoyd and Lynne Bender.



LaRoyd and Roslyn (Lynne) Bender ... 1974 - 1978



If you had to pick just 2 words to describe the 4 years that LaRoyd and Lynne Bender and their 4 young children lived at # 88, what would those words be?

The first would have to be “change”. The second most certainly was “fun”.

Both need some explanation.

<<< 88 Hendershot circa 1976

The Benders beautiful new home had been largely unchanged by several sets of prior owners. New coats of paint and new layers of wallpaper but nothing of a major nature. The Benders family needed one more bedroom. Big change number one. Big change number two was the relocation of the kitchen for added functionality.

LaRoyd and Lynne’s company, ROY-LYN Cabinets, was a busy operation at the time, crafting exceptionally well-built and good-looking kitchen cupboards. Yes, of course, ROY-LYN Cabinets was the company of choice for new cupboards in the new kitchen at 88 Hendershot.

LaRoyd, who had been using space in the village as his workshop, saw a perfect opportunity to use his new large lot to have his own shop literally in the back yard.

As described earlier in this history, Lot 5 was 1/4 acre that fronted on Hendershot Street and backed on Decew Street. Severing the property and building a workshop was very big change number three.

>>> *LaRoyd’s workshop*

The ROY-LYN Cabinets workshop would later see an even bigger change and become the 4-unit apartment building at 93 Decew Street East.



What about “fun”? The 4 young Bender children, along with their friends, had great fun running up and down the front and back staircases and up and down the basement steps and in and out the many doors. Great for the kids but perhaps not so much fun for mom.

Lynne Bender was a busy mom with a busy job. At the time she was a Sales Representative for John Hunsberger, a real estate broker.

Lynne's introduction to the community in this new role was made in the Tavistock Gazette in late November of 1975.

>>> Gazette ad

A few years later Lynne was helping the new Mennonite minister and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. Bauman, find a home. The new houses on the market didn't quite match the Baumans' desires. When Lynne suggested her home at # 88 a deal was quickly concluded.

JOHN HUNSBERGER
REAL ESTATE BROKER

Announces Appointment

ROSLYN (LYNNE) BENDER
SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AREA

<p>Who is LYNNE BENDER? The wife of LaRoyd Bender, manufacturer of kitchen cupboards. The daughter of Wallie Ross, auctioneer. Interested in serving the community to the best of her ability.</p>	<p>Who is JOHN HUNSBERGER? The oldest son of the late Noah Hunsberger, Mennonite Minister, who through his life time preached in area churches. It is my desire and always has been to conduct my business in the framework of Christian love and concern for fellow man.</p>
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When Lynne was asked about memories of their days at # 88, one comment was intriguing. Old houses often have a mind of their own and settle and shift as time marches on. Number 88 was a consistent "shifter". Every few years the wallpaper in the corner of the front staircase shifted just enough to need some repair. Nowhere else, just there. This many years later, does that corner still have a mind of its own?

Gordon and Erma Bauman ... 1978 - 2008

There was big news in Tavistock in 1978. The Tavistock Mennonite Church welcomed a new minister and his wife, Reverend Gordon and Erma Bauman. The Baumans were friendly, down-to-earth people who quickly settled into life in the village.

While church duties and responsibilities were many and varied and occurred at all hours of the day and night, the Baumans always found time to be community players.

Gordon was a key player in the Tavistock Seniors Club and, in a different vein entirely, a key player in the Harmonica Band. He taught religious classes at Tavistock Public School, was a valued member of the Tavistock and Area Palliative Care Volunteers, canvassed each year for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, enjoyed time on the golf course and at the curling rink and the list goes on.

Erma was the perfect partner, supporting all the activities and events and finding time to carve out her own interests. She was an excellent quilter and would often have a full-size quilt set up in the living room. There are happy memories of "quilting bees" when there was a roomful of friends and family sitting around the quilting frame working away at the pieced work of art. Erma was an accomplished tole painter with an unusual and totally appropriate base on which to showcase her talent. In the Bauman days the roof at 88 Hendershot was slate. Tiles originally saved for replacements were painted, usually with lovely country scenes, and given to members of the family.

When the Bauman's five children and their families came home for visits or special occasions 88 Hendershot was filled with love and laughter.

In 1988 Gordon and Erma began a new chapter as Mennonite Central Committee volunteers in British Columbia. The house on Hendershot was rented out.

Upon returning to Tavistock they converted their home into a Bed & Breakfast known as "Hendershot House". It was a bustling business with visitors welcomed from all over the world.

>>> *Tavistock Gazette ad 1994*

BED & BREAKFAST	
Blue Shutter Guest House	
106 William St., S.	655-2643
Butternut Tree	655-3207
76 Hope Street, East, Tavistock	
Hendershott House	655-2540
88 Hendershott St., Tavistock	



above ... *The sign that once hung on the front porch is now proudly displayed by the current owners.*

Sadly, Reverend Bauman passed away in 2023. He is remembered as a kind and gentle man who lived his faith. Mrs. Bauman still resides in Tavistock.



Derek Schultz ... 2008 - 2020

- youngest person to purchase 88 Hendershot Street
- only single person to purchase 88 Hendershot Street
- person who effected the most significant change at 88 Hendershot Street in 100+ years

When Derek Schultz, then a young man with a good job and looking for a good investment, bought the property on Hendershot Street he probably didn't realize he was unique in the long list of prior owners. He was about to become more noteworthy as the old house took on an updated modern look.

Pictures are always worth a thousand words. Let's look at the changes.



<<< *The starting point*



>>> *You need to be a good visionary to see past the demolition stage in the plan from old to new.*

<<< *Significant progress and perhaps time for a party.*



>>> *A clean modern look to appeal to a new generation of owners. A new back deck completed the look. Well done, Derek!*



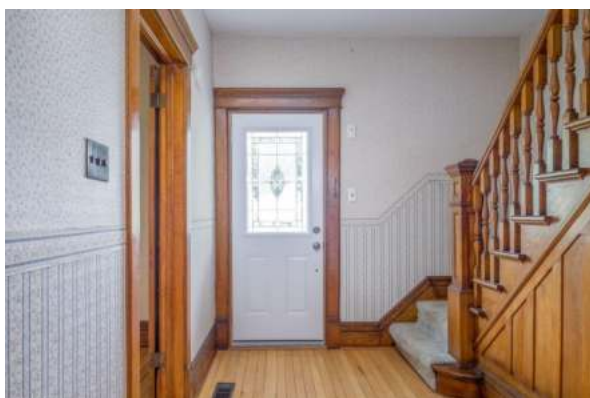
Life marches on. All too soon it was time to sell. In 2020 Derek put the house on the market.

The real estate listing said it all

This solid two and a half storey 4 bedroom brick home located is within walking distance to the Tavistock Public School, arena, park and shopping. This is definitely one home you do not want to miss viewing. Enjoy drinking your morning coffee on your large wrap-around maintenance free front porch. This character home offers all natural wood trim, wood doors, hardwood floors, mostly newer windows and doors, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, main floor laundry, walk out to a large deck and rear yard with approx. a 12 X 8 storage shed and, for added extra character, an original smoke house used as a wood shed. Immediate possession is available. All appliances are included. What a great spot to raise your family. Call to view today. Lot size 66' x 94'.

A few of the many photos in the listing are included below.

Not surprisingly, the house sold in 13 days.



Sandy and Shari Schultz ... 2020 to present

Two minutes. Not a minute more.

When you speak with Shari and Sandy Schultz it takes two minutes and not a minute more to know first-hand how very much they care about their old home with all its charms and a few wonderful elements not found elsewhere.

Let's hear the story in Shari's words.

We knew exactly what we were looking for in a forever home. An older house, rich in character with unique features, topped the list of criteria. A place with a few projects was key ... some restorative; some to suit our needs and wants and allow for more modern living while maintaining the older home appeal; and certainly for Sandy, opportunities to add smart home technology. Most of all, a place that just "felt right".

Sandy is currently a business software consultant. He grew up on the Schultz family farm at the corner of the Maplewood Side Road and the 12th Line (aka Highway 59). Three generations of his family lived on the farm starting in 1901. Sandy parents are John and Marie Schultz and he has two brothers, Jeff and Eric. After living in Hickson for a number of years with his first wife, Sandy rented a farm on the 10th Line where he spent the next 10 years or so.

I am currently a senior administrator in higher education. I was Shari Nash, born in Timmins, and I have lived in various towns and cities across Ontario. I spent the longest time, 16 years, in London which is where Sandy and I had our first date. I was no stranger to country living and farm life so when we decided to make our relationship permanent I moved to 10th Line house with Sandy. We were married in 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sebastopol, Ontario. A second marriage for both, we have four grown children between us.

Without knowing exactly when we wanted to move off the farm, we decided to start looking at houses to get a sense of what we wanted as a couple. We both wanted an older home and anticipated the search would take a long while in an area and at a time when the housing market was beginning to be dominated by skyrocketing home prices and new builds. After considering an old Victorian home in Embro, Sandy knew that he wanted to be in or near to Tavistock to be close to his dad, retired farmer John, and brother Jeff of Schultz Automotive who both live in the village.

I always had dreams of owning an older yellow brick house. We found the listing for 88 Hendershot Street and after one look at the photos we knew we wanted to see it as soon as possible.

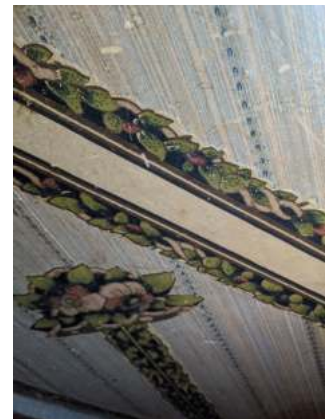
Ten minutes and not a minute more after walking through the front door we knew, with no hesitation whatsoever, that this was our forever home. We didn't even have to discuss it. We could just tell that we both wanted it. We told the realtor right then and there that we would be making an offer. Believe it or not, we were not aware at the time that the house was actually owned by Sandy's first-cousin twice-removed. We didn't learn this until we signed the paperwork for the offer.



We moved into the house the first weekend in August 2020, the same weekend that we were married one year earlier. Sandy joked that he had bought me my dream house for our anniversary ... and he was right.



Our home is filled with character. It's more than evident in the dental moulding, a style unusual for Tavistock. Add in 9-foot ceilings, a stately carved wooden staircase, iron curtain rods on the living room windows, original wooden doors and door knobs, sloped ceilings upstairs, a spacious attic/third floor complete with age-old stylistic wallpaper in the stairwell and the list goes on and on.



Our house and property are also filled with unique features. The joy with this element is knowing where to begin.



A good place to start would be the sturdy brick smokehouse in the back yard.

With a vivid dose of imagination, you can still smell the sausage and hams hanging there in the days when home butchering was the norm. The yellow bricks inside are still charred from the many fires that would have burned inside and the poles from which the meat would have hung are still in place.

Perhaps a better place to find unique features is the basement. Yes, the basement.



Our house comes with its own resident gnome grinning enigmatically from its spot in the brick retaining wall. Yes, a brick retaining wall in the basement. This is another sign of long-ago owner, Charles Hanke, the mason. The gnome is pure unexpected fun. It came with the house and without any “I did that” acknowledgement from any living prior owner.

On to the main floor. Unique or mysterious or both? It's hard to classify the closed-up doorway in the basement entry area ... a doorway that seems to sit on a level all its own and has more questions than answers as to its original purpose.

The closed-up stairway leading to the upper level (seen in the photo to the right) is unusual and practical at the same time. We call it the “hide-a-stairs” and we use it as a pantry. Functional and fun.



Some other interesting aspects of our old home include:

- evidence of the house being retrofitted with electrical wiring
- original wood trim in every room with the distinctive dental trim even in the closets
- original lath and plaster throughout most of the house
- and a clawfoot tub in the upstairs bathroom.

When we moved in the “Hendershot House” sign hung in the kitchen, a testament to when the house used to be a Bed & Breakfast and this same sign hung on the front of the house. When I saw the sign, I thought it would be one of the first things that we changed. This many years later I simply cannot imagine it being anywhere else.



One question that kept coming up during our first few months living in the house was “Why are there so many doors?” There are four doors leading to the outside, three of which are at the front of the house facing the street. This continues to puzzle us and Amazon drivers alike.

Now we’re on to projects. We refinished the 2.5” maple wood floorboards throughout the entire house prior to moving in, lifting old carpet on the second floor to expose the wood. Refinishing the floors in what used to be the parlour and dining room proved a bit surprising. The lack of a subfloor meant that stain and varnish dripped through to the basement below.

One of our dream projects was to transform the large stand-up attic into a functional space. It was originally slated for a few years down the road but excitement and timing propelled the project to current day.



In the top photo on the left the attic is shown as it looked at the beginning of 2023.

Since then, as you can see in the bottom photo, the insulation has been cleared away and all new electrical and foam insulation has been completed.



We found evidence that the room might have been used as a living space previously. There is room enough for a bed, a sitting area and a desk with space to spare.

The attic floor is the same beautiful hardwood as the rest of the house.

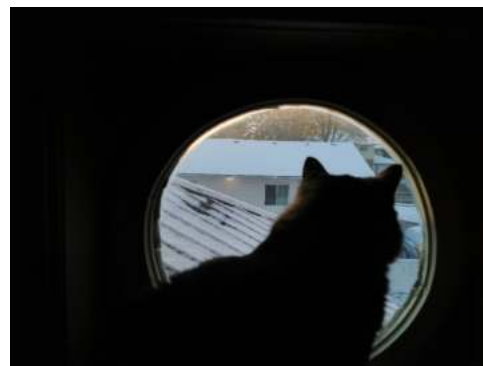
Life events, odd timing, the availability of hands to help, and trades services being freed up for a time propelled the larger project of installing a new kitchen in the biggest room on the main floor. This marks the third room where the kitchen has been since the house was built. As of this writing it’s almost done with only a few finishing touches to be completed such as reinstalling

the original wood trim around the doors and original window. In addition to space for three to sit at the new island, the kitchen now has a large south facing window that makes it the brightest room in the house.



What about the former kitchen? The cupboards have been taken out to make way for a new larger dining room and sitting area.

We've been busy outside, too. The windows on the second and third floors were replaced including the low-hung circle-shaped window that would have originally been used as a way to light the second-floor hallway before electricity was installed.





Last but not least, a stylish new and very red front door complements the yellow brick.

Are we done? Well, maybe for awhile. Yes, we do have future plans.

Despite all the projects already underway or slated to begin soon, it did not take Sandy long before turning the house into a smart home with almost all lights and power outlets being powered by Google. Imagine that ... a house that was originally built without electricity is now powered as much as currently possible with technology. Music can be played from and in any room including the third floor. Voice messages can be broadcast to certain rooms or throughout the entire house, even if you're not in the house. The oven and televisions are turned on and off by speaking to them. More plans are in the works for even more technology to be installed including smart door locks that open as you approach them and more smart light switches. If there is one piece of technology you could have in your home, what would it be?

We are blessed to have found our forever home and we are so grateful. We were surprised it came around so quickly and with so little effort but that's only another testament that shows it was meant to be. That along with the birds that nest on our porch every spring.



God bless everyone who lived in or owned this house prior to us and who took such good care of the property and the buildings. You clearly loved your time here. We hope to make all the previous residents proud by caring for 88 Hendershot as well as everyone did before us.

Registry Office Records

Plan 167 Hendershot Survey ... Lot 5 North Decew and South Hendershot Sts

Instrument	Transaction Date Date Registered	Grantor	Grantee	Qty	Compen- sation
Bill of Sale	10 Aug 1874 17 Sept 1874	Louisa M. Richardson	Rodolf Heidmann		
Bill of Sale	25 June 1875 8 July 1875	Rodolf Heidmann & wife	Wilhelmina Hanke * see note 1		
Mortgage	14 Jan 1876 4 Feb 1876	Wilhelmina Hanke	Jacob Wilker		\$350
Mortgage	27 Feb 1884 28 Feb 1884	Wilhelmina Hanke see note 2	Charles Behrenwald		\$350
Bill of Sale	9 Feb 1900 15 Feb 1900	Wilhelmina Hanke	Charles A. Hanke * see note 3		\$700
Bill of Sale	29 Ap 1905 6 May 1905	Charles A. Hanke & wife	Elizabeth Hoffman * see note 3	1/4 acre	\$1,450
Bill of Sale	31 Aug 1907 6 Sept 1907	Elizabeth Hoffman	Robert Walter * see note 3	1/4 acre	\$1,550
Bill of Sale	14 Dec 1907 16 Dec 1907	Robert Walter & wife	Henry N. Roth	1/4 acre	\$175
Bill of Sale	3 Dec 1908 5 Dec 1908	Henry N. Roth	Christene Roth wife of Henry N. Roth	1/4 acre	\$2,500

Note 1: Wilhelmina Hanke had purchased Lot 4 (# 92) on 10 August 1874.

Note 2: Wilhelmina Hanke secured a mortgage on Lot 4 (# 92) from Charles Behrenwald at the same time.

Note 3: Lot 4 (# 92) purchased at the same time.

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Plan 307 ... Lot 5 North Side of Decew Street South of Hendershot Street

Instrument	Transaction Date Date Registered	Grantor	Grantee	Qyt	Comp
Declar- ation	1 Feb 1941 17 Feb 1941	Henry N. Roth	Christene Roth Estate		
Grant	1942 no day or month 16 March 1942	Henry N. Roth	George Streicher		\$2,900
Grant	15 Sept 1969 25 Nov 1969	Executors for George A. Streicher	Lily Streicher		\$2
Grant	8 March 1974 15 March 1974	Lily Streicher	Roslyn M. Bender		\$1
Grant	9 Dec 1974 29 Jan 1975	Roslyn M. Bender	LaRoyd C. Bender		\$2
Grant	23 June 1978 25 Aug 1978	Roslyn M. Bender et.al.	Gordon Bauman & Erma Bauman		\$1

Available Registry Office records stop in 1987.
 Lot 5 was purchased by Derek Schultz in 2008.
 Sandy Schultz purchased the property in 2020.

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