

Elgin County Archives and Museum



Local Committee for the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show fonds

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Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives

Part Of: Local Committee for the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm

Description Level: Fonds

Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 105
Archives Storage Rm. 107

Storage Location: R5 S2 Sh6 B3
R5 S2 Sh5 B1-3
R6 S1 Sh4 B2
M10d

GMD: textual records
graphic material
objects
cartographic material
moving images

Date Range: 1955-1988, predominant 1980-1985

Physical Description: 1.28 m of textual records
99 photographs : b&w and col.
83 negatives : b&w and col.
1 slide : col.
7 drawings
11 posters
3 signs
1 videocassette
1 knife
9 pins
27 crests
21 maps

History /

Biographical:

In February 1980 the Elgin County Plowmen's Association, in conjunction with various Elgin County municipal, civic and agricultural organizations, successfully petitioned the Ontario Plowmen's Association, at its annual meeting in Toronto, for the right to hold the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show in Elgin County.

The Local Committee for the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show was established in April 1981, with the election of an initial slate of executive officers. Following a series of retirements and resignations, the following permanent executive officers were chosen: Ken Monteith, Chairman; Lorne Carroll, First Vice-Chairman; Bill Martyn, Second Vice-Chairman; Dave Murray, Secretary; Elgin Wells, Treasurer; Mayor Doug Tarry, City of St. Thomas Representative; Bill Caverly, County of Elgin Representative; Bill Martyn, Ontario Plowmen's Association Representative; Marian Millman, Elgin County Plowmen's Association Representative; and Merv Riddell, Legal Advisor. In 1983, Ruby Silcox joined the committee as Executive Secretary.

The committee was responsible for planning, organizing and administering the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show held September 17-21, 1985 on the William F. Bradish and Sons farm and various neighbouring farms in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Ontario. The event was held at 41397 Shorlea Line, near the intersection with County Road 25 (Wellington Road). The event was sanctioned and sponsored by the Ontario Plowmen's Association, with additional funding support provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Elgin County Branch, the County of Elgin and the City of St. Thomas.

Custodial History:

The records comprising this fonds were originally in the custody of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Elgin County Branch. The branch was closed in May 1996 and the records were transferred to the custody of the Elgin County Library. The records were subsequently transferred to the Elgin County Archives.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records created, collected and maintained by the Local Committee for the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show and its constituent committees in the course of planning, organizing and administering the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show held September 17-21, 1985 in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Ontario.

Fonds is organized into the following series:


1. Executive Committee
2. Antique and Historical Committee
3. Banquet Committee
4. Billeting Committee
5. County Beautification Committee
6. County Exhibits Committee
7. Finance Committee
8. Ladies Fair Committee
9. Merchandising Committee
10. Publicity Committee
11. Queen of the Furrow Committee
12. Research Committee
13. Site Committee
14. Special Events Committee
15. Teams and Horse Show Committee

Name Access: Elgin County Plowmen's Association

Subject Access: Agriculture
Plowing Matches

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