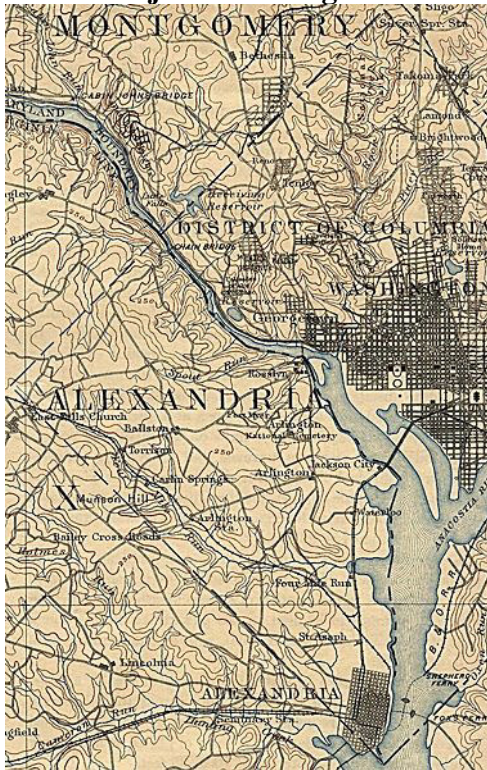


Time Line:

1797 - Benjamin Rolling Sr. is born in Alexandria, Virginia.



1800 - The first settlers come to King Township. They are Quakers from Vermont. More Quakers from Pennsylvania join them.



1812 - Richard Barnard is born in Virginia where he is a slave.



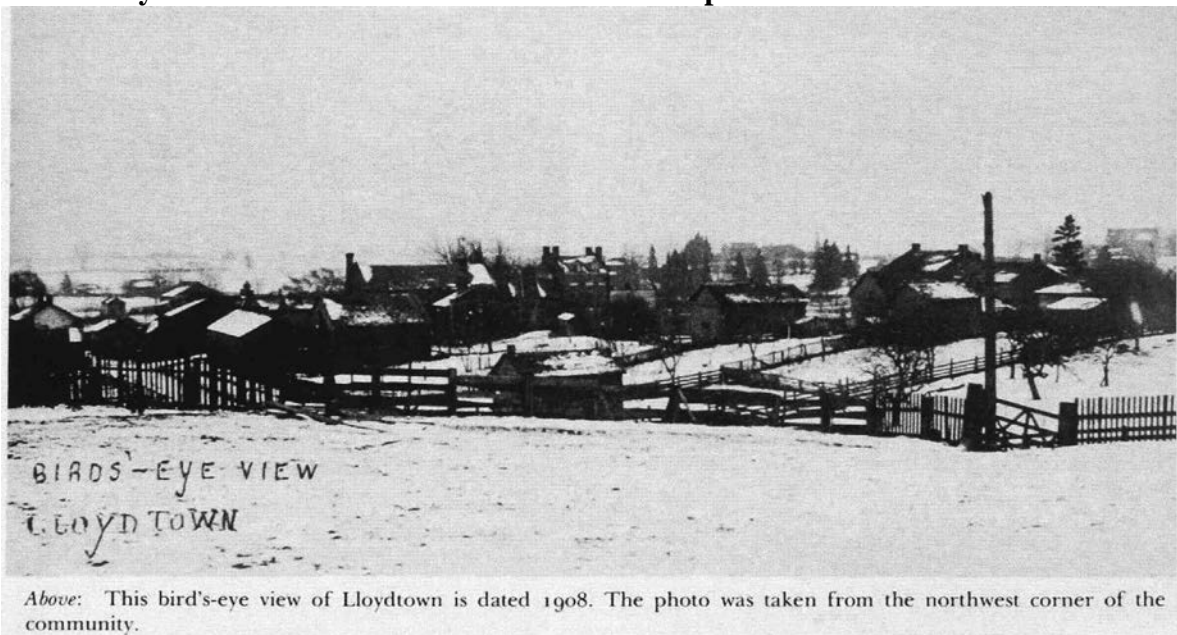
1822 - The Rolling family is living in Ohio. Charlotte Rolling is born.



1828 - Yonge Street Stage Coach starts to run. By 1833, it offers daily service from Aurora to Lloydtown. By 1902, the stage coach stops running due to the train.



1831 - Lloydtown is the first settlement to receive a post office.



Above: This bird's-eye view of Lloydtown is dated 1908. The photo was taken from the northwest corner of the community.

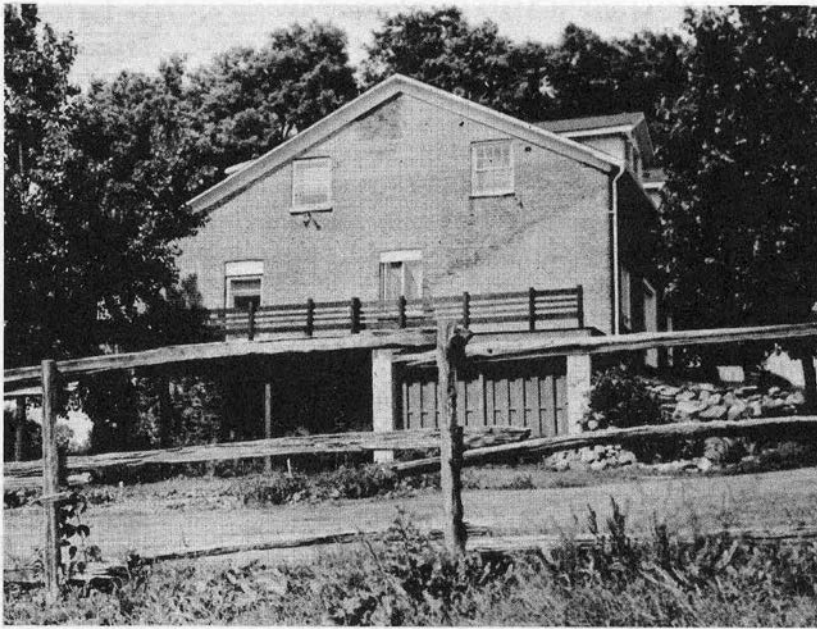
1831 – The Rolling family is living in Oro, Ontario.



1835 – The Rolling family moves to south of Aurora. Benjamin Jr. is born that year.

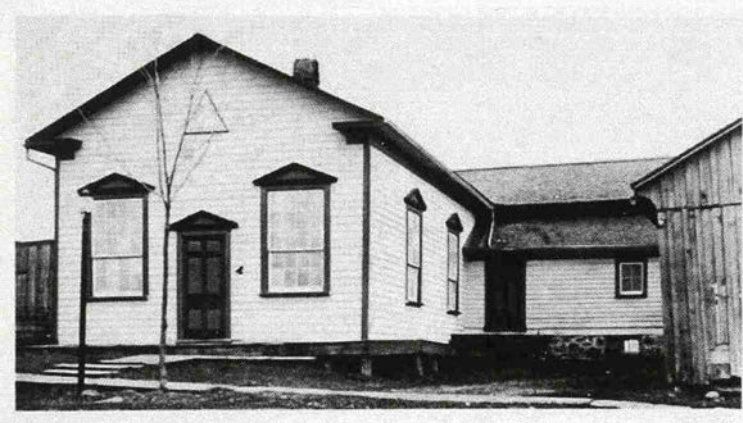


1837 - Jesse Lloyd, from Lloydtown, helps William Lyon Mackenzie hold a revolution against the government of Upper Canada. This is defeated and Jesse Lloyd flees to the United States.



Jesse Lloyd's house. (In 1975, the modern home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jennings)

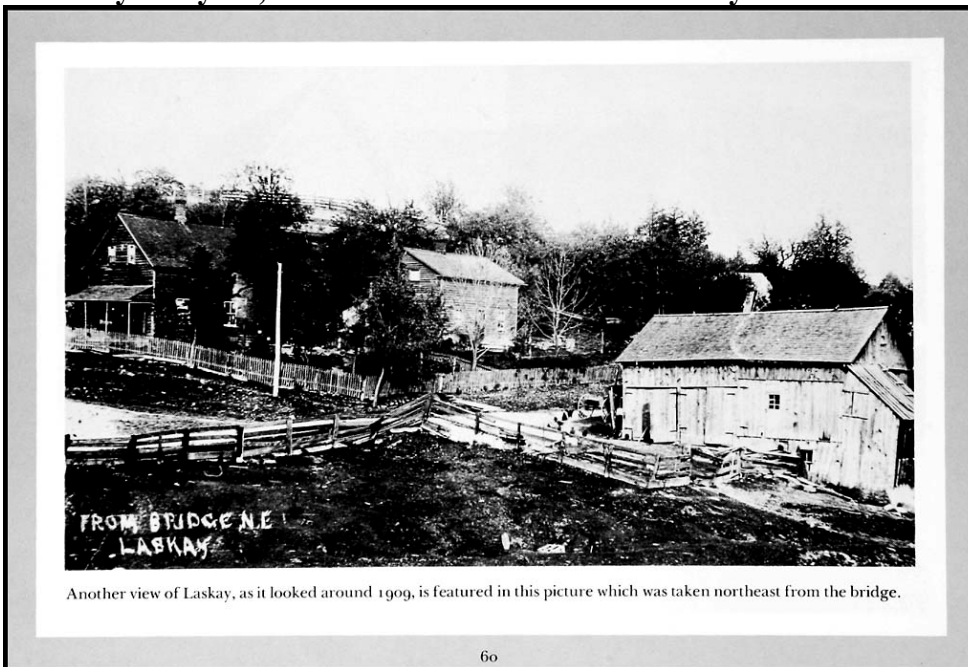
May 1, 1842 - One of the earliest temperance societies in the entire province is formed near Kettleby: "Hillborn Settlement Total Abstinence Society".



1846 – The Rolling family moves south of Pottageville.

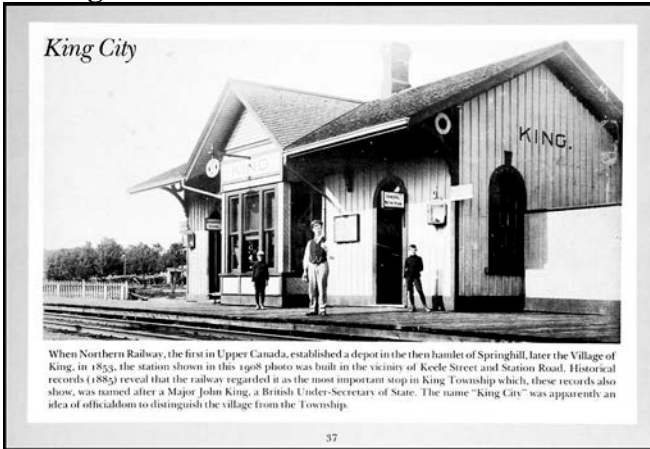


1850 - By this year, Richard Barnard settles in Laskay.



Another view of Laskay, as it looked around 1909, is featured in this picture which was taken northeast from the bridge.

1853 - Northern Railway puts a station in at Springhill (King City). The first Toronto Aurora passenger trip is May 16, 1853. By 1854, the railway is extended to Collingwood.



1861 - The township's first newspaper is started, *The Examiner: The North York and South Simcoe Journal*.



1869 - Benjamin Rolling Jr. buys a home in Laskay.



March 29, 1871 - Benjamin Rolling Sr. dies in King Township.

DEATHS.				DEATHS.			
Name and Residence	When Died	Age	Rank or Profession	Name and Residence	When Died	Age	Rank or Profession
Benjamin Rolling 17 Feb 1871	29 March 1871	76	Farmer	Charles Hardy 22 Feb 1871	4 April 1871	76	Farmer
John McLaughlin 17 Feb 1871	29 March 1871	76	Farmer	Frank James Jones 4 April 1871	15 April 1871	76	Farmer
John McLaughlin 29 March 1871	29 March 1871	76	Farmer	Thomas Brown King 15 April 1871	15 April 1871	76	Farmer
Remarks: 019545	019546	019547		Remarks: 019550	019551	019552	
Benjamin Rolling 29 March 1871	5 March 1871	76	Farmer	John D. Condit 31 March 1871	7 April 1871	76	Farmer
Henry Beaton 5 March 1871	1 April 1871	76	Farmer	Thomas Brown King 17 April 1871	17 April 1871	76	Farmer
Remarks: 019548	019549	019553		Remarks: 019554	019555		

May 13, 1873 - Walter Rolling is born in Laskay.

Dominion of Canada } Declaration
 PROVINCE OF ONTARIO }

In the Matter of Registering a Birth which has not been registered in accordance with Sections 15 and 18, THE VITAL STATISTICS ACT, R.S.O., 1914, c. 40.

To Wit:

Form 1 OFFICIAL RETURN OF BIRTH BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Please give the information on the circumstances here AT THE TIME OF THE BIRTH

County	York	Municipality	King
Name of Child	Walter Rolling		
Date of Birth	May 31, 1873		
Where Born?	Laskay	Sex	Male
Name of Parents	Toronto		
When Married	Mar. 24, 1869		
Full name of Father	Benjamin Harris Rolling		
Address	Laskay		
Occupation	Merchant		
Mother's name of Birth	Sarah Elizabeth Brown		
Is she Single, Married or Widowed?	Widowed		
Name of Physician in attendance	Dr. Jas. Langstaff		
Single Birth, Twin, Illegitimate or Still Birth	Single		
Name of person supplying information	Sarah E. Rolling		
Address	King Ont.		
Date of Return	May 28, 1918		

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE that:

(1). I am the father (or mother) of the person whose name appears in the Official Return of a Birth therein set forth.

(2). I have personal knowledge of the matters therein set forth, and the same are true in substance and in fact.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the CANADA EVIDENCE ACT.

Declared before me at the Township of King of County of York this 29th day of May 1918.

Sarah E. Rolling
(Signature of declarant.)

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Wm. McCallum J.P.
Rolling, Walter. A Notary Public, Commissioner, etc., or Justice of the Peace.

1883 - Benjamin Jr. opens his general store in Laskay.

Laskay P.O., 188

M^{rs} Harrison

Bought of Benjamin Rolling
 + DEALER IN +
 General Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, etc.

1884						
July 10	4 print- 112	4 cotton 20	1 Hat. 100	2 32		
	3 tweed 240	120 shirting 32	duck 94	4 54		
	4 spools 16	Buttons 15	Do 4	35		
Sept 6	teaspoons 2 1/2	tomatoes 7 1/2	sugar 60	2 00		
29	Balance 50	Winey 38	shirting 75	1 58		
Dec 6	spools 8	Hats 18	tea 150	76		
Sept 8	tobacco 50	tea 50	pins 5	1 85		
	Matches 203	duck 1 1/2	tweed 123	2 18		
Dec 16	15 tweed 163	spools 8	tea 50	2 21		
Dec 16	Balance on cap 115	1 pr boots 175		1 90		
6	Oil 34	tea 50	Muff 500	5 85		
						25.24
	15 lb Butter 14	Chicken skin 192	210	4 02		
	11 pr chickens 440	Skin 50		4 90		
	eggs 346	3/4 Butter 135		1 69		
	1/2 eggs			80		
		turkeys		9 00		11 41
		1884				13.83
1885	tea 2	tobacco 25	spools 8	58		9 00
Apr 18	kerchiefs 15	tea 25	oil 400	3 55		4 83
25	Blacking 2	pr boots 2	Bowl 18	4 33		
30	hat 30	parasols 30	panes 100	2 80		
May 20	Balance 98	prints 38	Corsets 100	2 36		
27	Balance on plants 5	socks 20	tin pot 60	85		
May 19	Sugar 200	1 pr boots 175	tea 50	4 55		
June 2	tea 50	tea 50	tobacco 25	1 25		
18	muscloth 20	starch 10	chuse 21	51		
July 18	sugar 100	pril 50	cotton 40	2 40		
Aug 22	tobacco 28	tea 50	tea 50	1 28		
31	tobacco 98	tea 50	sugar 200	2 78		
						25.24
	Carried Over					30.07

1886 - The first telephone line in King Township is installed. It ran from Yonge Street to King City. Just a few people had phones: the doctor, the stores, the small businesses. Later another line is installed to Laskay and Kinghorn.

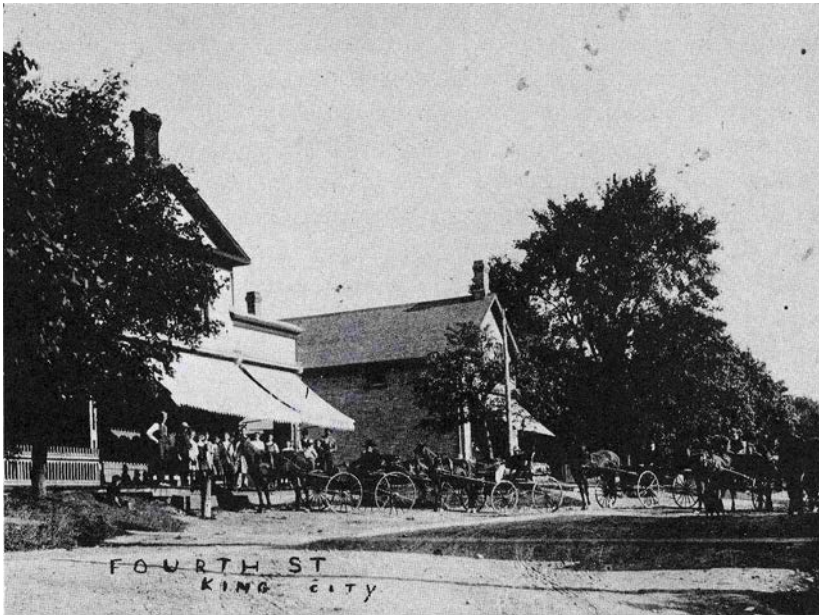


1892 - Walter Rolling attends Aurora High School.



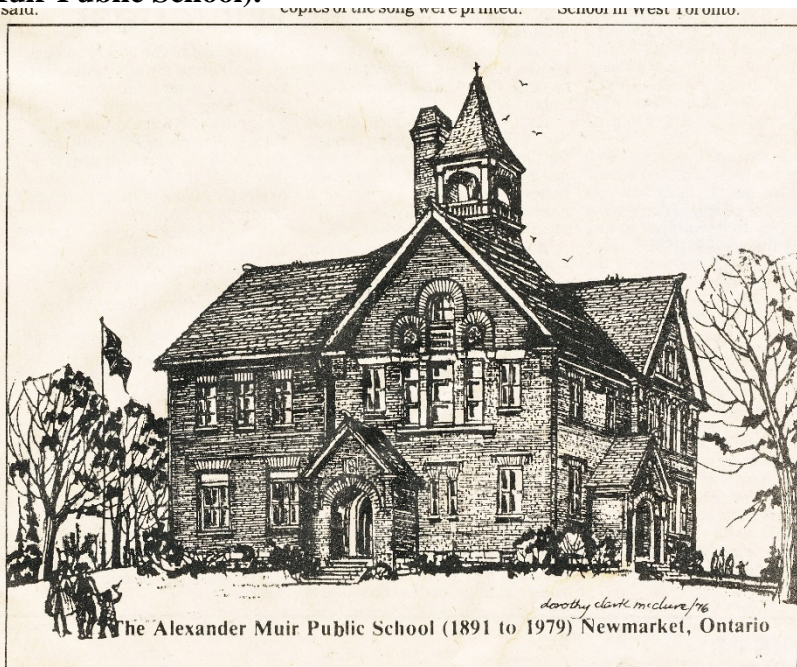
Aurora Public School, Victoria and Church streets (built 1886), the site of Aurora's first high school classes. Now the Aurora Museum.

1891 - Board sidewalks were approved to be put in King City at a cost of \$150.



Fourth Street (now Keele Street), looking south, King City, 1908. (McDonald's store and post office; Winter's store)

1893 - Walter Rolling graduates from Newmarket Model School (also called Alexander Muir Public School).



ALEXANDER MUIR SCHOOL was demolished in 1979 after two years of controversy over use of the buildings and site. A large school reunion was held there in 1976

and memories were revived of the famous Alexander Muir who was principal of the school from 1872-'74. He wrote the song The Maple Leaf Forever.

January 3, 1895 - Walter Rolling starts teaching at Kinghorn School in King Township.



February 7, 1896 - Richard Barnard dies in Laskay.

Laskay

Special to the Banner.

—Mr. Richard Barnhardt, an old colored gentleman of this place died very suddenly on Friday evening of heart failure. The deceased was born in Virginia and was a slave. When comparatively a young man he ran away and came over to Canada, where he enjoyed the freedom of all races. He came to Laskay nearly 60 years ago where he has lived ever since. His genial disposition and exemplary character made him a general friend of every one. In politics he was a Conservative. in religion a Methodist and in its Primitive days always led the singing in the Methodist church. A very large number of attended his funeral on Monday to pay their last tribute of respect. The funeral obsequies being conducted by Rev. R. Large of King City.

March 24, 1897 – Benjamin Rolling Jr. dies.

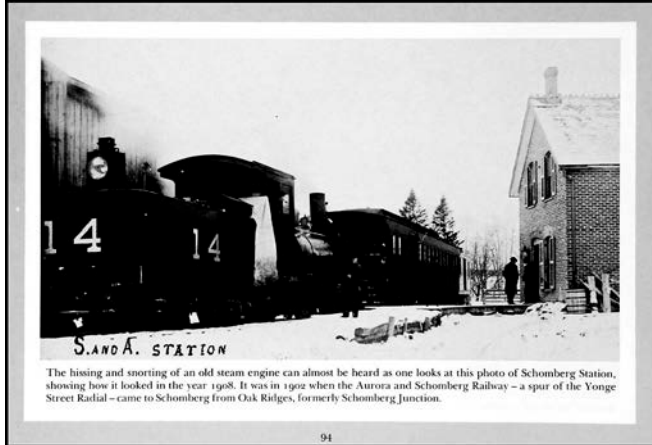
Church.

—A shocking accident occurred Friday evening at 8 o'clock on the Northern Railway between Richmond Hill and Thornhill. The train from North Bay was four hours late and came along at full speed. Mr. Benjamin Loring, storekeeper, Laskay, was in the act of crossing the line at the time the train came up unobserved by him. His rig was struck and smashed and he was instantly killed.

1897 - Walter Rolling attends the Toronto Normal School.



1902 - Schomberg Railway starts to run from Aurora to Schomberg. It stops running in 1928.



June 27, 1906 - Walter Rolling marries his first wife, Eva Elizabeth Smith.

MARRIED.

ROLLING—SMITH—At the residence of the bride's parents 216 Richmond street west, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, June 27th, by the Rev, C. O. Johnston, pastor of Wesley Methodist church, Mr Walter Rolling, of Laskay, Ont., to Eva Elizabeth, second daughter of Geo. W Smith, Esq.

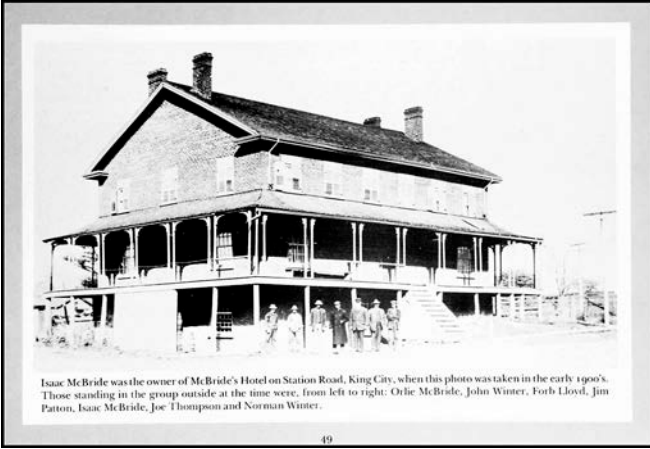
1907 - Gas lights came to King. Arthur Brown “The Lamplighter” looks after the plant and is responsible for lighting the gas lamps on the village streets each evening.



1913 - The first Girl Guide group in King Township is organized by Lady Pellatt, the Commissioner of Girl Guides of Canada and who has an estate in King Township.



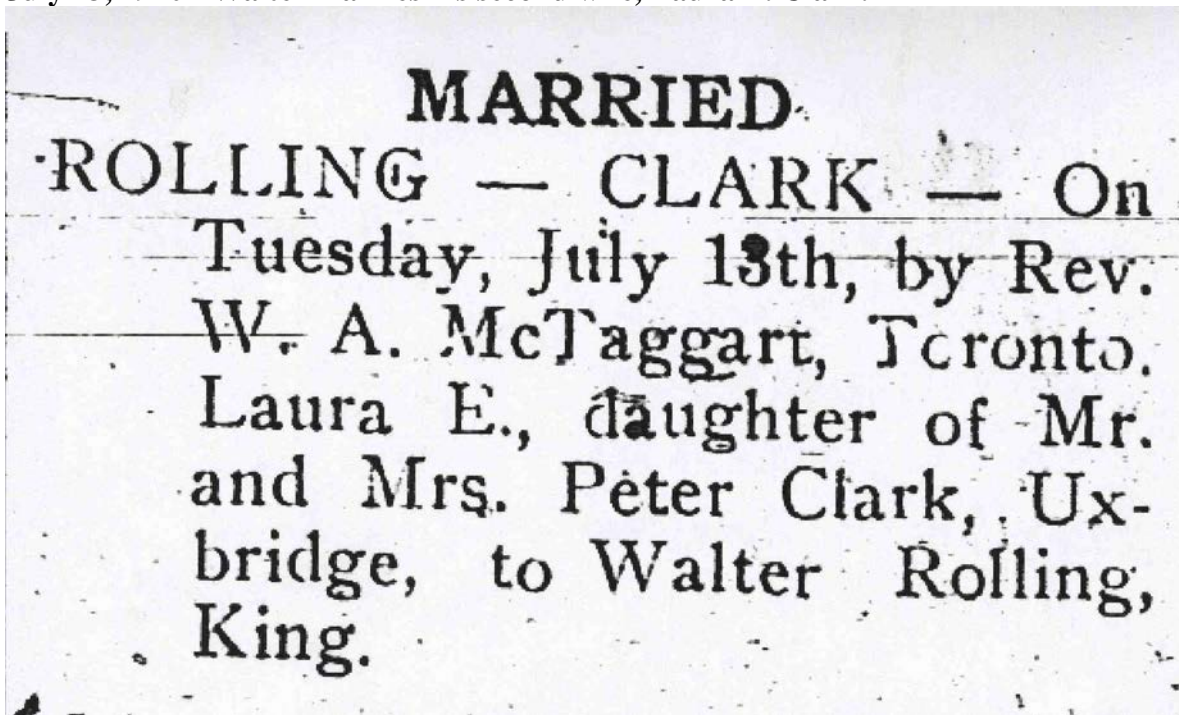
1913 - Prohibition comes to King Township (a vote which was 795 for, and 403 against). All the local hotels close due to this.



April 10, 1916 - Eva Smith Rolling dies.

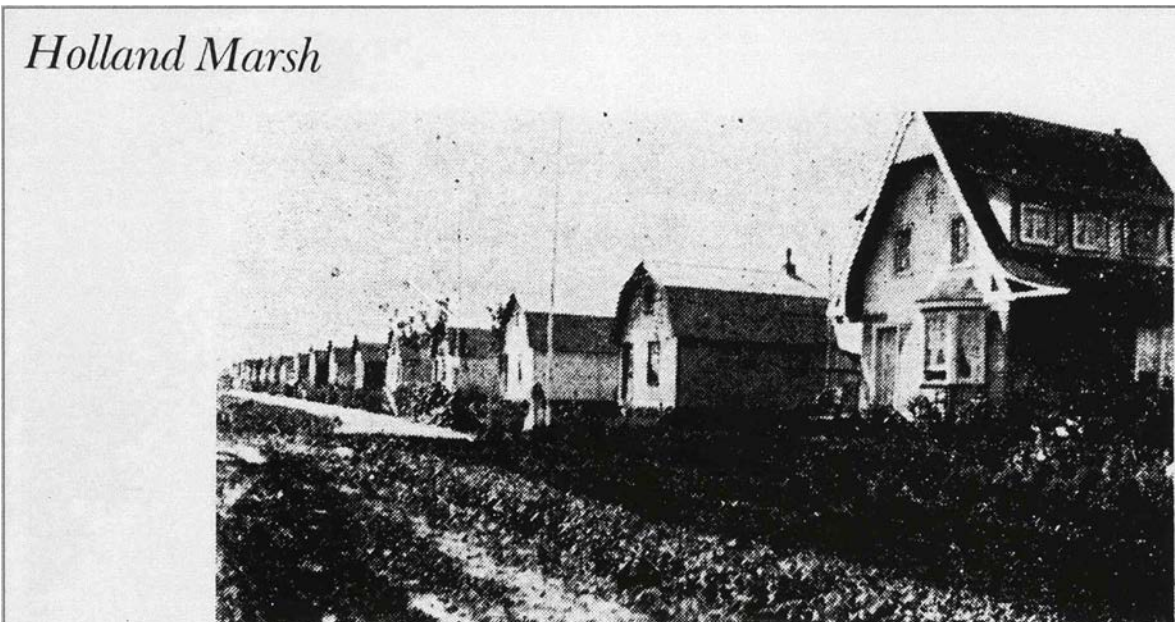
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County of York			County of York		
Division of Toronto			Division of Toronto		
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Christian Name	-	Eva Elizabeth	Margaret Jane	Thomas	Charles
Sex	F	F	F	M	M
Age	39 yrs 5 mths	22 days	29 days	24 yrs 6 days	2 yrs
Date of Death	April 11, 1916	April 10, 1916	April 10, 1916	April 6, 1916	April 12, 1916
Place of Birth	264 Beverton Rd	216 Richmond St	Toronto Can	Canada	101 Mc Kee St Toronto
Place of Birth (Foreign)	-	216 Richmond St	15 Beverton Ave	Toronto	East Chatham 104 St
Place of Death	Home	Home	-	-	St James Cemetery
Occupation	-	Home work	-	Bookkeeper	-
Birth, Month & Year	003206	003207	003209	003208	003211
Name of Father	John Lawrence	Geo L. Smith	Alma Robertson	Arthur Reese	003211
Maternal Name of Mother	Adeline Wilson	Elizabeth Campbell	Marie Victoria	Mary Reese	-
Cause of Death, if known	-	-	-	-	-
Special Cause of Death, if known	Smallpox	Smallpox	Smallpox	Smallpox	Smallpox
Place of Interment	St. Paul	St. Paul	St. Paul	St. Paul	St. Paul
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July 13, 1920 - Walter marries his second wife, Laura E. Clark.



1923 - Professor Day from Guelph conceives the idea of draining the Holland Marsh which had been swamp, and turn it into farm land. A canal of almost 20 miles long is dredged for the use of 8,700 acres. The water is pumped by 2 hydraulic pumps into the Holland River. The first crop that is grown on this land was in 1927 and is a huge success.

Holland Marsh



1924 – Electric power comes to the village of King City. A nine room house is completely wired for \$93.50.



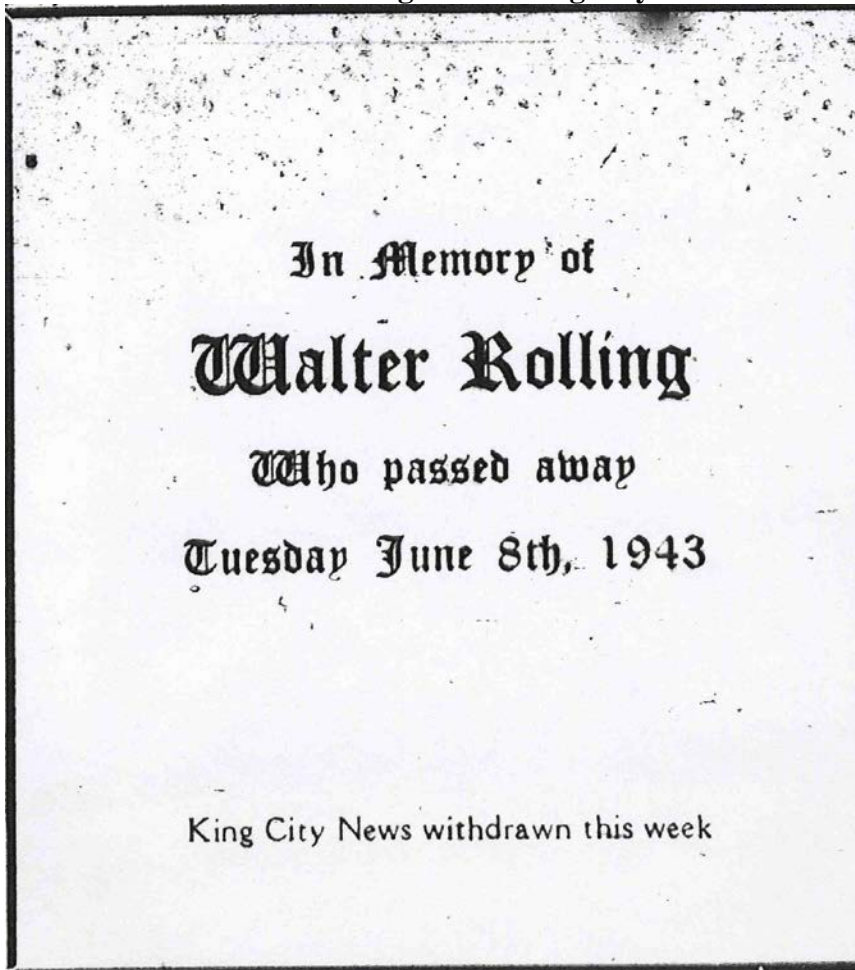
June 30, 1936 - Walter Rolling retires from the Kinghorn School and from teaching.

King, June 16, 1936.
 To the Trustees of
 S. W. No. 25
 King, Mo.
 We considered with your loyal
 supported confidence for
 forty-one years I have endeavored
 to render you a service worthy of
 that trust.
 Through your co-operation
 and faith in my ability to
 serve you as your teacher, my
 life work has been one of
 constant pleasure.
 With sincere thanks
 and appreciation for all your
 kindnesses and consideration
 for me and my work, I would
 ask you to accept my resignation
 as your teacher, effective
 to take effect June 30, 1936.
 Yours very sincerely,
 -Walter Rolling-

June 19 1937 - Walter Rollings Day is held.



June 10 1943 - Walter Rolling dies in King City.



1960 - Laskay Emporium moves to Black Creek Pioneer Village.



Apr 11 1978 - Laura Rolling dies.

Long-time King journalist Laura Rolling dies at 86

KING CITY — Laura Rolling of King Township, one of York Region's most prominent local journalists, died Tuesday morning in York Central Hospital following a week-long illness. She was 86.

Thirty years a "stringer" from King Township for The Toronto Star, Mrs. Rolling held that post until 1965.

It was during World War II that she was especially busy, often phoning in three or four stories a day to The Star.

A front-page byline made up for a close call with a bandit's gun barrel during one big news break of her career when she found herself by chance covering a bank robbery first-hand.

Mrs. Rolling later reported that she wasn't afraid, just frustrated that she couldn't get to a telephone and call the newspaper.

Among her saddest stories,

Mrs. Rolling listed those from Hurricane Hazel in 1952, when much of the township she loved suffered badly.

Mrs. Rolling was also King correspondent to the Newmarket Era and its predecessor, the Express-Herald, for 37 years, filing her last story in 1969.

During her career, she covered King Township for most of York County's weekly newspapers, including the Aurora Banner, the Richmond Hill Liberal and the Bolton Enterprise.

For 10 years she was a representative for British United Press and she also worked for two radio stations CKEY in Toronto and CFGM in Richmond Hill.

In 1967, Mrs. Rolling was awarded the Canadian Centennial medal for "service to the nation."

She grew up in Uxbridge

where a member of the Clark family — Mrs. Rolling's maiden name — cleared a Crown grant in 1832.

She graduated from Peterborough teachers college and later studied music at Whitby Ladies College.

As a teacher in Strange School, King Township, she met her future husband, Walter Rolling, principal of Kinghorn school for 41 years. Rolling was so well liked and respected that more than 1,500 came to pay tribute at his retirement in 1937.

The Rollings were married in 1920. It was following her husband's death that Mrs. Rolling threw herself wholeheartedly into journalism.

She is survived by her sister Kay Clark, of King City. Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Thompson's Funeral Home, Aurora. Burial is to be in King City.



— Newmarket Era photo

LAURA ROLLING
On the job in 1969