

## HISTORICAL STORYBOARD TO BE UNVEILED IN HEIDELBERG

*Community invited to celebrate contributions of local family*

On Saturday, September 17, 2022, [Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society](#) (WTHHS) will unveil a storyboard in Heidelberg, the first in a series of historical plaques planned for this year and next.

The storyboard honours the Hahn family, five generations of which farmed the land prior to the 1976 development of the Heidelberg Meadows subdivision. Community members are invited to attend the unveiling, which will take place at 2 p.m., at the corner of Lobsinger Line and Arthur Road, near the mailboxes. Township of Wellesley Ward 4 Councillor Carl Smit, Heidelberg resident and historian Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt and members of WTHHS will be in attendance.

While Heidelberg and the surrounding area was originally the home of Neutral, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Indigenous people, European settlers began to arrive in about 1832. Around that time, Jacob Blum and his wife Magdalena, and Johann Baptiste Ancel and his son Nicholas crossed over the western boundary of Woolwich Township (today's Kressler Road) into Wellesley Township and began to clear the land. When Wellesley Township was surveyed in 1842, Ancel's farm became part of Concession A Lot 11.

The Ancel farm changed hands twice early in its existence - once in 1858, when it was purchased by Johann George Ament Jr. and wife Anna Margretha, and again in February 1878 when it was purchased by Johannes (John) Hahn and wife Elizabeth. The Hahn family lived in the house for about 100 years.

Four streets in the subdivision are named to recognize and honour the pioneering Hahn family:

**John Place** – is named for the original settler and patriarch John Hahn (1833-1925)

**Arthur Road** - is named for Arthur Hahn (1914-1994), great-grandson of pioneer John Hahn and father of Harold Wayne Hahn

**Wayne Street** - honours subdivision co-developer Harold Wayne Hahn (1942-1990), two times great-grandson of John Hahn

**James Court** - memorializes Michael James Arthur Hahn (1962-1966), three times great-grandson of John Hahn and son of Harold Wayne Hahn

The Hahn family home was located at 70 Arthur Road. It is now referred to as the Ament / Burrell House to honour the original owner of the Crown Patent, Johann Ament, and the current owners Jim Burrell and Carol Gregory. The portions of the historic house were designated by WTHHS in 1986 under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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