Oral History Collection

John Fennell

Interview

May 7, 2002

Length: 2 hours, 6 minutes and 41 seconds

[The interviewer is not introduced but it can be assumed that George Jackson is speaking.] George remarks that he and John Fennell are parked on Highway 27, looking at the north half of Lot 1, Concession* 10. They begin here and drive along the 11th Line, identifying the land owners, churches, businesses, landmarks, and natural features which were present in the early 1900s. John gives many anecdotal details about community members living in the area (Newton Robinson and West Gwillimbury). They mention that there have been many artifacts from First Nations groups found in this area. John briefly discusses his family history starting with his great-grandfather, Joseph, who came from Ireland.

Note: This is a brief summary of what has been recorded on tape. Anyone interested in assisting to transcribe or summarize these oral histories is encouraged to contact Nina Cunniff, Deputy CEO of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, at (905) 775-3328 ext. 6105.