

Col. Bostwick Plaque To Be Unveiled May 22

The unveiling and dedication of a plaque in honor of Lieut.-Col. John Bostwick, 1780-1849, will take place Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. at Christ Church (Anglican), Port Stanley. Col. Bostwick founded the community of Port Stanley and is buried in the churchyard at Christ Church.

Rev. Dr. J. L. H. Henderson, of London, Ont., professor of Canadian History at Huron College, M.W.O., will preach the sermon, and Hon. Bryan L. Cathcart, Sarnia, Ont., Minister of Travel and Publicity, will unveil the plaque.

The offertory at the service will be for the Churchyard Endowment Fund. Addresses will be given by Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, of Middlemarch, representing the Archaeological and Historic Sites Advisory Board of Ontario, and Reeve Lloyd Gurr, of Port Stanley. The dedication of the plaque will be by the Rev. H. R. Rokeby-Thomas, rector of Christ Church.

Born in Massachusetts, Col. Bostwick came as a child to Norfolk County. He was appointed High Constable of the London District in 1800 and Sheriff in 1805. A deputy-surveyor, he laid out some of the first roads in the Talbot Settlement, and in 1804 was granted 600 acres at the mouth of Kettle Creek. After serving as a militia officer throughout the War of 1812, he settled on the site of Port Stanley and founded the community. Col. Bostwick represented Middlesex in the Legislative Assembly 1821-1824 and donated the land for Christ Church, which was completed in 1845.