

A Brief History of Beckwith Township

The Township of Beckwith was surveyed in 1816 and settlement started around 1817 with about 27 land grants being acted on.

The Township was named after Sir Thomas Sydney Beckwith (born in 1772 and died in 1831). Sir Sydney Beckwith was the Quarter Master General for Canada between 1815 and 1823.

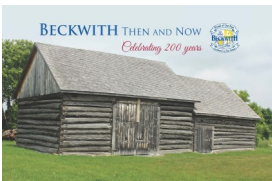
By the 1860's Beckwith's population was 2,629 which included Villages with schools, churches, blacksmith shops, cobblers, tailors, coopers, taverns, general stores, etc.

In 2016 Beckwith's population was 7,644 made up of those "Proud of their past and confident in the Future".

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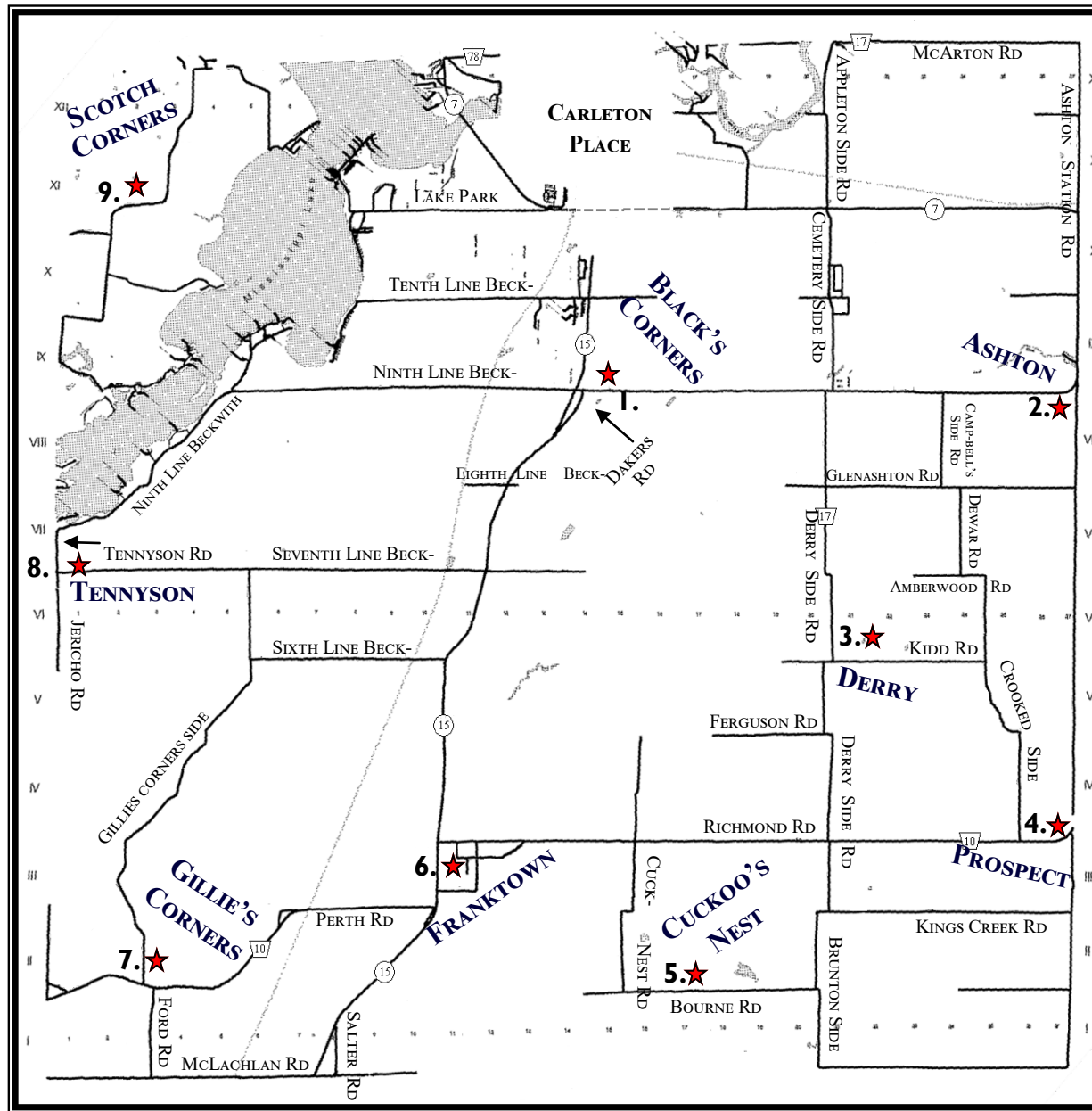


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Then and Now

Beckwith Then and

Now is a keepsake book containing historical stories, facts, recipes and photos of the people who helped create the modern day *Beckwith in the Bushes*. Books can be purchased at the Beckwith Township Office for \$45.10 (HST included).



Hamlets of Beckwith Township

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| Black's Corners | 1. | 5. Cuckoo's Nest |
| Ashton | 2. | 6. Franktown |
| The Derry | 3. | 7. Gillie's Corners |
| Prospect | 4. | 8. Tennyson |
| | | 9. Scotch Corners |



For More Information

[Beckwith Historical Interactive Map](#)
 The Beckwith Heritage Committee has developed an Historical Interactive Map on the history of the Township of Beckwith. Please consult our website www.twp.beckwith.on.ca under Community—History— Beckwith Historical Map.
[Beckwith Book](#)

An extensive history of the Township of Beckwith was published in 1991 by Glen J. Lockwood *Beckwith: Irish and Scottish Identities in a Canadian Community*. Copies are on display and available for sale in the Township Office reception area at the price of \$45.10 (HST included).

If you have any information or pictures in relation to any of the Hamlets that you would like to contribute to our interactive map, please contact the Township Office at 613-257-1539.