

From The Archives – August Edition

In 1975, at the request of Mrs. Kinsey from the Garden Club of Toronto, Cliff Duckworth and other members of our Society procured a Leatherwood “tree” to be planted at Black Creek Pioneer Village. The Leatherwood “tree” or shrub had been allocated from a Horticultural member’s forest property.



The Leatherwood had a significant history in terms of early pioneer Canada. “This interesting large shrub is extremely pliant and tough, and was used for thongs and shoelace etc., instead of leather which was in short supply.”

In 1976, our Horticultural Society took a trip to see our shrub at Pioneer Village. From a notation appearing in an Archive photo album:



“The Horticultural Society visited Black Creek Pioneer Village on Saturday June 26 – a few of the members are looking at the Leatherwood tree-planted in April near the Mill Pond – it was planted behind the Half-way House.”



I hope you enjoyed this little glimpse into our history. Stay tuned next month for another edition of “From the Archives.”

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