

Scotia Street - c1910

### 17. THE SUBWAY (TRAIN OVERPASS)

Subway you ask? This is what the people of Schreiber call it. It was constructed in 1909 and was only one lane wide. In 1965 they constructed this one.

### 18. THE ORIGINAL POLICE STATION

Our town relied upon Town Constables up to 1938 when the Ontario Provincial Police formed a detachment here. The foundation for the original jailhouse now supports this house at 401 Winnipeg St. Schreiber's most infamous criminal was probably Charles Martin who was hanged for his crime! Find more about him at the Public Library, when you read about the history of Cooks Lake!

### 19. CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STATION

For two years, men toiled laying 651 miles of steel starting in 1883 to make railway travel possible along the north shore of Lake Superior. It was a dangerous work; dynamite and falling rocks took lives. Finally the last spike in this section was driven east of Schreiber on May 16, 1885. The first station was built, and at 8 a.m on June 28, 1885, a rumbling steam engine made its stop here enroute from Vancouver to eastern Canada. For Schreiber, dreams were fulfilled and people and goods could travel. The station you see here was built in 1924. It was a hive of activity as a division point on the CPR. This station received heritage designation under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act in 1994.

### 20. HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Roman Catholic population of Schreiber, many of them of Italian heritage, flourished and by 1943, parishioners decided to build a separate school. First, the Guild Hall on the Catholic Church site was renovated and made into classrooms. By 1949, the Holy Angels RC School was built and expanded to its present size.

### 21. SCHREIBER BEACH

Winding your way down the road you are coming to our last stop but really our first in the history of Schreiber! Our beach was once a CPR docking area. James Isbester, a CPR builder, landed here in 1883 and the landing was named for him. It developed into a bustling port which supplied material to build the town of Schreiber.

# Schreiber

Our historic community lies on the northern shore of Lake Superior. Initially called Isbester's Landing, Schreiber was renamed in 1887 for Sir Collingwood Schreiber who was named Chief Engineer of the CPR in 1880. His picture is in the Library. Schreiber is one of the oldest communities along the North Shore. Take the time to discover our rich history and say hello to Schreiber!



*History surrounded by nature.*

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# Tour Map



## Schreiber, Ontario



# Heritage Tour

Welcome to Our Town!

Allow us to share with you the warmth and kindness this friendly place has to offer.

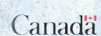


We trust you have enjoyed our heritage tour. We thank you for participating in this and hope you enjoy the remainder of your stay in our town.

Schreiber's 125th Anniversary 1885 - 2010



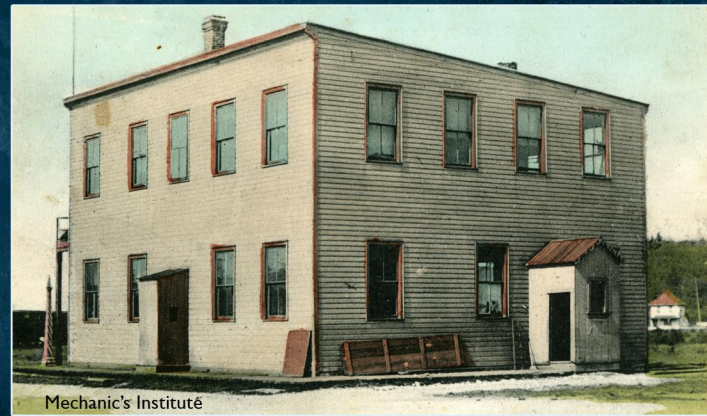
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# Heritage Sites

## 1. SCHREIBER LOCOMOTIVE/CENOTAPH

Can you feel the power in this huge 1955 CPR S3 locomotive? It is here because the railroad has always been at the heart of this community and its major employer. From 1905 to 1922, the Mechanics Institute stood on this spot. It was replaced in 1922 by the Old Town Hall which held the Municipal Offices, telephone exchange, dentist, barbershop, library, Rebekah and Oddfellows hall. The basement was the biggest hall around for social events. The building was demolished in 1994 and today provides the home for our Cenotaph and rail display.



## 2. JAPANESE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

In 1941, while WWII continued in Europe, one hundred and thirty four Japanese men were Interned near here. They arrived by train to work in government camps located between here and White River. They helped build the region. This plaque honours their important contribution to the development of the region.

## 3. SCHREIBER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Founded in 1898, the library moved to this building in 1993 when the old Town Hall was demolished. This building was built as a Post Office in 1921 and converted to a Medical Centre in 1975. When our new J.E. Stokes Medical Centre was completed, the library moved to this historic building. The library has always been an integral part of the community. Stop by to look at our historical archives or check your email on the way by.

## 4. BANK OF MONTREAL

Here lies old money! The Bank of Montreal was the first one in Schreiber. It was established in 1913 and was managed by Mr. Hesson, but not at this spot. Across and to the east is the Chimo Club which was the bank. The Chimo is a great place for local history as it is now a seniors club.

## 5. POST OFFICE

1885 was such an important year! That is the year the Walker family (the name is used in a street, road and a lake) took over the post office. In 2 years Mrs. E. Walker (nee Newman and another of our street names) became Postmistress and served until 1945! Our existing P.O was built in 1973 where there once stood a triplex. Do you remember where you saw our other Post Office?

## 6. HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

Catholic Missionaries Fathers Devine and Baxter came to our town in 1886 preaching wherever possible, then building the first RC Church (The Church of the Guardian Angel). As population grew, the original was moved across the street (it has since burnt down) and a new one was built in 1909 (Holy Angels RC Church). Beside it was the Guild Hall which many say was quite beautiful. Receptions were held there and it also served as a Catholic School. This building was built in 1961 and consecrated in December of that year.

## 7. SPADONI'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Remember the Walker family? In 1886 they owned this building called "Walker's General Store". Later it became "J.G. McIntosh's Dry Goods Store" (pictured under the town's logo). It was sold to Gino and Rosa Spadoni in 1925 and renamed Spadoni's in 1967. The Spadoni car dealership was founded in 1926 adjacent to the store. The dealership was demolished in 1997 but the family still offers housewares in this location.

## 8. SITE OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Many years ago when people wanted to socialize, they would head down to the Y.M.C.A on Winnipeg Street. Bowling, cards, food, and accommodation were available there. Across the street they could dine at The Blue Lagoon Restaurant, remembered as "The Swamp" by our older citizens.



## 9. ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

On July 18, 1895, Bishop E. Sullivan consecrated St. John the Redeemer Church. Rev. Wm. Evans was the first resident minister from 1889-1893. The original building was destroyed by fire in 1913. This beautiful little church was built in 1914.

## 10. SCHREIBER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Education in Schreiber dates back to 1893 beginning in an old CPR bunkhouse on Manitoba St. Our first long term teacher arrived off the train in 1891 to teach in the bunkhouse. His name was George Evans, age 18. George and his students moved into a new public school in 1902 which was on property donated by the CPR. George watched while the school expanded in 1912. He began teaching in a Continuation School in 1924 and taught until his death in 1929. In 1956 the front part of the current school was built and it was expanded in 1972.

## 11. ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

In 1945, this was the site of a bunkhouse for Longlac Pulp and Paper (later Kimberly Clark) employees building the community of Terrace Bay and the mill there. The Royal Canadian Legion took it over as a Clubroom and used it until the bunkhouse was demolished in 2003.

## 12. SITE OF OUR FAMOUS OLD ARENA

Because we are a hockey town we have had three arenas since 1910. Fire destroyed the first arena in 1918. The Schreiber's Citizens' Rink replaced it in 1936 on the site where Speziale's Pro Hardware now sits. It was huge and cold but was well used for skating and hockey. In 1966 an artificial ice plant was installed. In 1978, the community built a new arena and in 1980, the Citizens' Rink was taken down.

## 13. THE SCHREIBER UNION CEMETERY

What stories can they tell? Why so young? Edith Ellen Newman, age 18, buried in 1889 and Minnie M. Ried, age 11, buried in 1893, are our first Cemetery residents. They didn't have the health care we do now. Take a stroll, imagining their lives, our history! Recently, iron gates have been added and a Columbarium was built in 2004.

## 14. ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Hay preached at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, built in 1887, our first church building. A Methodist church was founded in 1888 and Rev. W.J. Ellis served. When the churches united in 1921 they formed St. Andrew's United Church. The Presbyterian Church was renovated and worship continues to this day!

## 15. MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Men gathered in the old school house (remember what was used for the first school house?) for the first municipal election July 13, 1901. Elected was William Wadland, our first Reeve! Oh, the by-laws that had to be written! The Municipal Office was moved to this location on Winnipeg Street when the Town Hall was demolished in 1994. The new Municipal Complex is now located in the old Lake Superior High School on Alberta Street which opened in 2010.



## 16. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oh did we need one. Remember those fires that destroyed so many of our wood frame buildings? The CPR organized the first brigade with a man-powered hose reel cart. In the 30's the mayor appealed for more volunteers and it is still volunteers who run the show! The Centennial Fire Department building was built in 1985, 100 years after Schreiber became a township.