



# Betty Stapleton

## Newtonville

*Champion for local history preservation,  
community service and connections*

My dad (Bill Skelding) had the fuel company, serving Bowmanville through Cobourg. Frank's dad had the feed mill. So, between us, our families knew just about everyone.

Frank and I first went to school here at SS#4. In 1959, they built the new school down by the 401. The day the new school opened, all the students were told to "carry your books down to the new school." So, off we went in a long line from the old school to the new one. How I wish I had a picture of that!

Frank and I met growing up here in town.

Frank's sister was my best friend. I didn't like him, of course, because he was my best friend's brother. Years later, I got a job in Toronto, and one day, my mother asked Frank if he would give me a ride up. She knew what she was doing... she liked him. I think she still does!

We met here and we stayed here.  
Newtonville is home.

