

Heritage recorded

The congregation of Christ Church United on Mazo Crescent in Clarkson is celebrating its sesquicentennial — 150 years of church history in the community.

In honor of the event, Dr. Stanley A. Holling of Parkland Avenue has written a book entitled *Our Heritage*. Dr. Holling is a former director of the tuberculosis division of the ministry of health and has been a member of Christ Church United, the oldest congregation in Clarkson, since 1951. He is 80 years old, still an active member of the Mississauga Historical Society and recently researched his family history dating back to the 16th century.

Our Heritage describes how the life of the church and community have been intertwined since pioneer times. Several pictures are included as well as maps depicting the purchase of land around the mouth of the Credit River from the Mississauga Indians in 1806.

According to Dr. Holling's research, the second land patent to be issued in the Clarkson area was granted to Sebastian Greeniaus in July, 1808. Descendents of the Greeniaus family are still members of the present church. An appendix of ministers of the church is also added to the book.

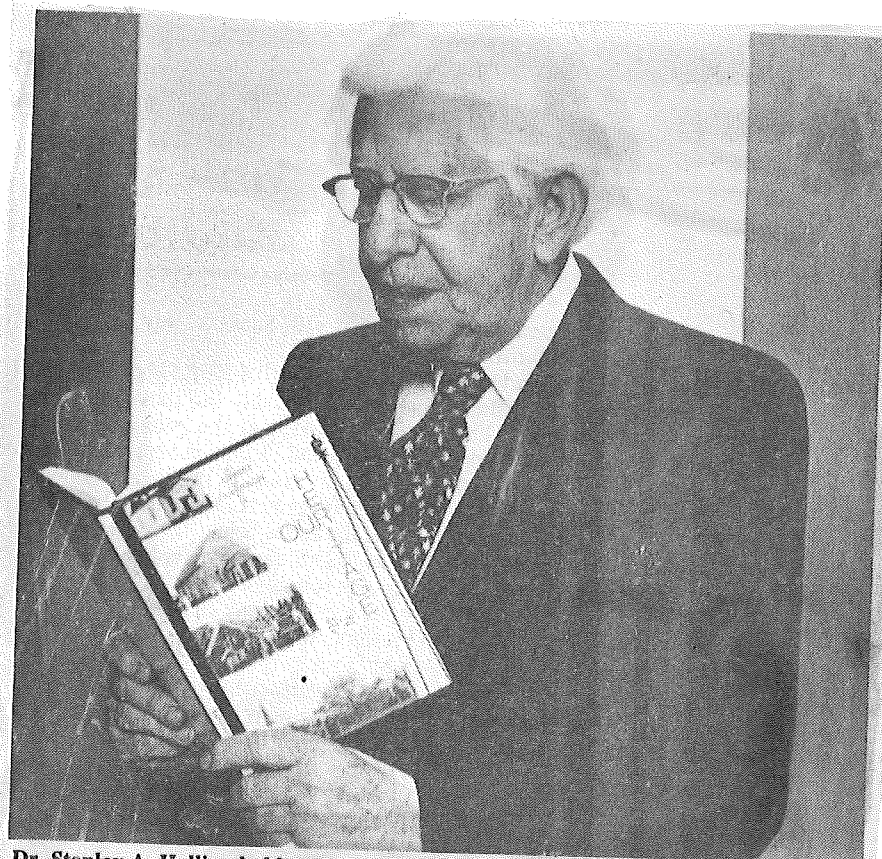
A reception in Dr. Holling's honor was recently held in the Merigold Room of the church. The room was named after a church member who donated a parcel of land at the corner of Clarkson and Lakeshore Roads for the second of four buildings in which the congregation worshipped. Used as a church from 1875 to 1956 the building erected on the

land still stands, although it is now used for commercial purposes.

At the reception Dr. Holling spoke, giving some insight into the deprivation of early settlers in their struggle to survive. Health, sickness and death were dominant concerns in the minds of the pioneers as reflected from early letters, he said.

Dr. Holling described some of the home remedies used to treat injuries and ailments and discussed the work of itinerant Methodist preachers who visited the far-flung pioneer communities. One of the earliest records of church services indicates gatherings on the old Bradley farm south of the Lakeshore in 1826. His book includes names and anecdotes of early settlers and more recent residents of Clarkson.

Copies of the publication may be obtained for \$5 by calling the church office at 822-9834.



Dr. Stanley A. Holling holds a copy of his book "*Our Heritage*" which discusses the 150 year history of Christ Church United.