

Elmsley, Stewart, Healy, Banvill, Brown, Dwan, Farrell, McCann are some of the names of families that were in the parish at its foundation, descendants of whom still reside within the present limits of the parish.

Almost from the beginning Separate Schools were opened at Deer Park and at Weston. We read in the Mirror of May 14th, 1858:

“On Wednesday, the 28th ult., took place the examination of the Deer Park School, Yonge Street Road, at 2 o'clock p.m., under the supervision of the Hon. J. Elmsley, and some of the clergy of St. Basil's Church, and I must say, from what I have witnessed, that this ambitious little school bids fair to rival the great ones of your proud city—at least as far as its elementary course is concerned. I sat with breathless attention whilst I heard the junior classes read with a correctness of pronunciation, an acuteness of accent, and a sweetness of cadence, that would do honor to members of a high position in society.”

The writer of this notice, who signs himself