



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

"Documenting, celebrating and preserving the agricultural heritage of North Oakville"

Fall Newsletter 2009

Board Report

Member at Large- vacant- Please email Michelle if you are interested in filling this vacant position.
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The waterproofing of the school basement is complete! Hard to imagine that this is finally done. The contractor left the premises August 26th.

Council has approved our renovation request based on the heritage aspects only. We still need to complete our mechanical drawings and those are being done right now.

The Palermo Hall flag pole will be installed behind the schoolhouse. The Region of Halton will pay for the installation and the Town will own the pole. This flag pole is at least 98 years old and stood in front of the old Palermo Hall.

We have picked up 20 chairs from the old QE Park school and we will use them in the basement once it is renovated.

We have received the boards from the old Snider's school that have the circle painted on them with the school number. Unfortunately the middle board is missing so we hope to have an artist paint on an extra board we got to complete the middle of the circle. We will then frame them and hang them in the Palermo schoolhouse.

The Alchemy group of companies that is based in Mississauga but moving to Oakville in the new year has approached us about donating a sign. We are presently working out the details of the sign and preparing to write an application to the town for a sign permit- that of course will require council approval. We will keep you posted!

Trafalgar History Updates

Fire at Kaitting House- There was a fire set at the Kaitting House on Dundas just west of Sixth Line. There are only 3 exterior walls left standing. The interior is completely gone. The developer had requested permission in November to have this building designated to have it put on blocks and moved closer to Dundas to protect it from vandals. It is unfortunate that the Town could not have moved more quickly on this because I think it may have made all the difference. Mattamy was going to restore this home and donate it to the community. This is a huge loss for our Trafalgar heritage.



Hagar Hotel

We have been informed by the Town of Oakville that the owner of this property can apply for demolition at any time. This is one of the most significant buildings in Palermo and the only building left that is connected to the Hagar family. This is also a great loss to heritage reservation.

Scanning Date this Summer

We had a successful scanning day with 9 people coming out. We don't have everything uploaded to the site yet but will get to that after the Fall Fair is done. We currently have a back log of about 200 photos to upload. Feel free to submit photos to us on a disk and we can have them uploaded to Oakville Images. The photos must be 600 DPI, colour, and saved as a TIFF file using the correct naming convention which is TTOI (TTOI for Trafalgar Township Oakville Images) and then the initials of your name and then the number of the photo starting with 001. Below are two of the photos we scanned.



Gail Cherrington brought this one of the Kaitting House which was later owned by the Kings and called Kingholm farm 1953



This is from Ross Wark's post card collection. This Bridge is called Jacquelyn's Bridge and the back of the card says it is one of the old time bridges outside Oakville town. Can anyone tell us where it was located and the reason for the name?

Membership renewals

Renew your memberships for 2009 (\$25) made payable to Trafalgar Twp Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2J1

Research

We are still looking for volunteers who will work with Ross Wark to start cataloguing our archive materials. The upstairs boy's cloakroom is ready to go as our temporary archives for documents until after the renovations are complete.

Doors Open

Our Family Heritage Fair is on Saturday September 26th. From 10am to 4pm. If you are able to help us out as a volunteer let us know. We will have wood kits for the kids to build, a lunch BBQ, archive area, Ross Wark will have some of his Post Card collection, the Palermo blacksmith shop photos will be on display thanks to Lorna Bartman, and a Palermo Hall chair on display from Lois Dunnington. Joyce Stephenson will have her book on St Johns available for Sale and would be happy to talk about any of the church's early history. Joyce Burnell & Evelyn Bullied will be dressed on costume and will be happy to share early Trafalgar history with visitors. Halton Peel Genealogical Society will be out and able to help you with many of your local genealogy questions. Our archives will be open and we will be able to scan your photos. Our collection of early school books will be available for you to walk down memory lane as you remember your own school days.

Speaker Series

We owe a great deal of thanks to Mathew Wilkinson for organizing our speaker's series this year. Once again he has arranged for an outstanding guest.

"From Survey to Protection: An Introduction to the *Ontario Heritage Act*"

Speaker: Sarah Cossette, Culture Services Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Culture

Tuesday, November 24th Palermo Schoolhouse 2431 Dundas Street West at 7PM

Inquiries

In our last newsletter we asked about the history of the **Hornby Garage**. Now we know some of you really do read the newsletter! We had a few people get back to us on this!

Here's what Irene Saunders wrote.... The wooden building that used to be Gordon Brigden's garage was originally a church. It was Farlton Methodist and was at the end of Anderson' lane on the 7th Line below Bailey's

hill. (from taped conversation with Frank Chisholm, Feb. 28, 1994) This building was north of Steeles on Hornby Rd.



Bronte Creek Provincial Park is looking for information on the Breckon family to improve their tour of the Breckon home on the property. Please email michelle@tths.ca if you can help with this- or have information on any of the other houses in the park.

Heritage Events Around Halton

Burlington

Sep 27 Applefest Fall Fair, Ireland House, 905-332-9888

Oct 19 The Globe Train & Other Railway Stories, Burlington Historical Society, 905-333-1345

Nov 9 Canada's War Memorials, Burlington Historical Society, 905-333-1345

Nov 22 An Old-Fashioned Christmas, Ireland House, 905-332-9888

Dec 10 Candlelight Tours Of Yesteryear, Ireland House, 905-332-9888

Esquesing Historical Society

Wed Sept 9- Beardmore Tannery - Well known local historian and author J. Mark Rowe will illustrate Acton's leathertown history for EHS and explore the company that generated its leather producing reputation. St. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, Church & John St., Acton, 7:30 p.m.

Milton Historical Society- Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street Milton

Thursday September 17th "The Halton Connection to the Nobel Prize for Mathematics" with Frances Hoffman

Saturday October 3rd "Halton's Scotch Block The People and Their Stories"-book launch-Gloria Brown and Jim Dills at Boston Presbyterian Church 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

September 26 Milton doors Open

Thursday October 15th "Holland During World War Two" with Bill Tielemans

October 24 Level One Blacksmith Class, Registration required Inst. Mr. Darwyne Hourie

Thursday November 19 "Bicycle History as Captured Through the Lens of a Camera" - Lorne Shields

Thursday December 17 "MHS Christmas 'Pot Luck' Dinner" 6:30 pm

Oakville Historical Society

Saturday September 26 & Sunday 27 Doors Open

Nov 18 A History of the Lorne Scots, Oakville Historical Society, 905-825-5552

Research

Canadian Champion-January 12, 1865.

THE DRAFTED MEN

We give below the names of the 795 men drafted for the County of Halton. We do it to gratify the general wish of our subscribers, not that we think there is anything very serious in the matter. There is no immediate danger of their being called out to the frontier, as the Government had to reject offers from volunteers. If there be no war, the duties of the battalion now organized for three years will be very light.

They may or may not be called out for six days drill in a year, for which they will receive fifty cents a day. On the contrary, should trouble arise, they will be the first to be summoned to the "tented field." The number of battalions now called is 112, containing 89,000 of who Upper Canada furnished about 48,500.

Peter Mathews	John Lee	John H. Cowan	James Anderson	Robert Orr
Edward Munn	James Brook	David Davidson	James Barber	John Lovell
Amos Cassidy	David Featherstone	Augustus Hingston	Joseph Garnett	Henry Chalk
Henry Mc Gowen	Charles Sutton	Henry Dorland	Jno. Ferguson	Jno. Chisholm
Geo. Kenney	Jno. Graham	Wm. McCartney	Timothy Fogarty	Robert Biggar
Wm. Cunningham	Wm. Albertson	Albert Bowman	Joseph Clements	Jno. Conover
Thomas Manning	Hugh W. King	James Cunningham	Andrew T. Bigger	Wm. Tuck
Robert Kentner	Chas. Harwood	Robert Bigger	Wm. J. Robinson	John Haslett
James Milligan	Peter J. Inglehart	Abraham Brett	John Danaughoo	John Sluthing
Joseph Bell	Wm. Cunningham	Wm. Lea	Peter McDuffey	Wm. Caverhill
Tobias Mason	W. Renton	Joseph Sclenoe	Robert Newell	George Dibb
Nicholas Wheelergan	Denis Nunan	Francis B. Kingston	Patrick McKenna	Alex Speirs
Samuel Cunningham	Thos. Pickering	Patrick Chalk	Wm. Harrison	James Lindsay
Wm. Newell	Wm. Thurston	Jno. Howes	Joseph Cunningham	Wm. Holland
Francis Lindsay	James Elliott	Absalom Dixon	Thos. Rixon	Richard Ennis
Sylvester Gable	Wm. Robinson	Alex McCleary	Robert Hitherington	Wm. Rhoddy
David Sommerville	Samuel Harrison	Malcolm Chisholm	Timothy Shea	Asa Hall
Jeremiah Hustler	Levi Hollingreen	Levi Burch	Richard Sparling	Thomas Early
Andrew Burns	Robert Beaty	Richard Fallis	John H. Hart	Wm. King
James Caverhill	Edward Dearing	Wm. Birney	Neil Finlayson	E. R. Lucas
Chas. E. Hilton	Anthony McKinlay	Jno. Orr	Thos. Sutton	Jos. Sulilvan
Jno. Anderson	Jas. Fox	Robt. McCarron	Thos. W. Evans	Geo. Cline
Thos. Vanstone	Jno. Henry Jackson	G. Chamberlain	Ephraim Hanham	John Ford
Henry O. Dent	Jno. A. Mason	G. A. Canover	W. Langtry	W. Robertson
Geo. Hardy	T. Congdon	Wm. Highland	Henry Griffin	Wm. Orr
Wm. Baynton	Geo. McCartney	Talbot Harris	David Brutch	Josh Calp
J. W. Lindsay	Robert Hews	David Wiliams	Richard Wilson	James O'Hara
Geo. Wilson	Jas. Sands	Edward Savage	Jonathan Booth	Patrick Hood
Jeremiah Slattery	Wm. David Orr	Richard H. Evans	Henry McCartney	Robert Tuck
Albert Conover	Hamilton Biggar	Robert Patterson	W. Hammond	Oscar Smith
Joseph Andrew	Geo. Herd	Geo. Mulholland	Thos. Burns	Wm. Sparling
Robert Peacock	Wm. Sands	Wm. Beatty	M. Lee	Jno. Healy
Jno. McCauley	Hiram Wassey	Wm. Clements	Ed. Dearing	Jas. White
Benjamin Freeman	Wm. Ezard	Thos. Paterson	Geo. Langtry	Jno. Smith
Rd Bigger	Jno. Mulholland	Jno. Delahae	Robt. Bell	Colin Smith
Alex Coyne	Barton Glasby	Rd. Hill	Jno. Keating	Robt. Book
Wm. Daugherty	Jno., Finlayson	Edwin R. Shain	Jos. Lindsay	Wm. Mason
Chas. Downie	Thos. Wright	Wm. C. Ribble	Nelson Belyea	Sinclair Terry
David Williamson	Samuel Curtiss	Anthony Campbell	Alex Mason	Jno. Couthard
John Armstrong	Robert Campbell	Robert Ross	Wm. Clark	Joseph Clark
Joseph Sparling	Jno. G. Howell			

I have copied these names exactly as they are in the newspaper copy, please use alternate spellings when looking for a particular person. Jane Watt