



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

## Fall Newsletter 2012

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### Board Report

We have been notified of the Dundas Street widening that is coming soon between the schoolhouse and the Palermo Cemetery. It appears that we will have a reduced width to the sidewalk outside the building so that neither the cemetery or the schoolhouse will be moved. The new sidewalk will be 3.4 m. from the front door of the schoolhouse. We have asked that the streetscaping be in keeping with the heritage feel of the school & cemetery. We will keep you informed of any public meeting that come up on this issue.

### Heritage Fair Sept 29, 2012

This was a very successful event for TTHS with 110 people visiting the Palermo Schoolhouse. We appreciate the people who helped throughout the day ....our local scouts who re-enacted a battle from the war of 1812, others who fielded questions on archives, scanned materials, genealogical resources, Loyalist connections Trafalgar Militia of 1812 and providing food for our BBQ. Thanks to Mike Chapelle from Personal Service Coffee for providing us with everything we needed to keep the coffee coming at the event! The money we received helps cover our costs at the schoolhouse. Submitted by Ross Wark



### Annual General meeting-

Coming up Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us on the board. We will have 2 vacancies. Please contact Michelle if you would like to join the board. We meet six times a year in the afternoon.

### Schoolhouse Speakers Series

November 27th, 2012 at 7pm The Native Peoples of Halton-Peel. We are very pleased to have Historian John Mark Rowe outline the nomadic occupation of Halton and Peel Counties by the Native inhabitants of our land. He will examine their tumultuous last days in this area and explain why the settlers of Halton-Peel had limited contact with them.



### Schoolhouse Archives

You are welcome to visit our archives on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> between 1:30-3:30. We are always adding family histories, journals, relevant school texts (elementary), photographs and postcards. Items can be scanned and returned.

### Author! Author!

TTHS member and volunteer Irene Saunders is the author of two recent books. "As I recall" is the story of a crossroads community called Agerton, located at Trafalgar Road and Derry Road. Her most recent effort, "The Early Days of Ford's Oakville Assembly Plant" with co-author Doug Harvey, was released in August of 2012. Submitted by Ross Wark

### War of 1812-1814

In June of 2012 Canada Post issued two stamps commemorating the War of 1812. Sir Isaac Brock and Tecumseh are the first two to be honoured in this series. In 2013 Laura Secord and Charles de Salaberry will be honoured as well. Date to be announced by Canada Post. Ross Wark

### Chisholm Veterans of the War

George Chisholm, President of the Oakville Historical Society, has written an article in the society newsletter about four of his ancestors who fought in the 1812 war. In his possession are his great, great grandfather's sword and musket!  
Ross Wark

### An Open Invitation

In September Jane Watt & Ross Wark accepted an invitation to tour and photograph the James Forte property on Tremaine Rd. his 5 plus acre property was once part of Trafalgar Twp.; now a part of rural Milton. The main house called the McFadden house, was built in 1912 and has been completely restored inside. It bears a heritage designation. The second house, the Hunter House, was built c. 1830-1835 and is in ruins. Mr. Forte plans to have it taken apart brick by brick and restored on the property in 2013. We have been invited back to view the progress.  
Ross Wark

### Town of Oakville Heritage Planner

The owner of 87 Dundas St East has requested permission to demolish the two red outbuildings behind the main house that are pictured below.



## Queries & Contributions

Palermo Charles Tectzel land at lot 20 1NDS

We had a query from an archeological company regarding a foundation they had unearthed. We provided some information on possible structures. The company determined the site likely reflects an utilitarian outbuilding – a stable, shed, small barn associated with Tectzel and Hagar’s occupation.



### Trafalgar War Memorial

Please join us this Sunday at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the month to remember our soldiers.

The memorial is on Oak Park Blvd just south of Dundas near Wal-Mart. It is wheelchair accessible and chairs are provided. You can park on the street or in the Wal-mart parking lot.



11<sup>th</sup>

## Heritage Events Around Halton

- November 12 Burlington Historical Society- Who won the war of 1812, speaker Ron Dale. 7pm  
Burlington Central Library
- November 14 Esquesing Historical Society- Chip Martin will tell the true story of Ernie Martin who discovered gold at Kirkland Lake in 1912 and became wealthy but died with virtually nothing left. Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- November 21 Oakville Historical Society - “Alice’s Journey” as told by her daughter Elaine Guther. S.S. Scandinavian, with Britain’s young children from the Dr. Barnardo’s Homes - cross the Atlantic on their way to Canada. 7:30pm at St. John’s United Church, Dunn & Randall St.

**This is the final installment in our Land Grant series. Thanks goes out to Irene Saunders who transcribed all the land grants for us!**

### **1847 TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS (By Irene Saunders)**

Name of Locatee Residence	Lot	Conc	ID	Date Issue	Trans Type	Type FG	Type Lease/sale	Archival Reference
Chisholm Jno A Trafalgar Deed No.	N ½ 15	2SDS	2	184708 ND	FG	COMM		01 C13 092 018
Jarvis David Deed No.	S ½ 2	3NS	5	18470103 ND	S		CL	01 C1113 002 088
Murphy Owen Deed No.	NE ¼ 9	2SDR	5	18470604 ND	S		CL	01 C1113 002 088
Williams Justus Deed No.	NW ¼ 9	3SDS	5	18471116 ND	S		CL	01 C1113 002 088
Gillespie Samuel Deed No.	SW ¼ 9	3SDS	5	18470103 ND	S		CL	01 C1113 002 088

## Select Information from the Trafalgar Township By-Law Books (1850)

1850 Gore District Council- Trafalgar (books begin on 21 January 1850)

Meeting at the Oakville Temperance Hall

3 areas (North of Dundas, South of Dundas & New Survey)

### Salary

Clerks 25p a year; Treasurer 2% of income; Auditor 2 shillings a day; Superintendent of Education 25p

Clerk of the Peace ?

The first few by-laws cover the 25 ft. clearing of land required for the highway, circus rules, stray animals, and noxious weeds.

Sidewalks for the Village of Oakville. East side of Navy from Colborne to the pier. The main Street already has planks. Cost is \$50. William Romain, Robert Leach and James Reid appointed as Commissioners for the sidewalks

### Budget

\$250 Schools

\$125 Bridges

\$248 General Costs

\$623

Guards and posts required

On the 16 at Dundas on the west side. Phillip Triller and Samuel Bowman Commissioners

At 4<sup>th</sup> Line on the north side of the 16 Andrew Robertson and John Askin Commissioners

A bridge at lot 13 on Dundas is required for public safety without delay. James Appelbe, Michael Snider and Hiram Post Commissioners

Subscribe for shares in Trafalgar, Esquesing and Erin Road Company. \$2,000 p. issue debentures

Tavern and other licence fees to pay the interest

Bylaw 16 -April 24, 1850 the Common Seal for the Township was established. "In the centre an oak tree having a crown on its trunk with her Majesty's initials on each side.

Bylaw 18 called for the repairing of bridges

Damaged by the late freshet viz at Hollidays Mill Comm. Andrew Robertson, John Askin, George Halliday

W. Branch of 16 2 & 3 concession, Lot 9 Comm. John Sproat, Thomas Baves, William Kennedy

5<sup>th</sup> Line John Anderson path master

7<sup>th</sup> Line Joseph Bell Pathmaster

Rd Div, 51 James Montgomery Pathmaster

Rd Div 49 Alan McDougall Pathmaster

Town Line William Robinson Pathmaster

Rd Div 56 & 59 Asa Kendrick & Edward Cavill Pathmaster

Rd Div 54 James Lavery Pathmaster

Rd Div 47 & 52 John Anderson & John Kentner Pathmaster

Btwn Old & New 6 to 5 Con. William Raines & Thomas Little Pathmaster , Anthony Fitzpatrick Comm.

Repair Oak Bridge Robert K. Chisholm, William L Romain, Thomas S. Harris Comm.

Approach to 16 on the 6<sup>th</sup> William Hartley Pathmaster

Div 16 Samuel Jull Pathmaster