



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

## Fall Newsletter 2013

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### **Board Report**

Lorne Joyce passed away on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Lorne has been an author, a speaker and a supporter of TTHS. We are thankful for the legacy he leaves but sorry to have to say good-bye!



We are happy to announce that we will be receiving a Trillium grant to host grade three classrooms at the schoolhouse. We will be hiring a teacher to begin the program in the new year. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this part time position of 1 to 2 days a week please contact us.

Our school house still looks very much the same as it did in this old photo. The main difference is that the road looks to be about 12 feet farther from the schoolhouse than it is now. You may have noticed some survey markers at your last visit. The road is about to get closer to the school house and a 1.5 meter sidewalk is to be added in front. We have been assured that the school will be protected through this

construction. It will decrease our parking area by about 4 spots so we will need to talk to the town about increasing our parking area next year.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting where we elect our board, review the year and look forward to the year ahead will be on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of at least two new board members. Please consider joining the board. Contact Michelle if you would like to learn more about the commitment. [michelle@opnc.ca](mailto:michelle@opnc.ca)

### **Heritage Fair**

Our Heritage Day, held in September 28<sup>th</sup> attracted forty three people to the Palermo School House. Displays were set up by Pat Blackburn of the Hamilton Branch U.E.L, Michael Brown and Susan Oliver of Oakville Museums, Heather Martyn, Oakville Public Library, Morgan Oliver our summer intern, Anne Choate Little, Ross & Margaret Wark of TTHS. Thanks to society president Gord Kaitting for manning the BBQ. We received a number of donations for our archives and raised \$188

### **Speaker Series**

We are happy to host Ruth Blair as she talks about her book Remembering Trafalgar Township at the Palermo Schoolhouse on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please join us as we reminisce and learn more about our history.

### **Archives Open House**

Come visit with us at our Friday open houses from 1:30-3:30.... research in our archives, and share your family history and stories.

March 28th 2014

May 16<sup>th</sup>

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 17th

## Donations

Thanks to the following people for their donations...

Anne Taylor who donated a school desk, a seat for another desk, washstand set of pitcher and washing bowl, sampler, coal oil lamp and some blacksmith pliers.

Donald Featherston, recently donated a framed photograph of the Halton County Council of 1910. His great grand father was the deputy Reeve of Trafalgar Township at the time. The pioneering Featherstons arrived in Drumquin (Trafalgar Twp.) in 1830.

Jim Kinnie for two school desks, a teachers desk and his grandfathers carved teacher's pointer.

Ann Striker for the school books and Bronte Boys & Girls Club scrap book as well as a quilt that had been made for her mother, Irene Bumby who had been a war bride. This quilt was a welcoming gift to her from the ladies of Walton Memorial Church when she arrived in Bronte after the war. Irene was called, "Renie" by her friends. WE took photos of the quilt that will be added to our digital collection. Ann also brought some school books.

## Archives

Over the winter, spring and summer of 2013, our book collection, school texts, and print archival materials were catalogued. These are available for your use during open houses. We continue to receive requests for information about pioneering families, cemeteries, schools, churches etc. We welcome your donations of family histories, photographs, postcards, and books of local interest.

## Queries & Contributions

Roy Brownridge asks .... "Do you have any pictures of the tree that was in the middle of the road about 2-3 hundred feet west of 4th line? also the church on north side since removed" Can anyone shed any light on this and provide photos and information about this church and tree?

In the archives we have a photo that is labeled "Blood Street" Palermo. The building in the photo looks to be the foundry. Can anyone tell us where Blood Street was and why it would have been named that?

Bronte Historical Society asks "We had a visitor to Sovereign House, who had acquired a glass milk bottle at an auction ("Bronte Dairy" was embossed on the side of this item). He is asking for information regarding this dairy.



2347 Royal Windsor Drive

Does anyone have information on this home. The owner is planning on requesting demolition. Any information you can share may help us preserve the home.

We had a query regarding Samuel Covenhoven (the family later changed their name to Conover) who was granted lot 2 North of Dundas on 19 Jun 1806. His son James Conover married Julia Lambert. As the daughter of a UEL she received a free grant and received Lot 3 South of Dundas. 2 other sons -Garrett who married Sarah Kenney and moved to Essex Co. and Peter Covenhoven who became a Methodist Minister. He is buried in Palermo Cemetery. Samuel was noted in one of the books by Perkins Bull as being an innkeeper. The family was involved in the founding of St Peter's Anglican Church in Erindale. The family had 2 daughters, Eleanor who married Moses Teeter in 1803. They settled lot 10 North of Dundas in Toronto Township. The other daughter, Rebecca married John C (Cearl/Searle) Harris in 1794 in New York State. The moved to Upper Canada about 1802 and was granted lot 26 south of Dundas on 19 June 1806. About 1812 he sold this land and acquired the southern 100 acres of lot 7 concession 3 south of Dundas. He lived here until his death in 1841. I don't have a death date for Rebecca. One son Samuel acquired the north half of lot 5 concession 3 south of Dundas. He and his family sold the property in 1865 and moved to the USA. Over time the Conover's married McCraneys, Urquharts, Martins, Trillers and other old Trafalgar families. I am interested in any information (and in sharing information) on the Covenhovens and Harris families. John and Rebecca Harris had 9 living children. Dorothy, Eleanor, Lydia (married Abraham Fish), Anna, John Edward, Samuel (married Sophia Riches), Levi (married Anna Huffman), Mahettable (married Oliver Fish and died in childbirth in 1833. Buried in Cox Estate Cemetery) and Margaret. I am especially interested in finding more information on the Harris daughters.

### Sixth Line and Dundas New Subdivision

The village square in the new community will include the remaining walls of the Kaitting House, along with a plaque commemorating the Kaitting Family Farm.

These are the historic street names in this new subdivision...

- Kingsholm Drive – the name of the Farm when owned by the King family, suggested by Rory McAlpine
- Sawmill Street –Doty Steam Sawmill, shown in the 1877 atlas map
- McWilliams Crescent –William McWilliams, shown as an owner in the 1877 atlas map
- Hoey Crescent –John Hoey, a former detective who lived in a house along Sixth Line – a request by Councillor Fred Oliver
- Masterman Crescent –Masterman family, as suggested by Gord Kaitting
- Culp Trail –Margaret Culp, shown in the 1806 survey
- Kaitting Trail –Kaitting family
- Ellen Davidson Drive –Ellen Davidson, wife of William Kaitting
- Betsy Drive –daughter of John and Elizabeth Kaitting
- Jemima Drive –daughter of John and Elizabeth Kaitting
- Sarah Cline Drive –daughter of John and Elizabeth Kaitting, who married Hiram Cline



### Heritage Events Around Halton

December Weekends  
& Friday Dec 13 & 20th



Homestead Christmas- Crafts, activities, wagon ride, house tour and more. Bronte creek Conservation Area.

Weds January 8th

Armchair tour of Georgetown and area homes of interest by Mark Rowe at Knox Presbyterian Church, Main St. Georgetown 7:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Dec.

Streetsville Historical Society meetings at 7:30 p.m. E-mail: [mbyard@sympatico.ca](mailto:mbyard@sympatico.ca)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month

Milton Historical Society meeting at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street at 8:00p.m.

## Selected Information from the Trafalgar Township By-law Books 1854-55– pt 4

**Bylaw 75 -School Sections 1854** (Editors note- these boundaries were proposed changes that never took place but help to indicate where the 17 schools were in 1854)

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| SS #1  | Lots 10-15 of 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Concessions   | Lots 12-15 of 4 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey  |
| SS #2  | E. half of lots 10-13 5 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>W. half lot 6 and all of 7-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> Concession   | E. half of lots 6 - 8 and 9-13 of 6 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>W. half lots 7-12 of 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey |
| SS #3  | E. half lots 8-12 of 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>Lots 9 -15 of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey   | W. half lot 8 and all of lots 9-15 of 9 <sup>th</sup> Conc.  |
| SS #4  | E. half lots 6 & 7 of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>Lots 1-8 of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Concession   | Lots 1-7 and the E. half of lot 8 of the 9 <sup>th</sup> Conc.<br>Lots 1-5 of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey   |
| SS #5  | E. half lots 1 & 2 of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>Lots 1-5 and the W. half of lot 6 of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey  | Lots 1-3 and E. half of lots 4-6 of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Conc.  |
| SS #6  | Lots 2-11 of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Concession<br>W. half of lots 4 & 5 of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey<br>N.W. half of lots 19-22 of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession NDS Old Survey | Lots 1-9 & W. half of lot 10 of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Conc.  |
| SS #7  | Lots 3-9 of the 1, 2, and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Concessions New Survey  |  |
| SS #8  | Lots 1 & 2 of the 1, 2, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Concessions<br>N.W. half of lots 23- 35 of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession NDS New Survey  | Lot 1 of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey   |
| SS #9  | Lots 27-35 of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Concession NDS and 1 <sup>st</sup> Concession SDS   |  |
| SS #10 | S.E. half of lots 21-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession<br>Lots 19-26 of the 1 <sup>st</sup> concession SDS  | Lots 21-26 1 <sup>st</sup> Concession NDS Old<br>N.W. half of lots 18-25 of 2 <sup>nd</sup> concession SDS                 |
| SS #11 | S.E. half of lots 11-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession NDS<br>N.W. half of lot 10 and all of 11-18 of 1 <sup>st</sup> Concession SDS<br>N.W. half of lots 11-17 of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession SDS | Lots 10-20 of 1 <sup>st</sup> concession NDS   |
| SS #12 | Lots 1-8 and S.E. half of lots 9 & 10 of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession NDS<br>Lots 1-9 of the 1 <sup>st</sup> concession NDS   |  |
| SS #13 | Lots 1-9 & S.E. half lot 10 of 1st Concession SDS<br>Lots 1-10 of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Concession SDS  |  |

SS #14 S.E. half of lots 11-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession SDS      Lots 11-23, 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession SDS & Broken fronts

SS #15 Lots 1-10 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession SDS & Broken fronts

SS #16 S.E. half of lots 24 -35, 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession SDS & Broken fronts

SS #17 S. E. half lots 24 & 25 and all of lots 26 -35 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession SDS

N. W. half lots 24-35 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession SDS

Union School with Esquesing      Lots 14 & 15 of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Concessions New Survey

Lots 13-15 of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Concessions New Survey

Union School with Toronto      Lots 7-15 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Concession New Survey

### **Bylaw 76**

1<sup>st</sup> School Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds In January 1855 and in force 25 December 1854

George Brown, Samuel Kenny, John Mason, Joseph Orr, William Kenny, William Robinson, Levi Wilson, William Bigger, Alexander Murray, C.G. Parks, James Appelbe, Joseph Snider, Thomas Jull. Robert Balmer, Roderick McNeil, Benjamin Hagaman, James White.

The School board was repealed February 12<sup>th</sup> 1855 as it was not in their jurisdiction. Signed by John Jarvis

### **Bylaw 80**

SS #5 A new school is to be built

SS #14 is to be united with Oakville Grammar School to be able to maintain the school

**Bylaw 82**      Hose and other materials purchased for Oakville's fire engine

### **Bylaw 83**

A road is to be built across Sixteen Mile Creek on lot 16 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> concession SDS and Bylaw 149 of the late Gore District to be repealed

### **Bylaw 88**

Confirm SS #15 boundaries are S. half of lots 24 & 25 and lots 26-35 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession SDS; N. half of lots 24 -35 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession SDS 3 December 1855

**Bylaw 89** Election locations and officials for 1856

Ward 1 Hampton Inn      Thomas Bowes

Ward 2 Auburn Inn      James Bussell

Ward 3 Post Inn      C. W. Williams

Ward 4 Oakville House      Robert Balmer

Ward 5 Thompsons Inn      James White