



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

Winter Newsletter 2013

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## **Board Report**

Our next meeting is our annual General meeting on Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the schoolhouse

Our guest speaker will be Richard Collins, President, Mississauga South Historical Society. His topic will be "Rebels on the Run: Rebellion of 1837" Please consider joining us for this interesting presentation and staying for the short meeting that will follow. For all our members you will be receiving the meeting package with the financial report shortly.

**Board Vacancies.** 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.

## **Barbara Ann McAlpine**

We are sad to report that Barbara Ann passed away the first of December, 2012. Barbara Ann had been the longstanding president of Bronte Historical Society and a driving force of the Doors Open event. Barbara Ann worked tirelessly to preserve Bronte's history and she will be missed.



## **Schoolhouse Archives**

You are welcome to visit our archives on Friday March 22, & Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> form 1:30 to 3:30. We are always adding family histories, journals, relevant school texts (elementary), photographs and postcards. Items can be scanned and returned. Currently volunteers are busy cataloguing all our books and this will be available on our website soon.

## **Membership Renewal**

### **Time to Renew Your Membership for 2013**

We count on this income to cover the heating and insurance costs of the schoolhouse. (\$25 for individuals & \$35 for families) made payable to Trafalgar Twp. Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Miss. Ont. L5A 2J1

## **School House Rentals**

Please keep us in mind when you need a location to host events. Recently we hosted a baby shower. We charge \$20 an hour for our rentals. The best deal in town!



## Archeological Dig

Recently there was a “dig” on Lot 30 North of Dundas. Archeoworks Inc. found a total material culture assemblage of 338 historic artifacts.



## Kaitting House

We were contacted by the heritage Architects who did the heritage report on the Kaitting House. They have offered us a piece of the main exterior wood cornice of the home that remained unscourched. We look forward to displaying it in some way at the schoolhouse in the future

## Emily Cline

The plaque for Emily Cline has been installed by Trinison in the new development at Neyagawa & Dundas. It is located in their “Village Square.” It reads...” In recognition of the farmhouse which once stood facing Dundas Street on this property at Lot 20 Concession 1 NDS, approximately 350 metres to the southwest of this village square. The farmhouse was a mid-19<sup>th</sup> century vernacular frame house built in a saltbox form with Georgian influences. It was demolished in 2010. The property was owned for many decades by Emily Cline (nee Williams) who inherited the property from Charles Petit Biggar the father of her first husband, Charles Henry Biggar. Emily continued to live on the property with her second and third husbands, James Freeman and Hiram Cline. Emily is buried in Munn’s cemetery along with her three husbands and several of their children.



## Trafalgar Township Images

Thanks to Councilor Jeff Knoll who has sponsored our images on Ontario so that they are back online again. You can find them at <http://images.ourontario.ca/trafalgartownship/search>

## Queries & Contributions



### Saunders Family

We had an inquiry asking if we knew if the Dolly Saunders in one of our images TTOIIMS0045 was the sister of her ancestor William J. Saunders. Here are the two photos together of Dolly & one of William.



### Centriller School (formerly SS #13 Bronte School) 1872- 1976

We had an inquiry this month from the Retired Teachers Organization regarding Centriller. We all pitched in and dug up some information, but if anyone has anything to add to our record for this school- or any other local school for that matter please contact us. There was an earlier schoolhouse near the cemetery close to the Sovereign House.



### Heritage Events Around Halton

- Weds February 13 Esquesing Historical Society- Booze! The Temperance Movement in Esquesing. Rev. Rick Ruggle. Also AGM. Georgetown branch of Halton Hills Libraries 9 Church St., Georgetown 7:30
- Weds February 20 Oakville Historical Soc. –Local Homes, Stories to tell by Tom Murison St. John’s United Church, Dunn & Randall St., Oakville at 7:30
- Tues February 26 Trafalgar Twp. Historical Society -“Rebels on the Run: Rebellion of 1837” Richard Collins President, Mississauga South Historical Society & TTHS AGM 7:00 PM Palermo Schoolhouse
- Sat. March 2 War of 1812 Bicentennial Symposium at the Hamilton Sheraton Visit for registration info. <http://www.livinghistoryconference.com/>
- Tues. April 30 Trafalgar Twp. Historical Society - “Fading History” by Author Dave Cook 7:00 PM Palermo Schoolhouse
- Weds May 15 Oakville Historical Soc. Murdoch Mysteries with Ms. Maureen Jennings, author St. John’s United Church, Dunn & Randall St., Oakville at 7:30
- Tues June 25 Trafalgar Twp. Historical Society - Remembering the AVRO Arrow “ Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga, 7:00 PM Palermo Schoolhouse

## Selected Information from the Trafalgar Township By-Law Books (1850) - pt. 2

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)

### Elections

Ward	Location	Returning Officers
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward	Thompson's Inn, Milton	Thomas Bowes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward	Hill's Inn Seventh Line	Patrick Crawford
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward	Post's Inn Dundas	Peter Kenney
4 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Oakville House, Oakville	John T. Howell
5 <sup>th</sup> Ward	Simon's Inn, Palermo	James White

### By-law 22

Money paid for Services 1850  
David Duff for furniture  
G.W. Hopkins for printing bridge tenders  
R.W. Kerr for surveying roads  
Robert Balmer as Town Clerk  
R.R. Smiley for printing  
Justus W. Williams for erecting platform in Temperance Hall Nov 1850

By-law 23 states that councillors will be paid based on their attendance at council meetings

### By-Law 24 Bridge and Road Repairs November 1850

12 Mile near Bronte Elijah Williams & Jesse Belyea  
#5 Road Div. Samuel Marlatt  
#28 John McKinnon pathmaster  
Milton Mr. Teetzel provided wood- paid by Councillor Foster  
Road Scraper #32 Lewis Dennis Pathmaster  
# 42 John Sprout Pathmaster  
#44 John Clements Pathmaster  
Build Bridge #41 Robert Wilson Pathmaster

### By-law 25 Inn Licensing from Inspectors of Public Entertainment.

5p Oakville  
10p Bronte  
10p Palermo  
10p Milton  
10p on Dundas St.  
What follows in the books is 6 large pages of rules for Innkeepers

### By-law 26

Trustees of S.S. # 14 borrow money from the Town to erect a school house and the town will levy a rate for repayment of the same. (MK note: this could have been Glenorchy as it was SS14 at one time but the some schools did change numbers when new ones were added)

By-Law 27 to make the assessment divisions the same for election boundaries

By-law 28 Completion of Bridge work 1851

David Patterson survey work at 16 hill of work done by Phillip Triller  
G. W. Hopkins for printing

By-law 29 S.S. # 6 erect new schoolhouse April 1851 (MK note: possibly Omagh)

By-Law 30 S.S. #16 erect new schoolhouse April 1851 (MK note: possibly 16 mile school- still standing 2013)

By-law 31 New Bridge  
Bridge over 16, lots 10 and 11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession New Survey Trafalgar  
Thomas Bowes, Samuel Fleming Commissioners

By-law 32 New Road  
Crossing lots 26, 27, 28 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession of old survey North of Dundas and commencing at lot 25

By-Law 33 Statute Labour- ½ of the labour in Oakville was paid in cash. James Reid, Robert Leach, Robert K. Chisholm to carry out provisions and report on account of expenditures and receipts.

By-law 34 Statute labour Trafalgar for everyone age 21 to 60 years old. All are required to provide two days of labour or pay 2 shillings and 6 pence.

By-law 35 Expenses  
Baseline Road John Dempsey Pathmaster  
Planking from 1849 Joseph Patterson, David Boyd, Robert Hall Pathmasters  
Robert Balmer Office for Expenses  
G.W. Hopkins for printing

By-law 36 New Road  
12 freeholders made application May 1851 for a road at 6<sup>th</sup> Concession in the New Survey going from Sixth to Fifth Line

By-law 37 Bridge and Planks and pathmasters May 1851  
Division 1 Barnett Griggs Pathmaster  
Division 49 Richard Bloomfield  
Division 12 Thomas Jull  
16 Bridge William Kaitting  
Division 28 John McKinnon  
Division 58 Joseph Patterson  
Division 59 Robert Miller  
Bridge and road planks from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Line W.R. Raines, Thomas Little Commissioner  
4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Edward McCann, William Moore  
Division 55 Isaac Askin  
Division 54 Joseph Gibson  
Division 13 George Grainger Between 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> concession SDS  
Division 14 William Peacock

By-law 42 Clerk paid 32p September 1851

By-law 48 Palermo to commute half of their statute labour and apply amount for construction of sidewalks. Residents petitioned May 1852 and an extra levy was charged.  
Commissioners: H.M. Switzer, Joseph Simons, John Soules