

**Trafalgar Township
Historical Society**

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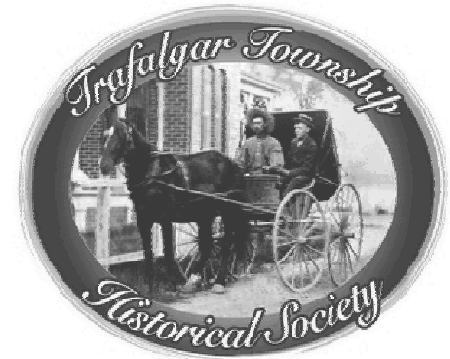
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**TRAFALGAR
TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Preserve & Celebrate

Trafalgar Township Historical Society

The Trafalgar Township Historical Society was established in January 2006. It was founded on the work of the Trafalgar 200 Committee, that held a celebration for the 200th anniversary of the township.

While the history of the lakeside "Old Oakville" community is well known, the history of the older, agricultural communities of North Oakville that were settled as early as 1806 is not so well documented or celebrated. Trafalgar was a busy community with wonderful stories of early settlers well before Oakville began. An 1817 report of Trafalgar residents recorded "The mouth of the Sixteen is navigable for vessels of a considerable burden and forms a safe and commodious harbour to communicate with our mills on Dundas Street.

The Trafalgar area contains some of the oldest buildings in Oakville and yet of the 208 buildings that have been designated as historical buildings in Oakville, only thirteen are located north of the QEW. All of the community now known as Oakville was once Trafalgar Township. The Township extended from the lake to Steeles Ave, and from Winston Churchill to Burloak Drive. Trafalgar Township ceased to exist with its amalgamation with Oakville in 1962. At that time, the population of Trafalgar was 30,000 while Oakville's population was 10,000.

Preserve and Promote Our History

The four main goals of the Historical Society are to

- ▶ Educate—the community about our rich history
- ▶ Document— photos and oral histories
- ▶ Preserve—historical buildings and landmarks
- ▶ Celebrate— the lives of our early settlers



Members of the society include area residents, historians, genealogists, librarians, members of historical societies, writers, descendants of original settlers, representatives of local churches and history buffs.

Going forward, the Trafalgar Township Historical Society plans to establish a working schoolhouse museum at the old Palermo school, that will be home to our archives and research facility. We are presently working at restoring this building. Presently we are photographing and researching local buildings, scanning historical photos and collecting documents for our archives at member get-togethers. Our Annual Family Heritage Day Celebration is held in September each year at the one-room schoolhouse on the north side of Dundas, just east of Bronte Road, at 2431 Dundas Street West to engage a new generation of Oakville residents in the history of their community. Come join us.

Benefits of Membership

- ✓ Support for Trafalgar Heritage
- ✓ Invitations to scanning events
- ✓ Members email newsletter
- ✓ Networking opportunities
- ✓ Website space for family interests
- ✓ Family Heritage day
- ✓ Access to historical documents

Palermo Schoolhouse



Help us restore the Palermo schoolhouse as a working one room schoolhouse for ...

- Children to spend a "Pioneer" day with their class
- To house our archives
- As a community meeting place
- For historical displays
- For special events
- For Arts space