



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

## Spring Newsletter 2011

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### Board report

Our annual general meeting went well and we have Stuart McCulloch, Gordon Kaitting, Mario Testa, Jane Watt, Ross Wark & Michelle Knoll on our board. We do have a vacancy so let us know if you would like to help out!

### School Desks

We are in need of about 7 more school desks to get ready to implement our grade three classroom visits next year. Please contact us if you have an old school desk that you would like to donate or if you are willing to donate money towards the cost of us purchasing a desk in your name. We are happy to add a plaque to the desk acknowledging your donation. Desks range in price from \$150 to \$250 each.



### Time To Renew Your Membership for 2011

Don't forget to renew your membership. 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 We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter!  
Margaret Starkes, Susanne Noordyk, Alan Norton, Mr. and Mr. Tom Oliver

### Donations

Thank you to Trinison developments, who donated large stones from a Burnhamthorpe barn demolition. The stones have been arranged as an edging around our front garden to replicate what was originally there.

Thank you to Alan Norton who has donated his family's history to our archives, including the Simons' and Wilkinson's who lived at Palermo and the Norton's and Robinson's of Dundas Street in Nelson who also thought of Palermo as their home base.

Thank you to Rory McAlpine who donated an audio CD of Harriet Emily May Hopper (nee King) about growing up at the old King home at 502 Dundas (now the "Cork House" on Neyagawa).

Thank you to Chris Flanagan, owner of Maplegrove Home Hardware 511 Maplegrove Rd Oakville 905-338-0284 has donated a GET GREEN System made by local company Green Energies Technologies to the Trafalgar Township Historical Society to help them do their part to lower fuel consumption and reduce emissions.

### Need Your Help

Please help us keep an eye on our heritage buildings! If you see any boards removed or broken windows please call by-law right away at the Town and also let us know so we can follow up. One of our members recently contacted us about the condition of 2347 Royal Windsor Drive. As a result By-law has been out to see the property and is requiring the building to be stabilized by boarding up windows, etc.

## Awards



Ross Wark was honoured to accept the Special Recognition Award on behalf of TTHS at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Awards in Mississauga. Here is what they said about us! "With urban development currently underway in North Oakville, TTHS stepped into the void to provide a voice in support of heritage. In the process, they have found a home for their meetings and growing collection in the Old Palermo Schoolhouse, successfully received a Trillium Grant for the restoration of the schoolhouse, and are in the process of developing a strong heritage program in the community – all driven by volunteers. TTHS has also fostered and developed strong relationships with likeminded groups and organizations in the surrounding area, and are becoming an informational resource in respect to local history and heritage. Given that Mississauga shares a border, and through amalgamation has even expanded over the years into what was once part of Trafalgar Township, Heritage Mississauga has begun to rely upon the resources and knowledge available through TTHS. TTHS has been innovative in respect to a heritage image scanning project in partnership, initially, with the Oakville Central Library, and in developing a comprehensive and informative website and e-newsletter, and embracing new technologies and methods of communication. The Trafalgar Township Historical Society is most worthy of this Special Recognition Award.

## Fred Oliver

On Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, in his 88th year we are sad to say, we said goodbye to a man who was part of Trafalgar Township's history. In 1948, Fred was appointed the Police Chief of Trafalgar Township and when Trafalgar and Oakville amalgamated in 1962 he became Chief of Police in Oakville. In 1954 he founded TOWARF, originally called Trafalgar & Oakville Water Air Rescue Force (now called Town of Oakville...) Fred was Past President, and served as President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and on several committees of the International Police Chiefs Association, in addition to the many other clubs and boards that he served on. Fred also served as Town and Regional Councillor for over 28 years, having served the community in two capacities for over 55 years. He will be missed! If you have stories to share about Fred – we would love to hear them- all of them! Please email or call Michelle 905-257-9080 [michelle@tths.ca](mailto:michelle@tths.ca) as we would like to compile some of these for our Oliver display at our fall fair.



## Special Visitors



Orange Lawrence made a surprise visit at our April speakers event. The statue in the picture is a model of the larger than life statue that now sits in the centre of Broadway Avenue in Orangeville that was unveiled in 2007. Aletha Lawrence Kirkwood (on the left) is a great, great grand-daughter of Orange Lawrence who was born in Connecticut and lived in Trafalgar Township from about 1823 to 1844 before removing to Orangeville. He left the farm to his son Ferris Lawrence and the farm remained in the Lawrence family until 1977. Russell Lawrence, a son of Ferris, had a farm on the 3rd line and he and a number of his descendants are buried across the road in Palermo cemetery

## Schoolhouse Speakers Series

Thank you to Richard Collins and Susan Crane who were our guest speakers over the winter.

Tuesday, June 28 at 7pm

“Postcards from the Past” Featuring guest speaker Ross Wark

This presentation will take us on a trip to past through postcards from c.1900-1930 along the shores of Lake Ontario through Bronte, Oakville and Trafalgar.



Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm – John McDonald will be joining us.

## Schoolhouse Open House Dates

The school is open 1:30-3:30 for people to go through our archives and to visit and reminisce.

July 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 14<sup>th</sup> are our next dates.

## TTHS Fall Fair

Join us for the TTTHS Fall Fair during Oakville Doors Open 10am to 4pm at the schoolhouse.

Featuring Fred Oliver display, a photo exhibit & sale, early school book and desk display, children's activities, heritage group displays, BBQ, archives room available for research. If you would like to share your family heritage information or artefacts that day please let us know.

## TTTHS Board Meetings

Our next board meeting is at the schoolhouse at 3pm on Tuesday June 21st. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in discussion.

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## Scanning

We had a nice thank you note from the Halton Hills Sports Museum & resource Centre this month.

We were able to provide them with a copy of the Hornby Hockey team's photo that had been provided by Irene Saunders for scanning.

We also provided photos for John McDonald's soon to be released book on William Halton.

Anne choate Little continues to add new photos so please check in on the

<http://images.halinet.on.ca/search> site from time to time.

Alan Norton has passed on some photos for us to scan. Here are two. Can anyone identify the homes in the foreground of these and which school the second one is behind, please?



Palermo Baseball Field



Garden behind Schoolhouse  
- either Palermo or Tansley School

## Queries & Contributions



### 41 Dundas Street

Does anyone have early photos or information on this house or its owners? This area is getting ready for development and we are looking for details on the home so that we can save it from demolition and have it incorporated into the new development. The land was first owned by John Robinson and then from 1825 to 1862 belonged to the Munn's family. It appears that the frame portion of the house was built during this time.

### Trafalgar 1 NDS lot 15 (this house lot)

Nov 1807 John Robinson

Jan 1825 Millicent Munn widow (from executors of John Robinson)

1841- 1862, 1851 Census Jordan Munn, frame 1 ½ storey with wife & 5 children - listed next to George Elliott

1861 Census Jordan Munn, frame 1 storey home with wife & 9 children

1871 Census Markland Hastings – lived there from Nov 62 to Apr 73 (john on land registry)

1873-1874 Land Registry George Awde born in Ontario 8 June 1850 was a farmer. Lived in Walpole Haldimand County. Oct 1872 married Sarah Secord in Haldimand Co. Moved to Michigan by 1880.

1874- 1881 Land Registry William Perkins b. 1848 England m. Phebe Cutting 1888

1881 Land registry Joseph Orr b. 1830 was in Trafalgar 1851 & in 1861 in a frame 1 ½, a farmer but in 1871 & 1881 was in Peel.

1881 Census Andrew Bates age 32, b. On, farmer

1883-1890 Charles Henry Schooley b. circa 1859 Oxford On, living Yorkville in 1880, an oil refiner married Samantha Hammond b. Bronte

1890-1919 Land Registry James Alfred Stephens b. 1864, m. Emma Kindree in Trafalgar Dec 1886, d. July 29 1926 buried Munn's, retired farmer. 1901 Trafalgar census he is a Milk dealer.

### O'Reilly's

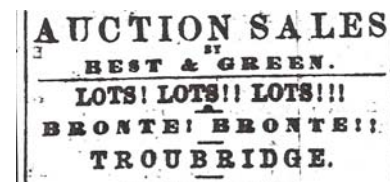
We had an inquiry regarding the slaves that were owned by Deborah O'Reilly of Halton Region. Their names were Hank and Sukey and apparently were freed when the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect in 1834. [fundi\\_edu@hotmail.com](mailto:fundi_edu@hotmail.com)

### Trafalgar Post Offices

Does anyone at the Trafalgar Historical Society either have early photos of a Trafalgar PO or know exactly where it was located? David Hobden [dhobden@cogeco.ca](mailto:dhobden@cogeco.ca)

### Trowbridge

George Chisholm sent us an interesting 1856 ad. Can anyone shed any light on Troubridge? It appears to have been just below Merton.



### Heritage Events Around Halton

Wed. 14 Sept.

**Esqueing Historical Society- Sherlock Holmes: The First Criminal Profiler** An exploration of the 60 stories that introduced the world to this literary icon by by Doug Wrigglesworth. KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main Street, GEORGETOWN, 7:30 p.m.

Wed. 12 Oct.

**Esqueing Historical Society- Bats, Balls and Sticks – Sports in Halton Hills** While hockey defines our interest in sports today, it was not always so. Author John Mark Rowe will explore the waxing and waning of sport throughout Halton Hills (Esqueing). KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main Street, GEORGETOWN, 7:30 p.m.

**1809, 1810, & 1811 TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS****(By Irene Saunders)**

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