



# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## ACTON TOWN HALL

The question of building a Town Hall was raised in print by H. P. Moore, editor of the *Acton Free Press*, in an editorial January 13, 1881. After a public meeting, it was decided to progress forward by borrowing \$5,500 through public debentures. William H. Storey, glove maker and councillor changed his support for the project and resigned in protest. Nevertheless, a vote by all freeholders on 26 August, resulted in a 50:14 victory. After considering five lots, Council chose the

Acton Town Hall, Willow Street. EHS p114

property of Josiah Adams on the south-east corner of Bower and Willow, for \$500.

In March, 1882 the construction was tendered to William McCulla of Brampton, for completion in October. However, the construction of the new hall was to be a trial for the Village. In June the workmen started excavating and laying the foundations. They decided to mortar the stones with water and lime mixed with the excavated loam. The architect, upon inspection, condemned the almost completed foundations, saying they had no more strength than mud. The entire foundation was torn up and relaid.

In August the same mortar problem caused the back brick wall to be taken down and rebuilt. Everything was behind schedule and costs were climbing! The plasterers did not begin until October, while old-timers shook their heads at the thought of anyone

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hoping plaster applied in cold weather would hold. The bell arrived from Troy, New York in November. When the bell finally crowned the new structure, a new debate over when the bell should ring erupted.

Council finally moved into their chambers on March 1, 1883. Between 300 and 400 people filled the upstairs auditorium to enjoy the Acton Glee Club, dramatic sketches, a quartet, string orchestra and soloists. The verdict was that the hall was second to none in

the province for beauty and acoustics. It had been worth the struggle.

-Acton: *The History of Leathertown*, John Mark Benbow Rowe

## WALTER BIEHN RECALLS GOLDEN DAYS OF PUBLISHING!

November 8, 2002

Dear Stephen,

Reading the current newsletter of the EHS today, recalls many happy years in my "adopted" home town of Georgetown.

Some of your EHS older members like Dawn, Karen, Doug and Marj, will tell you that I spent many years as publisher and editor, first as owner, then as publisher for Thompson Newspapers of the now defunct *Georgetown Herald*. It was interesting to be associated, at first, with a rather rundown weekly whose former publisher was more interested in printing than in a newspaper. There had never been any editorials until I took over as owner in 1940 and (not intending to brag) I think I improved the *Herald* over my years, first as owner, as I said, and made it a vital force in the town. That wouldn't apply today, of course, but at that time a small town had a loyalty, the type that Sinclair Lewis described in his novel "Main Street". Post war progress lessened the fierce loyalty to Georgetown, and the intense rivalry (particularly with Acton in hockey).

It was a wonderful time to be associated with a small town in such an intimate way as publisher and editor, something not possible today, when a small town newspaper had its own printing press, ground out the weekly edition, in our case, Wednesday at 5 p.m., though often delayed an hour or two because of the eccentricities of our antiquated flatbed Cardbell press. Lucky the safety inspector was on hand to see us stop the press by grabbing the wheel. My memories could tell of the day the four-page form was not properly leveled on the press. It started, and the form fell off, and the pages disintegrated. Foreman "Mac" McGilvray displayed his patience as he put together the pages again, and we got back to printing. Those were wonderful days with our small staff - Mac, Les, Clark, Reg Broomhead, and a number of apprentices like Harold Davison, Bruce Collins, to name a couple. Amazing how we turned out the paper and quantities of letterheads, envelopes, etc., etc. with limited equipment but a



A real -old fashioned print shop!  
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wonderful staff which eventually included Dave Hestcops and Myles Gibson.

Sad to think that it's now all history - no more *Herald*, no more printing business, just memories of what used to be, when each Ontario small town had its own locally-owned weekly newspaper, including my home town of Chesley, in Bruce County, which gave me the inspiration to aspire to run a similar business. Choosing Georgetown was a good move - a progressive town, a business which grew, and luckily, one which drew the attention of newspaper giant, Thompson, which eventually I sold to - business and myself.

Seems now like horse and buggy days when local ownership of small town weeklies is rare.

I deem it a privilege to have been involved in the days when most small town weeklies were locally owned, publisher - editors lived in the town, knew most of the residents, and often used judgement in self-censoring news which might cause major trouble to an individual or business. Guess it could be called "kindly journalism"!

Sincerely, *Walter Biehn*

## HEALTH EMERGENCY IN GEORGETOWN!

The current SARS epidemic recalls similar threats to health from our local past. Here is the 1872 threat!

May 16 **SMALL-POX IN GEORGETOWN** - One case was reported! A temporary hospital was built one mile from the village post office. Village Reeve J. R. Barber assures all farmers and residents that it is safe to come shopping in Georgetown.

May 23 **SMALL-POX** Mr. Alexander Chace, late bus driver from Clark's Hotel died of small-pox last week (*Georgetown Herald*)

Oct. **TERRA COTTA** - Mr. Wm. Hunter, of the fifth line, had a serious runaway recently while at the station delivering milk to the train. He was putting some empty cans onto the waggon when the



Close up of exterior of Terra Cotta General Store showing Wes Rutledge snow ploughing with a team of horses. EHS p1377

horse took fright and ran down the street at John Gilpin's speed. When they reached the corner of Isabella and Main Streets they ran into a telephone pole when they became separated from the waggon. The waggon was a total wreck and the horses were badly injured. We are pleased to hear that the driver escaped unhurt.

A number from here took in the Brampton fair.

Mr. S. J. Plant's new brick yard is running quite briskly yet is turning out some fine brick. He is also erecting some more kilns. (*Acton Free Press*, unknown date, 1914)

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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COMMUNITY HALL, Isabella Street, Terra Cotta, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. 10 Sept. 2003 **Glen Williams Cemetery Ramble** - Join Archivist and Glen resident Mark Rowe as he leads a walking tour of the cemetery at Glen Williams. Perched on the edge of the Credit valley, it also offers a stunning view of the village. Refreshments will follow. Parking available at the Williams Mill. Note the early start time.  
GLEN WILLIAMS TOWN HALL, 1 Prince Street, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. 8 Oct. 2003 **Ranting and Raving at City Hall!** - Where has the seat of local government been situated throughout the history of Georgetown? Join the Society as they explore the public buildings people of Georgetown and area have used since 1821!  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE!

Please bring your own cup for refreshments to help protect our environment.

### PHOTOGRAPH REPRINTS

Besides the cost of printing a photo, an Archives user fee of \$5 will apply for the first photo and a \$2 fee for each subsequent photo, ordered at the same time. Postage and handling charges will also be applied. Orders require three weeks for processing.

### RESEARCH REQUESTS

The EHS charges \$5.00 for the initial fee, and \$10.00 per hour. Each photocopied page will cost \$1.00. When requests are received, an estimate will be provided before work begins. Postage and handling charges also apply. Requests can be made by e-mail or regular mail, but we cannot guarantee a delivery time.

## Society Notes

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Don't forget to add 905 when dialing the above listed numbers.

### ACHIVAL REPORT

The EHS has once again received approval for funding to hire a summer student. The person hired will continue working on scanning our images and updating our Archival finding aid. Several new donations have to be accessed this summer.

### INTERNET CONNECTIONS

The Esquesing Historical Society has an official web site on the World Wide Web. You can visit us at

<[www.hhpl.on.ca/sigs/ehs/home.html](http://www.hhpl.on.ca/sigs/ehs/home.html)>

Send your e-mail to [rowem@aztec-net.com](mailto:rowem@aztec-net.com) or [dlvngstn@stn.net](mailto:dlvngstn@stn.net)

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<[www.CdnCouncilArchives.ca](http://www.CdnCouncilArchives.ca)>

### EHS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter was prepared by John Mark Rowe with assistance from Karen Hunter and Dawn Livingstone. Submissions are welcome.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our paid 2003 memberships stand at 88. Please encourage friends and family to join the EHS and support our efforts to preserve and share our local history. The individual rate is \$10. The family or institution rate is \$12. Cheques payable to the Society can be mailed to our post box.

Marj Allen, membership secretary, will gladly accept your fees at the next meeting.

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### ACTON: THE HISTORY OF LEATHERTOWN

The *Freckled Lion* and *Wetherby's* are both carrying the book, but the bulk of sales come from *The Olde Hide House*, *The Olde Book Shoppe* and the *Acton Leather Store* in Toronto. The book sells for \$24.95 from the EHS, which does not charge taxes. Retail stores, like The Olde Book House, must add the necessary taxes. Card carrying members of the EHS can buy as many copies as they wish at \$20 each, directly from the Society. Books can be purchased at regular meetings or by contacting Publications Officer, Carol Wood. She can e-mailed at <[hobo@globalserve.net](mailto:hobo@globalserve.net)>.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider supporting your Society by offering time. Contact Stephen Blake, Karen Hunter or any executive member to offer your help. Absolutely no experience is needed. We have fun and learn while we go along.

### OUR YOUNGEST MEMBER???

Arial Holly Westfahl was born March 11<sup>th</sup> 2003. Sherry had a Dr. appointment, and he decided then and there was the time... 7 lb. 5 oz, and Sherry says she is the spitting image of Jade, except a little blonder.

### JAMES ROSWELL DIES AT 82

James Roswell (Ros) Arnott, of Milton, on Saturday, March 8, 2003 in his 82nd year. Ros Arnott was born on February 9, 1922 on the family homestead north of Streetsville. He completed degrees in agriculture and veterinary science at the University of Guelph. He worked for the Milk Control Board of Ontario and

operated a veterinary hospital and practice based at Springbrook (Brampton). When he retired he took up farming. He is survived by his son Douglas who is also a member of our Society.

### LAUNCH OF IMAGES HALTON

The Halton Hills Public Library launched Images Halton at the end of April. The images of the EHS will be available here in connection with images of the other Halton areas, allowing a single search for all related Halton images. Visit the site at <http://images.halinet.on.ca>

### MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday 15 May @ 7 p.m.

The Limestone Kilns of Limehouse A walking tour and slide presentation illustrating the significance of the lime industry in early Esquesing. Limehouse Community Hall.

Thursday 19 June @ 6:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street, Milton.

### HALTON COUNTY SOCIETIES

An evening with all the Historical Societies in Halton, hosted by the Oakville Historical Society, is to be held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunn and Lakeshore, Oakville on Wednesday 28 May. Refreshments will be served! Use the Dunn Street entrance. Begins at 7:30 p.m. The EHS will be represented. Please contact Steve Blake to confirm your attendance or e-mail him at [steve.blake@cmp.cpii.com](mailto:steve.blake@cmp.cpii.com)

### BRAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at Heart Lake Presbyterian Church, 25 Ruth Avenue, Brampton. There is a \$5 admission fee.

Visit: [www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.bramptonhistoricalsociety.com)

### ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The following meetings for the OGS - Halton-Peel Branch take place in the lower level meeting room of the Chingaucousy branch library at 150 Central Park Drive, Bramalea,

Ontario.

For further information call Betty Cameron at 905.792.0907 or e-mail at [<bbmcam@sympatico.ca>](mailto:bbmcam@sympatico.ca)

### PILOT OFFICER CARMAN SUTCLIFFE

Your recent e-mail to the Downtown Georgetown Business Association was referred to the Esquesing Historical Society for reply.

Our local newspaper, The Georgetown Herald (no longer in publication) has been indexed for births, marriages and deaths so I was able to find the following items for you quite easily.

July 30, 1941, Page 1 - Carman Sutcliffe Married in England - Word was recently received by his mother in Toronto of the marriage of Carman Sutcliffe, former organist and choir leader of Georgetown, United Church, and Blanche Makins, a native of Cheltenham, who has been living in England.

Born at Avon, Ontario, Mr. Sutcliffe is the son of Mrs. Sutcliffe and the late Rev. J.F. Sutcliffe. He attended Jarvis Collegiate and the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Becoming interested in aviation, he took instruction at Malton Airport. He left for England in June, 1939, and joined the R.A.F., and has since served in Egypt, Malta and the Gold Coast, as well as on bombing flights over Germany and Italy.

August 6, 1941, Page 1 - Carman Sutcliffe Killed Overseas - Married Only Two Weeks, Former Georgetown Man Dies in Flying Accident - A terse cablegram to his mother, Mrs. J.F. Sutcliffe, last week, informed her that her son, Pilot Officer Carman Sutcliffe had been killed overseas in a flying accident on July 24th. No details of how or where he met his death were give in the cablegram.

A former organist and choir master at Georgetown United Church, Carman became interested in flying and took instruction at Malton. He left for England in June, 1939, and joined the R.A.F., where his early ability as an amateur radio fan, particularly in relation to

signalling and radio technology, led to his rapid advancement. A year later he became pilot officer and then transferred to a bombing squadron.

He served in bombing flights over the continent, and was transferred last November to Egypt. A letter published a few weeks ago in the Herald related some of his thrilling experiences there and on the Gold Coast, where he was moved in May.

He returned to England, and on July 8th, was married to Miss Blanche Makins of Cheltenham, England, a Canadian girl he met there.

Mr. Sutcliffe, who was 26 years old was born at Avon, Ontario, and was the son of Mrs. Sutcliffe and the late Rev. J.F. Sutcliffe. He attended Jarvis Collegiate and the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Besides his mother and widow he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R.K. Johnson, of Welland, Mrs. C. Hodgert, Port Hope, and Mrs. W. Harvey, Toronto.

The Herald extends sincerest sympathy to his bereaved family in their tragic loss.

March 23, 1949, Page 1 - Mrs. J.F. Sutcliffe Was Former Town Resident - A former resident of Georgetown, Mrs. J.F. Sutcliffe died in Toronto on Saturday, March 19th. Born Agnes Bertha Mossop, she was the widow of the late Rev. J. Fletcher Sutcliffe. With her son, Carman, she lived in Georgetown for two years in the home on Albert Street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell and left town in 1939 when he enlisted with the Royal Air Force. While in town, he had been organist at the United Church and taught music in the High School, and Mrs. Sutcliffe was active in ladies' organizations at the church. Flying Officer Sutcliffe was later killed on active service overseas.

Mrs. Sutcliffe is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W.M. Harvey (Edith) of Malton, Mrs. R.K. Johnson, (Lillian) of Welland and Mrs. C.W. Hodgert (Florence) of Toronto. The funeral service was held in St. Marys on Tuesday, with  
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interment in Beechwood Cemetery, Forest.

Some geography for you: Avon is southeast of London, Ontario, in the County of Middlesex, Township of North Dorchester; St. Marys is northwest of London, in the County of Perth; and Forest is west of London, almost on the shore of Lake Huron, in the County of Lambton, Township of Bosanquet.

Rev. J. Fletcher Sutcliffe is also buried in Beechwood Cemetery and Carman Fletcher Sutcliffe's death is also listed in this cemetery.

As far as I can determine, the Sutcliffes, had no family connection to Georgetown. I spoke to several people about Carman. While they remembered him no one knew much about him and nothing about his sisters nor his wife. As a matter of interest, there is a village near Georgetown called Cheltenham. You'll notice the confusion about Cheltenham in the articles and your research.

The letters from Carman to his mother which were published in the Georgetown Herald on July 2, 1941 are of a sight-seeing nature and give no particulars of his military activities.

Our local newspaper is The Independent & Free Press, 280 Guelph St., Unit 29, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 4B1 or E-mail: [jmcghie@independentfreepress.com](mailto:jmcghie@independentfreepress.com). As well, I suggest you write to the Toronto Star, Ontario's largest daily newspaper. The Star carries letters of inquiry such as yours on Sundays on a page entitled "Have Your Say". The address is Have Your Say, Sunday Star, One Yonge St., Toronto Ontario M5E 1E6 or E-mail: [haveyoursay@thestar.ca](mailto:haveyoursay@thestar.ca).

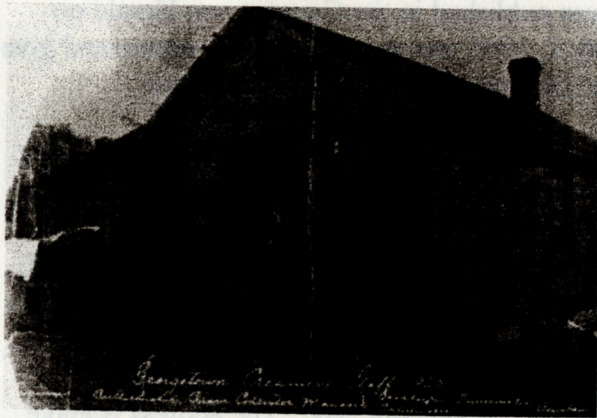
Georgetown, is now part of the Town of Halton Hills, Region of Halton and is north-west of Toronto. Esquesing Township is one of four townships in the former County of Halton, now Region of Halton, and is the same area as the now Town of Halton Hills. The Historical Society was formed in 1974 when regional government was established so as to ensure the

preservation of local history. Please look at our website and that of the Halton Hills Public Library for further information on the area.

I hope this material is what you were looking for. Please write again if we can be of further assistance and please let us know how you're doing with your project and if you have any success in tracking down the Sutcliffe sisters. The Historical Society maintains an archive at the library. We'll make up a file on Carman Sutcliffe and would appreciate receiving any additional information you may receive.

Yours sincerely, Karen Hunter.

*Letter from W.I. Newton, Barrie, Ontario:* I am very interested in your newsletters. They bring back many memories, especially the latest one. I went to Georgetown High School and remember Arthur Dayfoot quite well. He was a very fine young man and an excellent scholar. He was studying Greek while the rest of us were struggling with Latin. Mr. Ralph Ross was the principal then. I also remember Morris Saxe

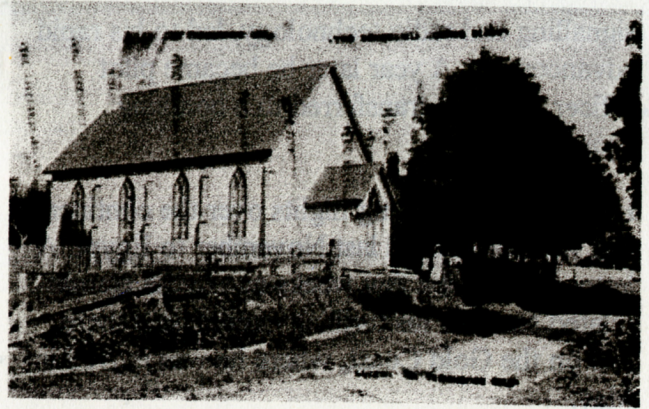


The staff on the loading dock of the Georgetown Creamery, owned by Morris Saxe. It stood on Guelph St. below St. George's Church. EHS p221

when he had the creamery on Guelph St., beside Tom and Art Speights garage. I also went to G.H.S. with David and Percy Saxe, George Henderson, Willa Price Shorthill, Gus Firestine and many others whose names I can't recall.

Please excuse my poor writing. I am 87 years old and getting shaky!

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Methodist Church at corner of 22nd sideroad and the 5th line. EHS p310

Keep up the good work, Yours sincerely  
W.I. Newton

P.S. I well remember the old stone church in Limehouse. Before Church union, the locals used to hold sort of evangelical services there on Sundays in the evenings, for a good old hymn sing and some one would get up and do some preaching. After Church Union, the United Church took it over. Rev. Caldwell was the first minister at that time, followed by Rev. George Stephenson.

I am so pleased that it is now a community hall. It is a great old historical building and must serve a good purpose now. My folks were Presbyterian so I was brought up in the little frame church on the Sixth Line and 22 Sideroad. W.I. Newton.



# The Historic Village of Terra Cotta

Salmon! At spawning time one could fairly walk across the Credit here on the backs of spawning Atlantic Salmon. So said the pioneers in this area of Esquesing and Chingacousy townships. But as the wilderness was tamed, the salmon eventually disappeared.

History first records this area under the name of Tucker's Mill. Henry Tucker purchased 40 acres of the East half of Lot 27, Concession 6 West in 1855 for 800 dollars. He hired a surveyor to lay out 18 village lots.

Tucker sold his prosperous holdings in 1859 to Simon Plewes, a Yorkshire miller who had run the mill at Acton with his father and brother from 1850. In 1863, he married Janet Smith, an Esquesing girl. Together they had six children. Unfortunately, Simon drowned in his mill race in 1876 at the age of 45.

The future of Plewes' Mills seemed certain in 1863 when the Wesleyan Methodists opened their church here, putting it on the Georgetown circuit. Before that the nearest church was Union Presbyterian on lot 23, Esquesing. The first log church was built in 1835. The present stately stone church was erected in 1883 with stone from Townsend's quarry.

In 1866, the post office opened with the name, Salmonville. William Watkins was the first postmaster, moving to Glen Williams the following year. A general store and post office have served the village from at least this time. Simon Plewes was postmaster from 1870 until his death in 1876, then his wife carried on for a few years. James Carol became postmaster from 1 Oct. 1885 to 9 Feb. 1893 making him postmaster in 1891 when the name was changed to Terra Cotta. He was followed by Jane Smith in 1894. She built a new store in 1899, which still served the village until it was destroyed by fire.



Interior of Terra Cotta General Store showing proprietors Elsie and Harvey Puckering. EHS p1375

A good education was important to the pioneering families in this area, and school sections were established in 1842. The Chinguacousy Township School Section #3 served this corner of Peel County, while Esquesing Township School Section #15 or Clay Hill School served the Halton County youngsters. SS#3 was located on the 5th Line West at 22 Sideroad. It closed in 1960 and is a private home today. Creditview Public School on Mississauga Road opened in 1964. Clay Hill School was at Lot 29 on the 10th Line Esquesing. It closed about 1959 and later burned down.

An important step for Terra Cotta was the

building of the Hamilton and North Western Railway just north of the village in 1877.

The railway helped with the movement of limestone and sandstone which was quarried in this area from the 1850's. The Townsend family in particular were the principal quarries in the 19th century. Quarries flourished on the 5th and 6th Lines in Chinguacoucy and also on the 9th and 10th Lines in Esquesing. Credit Valley stone became known for the quality all across the country.

The Village was doing a steady business in stone by the turn of the century. The quarries of Jack Murray (successor of the Townsend's) installed an incline railway up the escarpment in 1904. J.L. Dolson opened a new quarry the pervious year.

While the stone of the escarpment was quarried above the village, the very shale on which it sat attracted the brick making business in 1906. The Terra Cotta Pressed Brick Co. commenced operations on a large scale. An electric power house was erected where Mr. Plewes' grist mill stood and the power was transmitted to the brick plant near the train station. This provided a large number of jobs.

In 1911, Elijah Townsend sold land to William Flavelle and Robert Kennedy to form the Halton Brick Company. A third brick factory was opened on 27th Sideroad, Esquesing in 1914 by L. Plant. All three plants boomed until the Depression of 1929 began. They were closed and eventually dismantled.

Fire destroyed the CNR train station in 1956, marking the end of the industrial age of Terra Cotta. It was this lack of industry, which started the next period of growth for Terra Cotta.

The tourists focus began in 1944 when Toronto artist Jordanus Vander Vliet purchased land for a home and art studio where he started classes, attracting artists from across the province. John Agg succeeded him and in 1959 Rebecca Sisler renovated the former blacksmith shop into the Forge studio.

Summer cottages led Rod Clancy to lay out a summer park which eventually became the Terra Cotta Conservation Area in 1958. This very successful attraction is run by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Betty and Harry Farrar purchased a riverside property in 1951 and created the Terra Cotta Inn. A hotel had once operated on the same site. This business alone soon attracted many tourists to the Village. A 1975 fire did not stop the Inn for long as they rebuilt and expanded. The 1989 recession also closed the business down, reopening in 1994.

The Region of Peel purchased the Forge in 1969 to straighten the road. The local opposition was most vocal! The charm of the Village was preserved. The historic Forge is now available for art shows from the Region of Peel.

Peel Region also recognized the Terra Cotta Community Hall as an historic site in 1992. The former Methodist Church was maintained by Trustees with the help of the Thursday Thimble Club from 1949. This club has also helped with street lighting, welcome signs and funds for the Georgetown Hospital.

Documenting this history and the changes to the Village have been the Terra Cotta Women's Institute, formed in 1931. They also helped the Terra Cotta Farmer's Club (1913-1976) to buy the former SS#3 as a hall in 1961. It was sold and renovated into a home in 1971.

by **John Mark Benbow Rowe**

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