## \* \* \* \* \* HOW THE STREETS GOT THEIR NAME \* \* \*

George W. Grabb and Charles J. Halliday have collaborated in recalling how Chesley Streets got their names.

Main Street, of course, was so named because it is the main street of the town.

Elliot Street, leading to the cemetery, was so named after John H. Elliot who donated the original parcel of land for cemetery purposes.

High Street runs from King Street at the C.N.R. station north to the river, and may have gotten its name from the fact that the C.N.R. station might be one of the highest points in town.

Second Concession Street is a continuation within the twon of the 2nd concession of Elderslie.

McGaw Street was named after a Mr. McGaw, a miller employed in the Thomas Elliot mill.

Mill Street was one of the original industrial streets of the town, on which were located the Elliot grist and saw mills, the Bremner foundry, Grooch and Ralston felt factory, cooper shop, cabinet factory, and the original site of the Krug Furniture Co.

The McLaggan subdivision was named after John McLaggan, who had a survey made of the north section of town and subdivided his farm into building lots.

Catherine Street was named after the wife of John McLaggan.

Mary Street was named after Mary Elliot, wife of John H. Elliot.

Davis Street got its name from T.M. Davis, an early settler who was prominent in the life of the community.

Dobie Street honors the Dobie family, who developed the easterly part of the town.

Adolph Street took the name of the Adolph family, one of whom was a partner with Wm. McDonald in publishing the Chesley Enterprise and later started the Chesley Free Press which he operated for about five years.

Gillies Street got its name from R.J. Gillies, a member of the first village council in 1880. This name is also perpetrated in the former community of Gillies Hill in Elderslie Township.

Danard Street was named after the first minister of the Methodist church, now St. John's United church, with both the church and parsonage being on this street.

Bell Road was named in honor of the Wm. D. Bell family, Mr. Bell's son, Major James Bell donated part of the Bell property to the town as park land, including the bowling green and the crescent-shaped area which runs through the park from Mill to Adolph Street. He also gave \$5,000 toward developing the community park.

Adam Street was named after Adam Dobie.

Long Street may have been so named because it is one of the longest east-west streets in town, although east of Main Street it is Davis Street.

River Street may have been so named because it runs south from the Saugeen River.

Durst Street honors Wesley G. Durst, an original partner and later sole owner of the Chesley Mfg. Co., which plant is located on that street. He was also prominent as councillor