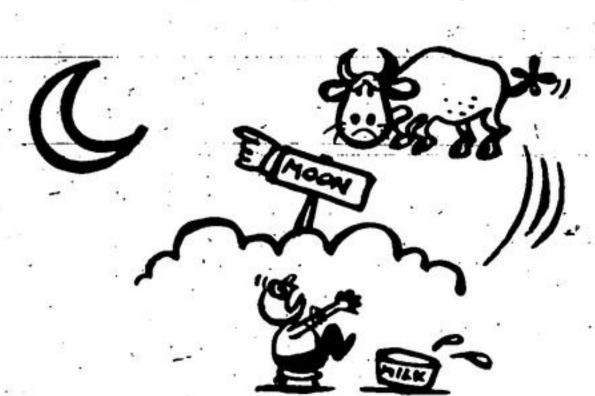


LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN?

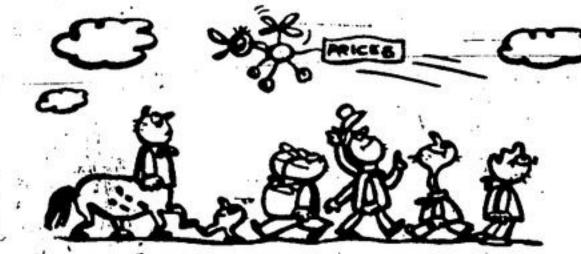
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Halton's Pages of the Past

Village of Ashgrove Has Interesting Historical Background, Once Occupied by Missisaguas.

Continuing our historical travels' along the Seventh Line, Esquesing, we come to the little village of Ashgrove. Here we find a church, a school, a garage and a welding shop. but nothing to micate that Ashgrove has an interesting historical background.

The village is situated at the intersection of No. 10 sideroad and the Seventh Line, Esquesing. The settlement dates from 1819. It derives its name from the large number of black ash that used to grow in the vicinity, the two roads through the village actually running through

groves of ash trees. The first known inhabitants of Ashgrove were a tribe of Algonquin Indians-probably Missisagua. Their main camping grounds were on the east half of Lot 16, Concession 7, and the east half of Lot 11, Concession 7 Here' they cleared a circle in the bush where they held their powwows, danced their weird dances; invoked the aid of the medicine man or smoked their pipes of peace:

Indian Relies Found Many Indian relies have been picked up on the old camping grounds and the bared circles are still visible to the discerning eye. The Indians made wonderful baskets from a native red shrub that grew in the district. These baskets were bartered by the Indians among the settlers in Ashgrove and vicinity. And these Indians used to grow corn. In fact it is said that the first corn ever grown in Canada was sown and harvested by the Indians at Ashgrove.

"Jimmy, the Weaver" was a colorful character, whose story has come down through the ages, but unfortunately, with many of the details missing. Jimmy must have been one of the first white settlers-probably a "squatter." He lived in a los cabin on the east-half of Lot 12 Con. 6 - later the homestead of John McColl. Jimmy was an excellent weaver and settlers for miles around used to bring their wool for Jimmy to weave into homespun. His real name was unpronounceable so to know. Possibly he just moved sary. For this reason the present to a month, amid great rejoicing on, perhaps, in more ways than one, school was built at Ashgrove in 1870 weaving his way through the wilds and added to in 1878. At that time of Upper Canada.

George Cook's sawmill at Farlton Howson who later became Mrs. S This sawmill was later moved to a R. Ruddell. location west of No. 10 sideroad which became-known as "Green Valley." Green Valley did not reach munity, most of the activity being centred in and around George clapboard siding, a cottage roof, and as an independent shed

Cook's mill. Features of Illustration

Featured in the illustration; photographed from the Halton County Atlas of 1877, we see, practically in the centre, a large shed which houses the sawmill. To the rear, slightly to the left, is a blacksmith's shop. In the background, an ox-cart, great time walking the fence, their were Joe Ruddell, Ronald Orr, and driven by John Cameron. At the popularity depending to a great ex- H. R. Thompson. Hughes, the engineer.

carrying away slabs for burning. In teacher recalled her pupils to classes a general store, a paint shop and transportation down the Plank Road plaster wall painted black to Oakville. Also in the foreground,

Inch and MacFarland. there were two rooms but for Two weeks ago we mentioned awhile only one teacher! Miss M

The First School

the south corner of the present seen plenty of changes. Some say school yard. The yard was enclosed that at one time there was an hotel more about that later. by a twelve-foot board fence on every corner, including Esques-Whether this high fence was built to ing House" (1869) run by James keep children in or the wild animals Paine, and "Alexander's Hotel" out is open to question!

the background a great number of by banging on the wall by the front cabinet maker, by the name of Willogs are waiting to be started on door with a ruler. There were no liam Drake. After moving several United church, Milton. Mr. Blaff their way along the elevated track desks and only low benches to sit times Drake set up business in gave a very helpful address on the to the hungry maw of the mill. In on. No scribblers, all the work be- Thornton's old paint shop, where he theme of, Jesus Christ Lord of All. the foreground we see the outcome ing done on slates held on the knees. had a workship over the stable. -stacks of piled lumber waiting for No real blackboards, just part of the This was entered by an outside

to the right, is a large double house the pioneer schools you can be quite engine which was used to drive his Campbell Wilson, who also played where lived Dick Stoneman and his sure that part of the scholastic son. The other double house pro- equipment was either a well-worn a great attraction to the young lads vided a residence for the familles of strap or a good stout willow switch It is also worthy of note that in them out of harm's way. he eventually became known only Apparently there were large years gone by school children were as "Jimmy, the Weaver." What ful- families in all these homes so more given only two weeks vacation in ally happened to him no one seems schooling accommodation was neces- summer Later this was extended have been an enterprising gentle-

grove was built the old building was kins, who stored it in large sheds on purchased by Wm. McKinnon, mov- his premises. Sam teamed the ed up the hill and used as a hop- wheat to Oakville where it was re- Forever gone are the things drying kiln. Later it was turned in- sold - no doubt at a profit. His asto a stable by Olongo Thornton tute business ability is not surpris- The waking bird and its song of The first school, a log building. Once again it was moved, this time ing considering he belonged to the the status of a village but it was was built in 1840, and of course was to Dan Wright's farm, now owned same family from which came the And the starlit dark when certainly a -very busy little com- a private school. The first public by John Ruddell, where the old Mr. Watkins who founded. "The school was a frame building, with building is still giving good service Right House" in Hamilton.

a porch over the door. It was on . The four corners at Ashgrove have known first as the New Connexion (1870) where the stage coach always Be that as it may, the boys had a changed horses. The stage drivers

Many Changes Seen

But whatever else was facking in stairway. Downstairs he had a steam on the plane by her mother, Mrs. wood-working machinery. This was the accompaniment for the hymns, who had to be watched to keep One person we must not forget is

Samuel Watkins Mr. Watkins must man as he kept a sort of halfway house from 1840 to 1857. Farmers for miles around would team their When the present school at Ash- wheat to Ashgrove and sell to Wat-

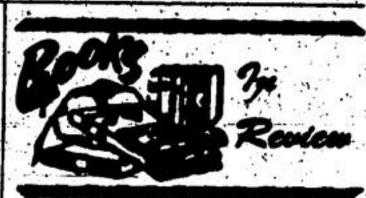
> The church at Ashgrove was Methodist and was built in 1840. But Passing us by are the dreams of

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DEER EXPORT

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FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP) -A total of 2036 deer and 100 moose top right, two dwellings, one oc- tent upon their prowess in accomp- The post office, opened in 1843, ited States points of entry in this cupied by George Stoneman, mana- lishing this gymnastic feat, aided changed its location several times, area by American hunters last fall, And power of youth no longer calls; ger of the mill; the other by a Mr and abelted by feminine "Ohs" and The postmaster was John Hunter, slightly less than the number taken Then, reflecting on our life as such, "Ahs" from the playground In those At or near the Corners there was out of northwestern. Ontario the We'll wonder why we have missed



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Sunday Service On Sunday, April 24, the service in the chapel was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Blair, pastor of St. Paul's Miss Milree Wilson sang a very sweet and acceptable solo, Bless engine which was used to drive his This House. She was accompanied

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