

**Former County Employees**

**Many Famous Names, Lengthy Service**

If someone read off a list of names like Hutcheon, Campbell, Panjón, Deans, Clements, Webster, MacNabb, Hampshire, Roney, Chisholm, Andrew, McCollum, Pettit, Harrison, Andrews, Hillmer or Brown to an older resident of Halton, that person would probably call it a list of the who's who from the county's earlier days. They would probably be right.

For it was men like these who helped mould Halton through its early days. These were the past sheriffs, clerks and treasurers of the county.

**Only Six Clerks**

Clerk-Administrator Garfield Brown, who became clerk in 1956, supplied this list of the county's former clerks. There were only six in the county's 109 years of existence as a county.

Francis Hamburg was the first, beginning in 1853 and going until 1863. He was followed by William Pantón Sr., who held the post two years, then turned it over to his son, William Pantón Jr. William Jr. held the position for an incredible 66 years — probably due to the fact he was a young man when he started the job helped.

Next was Harry M. Pettit, from 1931 to 1937. (He was also listed as treasurer from 1932 to '37.) William Deans followed and stayed until 1956, and on his death Garfield Brown was appointed. Mr. Brown was this year named clerk-administrator, and in 1961 a new position was created with the appointment of James C. Andrews as deputy clerk.

**List Treasurers**

Miss Margaret Maxted, the present treasurer, holds the longest record of service of the nine treasurers of Halton. She began in June, 1937, and is still working just as hard after 25 years at the job.

First treasurer was Henry Harrison, who worked part of 1853. George Brown followed from 1853 to 1860, then Finlay McCallum from 1860 to 1881. D. W. Campbell 1881 to 1896. James Menzies 1896 to 1904. George Andrew 1904 to 1913. David Hutcheon 1913 to 1932. Harry M. Pettit 1932 to 1937, and Miss Maxted since that year.

**Here 44 Years**

Engineer and road superintendent Roy Smith holds another record of service to Halton County. He came to Halton in 1918 to work as an engineer on the Proudfoot Hollow and Tansley bridges on the Dundas Highway — county projects in those days. He was named roads superintendent in 1930 and later was appointed engineer and road superintendent. Prior to Mr. Smith's appointment, the county had several road superintendents, but no engineers.

Sheriff Andrew W. Frank furnished a list of former sheriffs, taken from the old sheriff's records where twice a year, the sheriff signed a court document. There seem to be no other records available.

**Quit It Early**

Levi Wilson was the first sheriff, but didn't stay long. He quit in 1862, and the story goes, he quit because there was a prisoner to be hanged and he didn't relish the job. G. Crawford McKinsay came next, and lasted 20 years until 1882. Matthew Clements served until 1908, and Samuel Webster until 1923. Archie L. MacNabb served a short time during 1923, then Mr. Webster returned to the office until 1928. Col. G. O. Brown next took the

post until 1935, then William J. Hampshire was appointed, and served until 1946. William J. Robertson took over until 1958, when he retired, and Andrew W. Frank moved in to fill the vacancy.

Three of the former sheriffs — Brown, Hampshire and Robertson — are the only living past sheriffs of the county. Sheriff Clements' picture hangs in the new building today as a tribute to all the early sheriffs.

**Six Crowns**

Six Crown Attorneys have served Halton County since its inception. The first was G. Thee Basto, who was listed as "Clerk of the Peace," and served from 1855 to 1868. John Dewar followed until 1887, then T. G. Matheson

served until 1904. William Inglis Dick took over in 1904 and stayed in the position for 45 years — until 1949. Lloyd D. Dingle of Burlington held the position until 1958, and the present Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams has been in office from April 1958 to the present.

The County has had nine judges. Judge Davis was the first, serving until 1866, then Thomas Miller until 1892. C. G. Snyder until 1896. J. M. Hamilton until 1901. Judge Gorham to 1913. J. W. Elliott to 1929. William N. Munro to 1949. Wilson N. Robinson until 1961, and Judge George E. Elliott from 1961 to date.

J. Ford Rogers has been the county's only assessor. He began his duties in Halton in 1946.

**1877 County History Describes Early Days Of Halton Government, Notes Good Progress**

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and furniture — an improvement which is still going on.

For the Inspector's last report to the County Council (1875), we find that the value of properties assessed for school purposes during 1875, amounted to \$6,105,815, an increase over the year 1871 of

\$2,246,307. The total receipts from all sources in 1875 amounted to \$50,459.02, and the expenditures to \$46,190.84, of which nearly \$28,000 was paid for teachers' salaries, and over \$10,000 in the purchase of school sites and building school-houses. During the five years from 1871 to 1875 the sum

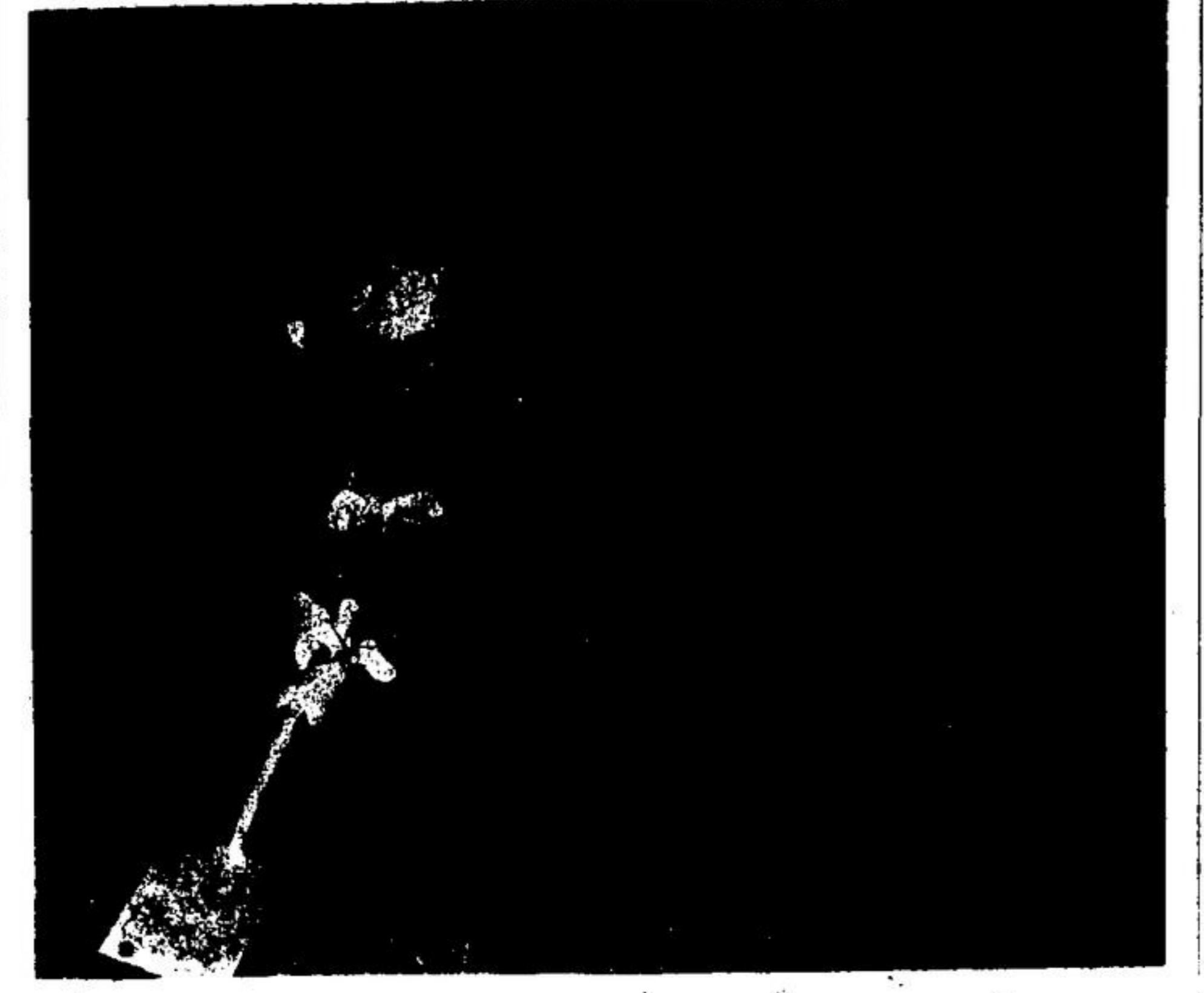
of \$69,793.85 has been expended for the purchase of sites and for building school-houses.

**Valuable Property**

The estimated value of school property in the County was in 1875, \$116,585, and the value of the desks and furniture \$10,111, being an increase in this item since 1871 of \$6,109. In 1871 only twenty of the school sites were enclosed. Now all are enclosed, excepting one, and all contain the quantity

of land required by law, many of them greatly exceeding it. There are fifty-nine school-houses, and of these, thirty-five are brick or stone, and twenty-four frame. The log houses, of which there were two remaining in 1871, have all disappeared. With respect to its school building, Halton will compare favorably with any County in the Dominion. The total number of pupils enrolled was 6,153, of whom there were

3,772 attending school, and the number of teachers was eighty. The number of public school libraries in the County is twenty-nine; of Sunday school libraries, fifty-six; and of mechanics' institutes, one, the latter being in the Town of Milton. In all there are eighty-six public libraries, containing 17,885 volumes. The Milton Mechanics' Institute contains 1,500 volumes, and the public school library at Acton contains 1,100 volumes valued at \$1,000.



**SOD TURNING CEREMONY** back in November 1961 saw over two dozen county officials brave a wet, muddy, cold and foggy day to watch as Judge G. E. Elliott, 1961 Warden F. A. Phillips of Trafalgar, and county building committee chairman Reeve R. J. Hargrave of Acton turned the first sod to start the building. It is being opened this weekend just a year and a day after the sod turning ceremony.

—Halton was originally part of the Gore District. It was named for Sir Francis Gore, and "Halton" for the first settler, William Halton, secretary of the Gore District. —In 1807 the township of Trafalgar (that is now included as part of the present town of Oakville) started settling West land was selling at seven shillings, six pence per acre.

**14 on Council**

Halton County Council for this year is made up of 14 Reeves and deputy-reeves from the seven municipalities within the County. They are:

- Town of Acton — Reeve R. J. Hargrave and Deputy Reeve W. H. Denny, three votes.
- Town of Burlington — Reeve F. I. Ryckman and Deputy Reeve G. Gallagher, four votes.
- Town of Georgetown — Reeve J. Elliott and Deputy Reeve William Hunter, four votes.
- Town of Milton — Reeve C. A. Martin (Warden) and Deputy Reeve J. Charlton, three votes.
- Town of Oakville — Reeve F. A. Phillips and Deputy Reeve H. C. Merry, four votes.
- Township of Esqueping — Reeve G. Leslie and Deputy Reeve W. Leslie, four votes.
- Township of Nassagaweya — Reeve J. A. Milne and Deputy Reeve J. Robertson, two votes.

**Clamor for Space**

With many present county offices cramped or out dated, there may be a big shift outside the new county administration building. The Juvenile and Family Court hearings will move from the C.A.S. building on Brown St. to the main court room in the old court house. Magistrate's Court will also be held there.

The jail, which occupies a corner of the century-old stone court house, will be expanded to take up the county court clerk's and sheriff's offices. The Children's Aid hopes to move into the Health Unit building, while the Health Unit wants to take over the vacated Registry Office. Emergency Measures Organization, presently in rented quarters on Main St., and the Oakville and Burlington probation officers' quarters, may eventually move in to the present court house building.

**THE CHANGING COMPLEXION...**

OF MILTON IS DUE TO MANY FACTORS. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES LIKE THOSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON ARE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS. DEALING, AS WE ARE, IN CONSTANT CHANGE, WE TAKE PRIDE IN EXTENDING BEST WISHES TO HALTON ON THEIR CHANGE OF HOUSES, RIGHT HERE IN THE HEART OF HALTON.

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**Briefs**

—The walls of the old Court House building could probably tell many stories. There have been trials for murder, the jail escapes, the county deliberations and the countless other incidents within the building that no one alone could possibly record.

—It was in 1778 that the then known province of Ontario was divided into four parts, eastern, western, midland and home districts. Halton and Wentworth formed part of the Home district. In 1853 Halton and Wentworth counties separated but no' with out dispute, it is reported.

—The first meeting of the provincial government of Halton was held at Thompson's Inn, Milton in 1853 and James Young, Reeve of Esqueping, was the first Warden.

**Property Committee Who Served County**

Halton's 1962 property committee included Warden Wilfrid Bird of Esqueping, chairman, Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown, Reeve J. Hargrave of Acton, Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton, Deputy Reeve F. A. Phillips of Oakville, Deputy Reeve John Robertson of Nassagaweya and Deputy Reeve George Leslie of Esqueping.

At the death of Warden Bird, Reeve Martin was named Warden and Milton Deputy Reeve John Charlton was added to the committee along with Deputy Reeve Gordon Gallagher of Burlington.

The previous year, the committee included Warden F. A. Phillips, Reeve Mrs. Mary Pettit of Milton, chairman, Reeve Hargrave, Reeve Bird, Deputy Reeve Alec Neat of Trafalgar, Deputy Reeve Robertson and Reeve Elliott. Mrs. Pettit died during her term of office, and Deputy Reeve Charles Johnson of Milton was named to take her place on the property committee.

These are the members of council under whose guidance the new county building was erected.

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