

A NEW CEMETERY IN HALTON HILLS

A new cemetery for the general public is taking shape for residents in Halton Hills and their families. Devereaux Cemetery is located in a quiet country setting on the 17th Side Road, just west of Trafalgar Road. It's adjacent to the Holy Redeemer Cemetery and open to people of all religious faiths.

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The cover of
John McDonald's
book, *Halton's
Heritage*.

Photo Submitted
by John McDonald



Halton, the man

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But Halton fell ill and began writing letters to Upper Canada explaining why he was not on the job. McDonald was actually able to take these letters and show a doctor, who diagnosed Halton 200 years later.

He had a very severe asthmatic problem and gout, said McDonald, noting Halton's condition seemed to have been made worse by medication he was taking with harsh side effects.

He died in 1821 alone in a hotel room in England. While he would've been the seventh baron in his family, he died two years before his father, so the baronetcy became extinct.

Halton never married and had no children. He had one sister, who went on to have eight children, with one of their descendants actually making their way from Australia to Milton for McDonald's book

launch on Halton's history.

In his will, Halton requested that he be buried next to his mother, which is where he lies today at St. John's Wood Cemetery in central London, England.

While there was no state funeral or special recognition of Halton's passing, and no portraits of him as he died before photography was commonplace, the local namesake seemed to fade into the pages of history. That is until McDonald delved into his story and brought it to the forefront in recent years.

He should be recognized for his efforts for the veterans of the War of 1812 and his service in the earliest days of Upper Canada, said McDonald.

Halton's Heritage is available online at www.haltonsketchespublishing.com and in person via the Milton Historical Society and Home Hardware locations in Milton and Burlington.



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