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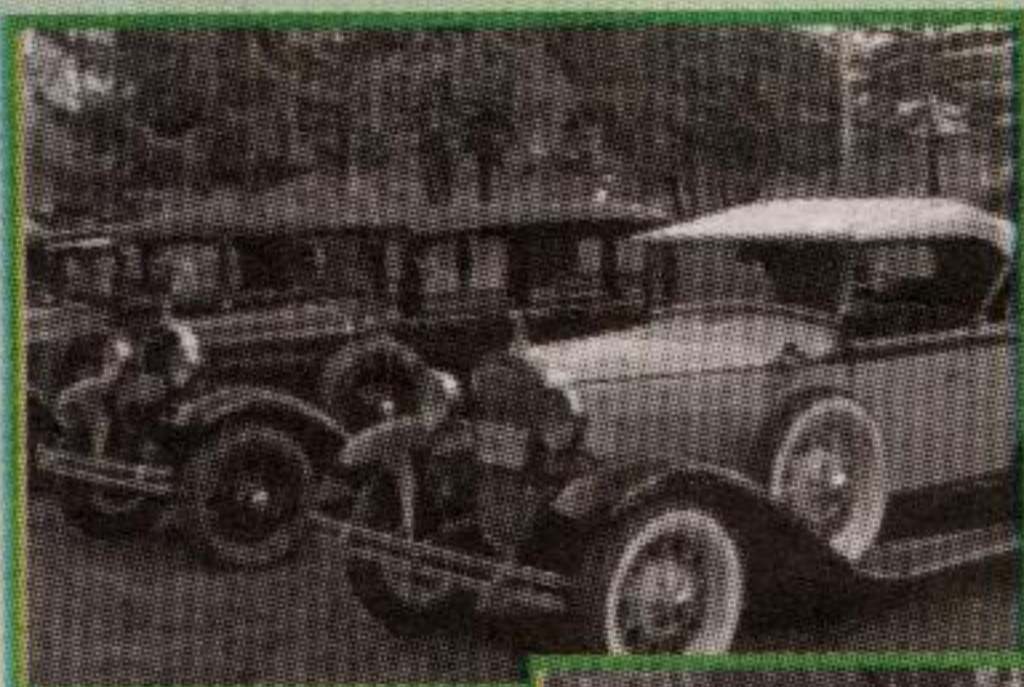
THE HALTON REGION MUSEUM

The Museum offers a magnificent setting for meetings, receptions and weddings. In addition, the Halton Region Museum and the Halton Museum Foundation host a number of year-round events:

- Visions Canada, an annual awards program for elementary and secondary school students from the Halton District and Halton Catholic District School Boards
- British Saloon Car Club Display
- Hearthside Dinner and Music Series
- Hearthside Auction, featuring locally donated items in support of the Halton Museum Foundation
- Live performances at the John Elliot Theatre in Georgetown



Hearthside Dinner and Music series. One of the many special events held at the Halton Region Museum.



The British Saloon Car Club Display.

The Museum makes an ideal location for special occasions like saying "I do".



Photos courtesy of Halton Region Museum

Halton Meetings & Events

July Meetings at Regional Headquarters

Friday, July 1
Offices closed for Canada Day

Tuesday, July 5
9:30 a.m. Health & Social Services Committee

Wednesday, July 6
9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee
1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 13
9:30 a.m. Regional Council Meeting

Celebrating Halton's Heritage—the Halton Region Museum



Joyce Savoline
Regional Chairman

As we celebrate Canada's 138th birthday, I want to remind Halton residents of our piece of heritage to treasure: the Halton Region Museum. The Museum has a long and wonderful history. Located on the grounds of the Kelso Conservation Area,

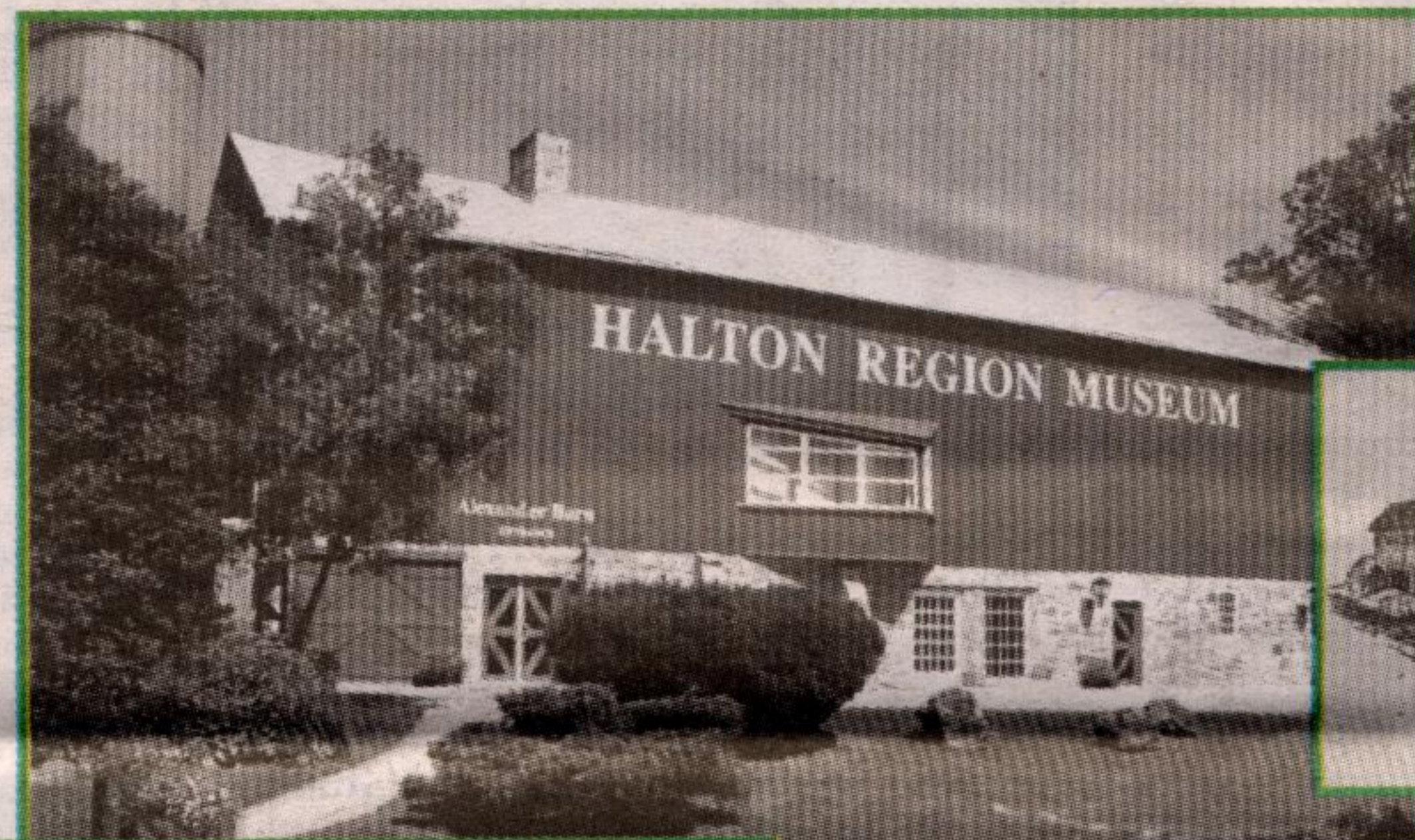
the five-acre museum site was originally settled by a family of Scottish immigrants, the Alexanders. Four generations of the Alexander family farmed the 200-acre land until 1959 when it became the property of Halton County. In 1974, with the Provincial initiative to form regional governments, the Museum fell under the Regional Municipality of Halton with a newly defined mission statement to be a unique, accessible and sustainable community-supported heritage facility.

One of the Museums' focal points is the Alexander Barn, built by the family in 1879. The facility also houses the original turbine the family used to generate water and power electricity. The Alexanders were the first in the area to install a turbine, which utilized water from a natural spring on the Niagara Escarpment.

The establishment of the Halton Museum Foundation in 1998 with a vision to create a learning centre, ensures Halton's history and collections are preserved. Today, the Museum is a significant focal point for research and historical records, telling the story of the evolution of our community and serving as the "centre for the exploration of Halton's natural and cultural history".



The Alexander farm house is closed to the public although there are plans for future renovation.



The first curator, Major H. J. Newman standing behind the Alexander Barn in 1962.

Halton Region Museum's Vibrant Present



A. Brent Marshall
Chief Administrative Officer

The Halton Region Museum reflects both our heritage, and is a vital part of our present. Today, the Museum is open to all Halton residents and regularly presents activities of interest, as well as being available for rent.

Many of the events held at the Museum are fund-raising activities to support the Museum and its work. The Halton Museum Foundation was established in 1998 with a motto "to build the future for Halton's past". The Foundation is a registered, chari-



L to R: The Alexander Barn past, present, and future (with proposed addition of Artifact Centre).

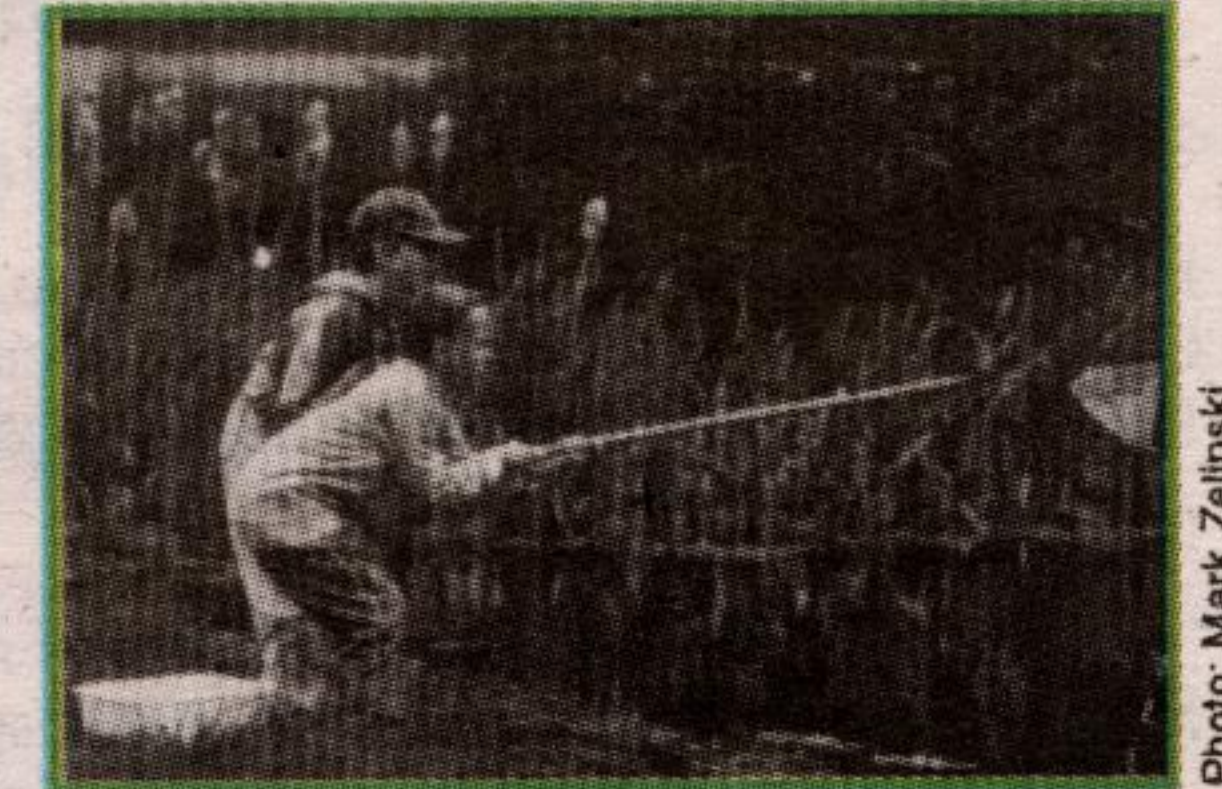
table non-profit organization with the purpose to raise funds for the advancement of Museum capital projects and programs, provide an active volunteer base and garner community support.

The Foundation is currently focussing its efforts on raising funds for a new Artifact Centre. This building, to be erected next to the Alexander Barn, will house Halton's entire collection (totalling over 34,000 artifacts reflecting Halton's natural and cultural heritage). Currently much of the artifacts are in storage in off-site buildings, and the goal is to re-unite them under one roof where they can be properly cared for and displayed.

To learn more about the Museum's role in Halton's past, present and future, contact the Museum Visitor Centre at 905-875-2200, ext. 21 or Halton Region at 905-825-6000/1-866-4HALTON or visit www.region.halton.on.ca/



One of the exhibits in the Alexander Barn which is open year-round, seven days a week.



During the summer, children can participate in the Discovery Hunt.

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