

OTHER FACTS

133. The Milton we know today was originally named Martin's Mills between 1830 and 1837. It was renamed Milton in 1837 for English poet John Milton (1608 - 1674).

134. Thomas Harrison was the first burial in the Pioneer Cemetery on Bronte Street in 1824.

135. Milton Mechanics Institute, the forerunner of Milton Public Library, was established in 1855. Within two years, it had a membership of 56 citizens and a book circulation of 262.

136. St. Clair Masonic Lodge was formed in Milton in 1860. The Lodge remains in existence today and meets regularly on Regional Road 25, just north of the old hamlet of Boyne, in the former Bowes Church.

137. Sir John A. Macdonald (1815 - 1891) addressed a political rally in 1878 at the present-day Livingston Park, adjacent to the Mill Pond.

138. The first burial in Evergreen Cemetery took place in 1881.

139. Milton Horticultural and Local Improvement Society was organized in 1909.

140. The Gordon Home for child welfare opened in Milton in 1919.

141. Local houses and businesses were first given street numbers in 1954.

142. Milton celebrated its centennial in 1957 with a week-long celebration.

143. Steam-Era, Canada's largest steam and antique tractor show, began in Milton in 1961 under the auspices of the Ontario Steam & Antique Preservers Association.

144. The first section of the Bruce Trail opened in 1962 in the Milton area.

145. Plastic bags replaced household garbage containers for collection purposes in the town of Milton in 1965.

146. The showing of movies on Sunday was approved by Milton ratepayers in 1966.

147. Letter carrier service to homes and businesses in Milton began in 1967.

148. Cable television service became available for the first time in 1976.

149. Milton Historical Society was founded in 1977.

150. The Riot Act was read by Mayor Brian Best to quell Halloween vandals at Rotary Park on Halloween night, 1971.

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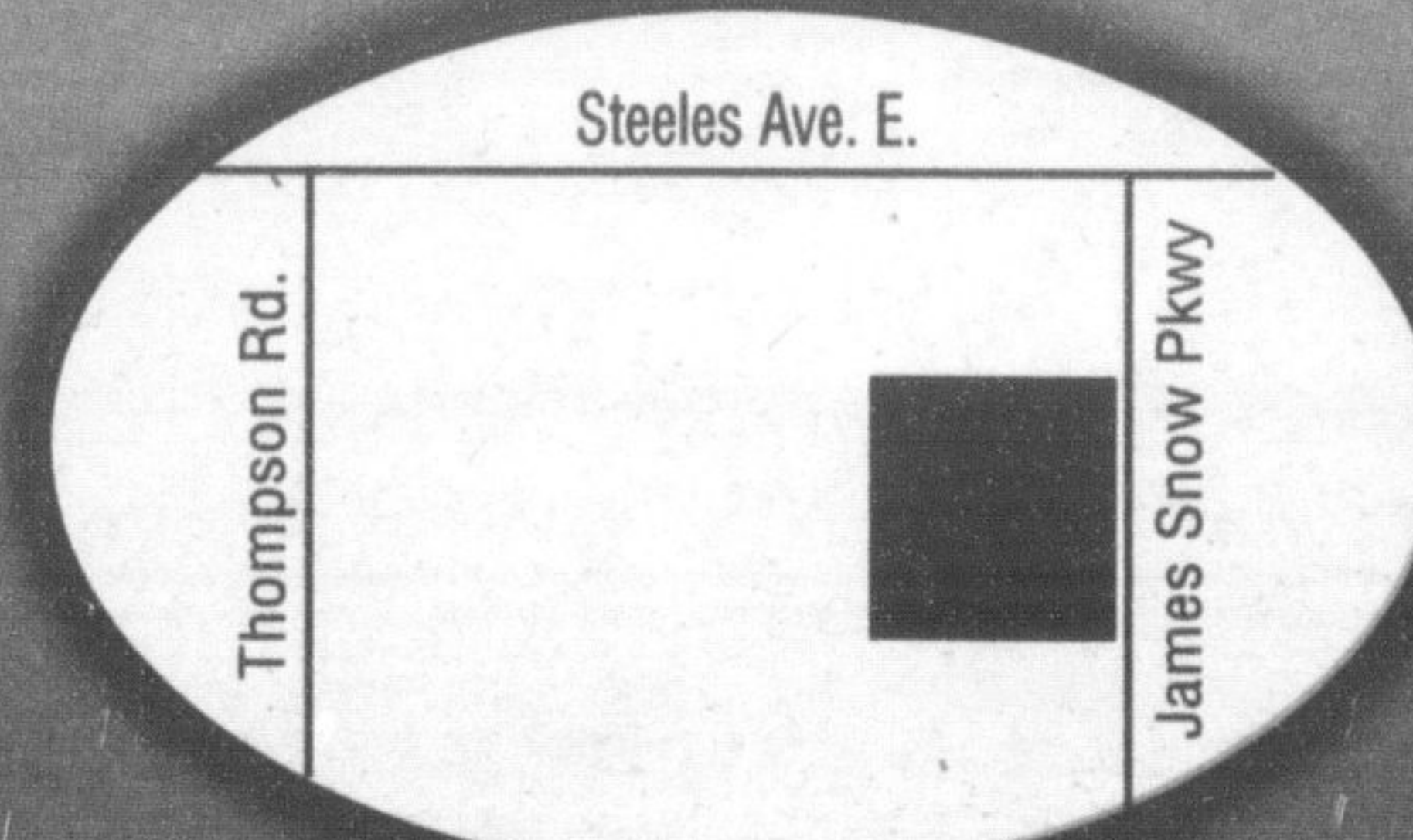


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