

Bolsar Munshaw And His Family Were First Settlers In The Hill

In May this year Richmond Hill Council published its intent to change the name of Maple Avenue (south from Carrville Road, east of Yonge Street) to Munshaw Road.

This prompted William Taylor of Hilldale Road, Aurora, to offer his congratulations to council for remembering early citizens. He was particularly interested in the name Munshaw since his wife is the great-great-granddaughter of Bolsar Munshaw, Richmond Hill's first settler.

Mr. Taylor reported that according to Richmond Hill's local historian, William Harrison (who wrote a series of historical articles for "The Liberal" in 1888-89) Bolsar Munshaw came to lot 51, Concession 1 Vaughan Township in 1792, from Pennsylvania, the year Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe advertised in the Pennsylvania papers for immigrants. This lot is the 200 acres immediately north of the Elgin Mills Sideroad on the west side of Yonge Street and was the first to be settled in this area.

Bolsar came with his wife and five children and subsequently had five more, born in the area of Richmond Hill. Mr. Taylor quotes Mary O'Brien's Journal as recording that Munshaw had 43 grandchildren in 1830 and reports that he himself had found almost 60.

In "Infant Toronto" by John Andoc, the following is recorded: On a trip back from Pennsylvania in 1793 Munshaw assisted Bercey in bringing his settlers to Markham. "The sleigh road on Yonge North of Thornhill is referred to as 'the road to

Munshaw's in Bercey's diary".

In 1794, when Nicholas Miller settled on lot 34, Concession 1 Markham, and heard from the Indians of north, he asked him (Munshaw) to settle on Lot 35, Concession 1, Markham. Bolsar's first house there was used as the first school north of Steeles Avenue in 1809.

Mr. Taylor noted that the Munshaw farm lane there is now called Ruggles.

Bolsar was constable for part of Markham and all of Vaughan at one time, and at least three of his sons were members of Captain Fulton's light cavalry in the War of 1812.

One son, Aaron, who lived on the original lot north of the Elgin in 1837, was a rebel and went to the States with William Lyon Mackenzie. He later was the first settler and hotelkeeper at Flesherton, Ontario. The Munshaw sons owned Lot 35, Concession 1 Markham until 1920, Lot 27, Concession 1 Vaughan from 1815 to 1920; Lot 37, Concession 1 Markham until the 1870's; Lot 22, Concession 1 Vaughan 1815 to 1900. Later this latter lot was owned by Minnie Munshaw's husband, Joe Atkinson. One son owned Lot 24, Concession 1 North York, east side, from 1811 to about 1900. They also owned farms in King and Bowmanville.

The daughters married local residents: William Wright, uncle of Amos Wright MP, married Susan, the first white child born in Richmond Hill at Elgin Mills in 1792. Captain James Fulton married Elizabeth and Caroline Fulton married John Munshaw. One daughter married Nicholas Miller's son Nathan, and a brother married Nathan's sister, Sarah married Thomas Morgan of Thornhill and a granddaughter married a

Cook.

Their descendants are still living in Toronto, and all over York County as well as across Canada and in many states below the border.

Although there is no monument to be found of Bolsar Munshaw, he was buried in Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery as were most of his sons and daughters for whom there are stones. A few of the families who married descendants of Bolsar are: Soules, Hosher, Trench, Ireland, Harvey, Molloy, Fullerton, Devins, Carleton, Williams, Burr, Troop, Wellman, Carman, Meek, Welsh and Miles.

Unfortunately the residents of Maple Avenue opposed the change of name of their street and it will not take place. Mr. Taylor thought it would be more fitting if a street on land owned by the Munshaws at one time commemorated Richmond Hill's first settler. The only three of these which lie within the town's present boundaries are Lot 51, Concession 1 Vaughan Township (immediately north of Elgin Mills Sideroad) and Lot 44 Concession 1 Vaughan, the southern 200-acres just south of Vaughan Road, where the Civic Centre will be located, and Lot 37, Concession 1 Markham, part of the Jail Farm property.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary Christina Wilkie late of the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Regional Municipality of York, who died on or about the 24th day of September, 1973, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 21st of August, 1974, after which date the Estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable for any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

DATED at Richmond Hill, this 22nd day of July, 1974. Roberta Gillies and Mildred Gillies, Executrices of the Estate of Mary Christina Wilkie, by their solicitors, Messrs. Lawlor, LeClaire, Stong & Nevins, Barristers & Solicitors, 10265 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

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Train Death-Young Man

An inquest may possibly be held into the Wednesday of last week 7:50 am train-car death of a young Mississauga man on Rutherford Road in Vaughan Town, according to YRP Detective Barry Delaney, the directing officer in the investigation at 29 Division.

The Barrie-Toronto commuter train was held up an hour by the crash and passengers were taken by bus the rest of the way to downtown Toronto. The motor vehicle in the crash was

thrown or dragged about 100 feet and demolished.

Paul Therriault, 21, of 2247 Hurontario Street was eastbound on Rutherford Road when his vehicle collided with the train at a level crossing about four-tenths of a mile east of Keele Street. Therriault was taken by York Ambulance to York Central Hospital where he received emergency surgery and transferred to Sunnybrook Hospital in Metro. But he was dead on arrival at the latter hospital, YRP said.

4-Year Sentence In Armed Robbery

Provincial Judge Russell Pearce in Richmond Hill Court Tuesday sentenced Dawn Jacobs, 27, of Brenda Crescent, Scarborough, to four years in penitentiary for the armed robbery of a sleeping 60-year-old local man June 22.

Accomplices were two women and they pleaded guilty to housebreaking. Joseph Capotosto, 19, of the same address also got a suspended sentence, but with two years of probation. The threesome broke the screen door to enter a house at 11444 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, at 5 am where Joseph Capotosto, his wife and family awoke to face a .38 calibre gun.

After Capotosto struggled with one of the women left by Smilie to wield the gun, the threesome got away. They discarded his wallet but kept the cash contents, according to investigating YRP officers Detective Sergeant John Moorhead and Detective Barry Delaney.

All three were charged with armed robbery and housebreaking. Smilie admitted only the robbery charge.

Jewellers Defeat Winston Pk 2-0

Dynes Jewellers Fastball team defeated Winston Park Caterers Thursday night in the Town Park by a score of 2-0. On the way to his shut-out, Andy Gionette, on the mound for Dynes, struck out 11 WP batters and issued four walks.

Chris Deakin started on the mound for Winston Park, but lasted only two innings. He gave up both runs and all three hits to the Dynes batters and walked three. Dynes started their scoring drive in the third when Derek Kinnersly led off with a single, Mickey Hancock tripled him home and Bob Smith walked. This put two men on base and none out and Deakin left the mound to be replaced by Don Crawley. Brian Lancelot then hit into a fielder's choice and in the milling around on the field Hancock scored. There was no more scoring in the game as Crawley struck out seven and walked two.

The line score was:

	R	H	E
Winston Park	0	2	1
Dynes Jewellers	2	3	1

6 Thornhill Night Trespass Arrests

Six young men were arrested by York Regional Police for trespassing by night in the Old Yonge Street area of Thornhill at 4 am Monday.

To appear at a later date in Richmond Hill Provincial Court to face the charge are: Stephen Telford, 17, of 743 Yonge Street, Apartment 701, Thornhill; Colin Argy, 19, of 195 Danzig Street, West Hill; Reginald Beveridge, 21, of 49 Boyle Drive, Richmond Hill; Patrick Findley, 19, of 9 Morgan Avenue, Thornhill; John Findley, 20, same address; and David Kindness, 19, of 160 Colbourne Avenue, Richmond Hill.

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