



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

"Documenting, celebrating and preserving the agricultural heritage of North Oakville"

Winter Newsletter 2010

Board Report

We have our permits to start renovations, install our new sign and more importantly install a gas furnace in the schoolhouse!

We are very grateful for a grant of \$1,500 from the Town of Oakville's Cultural grants Program, that is administered by the Oakville Arts Council.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 7PM beginning with a fantastic guest speaker- J. Brian Gilchrist. "The importance of understanding family and local history" Please contact Michelle michelle@tths.ca or 905-257-9080 if you are interested in a board position. We are looking forward to a very exciting new year; come be a part of it! Don't forget to renew your membership (\$25 for individuals & \$35 for families) made payable to Trafalgar Twp Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2J1

We are very pleased to announce that our very own Fred Hayward UE will be named a recipient of an Ontario Heritage Trust Community Recognition Award for Cultural Heritage. We nominated Fred because of his longstanding commitment to heritage in our community and beyond. Fred is the president of the United Empire Loyalists Association, one of our founding members and a resident of Oakville. www.uelac.org

Books for Sale

We are selling the Milton Historical Societies new book \$40 "Halton Scotch Block - people and their stories" area covered runs along Steeles Ave. south, 17 sideroad north, east between the 4 & 5 conc. and west Tremain. We will have them at our Speakers series meetings.

Trafalgar History Updates

Town Restores Over 50 Monuments in Historic Cemeteries

The Town of Oakville has restored more than 50 century-old headstones and monuments in the town's historic cemeteries. The restoration, which took place over the summer and cost \$50,000, completes the first phase of the town's monument restoration project. "These monuments are a lasting legacy of Oakville's early settlers," said Chris Mark, director of Parks and Open Space. "By restoring these markers, we preserve our history and honour the memory of these pioneer families." More than 2,000 headstones and monuments were identified in the town's monument condition survey for various types of restoration work including: raising markers, pinning broken pieces, stabilizing foundations and removing organic growth and vegetation. The monuments will be carefully restored according to the Ontario Heritage Act guidelines. The monument restoration project, which began this year, encompasses all seven of Oakville's historic cemeteries and will take approximately seven to 10 years to complete. For more information about the town's cemeteries visit www.oakville.ca/cemeteries.htm or call the cemetery office at 905-338-4236.



Speaker Series

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010, 7pm Palermo Schoolhouse (& TTHS Annual General Meeting)

"The importance of understanding family and local history"

Guest speaker: J. Brian Gilchrist

"J. Brian Gilchrist is an internationally respected genealogist and author known for his informative yet entertaining presentations. Although Brian is a descendant of the Hager's of Palermo and hence is related to many of the pioneer families of the area this lecture will be generic in nature. No matter where in the world your family originates from, the process for research and recording history is the same."

TTHS – Tuesday, April 27th, 7pm

Guest speaker: Richard Collins

(Richard is a local Mississauga historian, President of the Mississauga South Historical Society, and interpreter for the Museums of Mississauga).

Title and Topic to be announced.

TTHS – Tuesday, June 29th, 7pm

"A pictorial review of the early history of Halton County with a comparison of the development of north and south Halton featuring many of the settlements, entrepreneurs and industries."

Guest Speaker: Local Halton Author and Historian, John McDonald

John McDonald, a lifelong resident of Halton, has taken a keen interest in the history of the county for over 30 years. He has authored two books Halton Sketches and Halton Sketches Revisited. (The later is in its third printing.) John was born in Milton and has served for a ten year period on Halton Hills Council and Halton Region Council. He is a founding member of the Esquesing Historical Society and is presently active with the Milton Historical Society. John is currently writing a new book Halton's Heritage which will deal with William Halton (the man the county was named for) and a history of the various settlements (past and present) which made up Halton County."

Archives

We have been doing some cataloguing & sorting of the archives materials and came across this newspaper. We found it very interesting how some things stay the same and some things have changed. Thought you might enjoy it.

Dec 31 1966 Daily Journal Record (43 yrs ago)

Halton News Highlights listed in Year End round-up

Mayor urged the necessity for a special effort to attract industrial assessment to the Town

An increase in Oakville's crime rate was revealed by statistics released by Chief of Police Fred Oliver

Population 51,634- an increase of 2,545 over the previous year

Kinsmen Club & Minor Oaks Hockey Assoc. offered to pay \$30,000 towards the cost of an indoor artificial rink

Sale of the historic Chisholm estate at the foot of Navy as an apartment site was reported

YM-YWCA building fund campaign to raise \$1,213,844 was launched

Jan 24- heaviest snowfall in 21 yrs

New police building would include TV and microphone "bugging" devices- aroused opposition

Local 707 United Auto workers opened a conference on united action for clear water

One way traffic system for downtown Oakville recommended

Residents organize to oppose plans to build an apartment complex on the former Chisholm property

46 Bulls sold at the annual bull sale at the Hays sales Arena (SE corner Dundas & Sixth Line)

Ford Truck Plant opened

Strange looking flying objects reported by residents over the lake

\$45,646 surplus for the year reported by Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Association

St Paul's United Church formally opened

A resident forming a society for Analysis of Unidentified Contrivances from Extraterrestrial regions

Oakville Historical society urged measures to preserve old part of Oakville from destruction.
Shortages of manpower and housing in Oakville were revealed in a labour survey report to council.
5 Oakville high school students go to Ottawa with a petition signed by more than 4,000 Oakville residents to send bushels of wheat to aid the starving in India
More than 3,000 youngsters marched in the 11th annual Boy & Girl Scout parade to George's Sq.
BP Refinery of Canada & Shell Canada Ltd. announced a plan to control air pollution at their refineries
The Oakville & District Chamber of Commerce launched a probe into Oakville's housing crisis
A study of Oakville's future hospital needs was authorized by the board of governors.
Halton County's first Oakville based mental health campaign for education and funds was opened
Oakville council endorses a report of Halton Conservation Authority criticizing quarrying operations.
Maple Grove residents petitioned the board of Education to build a secondary school there
White Oaks Secondary school officially opened
Blakelock High School won annual Bathtub race
Oakville Central library building began
Youth bureau formed by the Oakville Police Dept
Tenders accepted for Oakville's new fire hall
6 youths sentenced in Oakville court for under age drinking

Research- Irene Saunders provided us with information on settlement requirements.

SETTLING DUTIES – 1818 - To clear and fence 5 acres for every hundred acres granted; to build a dwelling house of 16 by 20; and to clear one half of the road in Front of each Lot; the whole to be performed within eighteen months from the date of this Ticket.
Location Ticket – not transferable.

AFTER NOVEMBER 20, 1830

Notice is hereby given by Order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council: that in lieu of the Settlement Duties heretofore exacted, the following Settlement Duties shall be required in respect of all Locations made after this date.

The Locatee shall clear thoroughly the half of the road in width, opposite to the Front of the Lot, by burning or totally removing all the timber, wood and underwood of every kind therefrom. He shall cut down all the stumps for the space of 10 feet from the centre of the road, so low, that a wagon wheel may easily pass over any thing that stands within that space, and he shall sow with grass seed the road so cleared.

Upon proof that this has been done, and that some person has been constantly resident upon the Lot for the space of two years, a Patent may issue without other Condition of Settlement Duty – But in cases where the Lot has not been occupied, a Patent shall not issue until the Locatee, in addition to the Road Duties above prescribed, shall have wholly cleared the timber from the Front of his Lot for the space of a Chain.

If proof of Settlement Duties, as above required, with, or without residence, be produced to the Surveyor General within two years and a half, the Lot shall be again open to the Locatee.

It is further ordered, that the above regulations shall not interfere with the Order in Council of the 19th of May, 1830, which applies exclusively to discharged soldiers, and in respect to whom the period of residence is hereby appointed to be three years, instead of five, as prescribed by the Order.

And further that in respect to all Location made before this date, the Grantee shall have the option of performing the Settlement Duties either according to this Regulation, or to the Regulations which were in force before the making of this Order.

Lastly, it is ordered, that where a Grantee has a Grant of more than one Lot in a Township, and resides upon one of them, the Settlement Duties in respect to those Lots, on which he does not reside, shall consist of the Road Duty, and the clearing the Chain in Front of the Lot, as above mentioned.