



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

Summer Newsletter 2009

Board Report

Member at Large- vacant- Please email Michelle if you are interested in filling this vacant position.
michelle@tths.ca or 905-257-9080

The waterproofing of the school basement is really, really happening- we have been assured this time! June 15- June 29th.

We have submitted our renovation request for the schoolhouse to the Oakville Heritage Committee and are waiting to hear when we will be presenting to the committee.

We may have an opportunity to have the Palermo Hall flag pole installed behind the schoolhouse. The discussions regarding this are very much in the beginning phase. You can see the flag pole in the picture below. The flag pole was erected as "Our thank offering for daddy's spared life" quote taken from scrap book of Anson Buck's daughter. The photo in the scrap book is dated 1914.

Trafalgar History Updates

Fire at Appelbe House- There was a fire set at the Appelbe House on Dundas just west of Trafalgar Road. Most of the damage was done to the interior and the house will still be able to be restored by the developer. Many of you will remember that this home was badly damaged by youth last summer and the developer boarded it up and installed a fence around it. The Town of Oakville is requiring some further safeguards be put in place to protect it. If you are driving in North Oakville & South Milton this summer please be on the look out heritage homes that have been broken into and report them to the by-law department and the police.

1806 Wilmot Trafalgar Map- We are pleased to report that the map has been uploaded to Oakville Images by the Oakville Public library. <http://images.oakville.halinet.on.ca/results.asp?q=wilmot>

We want to thank the library summer student Jacquelyn Bennett and the new historian at the library Shauna Clinning for making this great resource available. To get your bearings when looking at the map, Dundas Street is the line running about midway on the map between 1st Concession South and 1st Concession North.

Scanning Date this Summer

The library has their summer student now and we are waiting to finalize a scanning day this summer. If you don't want to wait for the scanning day then feel free to submit photos to us on a disk and we can have them uploaded to Oakville Images. The photos must be 600 DPI, colour, and saved as a TIFF file using the correct naming convention which is TTOI (TTOI for Trafalgar Township Oakville Images) and then the initials of your name and then the number of the photo starting with 001. So for Michelle Nicole Knoll the first photo would be labeled TTOI MNK001

Membership renewals

Renew you memberships for 2009 (\$25) made payable to Trafalgar Twp Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2J1

Research

We now have a large metal filing cabinet at the schoolhouse and are going to start moving the archives to the upstairs room of the schoolhouse in July so it will be functioning for our fall fair in September. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to sort through the material and start cataloguing it.

Doors Open

This year we are participating in Doors Open Oakville on Saturday September 26th. From 10am to 4pm. We will hold our annual fall fair on that day. If you are able to help us out as a volunteer or are interested in having a heritage display please let us know. We have not finalized all the details yet but will have wood kits for the kids to build, a lunch BBQ, archive area, Ross Wark will have some of his Post Card collection on display, Joyce Stephenson will have her book on St Johns available for Sale and would be happy to talk about any of the church's early history. Halton peel Genealogical Society will be out an able to help you with many of your local genealogy questions. Our collection of early school books will be available for you to walk down memory lane as you remember your own school days.

Speaker Series

We had a good crowd out to hear Richard Collins speak on transportation in Trafalgar. We look forward to seeing all of you for our next guest speaker.

Tuesday, June 30th, 2009, 7pm- Palermo Schoolhouse

Alan Skeoch, Author & Historian

"Your Home on Native Land"

*A chance crossing of the First Nation barricade at Caledonia in 1006 and an almost missed comment about a First Nations boy by his mother led Alan Skeoch to write **YOUR HOME ON NATIVE LAND**, an imaginary dialogue between Born With Eyes Open and a female elder in which the whole sorry history of aboriginal history from first contact to the present land claims controversies is discussed. At heart of it all is the land we call Canada. Whose land is it? Issues and people: Legends of Creation, Pontiac, Brant, Tecumseh, Amherst, smallpox, buffalo, wolves, war, numbered treaties, reserves, Frank Calder, the Lubicon Cree, and more.*

Inquiries

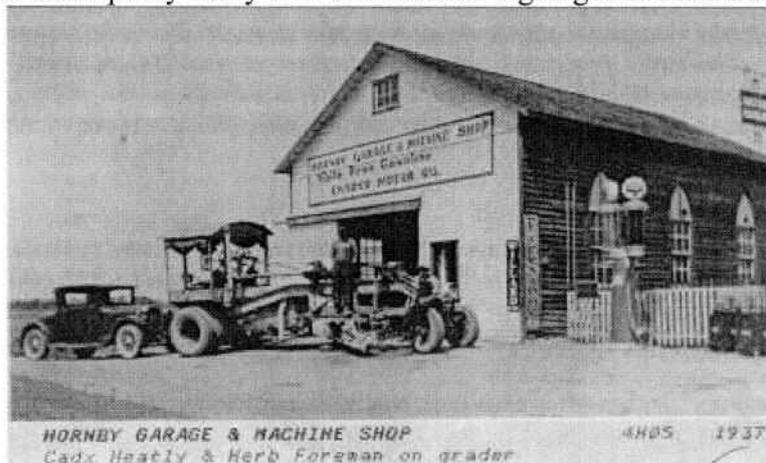
We have had a few inquiries lately and are wondering if any of our readers have some information on the following.

Brookdale Public School is celebrating their 50th anniversary which includes the area between 3rd and 4th Line, QEW to the lake. They are collecting "Did you know..." facts about the area and its history. Let us know if you have any photos or stories.

Henderson Bridge- Both the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton are looking for information on this bridge located on Lower Base Line between Hwy. 25 and Fourth Line, where the road dips abruptly to the south. They are looking for photos and want to know the age of the stone abutments which seem to be quite old.

Palermo-A restaurant at Bronte Rd & Dundas is going to be renamed "The Palermo Public House". They are looking for old photos to put up on the walls.

The Hornby garage has some pretty fancy side windows for a garage? Is there a story to this building?



Palermo Hall Research by Irene Saunders



COMMUNITY HALL — This is Palermo's Community Hall, an outgrowth of the former Temperance Hall, the scene of many literary efforts. This was erected by the people of Palermo who take great pride in their achievement. It is situated just off the corner on the Station Road.

From Canadian Champion dated January 9, 1913

HALL OPENING — The new public hall at Palermo will be opened next Wednesday evening, 15th inst., by a grand concert and fowl supper. The following artists have been secured; - Miss Estelle Carey, soloist, Centenary Church, Hamilton; Mrs. Hamill, elocutionist, Late of Paris, France; Mrs. (Dr.) Hopper, soloist, of Waterdown, late of Winnipeg; John A. KELLY, ventriloquist and funny man, of Toronto, and R.C. Symmers, accompanist, of Hamilton.

Walter Harland Smith, chairman. Admission 50 cents, reserved seats, 75 cents.

Canadian Champion dated January 16, 1913

PALERMO'S NEW HALL, - About 500 people attended the concert and fowl supper on the evening of the 15th inst., the opening of the new public hall. There was a bountiful supply of fowl and other delicacies, so large that a quantity was left over and given away. Walter Harland Smith presided as chairman. The proceeds amounted to about \$500. The hall cost about \$3000. There is a balance of \$700. unpaid, but the committee expect to raise it before next spring is over. Harry Heeks, Lawrence Hager and John A. Deering are hall trustees.

Heritage Events Around Halton

Esquesing Historical Society

Sat June 10-St. Stephen's Community History - Ken Whaley will speak to EHS about the community of St. Stephen's Church at Hornby and will lead a short walk about of the cemetery. This will be preceded by our annual pot luck dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your selected dish with your own plate and cutlery. Coffee and tea will be available. ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, Steeles Ave. at 9th Line, Hornby, Dinner @ 6 p.m.; Meeting @ 7:15 p.m.

Sat June 20-Walking Tour of Georgetown – Join local historian and author Mark Rowe on a walking tour with EHS of the Park District. It will last about one hour. KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main & Church St., Georgetown, 9:30 a.m.

Wed July 1-Walking Tour of Glen Williams – Join local historian Mark Rowe on a walking tour with EHS of Main Street on Canada Day. It will last about one hour. WILLIAMS MILL, Main Street, Glen Williams, 10:00AM.

Wed Sept 9- Beardmore Tannery - Well known local historian and author J. Mark Rowe will illustrate Acton's leathertown history for EHS and explore the company that generated its leather producing reputation. St. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, Church & John St., Acton, 7:30 p.m.

Milton Historical Society

Saturday, June 20th The Lorne Scots Regiment will be holding a Freedom of the Town Ceremony and a Change of Command Parade in the Town of Milton, ON from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The Lorne Scots are a proud and decorated unit of the Canadian Army Primary Reserve (Militia) with long-standing traditions and strong ties to the Peel, Dufferin and Halton regions. <http://www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/documents/LorneScotsFreedom.pdf>

St Paul's Petition to save this Church from demolition
<http://www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/Projects/St.%20Paul's%20Demolition/index.html>
or sign it in person at Milton Historical Society (Waldie Blacksmith Shop): 16 James Street

June 18 Pot Luck 6:30

July 17 Cruisin on a hot summer night event MHS will feature Pre WW II Cars display on their grounds

September 26 Milton doors Open

October 24 Level One Blacksmith Class, Registration required Inst. Mr. Darwyne Hourie

Oakville Historical Society

Sunday June 14 from 12noon to 4pm The Band Concert is being held in Oakville Lakeside Park. Free to everyone. Sponsored by the Town of Oakville and the Oakville Historical Society (rain date is June 22)
Bring your Picnic Hamper, Lawn Chairs, Family and Friends
Enjoy a great day wonderful music and lovely breezes from the Lake

Saturday September 26 & Sunday 27 Doors Open