



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

Summer Newsletter 2011

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Board Report

Okay- I am a little late with this "summer" newsletter, but it is still summer and I still have time to squeeze in a fall one!

We have submitted our concerns regarding the Town of Oakville's Public Engagement Tool Kit. We wanted to draw attention to the fact that historical societies were not included in the list of groups that were to be notified when decisions on road naming was taking place.

We have some new partners at the school house. The cubs/scouts will be using the building and the grounds one evening a week. We are very excited to have them join us and they are interested in helping out with projects at the schoolhouse and will be helping to cover some of the building costs.

We are in need of more board members urgently. We really need a few more people who could pitch in. We need people to help with the following...

Scan all our documents so we have back-up copies of everything for safety.

Co-ordinate renters at the schoolhouse.

Write funding proposals

Dust & clean monthly

Help file and sort everything for the archives

Put together the newsletter 4 times a year

Assist with organizing the fair & distributing posters

Plan a grade 3 curriculum & promote it to the schools.



Time To Renew Your Membership for 2011

Don't forget to renew your membership. We count on this income to cover the heating and insurance costs of the schoolhouse. (\$25 for individuals & \$35 for families) made payable to Trafalgar Twp. Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Miss. Ont. L5A 2J1

Donations

Thank you to Alan Norton who has donated a number of his father & grandfather's books to our collection.

Thank you to Jan & Lance Bicknell who has donated a prayer book belonging to J. Hardy of Sheridan, some other books, some doilies, an apron, a cap and more.

Thank you to Lois Rose who donated a top hat, painting of a house on Royal Windsor Drive, or Highway 122 as us old timers call it (please note I am transcribing from Jane Watts notes here- she is an old timer- I still have a few more years!), a photo and postcard album which she made up of all original photos of the Hardy/Gilby family.

Thank You to Mario Testa's son and a crew Irene Saunders put together for tidying up the basement over the summer

Thank You to Nancy Brunelle who donated a school desk..

Schoolhouse Speakers Series

Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm – John McDonald will be joining us.



Schoolhouse Open House Dates

Our July open house was such a success that we squeezed in an August one as well! We are getting a great turn out to these. Feel free to drop by and bring something for “show & tell”!

October 14th is our next date. The school is open 1:30-3:30 for people to go through our archives, to visit and reminisce.

TTHS Fall Fair

Join us for the TTTHS Fall Fair September 24th during Oakville Doors Open 10am to 4pm at the schoolhouse. Featuring Fred Oliver display, a photo exhibit & sale, early school book and desk display, children’s activities, heritage group displays, BBQ, archives room available for research. If you would like to share your family heritage information or artefacts that day please let us know.

I found this photo of one of our first fairs. Joyce Burnell is dressed in heritage costume. Joyce was one of our supporters and passed away at the age of 90 in March of this year.



TTTHS Board Meetings

Our next board meeting is at the schoolhouse at 3pm on Tuesday September 6th at 3pm. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in discussion. michelle@tths.ca

Scanning

Anne choate Little continues to add new photos so please check in on the <http://images.halinet.on.ca/search> site from time to time. Anne has recently added a number of Ross Warks Bronte post cards.

Queries & Contributions

Artist J. Weykamp

Mike & Lesley Stott own a painting by J. Weykamp and have been trying to find out who he or she was. We have a scan of a painting by Weykamp (TTOIDED0018) which is a scene of horses and men working on a road that is called “Pulling Stone for Trafalgar Road”. The painting they have is one of an old woman asleep in a chair. The signatures look identical.

Can anyone help?

Trafalgar Post Offices

Irene Saunders sent in this response to the question about the Traflagar Post Office. When he took over the general store at Postville in 1925 my uncle, Leslie Bradley took over the job of postmaster as well. It was always called the Trafalgar Post office and was at the rear of the store. I don't know the name of the former post master. You'd have to go to the registry office to find that. I know that Uncle Leslie's pay was not as much as the former postmaster because they said he didn't have the experience..

The rural mail carrier for that area dropped off the mailbag each morning for the Trafalgar Post office and took the bag with the outgoing mail. When he sold the store the post office moved across the road but it didn't last long there.
Irene S.

Peachill

Nancy Rorke asked about the location of Peachill. Jane found some Lustys in Georgetown and Acton. Could Peachill be somewhere on the border of Trafalgar and Esquesing, which meet up on Steeles Avenue? Can anyone help with this one? Could it be the name of a farm?

THEO & HARRIET LUSTY MARRIED 20 NOV 1854 ,
PEACHILL, TRAFALGAR, ONTARIO,
MARRIAGE BY THE REV. D WRIGHT

Hugh McLean & Jane Barr

John Wood sent in this information..... I have been researching my family tree and came across an article in one of your online publications in regards to 3269 Dundas St. West, Oakville. You requested genealogical information and I'm hoping you find my information helpful.

My great-grandparents are Hugh McLean and Jane Barr. They emigrated to Canada from St. Mungo's Parish, Lockerbie, Scotland in September 1920 and moved immediately into the 1 ½ storey house at that site. They operated the farm as a dairy with some swine and poultry. It's our understanding that Hugh sold the family estate in Scotland and invested all his money into the Palermo property. At the onset of the Great Depression he was employed by E.D. Smith, Hamilton, the manufacturer of jams and jellies. The income he made from that job supported his family in Palermo and kept the farm in the family. In 1930 Jane died leaving the three younger children at home. The three children, age 12 to 17 continued to farm the property until 1933 when it became impossible to continue. The farm was sold and the three younger children were sent to live with older married siblings. My grandfather remained in the employ of E.D. Smith until his death in 1949. The picture I've included is my great grandmother, Jane Barr. The back of the photo simply said, "Palermo 1924" I hope some of this is of interest to your historical society.



Heritage Events Around Halton

- September 14th. **Esquesing Historical Society- Sherlock Holmes: The First Criminal Profiler** An exploration of the 60 stories that introduced the world to this literary icon by by Doug Wrigglesworth. Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- September 15th **Milton Historical Society** Marc Boileau- Towers of Time ; Waldie Blacksmith Shop at 16 James Street at 8p.m
- October 12th. **Esquesing Historical Society- Bats, Balls and Sticks – Sports in Halton Hills** While hockey defines our interest in sports today, it was not always so. Author John Mark Rowe will explore the waxing and waning of sport throughout Halton Hills (Esquesing). Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- October 20 **Milton Historical Society Anne Fisher, Heritage Milton**, Waldie Blacksmith Shop at 16 James Street at 8p.m
- October 23 **Halton Peel OGS** Gwen Armstrong, The New Family Search; Four Corners Branch Library, 65 Queen St., Brampton @ 2p.m.
- November 27 **Halton Peel OGS** Brian Gilchrist, Thinking Outside the Box; Four Corners Branch Library, 65 Queen St., Brampton @ 2p.m.

TRAFALGAR

PLAN of the Second TOWNSHIP

In the tract of Land lately Purchased from the Mississauga Indians



NORTH SHORE LAKE ONTARIO

Scale Forty Chains to One Inch
June 28th 1806

Saml J. Wilmet
27 Surveyor
"Trafalgar Dist. of Gore Parish"

1812-1816 TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS**(By Irene Saunders)**

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