



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

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Board Report

Our July archives Open House saw the attendance of an Oakville Beaver photographer and 5 visitors.. Over the summer the Town did some work on the Schoolhouse windows and doors; giving them some needed repairs and a fresh coat of paint.

Heritage Fair –

Saturday September 29, 2012 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Join us at the Palermo One-Room Schoolhouse (2430 Dundas Street West, Oakville, admission is free.

Featuring:

Open Archives
Heritage Displays
War of 1812 re-enactment
Display on 2nd Regiment of York Militia 1800s
Trafalgar Booklets sale
Canadiana Book sale
Rural Routes Photography sale
Treasure Table & Collectables sale
School Books and Desk Display
Halton's Heritage available for sale

Lend A Hand -

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 & promote renters at the schoolhouse for income.
Write funding proposals
Dust & clean monthly
Help file and sort everything for the archives
Put together the newsletter 4 times a year



Video

A link to the Palermo Schoolhouse promo video done by the Burl-Oak Theatre Group

<http://youtu.be/AbbNlyETCvE>

Donations

Two school desks were donated from the Britannia Schoolhouse. Thanks to the schoolhouse & Glen and Jane Watt for picking those up.

Schoolhouse Speakers Series

November 27th, 2012 at 7pm Guest Speaker: J. Mark Rowe from the Esquesing Historical Society.
Topic to be confirmed. www.esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca

The next meeting will be our Annual general meeting on February 26th at 7pm. We are urgently in need of board members to step forward to keep the society going. We have 2 board members retiring.

Schoolhouse Archives

You are welcome to visit our archives on Thursday October 25th; Friday December 7th and Friday February 22nd between 1:30-3:30. We are always adding family histories, journals, relevant school texts (elementary), photographs and postcards. Items can be scanned and returned.

Town Request

Dundas widening.

We have received a request from the town to pass on a link for the Dundas widening proposal. The deadline for comments is September 28th. Here is the link: WE have already submitted our comments but the more the merrier! We are concerned about the proximity of the road to the cemetery & schoolhouse and potential damage. We also see no mention of heritage signs, or a heritage design to the bus stops near Munns and Palermo..

<http://www.halton.ca/cms/one.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=25607>

Town Heritage Planner Info

Barn at 145 Burnhamthorpe Road West

This used to be on the same property as 185 Burnhamthorpe Road West, (Featherstones) which is listed on the Heritage Register. The barn is pretty unstable and there are concerns with ongoing vandalism. We are working with, the owners, to do something similar to what we did with the Kaitting House. That is, to salvage stone and timbers to construct a new structure, such as a shade structure or pavilion, in a new park in North Oakville.

Barn at 3075 Trafalgar Road

This is at the NE corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. The barn itself is not actually original to the property, and was likely constructed in the 1930s. There are no large timbers or barn boards in the building – the frame construction is fairly modern and the cladding is all sheets of metal. At this time, it does not look like staff will recommend designation of the barn. However, there is one older section of lakestone on the one end of the foundation walls, and we'd like to see this material made available for salvage. This would be a condition of approval of the demolition.

Queries & Contributions

Pig and Whistle Inn

1st Email: When was the Pig and Whistle inn demolished and by chance was it run as a pub in the late 80s early 90s? If so I have information that it was involved in smuggling during prohibition. I was doing

construction on a patio 91 92 and found a tunnel that connected the basement of the inn to the lake on the other side of the road. 2nd Email: Sorry I have since found out that it was restored as part of the Hearth and Stone by the Lake complex. Any info regarding the bootlegging tunnel or if it was found during restoration?

Wanye Devereaux. Sgt wayne.devereaux@forces.gc.ca

Origin of Brillinger Street in Oakville

I would like to know the origin of Brillinger St. in Oakville. Perhaps the Historical Society would have some details as to the naming of the street. Was the area a part of the William B. Howell land? Was the street named after a local politician or early settler? Diane McDougall dp.mcdougall@sympatico.ca

Old Well Near Ford

Anyone have any idea who in Sheridan it might connect to?



Brickworks Bronte Creek Valley

Contribution from Tom Murison:

I found the site of an early brick kiln in Bronte Provincial Park yesterday.

The kiln was operated by Thomas Willoughby, before 1861. He was described as a brickmaker and mason. The red clay bank that the material was quarried from, various depressions that were pits for softening and mixing the clay and one large special brick that was probably used to build the "beehive" kiln were visible during my visit. Brick from here was used to build the Ralph Breckon House on Lot 33 in the park. It is possible that other brick from here were used within a few miles, possibly in Bronte and Palermo. I also suspect that Willoughby was using slash and offcuts from the sawmill across the creek as fuel for his kiln. He may have been making 50,000 or more brick a year which would be enough to build a large house, or a one room school. The bricks in the house (I am narrowing it down to around 1861) have a shallow irregular "frog" typical of early brick that were hand moulded.

Silo at Sheridan

We were contacted by one of our members about concerns regarding the Sheridan Silo and we contacted the Town on their behalf....Directly in front of Tim Horton's at the corner of Winston Churchill and QEW, is the landmark yellow silo. This and the stone cairn are the only two visual reminders of the community of Sheridan. A piece of unpainted plywood has been slapped over the opening to the silo, and an open electrical box is mounted on the side of it. I don't know if the electrical box is live or not, but it could be a hazard if it is. The

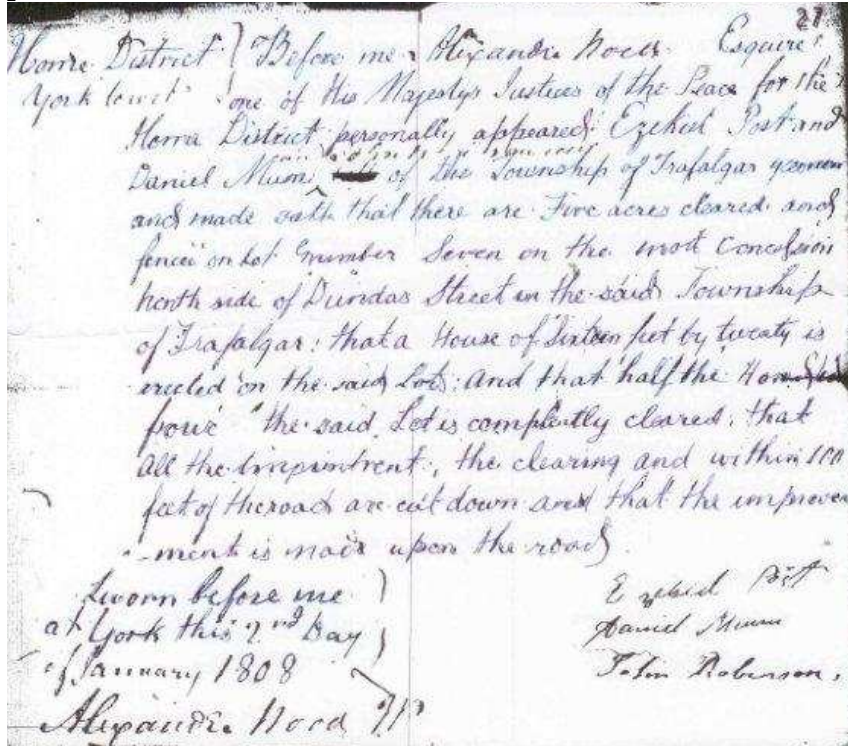
plywood would prevent vagrants from living there, but its unsightly. Is there anything the Historical Society can do to improve this situation?

Town of Oakville Response:

The silo is listed on the Oakville Heritage Register, but that only gives us 60 days' notice of an intention to demolish. We don't require heritage permits to changes to the silo and don't have any grounds to request changes to the unsightly plywood. I'll pass along the concerns about the open electrical box to our by-law department to see if they can check into it.

Munns School Website

We were contacted by the Halton school board to see if we had any photos of Daniel Munn to provide to the school for the Munn's School Website. WE couldn't find any photos but found his signature. Please let us know if you have any Munn's family photos that we could scan and pass on to them.



Heritage Events Around Halton

- October 10 **Archeological Sleuth** Tom Murison will discuss the evolution of the Fallbrook site, settlement of Canada West, and presence of native settlement. Knox Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Georgetown, 7:30pm
- October 11 **"War of 1812: The Big Picture."** Dr. Carl Benn, Chair of the Department of History at Ryerson University. Maja Prentice Theatre, Burnhamthorpe Library, 7:00pm.
- October 17 **Incorporation of the Militia in 1813.** Richard Feltoe, author of "Redcoated Ploughboys." St. Johns United Church, Randall & Dunn St, Oakville, 7:30pm
- October 2012 **Oakville Historical Society Ghost Walks.** Running October 4-29. See www.oakvillehistory.org for full list of dates, times, and prices.

1834- 1846 TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP ORIGINAL LAND GRANTS (By Irene Saunders)

Name of Locatee Residence	Lot	Conc	Date Issue	Trans	Type	Lease/ Archival Reference	
1834							
Hyland Daniel Deed No.	E ½	6	10	5	18340319 ND	S CL 01 C1113 001 057	
Finch James C Deed No.	Trafalgar	25	2NDS	8	18340410 ND	L CL 01 C13 152 130	
Laugtry William Deed No.	NE ½	27	2NDS	5	18340109 ND	S CL 01 C1113 001 057	
McGibbon J S Deed No.	NW ½	9	2SDS	5	ND 18340131	S CC B3 025 002	
Leach Robert Deed No.	N ½	14	2SDS	5 7	18340930 18360216	S CC B3 025 119	
Sumner William J Deed No.	N ½	15	2SDS	5	18340705 ND	S CL 01 C1113 001 202	
1835							
Petticrew William Deed No.	Trafalgar	6	2	8	18350903 ND	L CL 01 C13 152 138	
1836							
Moore Jas. Deed No.	E ½	11	3NS	5 7	183610 183610	S CC B3 024 168	
1837							
Applebe James Deed No.	15	2NDS		5	18370920	S CL 01 C1113 01 202	
1839							
Hislop John Deed No.	NE ¼	2	2SDS	5	18391205	S CL 01 C1113 001 202	
Hislop James Deed No.	NW ¼	22	2SDS	5	18391205 ND	S CL 01 C1113 001 202	
Cooper Timothy Deed No.	Nelson	EP	29	3SDS	2	18390909 ND	A 01 C15 014 007
Cooper Timothy Deed No.	Nelson	E ½	29	3SDS	2	18390909 ND	A 01 C15 001 055
1840							
Orr Joseph Deed No.	Trafalgar	E ½	7	10	2	18400627 ND	A 01 C15 001 409
Orr Joseph Deed No.	Trafalgar	E ½	7	10	2	18400627 ND	A 01 C15 014 048

HIXSON Joseph	Trafalgar	EPT 33	3	8	18400113 ND	S	CR	CR	01 C1114 010 060
Wetenhall James Deed No.	Nelson	NWPT	29	3	8 18400929 ND	S	CR		01 C1114 010 078
Carter James Deed No.	NW ¼ 19	3	5	18400528 ND	S	CL			01 C1113 001 202
McQueen Angus Deed No.	Trafalgar	3	3	2 184007 ND		FG	COMM		01 C13 092 017
Bowen Arthur Deed No.	Barton	E ½ 19	3SDS	2	18400702 ND	A			01 C15 001 159
Creighton Wm Deed No.		SE ¼ 9	3SDS	5	18400819 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 001 202
Pettit Ashman Deed No.		NPT	33	4(SDS) 5	18400704 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 001 202
1842 Ireland Joseph Deed No.	Trafalgar	S ½	32	2SDST	8 18400326 ND	S	CR		01 C1114 010 098
1846 Stout John Deed Mo.		NE ¼ 8	1NS	5	18460401 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Bowes John Deed No.		SE ¼ 8	1NS	5	18460405 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Trotter John Deed No.		W ½ 8	1NS	5	18460708 ND	FG	FF		01 C13 018 027
Parritt Francis Deed No.		S ½ & NE ¼	33	2	5 18460326 ND	S	CL		01 C1413 002 088
Freeman Chas Deed No.		N ½	8	2SDS	5 18460901 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Freeman JAS Deed No.		N ½	8	2SDS	5 18460901 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Sherburne Jas. Deed No.		S ½	29	2SDS	5 18461218 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Peacock William Deed No.		S ½	29	2SDS`	5 18461218 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
Chisholm William Deed No.			15	3	5 18460401 ND	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088
McCartney David		E ½ 12	4NS`	5	18460726	S	CL		01 C1113 002 088