



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

## Spring/Summer Newsletter 2013

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### **Board Report**

Congratulations to our members, Doug Kirkwood & Michelle Knoll for receiving the Diamond Jubilee Award. We are preparing to have grade 3 classrooms in Oakville start to visit the schoolhouse in January 2014. We have sent out invitations to all the schools and are getting the curriculum ready. We hired a summer student to assist in this and you will see an introduction from her later in the newsletter. We are very grateful for her help!

### **Heritage Fair**

Join us on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Palermo One-Room Schoolhouse (2431 Dundas Street West, Oakville just East of Bronte Road) to celebrate Oakville's heritage. Featuring: heritage displays, artifacts from Trafalgar homes, photography display panels, school books and desks display, Rural Routes Photography sale, Trafalgar booklets sale, Canadiana book sale, and a BBQ. Admission is free.

### **Front Door Repairs**

A big thank you goes to the Beaver Scouts for their benevolence as they repaired the front door to the schoolhouse.

### **Desks**

Thank you to Mary Davidson for her generous donation of a school desk to the Palermo schoolhouse. We are still in need of another 12 antique school desks. Please let us know if you have one that you would like to donate or if you know where we can find one.

### **Omagh**

On Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> a dedication took place at the Omagh Ball Diamond (Fourth Line and Britannia Road). The bell taken from Omagh one room school was unveiled. Thank you to Inside Halton for the photo.



### **Summer student**

This summer TTHS hired Morgan as a summer student to help initiate the grade 3 one-day program by writing a lesson plan to compliment the Ontario Ministry of Education Grade 3 Social Science curriculum. The program is designed to introduce students to the life of pioneers as well as the history of Halton County. The program is due to start welcoming students in January 2014. In addition, Morgan has worked on other projects for TTHS such as scanning land registries, cataloguing books at the schoolhouse and helping to prepare for the Historical Fair in September.

### **What's New at the Central Library**

Heather Martyn, is the new Local Collections Librarian at Oakville Public Library, drop in & say hello.

### **Heritage Events Around Halton**

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| September 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Alexander Family Farm Day at Halton Region Museum from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (Adults \$5, children free) |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | "Whiskey and Wickedness in Halton" by Larry Cotton in Oakville at Halton-Peel OGS                        |

## Queries & Contributions

### William Caswell

We had an inquiry in February asking about the presence of a William Caswell in the York region in the period 1809-1812. In their research the inquirer discovered a petition signed by William Caswell and forty others dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 1809. It is addressed as "The Petition of the Inhabitants, Settlers on Dundas Street in the New Purchase" and petitions for improvements to Dundas Street. Any further information can be sent to Robert Lendt at [boblendt@gmail.com](mailto:boblendt@gmail.com).

### George Sim

In June we had an inquiry regarding George Sim and his family with the intention of finding his grave site in Oakville. Jane Watt discovered some information at St. Jude's Cemetery on George and his wife Agnes Donald as well as their son Charles D. Sim who died in action at Arras, France in 1917. Any further information could be sent to Betty Heuthorst at [theobeth@hotmail.ca](mailto:theobeth@hotmail.ca) or her son at [twheuthorst@gmail.com](mailto:twheuthorst@gmail.com).

### Robert Martin Stranaghan

In June Bob Banting expressed interest in finding some information on his great grandfather Robert Martin Stranaghan. His two children were Robert and Lily. He owned a farm in the Palermo area but it has not been located yet. Any information can be sent to [bob@banting.ca](mailto:bob@banting.ca).

## Some of the New Photographs in Archives

Thank you Anne Choate-Little for scanning all of the new photos and other documents.



Trafalgar Boy's Band, 1957

Trafalgar Boy's Band parade in Oakville's Centennial June 30, 1957. Any further information on this band such as when it started and how long it lasted would be appreciated. Donor: Ross Wark.

Charlotte and Billy Long on the Palermo farm in 1915.  
Donor: Wayne Long.



On the left is a beautiful hand sewn cape worn by Alisemon Hardy around 1900.  
Donated by Lois Rose.

Robert Gorman and George King levelling the road on Hwy 5 in front of their Kingsholm Farms. (Dundas between sixth Line & Neyagawa. Donor: Malcolm & Elsie King



## New Developments

In light of the high level of development, a number of homes in the Dundas area are being researched to try and save them from demolition. If you have any information or photos on the families or the properties please contact us.

### The James Appelbe House

The Town has let us know that the Appelbe house will be incorporated into the new subdivision. It will be relocated 75 metres to the northwest of its current location. The house is to be restored and a historical plaque will be installed near the house. Name suggestions for the surrounding streets are: Jemima McDuffee (wife of James Appelbe), Sabina Hanson (daughter of James and Jemima), Robert Swanson (son of James and Jemima), Huguenots (Appelbe descended from French Huguenots), James Thompson, Post Corners, Ernest Francis (son of Robert Swanson, also a WWI veteran).



### 2346 Lower Base Line

The town is asking if anyone has information on the Stout family who lived at this property. They are expecting a demolition application. It seems to have been owned by the Stout family for about 90 years.



### 273 Burnhamthorpe Road East Lot 2NDS 13 c1870

The owner of this property has submitted a demolition application for the farmhouse. The property was first owned by Evan Jones in 1841.



### 41 Dundas Street

A demolition application has been submitted for the property at the Northeast corner of Dundas and Sixth Line. WE believe the home may have sections as early as 1806. We hope that the home will be retained in the new development.



### 191 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E. & 4243 Sixth Line

In February David Eckler's firm, Architects Rasch Eckler Associates Ltd., was preparing a Cultural Heritage Brief about these farm properties and were asking for more historical background. The Town of Oakville's records indicated: The farmhouse on 191 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East was built in the 1840s and is of Vernacular style. Both the Tremaine Map of 1858 and the County of Halton Illustrates Historical Atlas of 1877 list Daniel McDuffee as the owner. The home at 4243 Sixth Line was built in 1898. In 1842 James Appelbe received the Crown Patent for the property.

### Memoirs of Kingsholm/Kaitting Farm

In July Malcolm passed along some information and memoirs of the Kingsholm Farm written by his Aunt Jean, daughter of George Herbert and Jessie Mary (Caverhill) King. The memoirs were written for her grandchildren about her growing up on the farm. George King and his wife Jessie Mary bought the Kaitting house in 1909. George died in 1966 and Jessie Mary, their son Gordon and his wife and their two children lived in the house until 1969 when it was sold in October. The wife of Gordon King, Delores King, is still alive and reported that Jessie Mary told her the original log cabin was in the west field by what is now Dundas Street. It was in this cabin that the first white child of Halton County was born. It is likely that this was John Kaitting's child. Delores also reported that they farmed close to 300 acres. Photo: George and Jessie Mary. Donor: Malcolm.



## Selected Information from the Trafalgar Township By-Law Books (1852-54) - pt. 3

### **Bylaw 49 1852-** Bridge planks

Ed Rutledge, Jno McKenzie, Richard Stevens

Pathmasters: Jno Rentner, Jno Beaty, Thomas Dent, Samuel Jull, Lewis Dennis,

Commissioners: Ed McCann, William Bigger, A. Proudfoot, Samuel Conover,  
Thomas Tisdale

Rebuild bridge Hollidays Mill Bridge John Evans & William More

### **Bylaw 51** Roads

Cordingly use of stump machine

Albert Hillard plank for bridges

H M Switzer Bridges

Thomas Little scraper

M Bray scraper & plank

John Dempsey Aid

Robert Smith plank

John Collinson relief

### **Bylaw 52** January Election Locations

1 Milton Thompsons Inn Thomas Bowes

2 Utter's Hotel (Late Hills) 7<sup>th</sup> Line Patrick Crawford

3 Post's Inn Dundas Peter Kinney

4. Oakville House Robert Balmer

5 Simon's Inn Palermo James White

### **Bylaw 53** Alter school section areas

Join ½ of lots 10 north and south of Dundas to SS. 3

### **Bylaw 54 & 55** Roads

Hugh Mason, John Dempsey, William Cumming, R Balmer, Wm Kennedy, Andrew  
Cunningham, David Hyland, Thomas Crozier, Richard Moore (notes indicate I  
didn't write down the entire list)

### **Bylaw 57** payments for reeve and selection of jurors 1853

### **Bylaw 58** Election locations and Overseers

1. Hamptons Inn Milton Thomas Bowes
2. Utter's Inn 7<sup>th</sup> Line James Williamson
3. Post inn Peter Kenney
4. Oakville House Robert Balmer
5. Simon's inn Palermo James white

**Bylaw 59** Licence of Auctioneers

**Bylaw 60** Regulations for shop keepers, storekeepers, and others selling wines, brandy or other liquors, ale or beer by retail.

**Bylaw 62** S.S. #14 school

S.S. #14 erect an addition to the schoolhouse 13 Feb 1854

**Bylaw 63**

Prohibiting absolutely the sale of wine, brandy and other liquors in this municipality taking votes same as general election and in the same place. Signed W Chisholm Town reeve

**Bylaw 67**

Town of Oakville to purchase a fire engine May 1854

Bylaw 68 Levying of an assessment on the Lunatic Asylum

**Bylaw 69**

Oakville grammar school S.S. 14 funds to maintain the school

**Bylaw 70**

Regulations regarding animals running at large

**Bylaw 71**

January 1855 election locations and Overseers

1. Halton House Milton Thomas Bowes
2. Auburn Inn 7<sup>th</sup> Line James Bussels
3. Posts John L Bigger
4. Oakville House Robert Balmer
5. Thompson's Inn, Palermo James White

**Bylaw 73** Saloon or Eating House Licences

Milton, Palermo. Bronte & Oakville December 1854

**Bylaw 75-** School Section detailed boundaries- to be continued next newsletter