

Donations

Thanks to the following people for their donations...

Anne Taylor who donated a school desk, a seat for another desk, washstand set of pitcher and washing bowl, sampler, coal oil lamp and some blacksmith pliers.

Donald Featherston, recently donated a framed photograph of the Halton County Council of 1910. His great grand father was the deputy Reeve of Trafalgar Township at the time. The pioneering Featherstons arrived in Drumquin (Trafalgar Twp.) in 1830.

Jim Kinnie for two school desks, a teachers desk and his grandfathers carved teacher's pointer.

Ann Striker for the school books and Bronte Boys & Girls Club scrap book as well as a quilt that had been made for her mother, Irene Bumby who had been a war bride. This quilt was a welcoming gift to her from the ladies of Walton Memorial Church when she arrived in Bronte after the war. Irene was called, "Renie" by her friends. WE took photos of the quilt that will be added to our digital collection. Ann also brought some school books.

Archives

Over the winter, spring and summer of 2013, our book collection, school texts, and print archival materials were catalogued. These are available for your use during open houses. We continue to receive requests for information about pioneering families, cemeteries, schools, churches etc. We welcome your donations of family histories, photographs, postcards, and books of local interest.

Queries & Contributions

Roy Brownridge asks "Do you have any pictures of the tree that was in the middle of the road about 2-3 hundred feet west of 4th line? also the church on north side since removed" Can anyone shed any light on this and provide photos and information about this church and tree?

In the archives we have a photo that is labeled "Blood Street" Palermo. The building in the photo looks to be the foundry. Can anyone tell us where Blood Street was and why it would have been named that?

Bronte Historical Society asks "We had a visitor to Sovereign House, who had acquired a glass milk bottle at an auction ("Bronte Dairy" was embossed on the side of this item). He is asking for information regarding this dairy.



2347 Royal Windsor Drive

Does anyone have information on this home. The owner is planning on requesting demolition. Any information you can share may help us preserve the home.

We had a query regarding Samuel Covenhoven (the family later changed their name to Conover) who was granted lot 2 North of Dundas on 19 Jun 1806. His son James Conover married Julia Lambert. As the daughter of a UEL she received a free grant and received Lot 3 South of Dundas. 2 other sons -Garrett who married Sarah Kenney and moved to Essex Co. and Peter Covenhoven who became a Methodist Minister. He is buried in Palermo Cemetery. Samuel was noted in one of the books by Perkins Bull as being an innkeeper. The family was involved in the founding of St Peter's Anglican Church in Erindale. The family had 2 daughters, Eleanor who married Moses Teeter in 1803. They settled lot 10 North of Dundas in Toronto Township. The other daughter, Rebecca married John C (Cearl/Searle) Harris in 1794 in New York State. The moved to Upper Canada about 1802 and was granted lot 26 south of Dundas on 19 June 1806. About 1812 he sold this land and acquired the southern 100 acres of lot 7 concession 3 south of Dundas. He lived here until his death in 1841. I don't have a death date for Rebecca. One son Samuel acquired the north half of lot 5 concession 3 south of Dundas. He and his family sold the property in 1865 and moved to the USA. Over time the Conover's married McCraneys, Urquharts, Martins, Trillers and other old Trafalgar families. I am interested in any information (and in sharing information) on the Covenhovens and Harris families. John and Rebecca Harris had 9 living children. Dorothy, Eleanor, Lydia (married Abraham Fish), Anna, John Edward, Samuel (married Sophia Riches), Levi (married Anna Huffman), Mahettable (married Oliver Fish and died in childbirth in 1833. Buried in Cox Estate Cemetery) and Margaret. I am especially interested in finding more information on the Harris daughters.