



Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

Winter 2017 Newsletter

Society News & Updates

- Are you interested in joining the TTHS Board? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can help bring attention to the Society's work and support our ongoing programs. The Board meets up to six times per year on Friday afternoons. If you would like to join us, please email Michael Reid at mreidattths@hotmail.com.
- The TTHS hosted another **successful Archives Open** day on Friday January 20, with several visitors and a new membership sold! Many thanks to Ross Wark, Jane Watt, and Anne Choate Little for hosting this event.
- Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst, Heritage Planner, District East/Central Planning Services, Town of Oakville, has allowed

the TTHS to add images of the **new heritage panels** placed in Memorial Park on Oak Park Boulevard. The TTHS contributed historical information and expertise about Trafalgar Township families throughout the development of the plaques.

Originally granted to Amelia (or Aurelia) Jones in 1808, this lot changed families numerous times throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. In more recent history, the Hays family used the property for their cattle auction business. The family operated a purebred livestock auction and exported top purebred cattle all over the world, resulting in three family members being inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Nearby Hays Boulevard is named after this family.



Lot allocation from 1877 Township survey, Lot 14 highlighted.

This property once contained an early 20th century brick farmhouse located close to Dundas Street. To the south and west of the house was the hired man's house and several barns built over the years, including the original gambrel barn and other structures built later for the auction business. Former MP of Halton Centre Barbara Sullivan grew up in the brick farmhouse in the 1950s.



Tom Hays Sr. running a cattle auction in the new barn, 1960s.

To the west of the farm, the third Munn's School was constructed in 1900. The original school for the hamlet was built on the cemetery lands on the southeast corner of Sixth Line and Dundas Street.



Munn's School S.S. 3A, early 20th century.

An excerpt from the "Local Farms" plaque in Memorial Park. Image: Town of Oakville.



Installed in November 2016, the new plaques in Memorial Park commemorate area farming settlers in Trafalgar Township. Image: Town of Oakville.

Including this information in the TTHS digital collection allows researchers to more easily find the photographs and information, and to connect it to other online local area history collections. The full plaques can be seen in Memorial park or [easily viewed online](#).