

3195 Bronte Road Demolition

A home at 3195 Bronte Road was recently demolished, leaving members with many questions. Tom Murrison reports that he believes this was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bildad Simons, that had been at the SE corner of Bronte & Dundas, where the medical building now stands. This is the house that was moved in Jan. 1955, as per our archives photos. It is believed based on the birthdates of their children that this is an early 1800 built home and that the back part was likely a hewn timber frame. This home was not on the heritage registry so there were not extra steps in place for when the owner requested the demolition permit.



Buck Family Reunion 1922 Photograph Used in Research

Barbara McPhail contacted TTHS about a photograph in our online collection on Halton Images. She was conducting research on the former George Copeland Buck House, Trafalgar Township, now 1675 Thompson Road, Town of Milton, and asked if she could use our photograph of the Buck Family Reunion of 1922 in her work. Of course, we were pleased to assist Barbara in her venture.



Guest Speaker John Mark Rowe on the Village of Hornby

John Mark Rowe, writer and archivist with the Esquesing Historical Society, spoke to our members and friends on April 4th about “Hornby; Gateway to Two Townships.”

Hornby was part of two townships: Trafalgar New Survey (1818) and Esquesing (1819). The village’s position at Steeles Avenue and Trafalgar Road made it a centre for several businesses and religious institutions.

Early log schools were replaced in 1870 by a union school for Esquesing and Trafalgar students known as SS #AE.

Traffic on Trafalgar Road encouraged hotels and taverns in both Hornby East and Hornby West. The Brain Family Brewery, build in 1834, supplied the many local taverns. The post office, established in 1841, was in Hornby West and closed in 2008. Gone too, are the C.P. Railway station, and the Hornby Repeater Station.