



# Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

## Winter Newsletter 2009

### Board Report

All of our drawings to get our building permit to begin our renovations at the schoolhouse have been given to the Oakville Building department. We have been told that it takes about three weeks to get the permit so are hoping for a great Christmas present! Once we have the permits our contractor will start immediately.

When I drove by the schoolhouse this weekend I saw a crane type truck so am hoping that means the Palermo Hall flag pole will be installed very soon behind the schoolhouse. Hopefully in time for our Nov. 24 meeting!

The Alchemy group of companies has completed the design for our school house sign. The drawings have been sent to the Town of Oakville so we can get our sign permit and proceed to install it.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 7PM beginning with a fantastic guest speaker- J. Brian Gilchrist. Please contact Michelle [michelle@tths.ca](mailto:michelle@tths.ca) or 905-257-9080 if you are interested in a board position. We are looking forward to a very exciting new year; come be a part of it!

### Trafalgar History Updates

#### Hagar Hotel

The hotel was sadly, demolished last month. This is a huge loss to our North Oakville Heritage. It is very sad that the Town of Oakville did not feel this significant building was worth fighting for. We want to thank our volunteers and the Hagar family for providing research and attending meetings to try and preserve this building.



#### Scanning

Why not spend your winter hibernation going through your old photos and scanning them for us to submit on a disk or loaning them to us so we can scan them for you! The photos must be 600 DPI, colour, and saved as a TIFF file using the correct naming convention which is TTOI (TTOI for Trafalgar Township Oakville Images) and then the initials of your name and then the number of the photo starting with 001.

Since our last newsletter we have uploaded 100 new photos to Oakville Images. The recent photos include Wilkinson, Clark, Norton & Marlatt families. Please see the one at left to help you with your fashion sense as you prepare for the cold weather ahead.

We still have more from the Norton family to upload as well as the Breckon family. Thanks to Warren McCrae and Alan Norton for these additions!

### Trafalgar Post Offices

David Hobden contacted us this month regarding information on Trafalgar's Post Offices. He is a collector of post marked letters and will be out at our November meeting. Please come out to connect with him and share information.





### **Glenorchy Conservation Area**

Our board member Mike Tzekas has been our representative at the Glenorchy Conservation Area meetings over the last year. Thanks to his efforts the final report for the area is proposing that there be a heritage trail leading from behind the schoolhouse into the conservation area. We are very excited about this potential new partnership and opportunity to expand the educational opportunities at the schoolhouse. Glenorchy Bridge c1900

### **Membership renewals**

Renew your memberships for 2010 (\$25) made payable to Trafalgar Twp Historical Society. Send to Jane Watt, 3089 Jaguar Valley Drive, Apt. B2, Mississauga, Ont. L5A 2J1

### **Research**

A few people have offered their assistance to help Ross Wark in cataloguing our archive materials. We will be waiting until the renovations are completed to do this on a large scale as we do not want any of the documents at the schoolhouse during the renovations because of the dust.

### **Doors Open**

We had a fantastic turn out at our Family Heritage Fair on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>. We have been told that we had the largest attendance on Saturday of any of the venues! We had 100 people come out to visit us. Thanks to all our volunteers- especially Jane Watt for organizing everything! Thank you to Mattamy for covering the cost of the pony rides! Ross Wark had some of the archives set up and had an amazing collection of his own collection of artifacts for us to look through as well as some booklets for sale with all proceeds donated to us. Lorna Bartman & Jean Watson brought out their collection of photographs and record book from the Palermo Blacksmith shop. Lois Dunnington donated a Palermo Hall chair that we now have on display at the schoolhouse. Evelyn Bullied charmed us in her pioneer costume and we also had a donation of a school music concert award medallion! (Can the person who donated the medallion please email me us as we failed to write down your name as the contributor!) Thanks to Gord Kaitting for purchasing & donating a BBQ for us! Altogether we raised \$300 at the event.

### **Speaker Series**

#### **"From Survey to Protection: An Introduction to the *Ontario Heritage Act*"**

Speaker: Sarah Cossette, Culture Services Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Culture  
Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Palermo Schoolhouse 2431 Dundas Street West at 7PM

#### **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 7pm Palermo Schoolhouse (& TTHS Annual General Meeting)**

J. Brian Gilchrist, Reference Archivist and noted Canadian Genealogist

### **Inquiries**

We have had an inquiry regarding homes off of Sixth Line below Upper Middle. Does anyone have any early photos or stories from this area? Was it a village?

We have a disk with scanned images of Cliffview Farms. We do not have a record of who donated the disk or where Cliffview Farms was located. Can anyone help with this?

Does anyone have a copy of the Trafalgar Township Crest pre 1952?

### **Books for sale**

We are selling the Milton Historical Societies new book \$40 "Halton Scotch Block - people and their stories" area covered runs along Steeles Ave. south, 17 sideroad north, east between the 4 & 5 conc. and west Tremain. We will have them at our November & February meetings.

### **Heritage Events Around Halton**

#### **Burlington**

**Nov 9** Canada's War Memorials, Burlington Historical Society, 905-333-1345

**Nov 22** An Old-Fashioned Christmas, Ireland House, 905-332-9888

**Dec 10** Candlelight Tours Of Yesteryear, Ireland House, 905-332-9888

#### **Esquesing Historical Society**

**Wednesday November 11** at 7:30PM Brief History of Great Lakes at Halton Hills Cultural Centre Georgetown

**Wednesday January 13** History of the Anglicans in Norval at Knox Presbyterian Georgetown 7:30PM

**Wednesday February 10** Huron & Mississauga Residents of Halton Knox Presb. Georgetown 7:30PM

#### **Flamborough Heritage Society**

**November 14 Annual** Fall Book sale St James United Church 306 Parkside Dr. Waterdown

#### **Knox Presbyterian Church Milton- 170 Main St.**

**Monday, November 30-** 12 Noon -Halton County & the 1918 Influenza. Tickets \$12 905-878-6066

**Milton Historical Society-** Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street Milton

**Thursday November 19** "Bicycle History as Captured Through the Lens of a Camera" - Lorne Shields

**Thursday December 17** "MHS Christmas 'Pot Luck' Dinner" 6:30 pm

#### **Oakville Historical Society**

**Nov 18** A History of the Lorne Scots, Oakville Historical Society, 905-825-5552

#### **Oakville Public Library & Halton Regional Museum**

**Thursday, November 26** Oral history workshop with Patricia Skimore-Skuce at Halton Regional Museum 9am-noon \$20 [bnorris@oakville.ca](mailto:bnorris@oakville.ca) or 905-815-2042 x5045

### **Research**

Irene Saunders provided us with the list of subscribers from the Tremaine Map. Please see below. We would like to thank Irene for all her hard work ensuring that the history of Trafalgar Twp. Is preserved! Irene has had a rough month in hospital but we are happy to say that she is back at home and getting back to her usual determined self! Please drop her a line if you have a chance!

**LIST OF TRAFALGAR NAMES, PROFESSIONS AND RESIDENCES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS FOR THE MAP  
OF THE COUNTY OF HALTON. Taken from TREMAINE MAP/ 1858**

HUGH MULHOLLAND, Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill con. 1, Lot 6, SDST  
 GEO. HALLIDAY, Proprietor Water Saw Mill con. 2, Lot 21, NDST  
 JAMES RUXTON, Proprietor Water Saw Mill con. 1, Lot 15, New Purchase  
 REV. GEO. WASHINGTON, Wesleyan Minister  
 JOHN CLOW, Hotel Keeper, Munns Corners  
 THOMAS PATTERSON, Hotel-keeper, Drumquin  
 HENRY MOFFITT, Hotel-keeper, con. 11. Lot 8, New Survey  
 HEMPHILL, Do con. 3, Lot 10, NDST  
 GEO. TINDILL, Black-smith, conc. 10, Lot NDST  
 JOHN CAVELL, Black-smith, con. 10, Lot 8  
 EDWARD McLERMAN, Black-smith and Carriage maker, Milton Road  
 SAMUEL BOWMAN, J.P. Proprietor Tannery, con. 7, Lot 23, SDST  
 GEO. POWELL, Farmer  
 GEO. K. CHISHOLM, ESQ., Mayor  
 ROBERT PALMER, ESQ., Town Clerk, Postmaster & Clerk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Court  
 ROBT. K. CHISHOLM, Collector of Customs, and dealer in Real Estate, and Issuer of Marriage Licenses.  
 REV. JAMES NESBITT, Presbyterian Minister

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JOHN P. ALMA, ESQ., Barrister, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public Ac.  
 ROBT. J. WILSON, ESQ., (removed to Whitby)  
 C.W. FLACK, M.D., Physician & Surgeon  
 H.J. OGDEN, M.D. DO  
 JOHN DIAMOND, Editor of the and Printer  
 JUSTUS W. WILLIAMS, Town Treasurer, N ¼ Lot 9 con. 3SDS – 1847  
 GAGE HAGAMAN & Co., General Merchant and Grain Merchant  
 JAMES REID & Co.  
 A.DOUGLASS Co.  
 J.A. BEATY, General Merchant  
 W. F. ROMAIN, General Merchant & dealer in produce and Real Estate  
 JAMES ARNOTT, General Merchant  
 OBADIAH MARLOTT  
 JOHN BARCLAY DO  
 T.D. ROBINSON, General dealer in Groceries, Wines, Liquors  
 P.A. & A.R. McDOUGAL, General Merchants  
 WHEELER & CREAK, General dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Wines & Liquors  
 CHISHOLM & MOORE, Chemists and Druggists (retired)  
 JOHN URQUHART

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W.A. ROBERTSON, Hardware Merchant  
 THOMPSON SMITH, Lumber Merchant  
 R.C. COOTE, Book Seller and Stationer  
 DAVID P. BRAY  
 CHARLES L. ROBERTS, General Grocer  
 JOHN A. WILLIAMS, DO  
 T.F. BILLING, Saddler & Harness Maker  
 HENRY GULLEDGE  
 JOHN DOTY & CO., Iron-founders and Machinists  
 WILLIAM WASS, Auctioneer and Land Agent  
 WILLIAM SHERBURNE, Boot and Shoe-maker  
 CHARLES DAVIS, DO do  
 WILLIAM WALSH, DO do  
 JEREMIAH HAGAMAN, Carriage, wagon and Sleigh maker  
 CHISHOLM & Bro., Merchant Miller

**THOS. C. CHISHOLM, Harbour Master and Forwarder**  
**DUNCAN CHISHOLM, Manufacturer and Dealer in Tin, Copper, Sheet Iron Ware, and Stoves**  
**JOHN A. CHISHOLM, Farmer**

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**MILLBOURNE & BROTHER, Tanner and Leather Dealers**  
**JOHN WILLIAMS, Proprietor of the "Canadian" Hotel**  
**MELANCTHON SIMPSON, Ship Builder**  
**CHARLES W. THOMAS, DO do**  
**ORLOW WIELMIRE, Master Builder**  
**JAMES LIVINGSTON, Architect & Builder**  
**SAMUEL JUL**  
**JAMES McDONALD, Carpenter and Builder**  
**JOHN COWTON, Painter & Glazier**  
**REUBEN BROOKS, Proprietor of the "Frontier House"**  
**LEWIS BRADLEY, Baker and Confectioner**  
**PHILIP O'CONNOR**  
**TEIRE & Bros., Marble Dealers**  
**GEORGE EWAN, Proprietor of Planing Mill**  
**JOHN MOORE, Manufacturer and Dealer in Tin, Copper, Sheet-iron and Stoves**  
**CAPT. GEORGE B. CHISHOLM, Mariner**  
**CAPT. SAMUEL KINGSTON DO**  
**JOHN TERRY, Gentleman**  
**WILLIAM CANTLEY DO**

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**T.O. THOMAS, Turner**  
**JACOB BARNES, Blacksmith and Patentee of Reciprocal Ship and Well Pump**  
**JAMES KELLY, Blacksmith**

**BRONTE**

**E. WILLIAMS, Postmaster**  
**WILLIAMS & BELYEA, General Merchants & Grain Merchants**  
**HAGAMAN & Co, DO**  
**JAMES BELYEA, General Merchant**  
**F. WILLIAMS, CUMMER & Co., Proprietor of Saw Mill**  
**CAPT. JOHN BELYEA**

**POSTVILLE**

**H. POST, Innkeeper**  
**JOHN L. BIGGER, Postmaster and General Merchant**  
**JOHN McLEAN, Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill**