



Annual General Meeting to be held January 23

Milton Historical Society will host its 42nd Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 23, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street, in beautiful downtown Milton.

MHS President John Challinor II will present the Society's 2019 Annual Report, MHS Treasurer Sue Paul will present the Society's 2019 audited financial statements and a slate of new officers will be elected by members to the Society's Board of Directors.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour.

Members are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.



Annual membership is due for 2020 in January. So please send in your membership to the office. Only members are allowed to sit on the board. The form is at the end of this (and every) Journal.



Waldie's Blacksmith Shop was a busy place in December with ChristmasFest, the Book Launch and blacksmith courses.

Bowes House approved for designation by Milton Council

Historic Bowes House has been approved for designation by Milton Council under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Bowes House, originally located at 6311 Regional Road 25 but now located at 1335 Basswood Crescent, will be formally designated by Council once the 30-day objection period has expired. No objections are anticipated. Formal designation is expected to occur during the first quarter of 2020.

The one storey-and-a-half vernacular, mid-Victorian, timber-frame farmhouse was built around 1870 by Irish immigrant farmer Joseph Bowes, Sr. The home is considered a significant heritage resource to the community, partly because it is the second oldest known residence in the town of Milton.

It has an "L" shape that became very popular in the mid-to-late 19th Century. Its arched gable windows may have included detailing to emphasize its peak

and its relationship to the then-popular Gothic Revival-style of architecture. Most of the window and door openings are original.

The bay and arched windows, as well as the front entrance doors, are also unique. Almost all of the original exterior form of the home and many of its original internal features remain. Of particular note are the high quality of the interior mill work and the rare 18-inch wide floorboards.

Renowned Upper Canadian Methodist minister and community leader Anson Green is believed to have preached in the house and Mr. Bowes, Sr., was instrumental in the founding of a church and cemetery for the congregation, which still stands on the lot he severed and carries his name -- Bowes Presbyterian Church.

For more on the Bowes House restoration, turn to page 3.



MHS Essentials

Grant comes our way

Milton Historical Society has received a grant from the provincial government worth \$1,545.

The Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Cultural Industries made the announcement on Dec. 12.

“The Ontario government is committed to a strong culture sector,” said the press release. “This funding helps heritage organizations play a significant role in contributing to lifelong learning and the creation of vibrant, creative communities. The Ministry is pleased to be able to continue its support for heritage organizations.”

The Milton Historical Society is a non-profit group and operates on a shoestring budget so all assistance is helpful to obtain its objectives.

ChristmasFest nets \$300

With Downtown Milton celebrating the holiday season on Saturday Dec. 4 by closing Main Street, the Milton Historical Society piggybacked on it by holding ChristmasFest during the same time.

Cold weather helped send a large number of people from Main Street into the blacksmith shop where blacksmiths were selling some of their wares. MHS also sold a number of things (including seven Historic Homes books) which netted us \$300.

Thanks to all who helped with the setup and stayed to run the sale.

BLACKSMITH NEWS

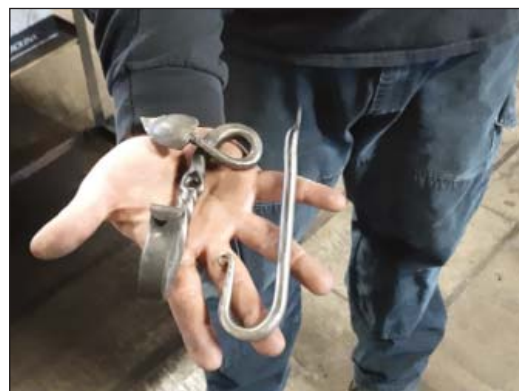
Looking for a present for someone who likes to work with their hands?

By Bruce Carlin

The schedule for Blacksmith Courses for the January to March 2020 period is now posted on the Milton Historical Society website.

The course offerings include the popular Beginner Blacksmith Course where students learn proper hammering techniques, use of the anvil and the techniques to form hot metal into useful objects!

The students in this course begin with making a “J” hook and progress to adding a decorative leaf to their hook and time permitting they will complete a third project. The students get to take their completed projects home. There is also a specialty course – Coal Tools and Tongs – where the students will create tools they can use with their own forge. In this two day course the students make a set of tongs, a coal rake, poker and shovel.



Students taking a beginning class at the blacksmith shop will make these two items and possibly a third item.

We have gift certificates available! We have also added a group rate for the blacksmith courses in 2020. For more information visit tinyurl.com/y4mfg8fh or contact Bruce Carlin at bdcarlin@gmail.com.

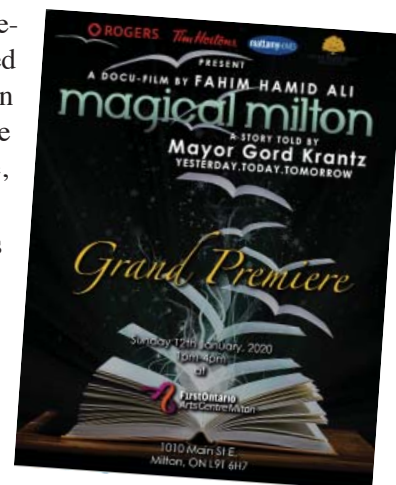
Magical Milton premieres Jan. 12

Magical Milton, the documentary film created by renowned and versatile local mixed media artist Fahim Hamid Ali, premieres on Sunday January 12, 2020, at 2 p.m. in the Mattamy Theatre, First Ontario Arts Centre, 1010 Main Street East, Milton.

The doors open at 1 p.m., the event is free-of-charge, but seating is limited to the first 500 patrons.

Presented by Mattamy Homes, Rogers Communications Inc., Tim Horton's and Given Road West Communications, Magical Milton is a story told by Milton Mayor Gord Krantz about the 163-year-old community.

Magical Milton will be entered and shown at film festivals around the globe in 2020 and beyond.





Bowes House updated nearly 200 years later

A legendary home within Milton has been given a bit of a sprucing up ready to tackle the next 200 years.

Under the guidance of Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes, the Bowes House was moved last year into a Mattamy subdivision not too far away.

Then the two partners -- Mandy Sedgwick, Mirella Marshall and their team went to work. The house sits a new foundation on a Mattamy lot. The side addition was replicated from the original and a second floor with an attached garage was added. The original part of the house boasts a living room, dining room and two upstairs bedrooms. The added wing accommodates a modern kitchen, eating area and mudroom on the first level and a master bedroom and ensuite on the second level. The house features a number of heritage attributes including the original posts and beams that have been left exposed between the old house and the new.

An original 12/12 wood window has been incorporated into the design and the original front door is now the entrance into the mudroom. The House backs onto the 16 Mile Creek and sold before it hit the market.



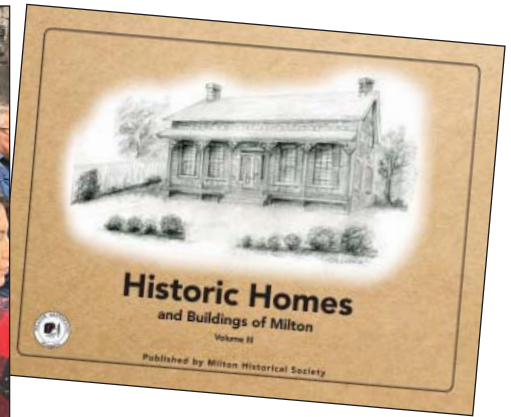
Here's the kitchen in the new home.



Mirella Marshall (foreground) and Mandy Sedgwick (back) stand in entranceway between the old house and new house.



Last year, the Bowes House was moved from its original site near the Masonic Temple to its new foundation within a Mattamy subdivision, about 500 meters south.



Full house attend launch of third volume in series

MHS launches Historic Homes book

Despite blustery, winter weather, a large number of people attended the launch of Historic Homes of Milton Volume 3 at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop on Saturday Dec. 14.

The four main participants to the book, Marsha Waldie, Mike Boyle, Anne Fisher and Ursula McDermid, were on hand throughout the day to sign copies and in some cases, offer further insights into the properties to the current homeowners.

Milton Historical Society president John Challinor II gave an introductory speech explaining the role all three volumes of Historic Homes of Milton have played in helping understand the buildings within the town.

Among the dignitaries who attended were Mayor Gord Krantz, councillors Colin Best, Kristina Derksen, Mike Cluett, Rick Di Lorenzo, Zeeshan Hamid and, of course, John Challinor II. As well, Milton's MPP Parm Gill, and Milton's newly elected MP Adam van Koeverden were in attendance.

Many homeowners whose homes are in the book took the time to attend the launch. It was an opportunity for many newcomers to learn about the Milton Historical Society and the role it plays in preserving and documenting Milton's history.



Here are the four main contributors to Historic Homes of Milton Volume 3. From left, Mike Boyle, Ursula McDermid, Marsha Waldie, and Anne Fisher.



Get your book

Drop into the MHS office at 16 James Street Milton, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon, and through the Milton Historical Society website under Historic Milton > Online Bookstore.

The book launch was attended by a number of local politicians. Along with the book participants are (from left) Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Councillor Mike Cluett, and MP Adam Van Koeverden.

Third volume of Milton's Historic Homes available for sale

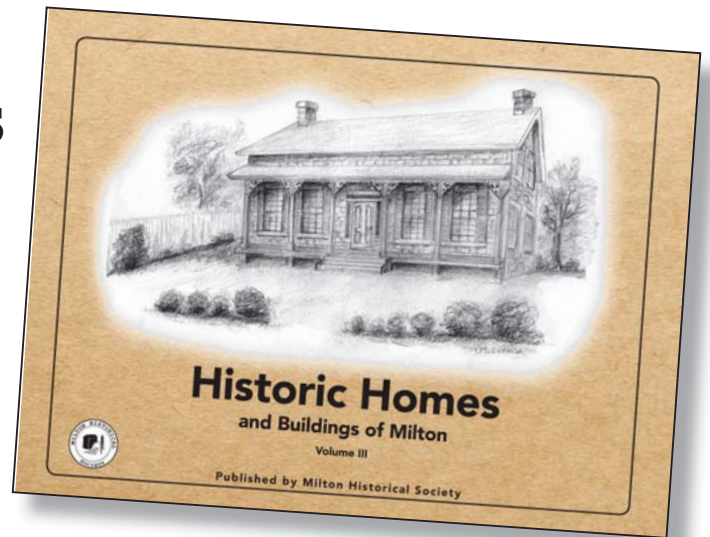
Ever passed by an older home in Milton and wondered about its history?

Milton Historical Society has just published a book featuring 73 historic homes and buildings in Milton.

This is the third in the series of Historic Homes and Buildings of Milton. The first book was published in 1991. That book was written and researched by Jack Charlton, with assistance from Alex Cooke and Jim Dills.

The second volume was produced in 2000 and was written and researched by Marsha Waldie and Jack Charlton, assisted by Alex Cooke and Jim Dills. Technical support and layout by Ken Lamb, Don Hayward, Rex Sutcliffe, Brian Williams and Konrad Richter.

This volume was written and researched by Marsha Waldie with assistance from Jim Dills, Kaye Hogg, Brenda Bousfield and Gloria Brown. Technical support and layout was supplied by Mike Boyle, Anne Fisher and Ursula McDermid.



Unlike the previous two volumes, this volume will feature colour photos of all the homes as well as detailed descriptions of the buildings, in addition to the buildings' histories and many names of those who lived in them.

Purchasing is possible by dropping into the MHS office at 16 James Street Milton Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon, and through the Milton Historical Society website under Historic Milton > Online Bookstore or www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/mhs-library/mhs-bookshop/



A group of Grade 10 students took two separate tours of downtown Milton in October. Teacher Chase Trull (far left, first picture) had reached out to MHS. Leading the tours were Wendy Schau (left) and Susan Butson (right).

Grade 10 students get first-hand downtown tours

A number of Grade 10 students from Milton District High School got a first-hand look at local history when they went on two distinctive walks in downtown Milton.

Their teacher, Chase Trull, reached out to the Milton Historical Society to engage 26 of his students in two different groups during the morning of October 30.

Let by MHS volunteer interpreters Susan Butson and Wendy

Schau, they were taken on separate tours of the downtown and Victoria Park.

The students had actually walked from the high school to Town Hall. Then they were greeted by Milton Town Councillor Colin Best and MHS member Marsha Waldie.

Any MHS member who is looking to get involved in similar activities is asked to reach out to Marsha at 905-875-4156.

MONTHLY MEETING



John Duignan (right) discusses the finer points of a jail cell door from the former Halton County Court House, now Milton Town Hall, with a guest at his recent Milton Historical Society lecture on local artifacts.

John Duignan (right) discusses the history of a ball and chain from the former Halton County Court House, now Milton Town Hall, with a guest at his recent Milton Historical Society lecture on local artifacts.

Milton Historical Society members captivated by John Duignan's collection of local artifacts

By John Challinor II

Beloved Milton native John Duignan, perhaps best known by most as a longtime local insurance broker but also well known for his unprecedented collection of historic Milton post cards, appears to have amassed an unparalleled array of significant local artifacts, including coins and tokens, bottles and churns, clocks and watches, books and photographs, commemorative china and glassware, militaria and jail paraphernalia, including one of the original steel doors from the former Halton County Court House, now Milton Town Hall.

In a highly entertaining, often humorous and historically enlightening audio-visual presentation at the Milton Historical Society's monthly speaker series on October 17, Mr. Duignan shared what he considers to be just an introductory glimpse into his vast collection of all things Milton.

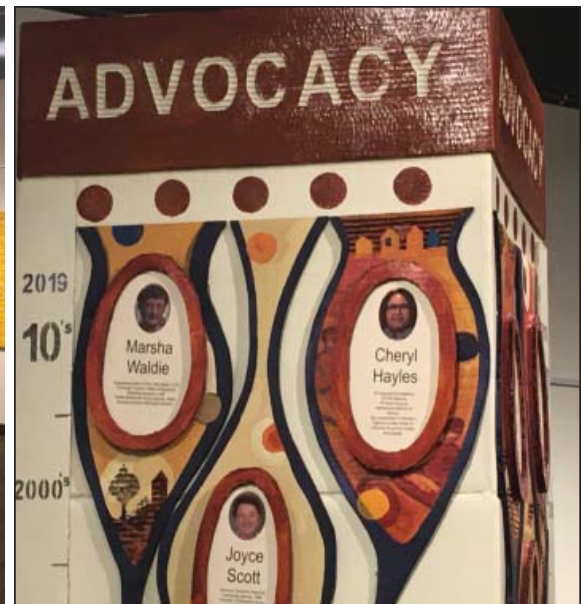
Many in attendance were confounded by the volume of local artifacts, the great stories behind each of them and the fact that many were produced locally. For example, a made-in-Milton desk clock. Who knew?

And, of course, no self-respecting local collection would

be complete without a P.L. Robertson assortment of screw drivers or Mr. Robertson's self-published solution to the Great Depression, entitled, *The Remedy*. In keeping with the high standard of the rest of his local artifacts, Mr. Duignan has acquired a noteworthy selection of rare drivers.

What was probably most remarkable to most was Mr. Duignan's personal story. Since his childhood, encouraged by his parents and grandparents, he has diligently but quietly scoured auction houses, estate sales, garage sales and, more recently, e-commerce sites like eBay and Kijiji to unearth local artifacts from all over the world, sometimes at considerable expense. Despite the magnitude of his current collection, Mr. Duignan soldiers on, as there remains local items of particular historical significance that he has yet to obtain.

What Mr. Duignan has accumulated so far is a very tactile, physical connection to Milton's rich history, as the story behind each and every artifact brings to life the community's earliest days of commerce, local government and community life.



Many MHS members recognized at exhibit

A number of present and past members of the Milton Historical Society were among the 100 recognized as part of a special exhibit this year.

The project was an undertaking of the Canadian Federation of University Women, CFUW, as it's celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The Milton & District Chapter collaborated with the Fine Arts Society of Milton to recognize 100 women who made a difference in Milton over the past 100 years.

The exhibit opened at the Holcim Galley, FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton on November 19 and ran until the end of the year.

Among those recognized from the MHS were:

Emma L. Bradley	Rural
Judy Hunter	Arts

Joyce Hayward	Arts
Joyce Beaton	Arts
Nancy Cuttle	Arts
Ursula McDermid	Arts
Marion Detler	Arts
Shelagh Conway	Advocacy
Marsha Waldie	Advocacy
Wendy Schau	Advocacy
Joan Kass	Advocacy
Jan Mowbray	Advocacy
Marjorie Powys	Politics
Zella Bonin	Business
Mandy Sedgwick	Business
Mirella Marshall	Business

MHS lines up good slate for 2020

Monthly speakers series off to strong start

Coming off a strong 2019, the Milton Historical Society Monthly Speakers Series will keep the ball rolling with a strong slate of guest presenters through the first quarter of 2020.

Immediately following the Society's Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 23, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., the 30-minute documentary film by Oakville Museum staffer Michael Brown, entitled, *Oakville's Early History*, will be presented to those in attendance in honour of the Town of Oakville's 163rd birthday.

Award-winning reporter and feature writer Mark McNeil

of the Hamilton Spectator, who is also a celebrated singer-songwriter and musician, combines the spoken word with music to create an informative, memorable and sometimes amusing presentation about the history of Hamilton. Mark will headline the Society's Monthly Speakers' Series on Thursday February 20, 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

The 100 Years, 100 Women Project, a joint initiative of the Canadian Federation of University Women Milton & District (CFUW) and the Fine Arts Society of Milton (FASM), will

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Ancestry rep captivates audience with story

She told how she found a Montreal woman's otherwise unknown Australian family

By John Challinor II

Illustrating how Ancestry.ca's AncestryDNA, family tree and other online tools united a now 90-year-old Montreal woman, who was orphaned at birth, with her siblings around the world, the company's community liaison, Lesley Anderson, had her audience at the Milton Historical Society monthly lecture series spell-bound as she led them through the intriguing stops and starts of a genealogical journey of discovery she led a couple of years ago.

Narrating a story worthy of a Hollywood movie or, at the very least, a Harlequin romance, Ms. Anderson successfully brought her elderly friend face-to-face with her extended family in Great Britain, the United States and Australia after a few years of intense genealogical sleuthing worthy of Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot or, at the very least, Miss Jane Marple.

Ms. Anderson said she owed her success to AncestryDNA and the millions of individuals around the world who have signed on to the Ancestry web site and completed their family trees. Without their participation in the program, her Montreal friend would likely have gone to the grave never knowing --



A full house gathered at the Milton Historical Society monthly lecture series to hear Ancestry.ca community liaison Lesley Anderson talk about genealogy.)

let alone meeting -- her biological family.

Given the level of interest locally in better understanding how to create and maintain one's family tree, Ms. Anderson is now scheduled to make another presentation at the Society's monthly lecture series in 2020.

Monthly speakers' series set for the year

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take centre stage at the Society's Monthly Speakers Series on Thursday March 19, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers Susan Snooks and Nancy Cuttle will focus their remarks on some of the more interesting stories behind this unique project.

The importance of collecting and preserving the stories and provenance behind family heirlooms and other important historical artifacts is the focus of renowned Treasured Collections proprietor Alison Hird when she addresses the Society's Monthly Speaker Series on Thursday April 16, 2020, at

7:30 p.m. Ms. Hird, a semi-retired museum professional who worked as collections manager at Dufferin County Museum for 12 years, now offers her expertise to help catalogue private and business collections as well as lead hands-on conservation workshops, while continuing to support Ontario museums through her knowledge of PastPerfect Museum software products.

Attendance at the Society's Monthly Speakers Series is free-of-charge and includes light refreshments, tasty snacks and great conversation following each presentation.



Milton Historical held two special Gourmet & Spirits nights near Halloween. Participants were treated to a special tour of Milton Town Hall by John McDonald (second from right in the picture on the right) and then were treated to a dinner at La Toscana Ristorante.

Food & Spirits events draw full crowds

Milton Historical Society's recent Gourmet Food & Spirits fundraiser was a ghoulish success, expanding from one night to two evenings to support the demand from Miltonians with a penchant for fine dining, mixed with a little local history and some intrigue.

Noted local historian and author John McDonald took MHS guests for a tour a pre-dinner tour around Milton's Town Hall, formerly Halton County Court House and Jail, on the evenings of October 23 and 29, sharing with them some un-

explained happenings around the 165-year-old building, including the stories behind a few hangings and a burial in the former prisoners' yard.

Then, it was off for some fine dining at La Toscana Ristorante, originally the Thompson House Hotel, followed by drinks in the old hotel's original bar room.

If only the walls could talk...

Watch for information on next year's Gourmet and Spirits Evening.

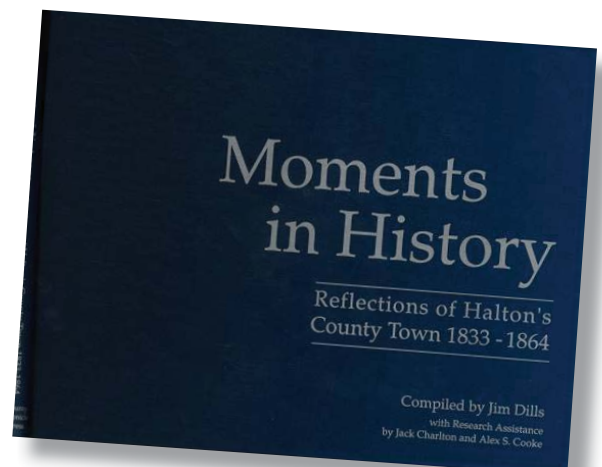
Free book with MHS membership

The Milton Historical Society is offering every new and renewing corporate or general member a free copy of Jim Dills Moments in History (a \$15 value).

Written in 1993, the hardcover book describes Milton's role as Halton's county town from 1833 through 1864.

To pick-up your copy, drop by Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street, any Wednesday or Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

We accept cash, cheque or PayPal.



Refinding a log home in Nassagaweya

By Mike Boyle

It all started when Bill and Marilyn Coxé decided to remove the old aluminum siding and renovate the exterior of their home.

By the time they're done, they'll have restored their home's exterior much to the way it looked when it was built by Bill's great grandfather.

Their century home on Sixth Line in Nassagaweya is getting its log home look back.

The home was built in 1854 by William Coxé, then only 20 years old, to house himself and his 18-year-old bride, Mary Storey, who came as a young child from Randalstown, Ireland in 1839. William had arrived in Canada in 1848, with his family from Cornwall, England.

As was the custom in the day, he had help building his two-storey log home. As the family grew to ten children by 1879, simpler additions including a summer kitchen were added to the log home from time to time. At some point, before 1914, the log exterior was covered with board and batten, essentially to reduce draftiness and help warm the home in the winter.

In 1958, Bill's father, Elmer Coxé, took it a step further and covered the exterior with aluminum siding.

Bill knew all along that there was a log home underneath the siding and boards and within the past six months, he's stripped most of the exterior back to the logs. He has completed three sides and will finish the job next spring.

To help insulate the house, Bill has added some foam insulation to begin the grouting repair between the logs. After 165 years, all the logs, especially on the front side are in excellent shape.

He had a little experience with the log exterior in 1991 when they tore down all the existing additions and ordered a complete Royal Home addition to the back of their siding covered log house.

Royal Homes specializes in pre-fabricated houses. At that time, it was the first occasion the company had been asked to build a house as an addition to an existing home so all the doorways and the elevation needed to be perfect.

To join the homes, Bill stripped that side of the house back to the log homes and treated the logs with a wood preservative.

Within the last year, in order to protect the foundation



Bill and Marilyn Coxé stand outside their home on Sixth Line. Bill's great-grandfather built this house.

and enhance the home, so began Bill's project of completing the exterior.

A few interesting facts:

- Electricity wasn't supplied to the home until 1952;
- A barn at the back still stands. It was built in 1861;
- The home has had only four owners and has been passed down from father to son each time – William Coxé to Robert Coxé to Elmer Coxé to Bill Coxé.
- The original allotment was 200 acres. It grew to 300 acres at one point. It's now 11 acres.
- Bill still operates a mechanic's shop on the premises;
- Although the original home has electricity, it doesn't have running water. The bathrooms, kitchen and all running water are in the Royal Home addition.



This photo was taken around 1914. Robert Coxé and his son, Elmer Coxé (Bill Coxé's grandfather and father) are on the right side in front of the log house with board and batten covering it. On the left side is the addition including the summer kitchen that were added in the 1800s.

Charles Kerr Kerr's Drug Store

Druggist • 1900-1966

Submitted by Marsha Waldie U.E.

The Kerr's Drug Store was located at 212 Main Street. Mr. Kerr came to Milton in 1936 purchasing the Rexall Drug Store. He and his wife Marion raised their three sons in Milton, William, Robert and James.

Charles was born in Madoc, Ontario and moved to Milton to buy the drug store.

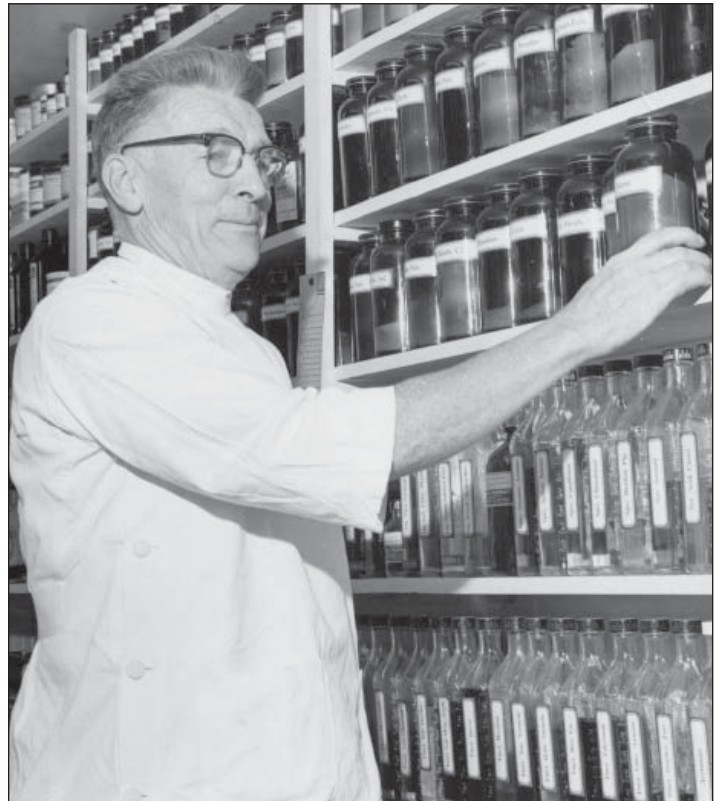
Over the years many residents depended on the local pharmacist working behind the counter to serve them. It is of interest that a drug store operated in this historic building for many years starting in 1864 with Henry Watson, then in 1894 it was Alfred Higginbottom.

Over the years many other druggist were to follow - John Bradden in 1914, John McKenzie in 1920, Charles Kerr in 1936 and Ken Elsley in 1962.

The building was also the original site of Samuel F. Taylor's tannery in the early 1850s. This was before Main Street had really developed. He purchased the land from approximately 190 Main Street to approximately 212 Main Street from Henry Huffman.



Ina Hannant stands outside the Kerr's Drug Store in 1949.



Charles Kerr came to Milton in 1936 and operated the drug store on Main Street until 1962. This picture is from 1962.

Businesses and Merchants of the Past

Do you know
the name and where
this business may have
operated?

Submitted by
Marsha Waldie U.E.



An interior photo of The Merkley Lumber Business which was located at the foot of the hill on Mill St, on the north side (north west corner of Mill St. & Garden Lane) today an empty lot. Mr. Merkley purchased the business in 1924.

This site started in the lumber business as of 1874 when

John Mitchell began his steam and sash factory. The site continued with various owners through the years with such names as Appleby, Hunter, Ezard, Jones, Somerville.

John Noble was the last person to own and operate the lumber business till about 1970.

The Time Capsule – A Night To Remember Celebrated anniversary, recalled old Milton

Milton Historical Society member Lawrence Cargill wanted to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his brother Paul's marriage to his wife Donna in style so the lifetime Miltonian rented the Royal Canadian Legion Hall for an evening last October 12th, dug deeply into the Milton Historical Society archives for photographs from his youth and invited the community to attend.

It turned out to be a great evening of nostalgia, re-connecting with old Miltonians and celebrating Paul and Donna's 1969 marriage. More than 600 family members, friends and acquaintances spent the evening poring over old photographs, listening to great music and swapping stories about old Milton.

From left to right, Milton Historical Society member Lawrence Cargill with Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Paul Cargill and Donna Cargill at The Time Capsule – A Night To Remember.



Heritage at risk

The Edwin Earl home at 111 Mary Street

This historic home is directly behind the McKersie Kocher Funeral Home and faces historic Victoria Park Square and Town Hall.

This home known as the Edwin Earl House has been left abandoned for a number of years. In 2014, the owners applied for a demolition permit, as they wanted to build a garage. Heritage Milton requested a Heritage Impact Assessment be submitted.

Following this report, Heritage Milton said the home was of a significant historic value and moved to have the home designated as a heritage home. At that point, the owner withdrew the request for a demolition permit and council decided against moving forward with the designation.

In hindsight that was a mistake as it was thought the owners would continue to be good stewards of this historic home or perhaps sell to someone who would restore it.

The Milton Historical Society did send a letter in February 2018 to the Town of Milton and followed up by attending the Heritage Milton meeting in April 2018 to complain that the home appeared to be left to the status of Demolition by Neglect.

We again requested Heritage Milton consider designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, as the property standards appeared to be a major concern. Since then the Town Municipal Enforcement has, on occasion, monitored the home. We understand the hydro and natural gas have been disconnected.

The home was built by Rev. Robinson and his wife Jane and is a front-gabled Victorian, wood-frame cottage with a porch. In the early 1890s, Edwin and Mary Earl purchased



This home on Mary Street is at risk. The owners haven't taken any steps to preserve it.

this home and raised their six children.

The home has major local cultural heritage value because of its architectural value and its historical or associative value in that for over 40 years it was the home of Edwin Earl. He was a mayor, reeve, well-known businessperson and community leader. It also has contextual value, as it is one of the original homes facing Victoria Park and the Mary Street landscape.

It is hoped that when one purchases a heritage home they realize the responsibilities they should have to previous and future owners to keep the home in good repair.

Today this heritage home is still at risk!

Some work done on Peru House

A concerned resident's plea to properly mothball an historic home at 94 Peru Road appears to have been answered. For more than five years, this home has sat empty. Weather has started to take its toll on the roof and as recently as a few months ago, the roof was covered in tarps.

The tarps have been removed and the roof has been fixed.

Also known as the Socrates Center homestead, this home was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act by the Town in 2017.

The surrounding area is being considered for future development.



The little church at Milton Heights – All Saints

Submitted by Marsha Waldie U.E.

*Excerpts of Memories by Lillian Farlow
(nee Transom), January 31, 1968*

The following is some information, which Lillian's father Arthur Transom gave her and from an old Minute Book found in some papers of her mother's.

Rev. W. Mackenzie, who was the rector of Grace Anglican Church from 1875 to 1893, started to have prayer meetings in her grandfather Hamilton's barn. Rev. P. Mignot, 1893-1897, continued the meetings. Rev. White began having meetings in different home, known as Cottage Prayer Meetings.

In 1893, James H. Transom and his wife Mariam came to live in the area. They had two sons, Arthur and Ernest. Arthur married Mary J. Hamilton and they received a special Bible for being the first couple to be married in the new Grace Anglican Church.

Lillian's grandmother saw a need for a church in the Milton Heights community. She set out to canvas the area to see what she could do. J. S. McCannell and C. B. Lewis agreed to donate the bricks. On June 19, 1901, the first meeting was held at the home of James Transom to make arrangements for the building of a church.

On November 9, 1901, the corner stone was laid and on May 4, 1902, the Rev. Bishop Du Moulin dedicated All Saints Church. The name All Saints was chosen by Lillian's grandmother Transom after the beautiful All Saints Church in Broseley, Shropshire, England.

This church was connected with Grace Anglican Church, Milton and for many years, the same clergy served both areas. The ministers would walk the railway tracks to the meetings at Terra Cotta, as it was called. One cannot help but think of the steadfast faith these men must have had to walk in the bleak winters and hot summers to bring the word of the gospel to the early settlers of this little community.

From 1912-1922, Lillian's father drove to Milton in a buggy or a cutter every season to pick up the minister. First he would fire up the box stove to heat the church, and left someone in the family to watch so the stove did not get too hot.

It was quite a relief when Canon L. Naftel came as he had a car he could use until the roads were blocked in winter.

In 1957 a special service was held to celebrate the 55th anniversary. Within the next year, the building was condemned and had to close. The property was then sold.

Lillian says there were poor times and good times. However, there were always the Christmas concerts to look forward to when the little girls would get their doll and - oh - yes - jack knives for the boys along with a bag of candy and an orange.

There was an annual picnic to Hanlan's Point. What a day that was! The special CPR train would stop at the C. B. Lewis Brickyard at 7:30 a.m. It took the parishoners to Toronto and then we took the ferry to the island. We left Toronto at 7 p.m. for home - a bunch of happy but tired children and adults.



Milton Heights was home to All Saints Anglican Church until 1958. This picture is from the 1940s.

THANKS
to our volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted this year with our Historic Walking Tours, greeting our visitors, demonstrating the art of blacksmithing, our garage sale, in the archives, our monthly meetings, various events and with our building repairs, etc.

Without volunteers our society could not continue to share our community history! If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer please let us know!



Mark Ford helped with some handiwork around the blacksmith shop.

Blacksmith shop update

By Bruce Carlin

Darwyne Hourie and Steve Wallace, volunteer blacksmiths at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, demonstrated blacksmithing to our visitors at the recent Milton ChristmasFest.

The turnout of visitors was very good and they took in the history of the blacksmith shop and watched Darwyne and Steve work at the forge and a few lucky children left with souvenir blacksmith items made before their very eyes. Both Steve and Darwyne had displays of their handiwork available for sale and customers left with unique gifts for the holidays.

A big thanks to member Mark Ford for his amazing handiwork around the shop. In the last year, Mark has fabricated a sturdy support stand for one of our leg vices, built wood tables with storage cabinets and recently he has also bolted down to the floor the legs for one of our hand cranked air blowers as well as making some adjustments to the heavy shop doors so they open and close more freely!

Our society will host blacksmiths from across Ontario again this winter on Saturday, Feb. 8 and as part of this day, we prepare a chili lunch for sale. We are looking for cooks who would be willing to volunteer and cook up a pot of chili for the day. The funds from lunch sales go towards operating expenses for the society.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Bruce Carlin at bdcarlin@gmail.com or 905-749-5459.



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Milton Historical Society MEMBERS



FEATURED MEMBER

La Toscana Ristorante home in historic building

Pasquale Dattilo was born in Northern Italy and emigrated to Canada in 1975.

He has had a career in the restaurant business for over 45 years-- most of his life--and learned the business through experience and perseverance.

After assisting and working at La Toscana for a few years, it was in 2003 Pasquale entered a partnership at La Toscana with owner Tony De Gaetano. Although Tony and Pasquale were not related, most Miltonians assume they were. Pasquale said Tony was like a father figure to him. In 2011 Pasquale took over full ownership of La Toscana when Tony retired and moved to Italy.

As a local businessman in Milton's downtown core, Pasquale takes a great interest in the community and has a par-

ticular interest in Milton's heritage. La Toscana is located in a historic building on Main Street, once known as the Thompson Inn.

The lovely stone structure was erected in 1864, built on the site of the first meeting of Halton County's provisional government in 1853.

It is interesting to note that the crew which put up what is now La Toscana moved down Main Street and went to work building what is now the Old Milton Town Hall in 1865.

Pasquale's wife, Linda, oversees the kitchen operations at La Toscana. They live in Oakville and have 3 adult children.

Pasquale and Linda have a passion for fine food and helping their patrons enjoy the dining experience.

Membership Information

We'd greatly appreciate your support to keep our mandate going for another 40 years!

We at MHS, call it History in the Making!

Corporate Memberships

Level A: \$100 yearly for businesses with 10 employees or less
Level B: \$200 yearly for businesses with 10 employees or more

General Memberships

Single\$25 yearly
Family\$40 yearly
StudentsFree (ages 12-18)

Corporate Members

Boston Pizza

(Member since July 9, 2018)

Casa Americo Italian Bistro & Restaurant

(Member since September 25, 2018)

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a division of Spriggs Insurance Ltd

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(Member since March 21, 2019)

Hibbert Foot Clinic - Foot Care Specialists

(Member since January 3, 2019)

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(Member since October 13 2018)

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(Member since May 27, 2019)

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(Member since July 18, 2018)

La Toscana Ristorante

(Member since June 14 2019)

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(Member since Aug. 28, 2018)

Roto-Static Milton

(Member since January 3, 2019)

Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes Ltd

(Member since October 16, 2018)

Strutt Armstrong

Chartered Professional Accountants

(Member since July 18, 2018)

The Linklater Group

(Member since September 25 2018)

The Vacuum Store

(Member since July 24, 2018)

TLC Mortgage Group

(Member since October, 2019)

Watada Medicine Professional

(Member since November 15, 2018)

Special thanks to our valued Corporate Members. Please kindly support their businesses.



THE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____ _____
Phone:	_____
Email (please print)	_____

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

- ☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$40 ☐ Youth (free)
- ☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100
- ☐ Corporate (11 or more employees) \$200
- ☐ Yes, as a new member I wish to receive the Journal and other e-communications.

VOLUNTEERS HELP US FORGE OUR FUTURE

We know all members have certain unique talents, skills and abilities.
We ask you to share these, as our society relies on your active support and involvement.

These are just a few of the areas you can help the society with:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Office Support/Communications | • Graphic Artist Opportunities |
| • Special Events | • Building Stewardship |
| • Finance Opportunities | • Museum Greeters |
| • Education Opportunities | • Archives Cataloguing & Care |

(Please check those that interest you as listed on the back of this form)

DONATIONS

I wish to make a separate donation to MHS in the sum of _____.

Donations and payments can be made on line through **PayPal** from our website.

(A tax receipt will be issued for all donations totaling \$25.00 or more)

Note: The Milton Historical Society has set up a foundation
under the "Community Foundation of Halton North" (CFHN).

You can also donate through this foundation towards the Milton Historical Society.

Please contact our Society for further information.

The Milton Historical Society is a registered charity # 110041358RR0001

Please make cheques payable to Milton Historical Society Mail completed form/remittance to: The Milton Historical Society 16 James St., Milton, ON L9T 2P4

HELP SUSTAIN MILTON'S RICH HISTORY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

The Milton Historical Society was founded in 1977 to encourage appreciation of, and promote knowledge of, the historical and cultural heritage of the Town of Milton. To that end, the Society organizes popular community activities throughout the year and undertakes numerous projects including:

- The restoration and operation of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop
- The publication of books on the history of Milton
- The operation of the Cooke / Dills Archives
- Research and plaquing of Milton's historic properties
- Walking Tours of historic Milton neighbourhoods

To help fund these worthwhile projects, the Milton Historical Society is actively seeking to engage members of Milton's business community as sponsorship partners through our Corporate Membership Program. As a Corporate Member, you will not only help to support a vital and high profile local cultural organization, but you will also receive recognition and benefits including:

- Name mention in The Journal (the Society's quarterly newsletter)
- Name mention in the monthly e-Newsletter (Launching this Fall)
- Name mention on the MHS Website
- Name mention on Social Media Channels
- Name mention in Media Press Releases
- Name mention at the Speaker Forum Presentations
- Name mention at the Student Educational Class Presentations
- Name mention at the Monthly Meeting Series
- 10% off Guided Walking Tours
- 10% off all MHS Publications
- MHS Member-Level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives
- 10% off Carriage Room rental
- 10% off Blacksmith Classes (Waldie Blacksmith Shop)
- One free employee activity evening at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop
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Note: Visit our website for more details and how to take advantage of these special offers.

Becoming a Corporate Partner costs only \$100 for businesses with 10 employees or less, or \$200 for those with more than 10 employees. By the way, Single memberships are \$25 and \$40 for Family. These memberships are a great way to get your employees involved. We are always looking for Volunteer Support at our numerous events around town.

Note: These prices are for a year and renewed on their anniversary date.

Also see us around town at various events • Display at the Milton Downtown Classic Car Show • Display at the Milton Downtown Farmers Market • Float in the Milton Santa Claus Parade • Pot Luck Dinners for MHS Members • Festivities surrounding MHS Heritage Week • MHS Garage Sales (please visit our website for more details).

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On behalf of the MHS Board, we very much appreciate your support and working together to advance our historic mission!

Brad Collis – Community Marketing Lead



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- Preservation
- Education
- Recognition
- Celebration



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- Name mentions in the quarterly Journal newsletter
- One feature write-up in the quarterly Journal newsletter
- Name mentions in the eNews bulletin
- Receive copies of the Journal and eNews bulletin
- Name mentions on website
- Name mentions on social media channels
- Name mentions in media press releases
- Name mentions in email signatures
- Name mentions at Speaker Bureau presentations
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- 10% off MHS publications
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- 10% off MHS gift certificates
- Free attendance at Pot Luck Dinners
- Free attendance at Sessions on local history
- Free attendance at Monthly Meeting Series
- Free use of MHS Speaker's Bureau presenters
- Free company employee activity evening at Waldie Blacksmith Shop
- Free local history presentation by MHS Speaker's Bureau presenters
- Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives

**MANY
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VISIT TODAY! miltonhistoricalsociety.ca
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