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# MHS to host 44th AGM virtually January 28

The Board of Directors of Milton Historical Society will host the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Society virtually on Thursday January 28, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m.

The AGM will be a rather staid affair this year, relative to past annual meetings, as there will be no entertainment or fellowship following the business portion of the evening's agenda. The COVID-19 pandemic has required the Society to pare back this year's AGM, focusing solely on the business of the

ChristmasFest Extravaganza

# **ChristmasFest goes online during pandemic**

Usually, the Milton Historical Society holds a variety of fund-raising events near Christmas. In December 2019, we held a sale at the blacksmith shop featuring books, novelties and blacksmith shop pieces for sale. As well, we often have a garage sale in the fall, all to raise money for the society and stay engaged with our members and community.

COVID-19 changed all that.

Rather than surrender entirely to the restrictions, the MHS executive tried a virtual ChristmasFest with online sales and free local delivery.

Walking blind into the endeavour, the event did manage to raise more than \$300 worth of sales and allowed us to maintain some contact with our members during a time where contact is difficult.

As well, we held a special draw as part of the Extravaganza in December.

There were four prizes: two prizes of Top Tier memberships to Ancestry Canada for 12 months, one prize of the same for six months and two gift baskets.

Here are the winners:

Ancestry Top Tier Membership 12 months - Susan Mackenzie, Mandy Sedgewick;

Ancestry Top Tier Membership 6 months - Zeeshan Hamid;

Gift Baskets - Fred Finn.

organization.

The Society will present 2020 preliminary audited financial statements, a synopsis of the past year's activities, an outlook for the coming year and, then, members will elect a new Board of Directors.

To participate in the AGM virtually by teleconference, members are asked to call 416-620-1296 and enter access code 8702517#.



#### **Snap in Time**

Here's a photo of the Halton County Jail Cell, located in the County Court House and Jail Building which is now Milton Town Hall. This photo shows staff beginning to clear out the various mattresses and pillows from the cells in 1978, shortly before it closed. The Town of Milton eventually took over the building and renovated it to become their new town hall.

#### 2021 Membership is due

Just a friendly reminder that some members haven't paid their 2021 annual membership dues. The membership form is with The Journal. You can also pay online with your credit card.

If you need help, contact the MHS at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call (905) 875-4156.

# Popular Monthly Speakers' Series now on YouTube

Recognizing the significant popularity of its Monthly Speakers' Series programs with members, Milton Historical Society developed a new five-part program late last fall that will continue into late spring 2021 and is now available on its YouTube channel.

Featuring Society Speakers' Bureau presenter John Challinor II, the five presentation topics include the following:

November 2020 -- Milton Remembers World War One (now available on YouTube)

December 2020 -- Milton Streets (now available on You-Tube)

January 2021 -- Milton And Area Churches (now available on YouTube)

February 2021 -- Town of Milton Walk Of Fame

March 2021 -- Recollections of The Honourable James Snow

April 2021 -- TBA

May 2021 -- TBA

Directed, filmed and produced by Electric Mango Film Company at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop in October 2020, most presentations are based on books of local history written by Mr. Challinor II and the late Jim Dills. All presentations include related illustrations, photography and video segments. The presentations range in length between 15 and 35 minutes, depending on the topic. Additional speakers' series presentations for posting on the Society's YouTube channel later in 2021 are currently in negotiations.

To watch all past or current programs, simply google Milton Historical Society -- YouTube.

#### **BLACKSMITH SHOP NEWS**



Some student projects from a Waldie Blacksmith shop course. We have chopping knives, steel tongs, hooks, bottle openers and a banana stand.



A steel trivel made at a recent intermediate blacksmith course.

# Lockdown freezes blacksmith shop activity

#### By Bruce Carlin

The COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed operations in the interest of participant health and safety for the Waldie Blacksmith Shop. Blacksmith courses are temporarily cancelled for the winter months and we will revisit public health recommendations when spring arrives.

We have offered refunds or credits to those who had preregistered for our courses prior to the decision in late 2020 to make cancellations. We have a good number of students who have left their registration fees as credits towards future courses to be held at the shop.

During this temporary suspension, we are looking at making some changes and improvements to our website as well as plans for the spring and summer months. We are also in communications with the Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association about hosting some events in 2021 as health recommendations allow.

# **BUSINESSES**Of Our Past

# P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Company

#### By Marsha Waldie U.E.

Peter Lymburner Robertson moved to Milton in 1908 with his mother. He quickly built his factory and other buildings on Bronte Street, just south of the Pioneer Cemetery.

P. L. was the inventor of the famous Robertson socket head screw and driver. Not only was he an inventor, businessman and author, but he also contributed to the development of our community and its residents over the years.

Mr. Robertson was born in 1879 and died in 1951 and is interred in Evergreen Cemetery.

The old company office and part of the plant structure still stands on Bronte Street just waiting for someone to step forward to help find a way to conserve and repurpose this important cultural heritage property, which played an important role in Milton's history. The front office building has a number of great architectural features embedded in the buff bricks.

The invention was also important and a noted achievement that was recognized provincially, nationally and internationally! We really have a historic gem and should be extremely proud of this.



The Robertson company still exists. However, its office is in Burlington. All of its manufacturing takes place in China. This building on Bronte Street near Pioneer Cemetery has sat vacant for a number of years.



This 1955 photo shows various employees working within the factory in the Screwdriver Department at P.L. Robertson's factory on Bronte Street.

# The Coulters from North End Nissan



Norm and Donna Coulter owned and operated the North End Nissan car dealership, which was located just south of Highway 401 on Highway 25.

# MHS awarded \$6,419 for new sidewalk

# Construction to start in the spring after successful application to Milton Community Fund

The Town of Milton's Milton Community Fund recently awarded Milton Historical Society \$6,419 to install a new concrete sidewalk along the north side of the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop in beautiful downtown Milton.

Milton Council established the Milton Community Fund in 2001 to allot funds received from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's Elements Casino Raceway at Woodbine Mohawk Park for the benefit of the community. Over the last 20 years, more than \$6.6 million has been awarded to those artistic, cultural and recreational organizations providing programs and services that improve the quality of life in

our community and enhance Milton's image, in the process.

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop is the only privately-operated museum of local history in urban Milton. It includes a working blacksmith shop, meeting rental space, the Society's administrative offices and the Alex Cooke/Jim Dills Archives.

The Society, led by former President Mandy Sedgwick and current President John Challinor II, applied for funding to replace the current sidewalk adjacent to the shop, which is in a state of disrepair. The work will take place in late spring, 2021.

The Society would like to thank Milton Council, the Milton Community Fund Advisory Committee and Town of Milton staff for their continuing support of its activities, most recently through the awarding of funds for the replacement of the sidewalk.

## Snow family donates books, photographs to society

The family of the late Jim and Barb Snow recently made a couple of very generous contributions to Milton Historical Society -- the loan of numerous family photographs for digitization and preservation by the Society and the donation of the last 20 known new copies of the Honourable James Snow's biography, Mr. Jim.

Following Mr. Snow's death in 2008, Mrs. Snow had agreed to permit the Society to sell copies of his biography. Following her passing in 2020, the Snow family donated the remainder of the books to the Society to sell to Miltonians and others who are interested in Mr. Snow's very accomplished life. All copies will include an epi-

logue written by John Challinor II, which covers Mr. Snow's life following the publishing of

his biography in 1990 until his death.

The family also recently loaned a trea-

sure trove of family photographs to the Society for digitization and preservation purposes.

A number of them will be used to illustrate an upcoming video presentation by Mr. Challinor about Mr. Snow's life, entitled Recollections of the Honourable James Snow. That presentation will be available on the Society's Youtube channel in March 2021.



# MHS programming in 2021? Think fluid

As a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Milton Historical Society plans to operate in 2021 much like it did through the last nine months of 2020, pivoting whenever and wherever possible and necessary to better serve its members while keeping them safe and healthy.

The Society's Board of Directors will continue to meet monthly this year, including a critical planning session in early February, to plot how it will educate and entertain its members through its many programs and services as Miltonians gradually reach a post-pandemic state in their individual lives.

The Board is reviewing all past programs and services with the objective of delivering as many of them online as possible and keeping the monthly calendar of events relatively fluid.

The Spring and Fall Walking Tours, the Christmas Extravaganza, the Monthly Speakers' Bureau programs, blacksmith classes, the quarterly Journal publication and the Society's regular Facebook postings are more recent successful examples of this strategy.

Despite being shut down for almost half of 2020, the Society remains in the black financially and the Board remains focused intently on its members and corporate sponsors, contemplating new and engaging ways to educate and entertain as everyone waits out what has proven to be a stubborn, global pandemic.

# Town moves to protect old Milton neighbourhoods

# Intends to pause development in affected areas until by-law passes

Milton Council approved a recommendation by Town of Milton Planning staff to enact an Official Plan amendment, a Zoning By-law amendment and an Interim Control By-law that will protect the Town's mature neighbourhoods from further unsympathetic renovations, demolition of original residences and construction of so-called monster homes – housing structures that are not consistent with the architectural history, built form or development vision associated with the individual historic neighbourhoods that make up Old Milton.

Old Milton is bounded by Highway 401 to the north, Peru Road, the Canadian Pacific Railway and Bronte Street to the west, Derry Road to the south and Ontario Street to the east.

Those recent Council approvals complete the first phase of the mature neighbourhood character study, which began in April 2018. The second and third phases of the study will include a review of individual mature neighbourhoods within the community, including Mountainview, Mountain View Survey and Martin Meadows (Phase 2) as well as Fallingbrook, Forest Grove, Bronte Meadows, Valley View, Dorset Park and Timberlea (Phase 3). This work is expected to be completed and approved by the end of 2021.

While, over the past 30 years, Heritage Milton and Town Planning staff have worked with individual homeowners and



Milton Council has approved a staff recommendation to prepare a by-law to address home construction in old Milton neighbourhoods.

their architects and contractors to attempt to influence a form, design and footprint consistent with the Old Milton neighbourhood where the new housing development was proposed, at the end of the day, the Town lacked the legislative authority to effectively protect the residential inventory in the community's mature neighbourhoods. That legislative authority is now in place.

Rapid growth in Milton over the last 20 years has resulted in development pressure and significant interest in re-development of Milton's mature neighbourhoods. This has raised public concern about the future of the community's older neighbourhoods.

# Fundraising thank you





The Society would like to thank new member Sandra H. who kindly supplied these two different designs of face masks as a MHS fundraiser. Great idea Sandra to help members and others be safe as we all deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. We still have a few available for anyone who might be interested in ordering one. Available in large or medium for \$10 each.

# Thank you following house fire

MHS Member John Perusello would like to express his gratitude and thanks to the members of the Milton Historical Society for their kind support and help in organizing donations after the fire to his home, which occurred just prior to Christmas. Many thanks to those who dropped off clothing, furniture and gift cards, which were very much appreciated by John and his family.

## MEET THE EXECUTIVE

# A chance encounter with Alex Cooke leads resident to get involved with MHS

#### Susan Paul

#### Treasurer

The treasurer of the Milton Historical Society is Susan Paul. If Susan looks familiar, it's because she's worked at Loblaws Superstore for the past 14 years!

Susan became involved with MHS about 16 years ago. She and her husband participated in the cleaning up and restoring of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop in the early 2000s.

Her involvement accelerated about 10 years ago. Susan decided to take an interior design course. Among the assignments was doing research on a period home in the town.

Susan went to the library to look for advice and lucky for her, long-time MHS member Alex Cooke was there. They met and once Susan explained to Alex that she was looking for a particular home to research, he offered his own home at the

corner of Pine Street and Court Street.

Alex suggested Susan attend MHS and she's been attend-

ing meetings ever since.

Susan is the treasurer, a position she's held for about nine years. Previously, she handled membership.

Susan was born in Newcastle, New Brunswick, and grew up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the daughter of a navy man.

His father's work placements included Ottawa, a city that didn't agree with Susan. She packed her bags and moved to Georgetown with her cousin, getting a job at the Toronto airport.

She married in 1978, moved to Milton the next year and is the proud mom of two daughters. She also has four granddaughters.

She has worked at the Real Canadian Superstore for 14 years. You might also recognize her from a previous job at The Country Mile in downtown Milton.

"I love working with the historical society as I love anything relating to history," she says. "Getting to know the history of Milton has taken me back to my memories of my childhood as there are a lot of similarities.



Susan Paul

# Noting changes to hometown, Sue got involved

#### Sue Platt Membership

#### By Mike Boyle

Sue Platt's first look at Milton was as a young child, looking south from her new home in Milton. All she could see was farmland.

With a new job in Oakville, Sue's father bought the most southerly home in a new neighbourhood on Meadowbrook Drive in 1957 to shorten his commute. The price of housing in Oakville a might steep, Sue's father paid \$19,000 (with a 30-year mortgage) for their home.

Sue grew up in Milton but went away to university, getting a library degree and a Bachelor of Education. She worked in the community college system with postings in Thunder Bay and Toronto before settling in Oakville.

With the ability to retire early, Sue moved back to Milton to look after her parents, moving into the family home when her parents passed away.

At that point, she revisited her hometown from a new perspective. All the new building and home construction had discoloured her view.

"I wasn't pleased with all the changes," she said.

So she joined the Milton Historical Society in an effort to help preserve old Milton and the values she held growing up.

Within a few years, she joined the board and took on the role of Membership Director, a position she has held until this year when she has decided to step down.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with the historical society," she said. She plans to continue playing a role with the society. She participates as a tour leader, helps with special events and plans to help in the archives with their digitization project.

Once the pandemic ends, Sue plans to resume her travelling life including rescheduling her trip to Italy, a winter month in Florida and family visits to the U.S.

# Here are the official business persons for Milton from 1851

#### By Marsha Waldie

Business directories for Canada existed before confederation. They listed all the municipalities in Canada and an alphabetical list of or all the businessmen in those municipalities.

In the 1851 edition of the Canada Directory for Professional and Business Men, here is the exact information listed for Milton. This is important aspect of our early professionals and trades within Milton.

Milton – A Village in the Township of Trafalgar, County of Halton, distant from Toronto, 36 miles, from Hamilton 25 miles, Population about 300.

Brown, George, J.P. general merchant

Hill, William, general merchant

Orcut, Henry, Speed the Plough Hotel

Tetzel, Matthias, postmaster, general merchant and miller

Anderson, Ebenezer, mason

Bell, Joseph, smith

Black, Jonathian, watchmaker

Bowes, Joseph, baker

Bradt, J., tinsmith

Bradley, Thomas, boot and shoemaker

Butcher, William, mason

Carr, John, smith

Cobban, James, M. D.

Ferguson, Rev. P., Church of Scotland

Foren, James, boot and shoemaker

Gardener, Charles, M. D.

Hampton, Edward, innkeeper

Humphries, J., carpenter

Jones, Benjamin, cabinetmaker

Little, J., waggonmaker

Manson, J., carpenter

Milroy, E., tailor

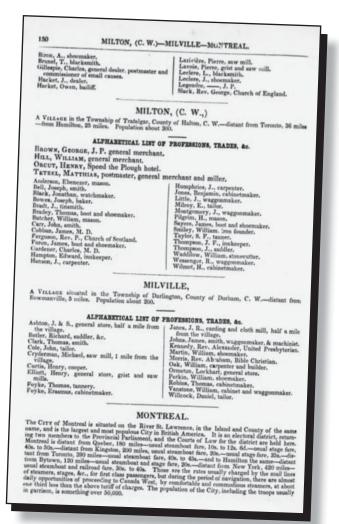
Montgomery, J., waggonmaker

Pilgrim, H., mason

Sayer, James, boot and shoemaker

Smiley, William, iron founder

Taylor, S. F., tanner
Thompson, J. F., innkeeper
Thompson, J., saddler
Waddflow, William, stonecutter
Wessenger, R., wagonmaker
Wilmot, H. cabinetmaker



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#### CANADA DIRECTORY:

CONTAINING

THE NAMES OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, IN THE

CITIES, TOWNS, AND PRINCIPAL VILLAGES OF CANADA:

TOGETHER WITH

#### A COMPLETE POST OFFICE DIRECTORY

or

THE PROVINCE;

A DIRECTORY TO PUBLIC OFFICES, OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS;

A VARIETY OF STATISTICAL AND COMMERCIAL TABLES,

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THE POPULATION, TRADE, REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, IMPORTS, EXPORTS, PUBLIC WORK

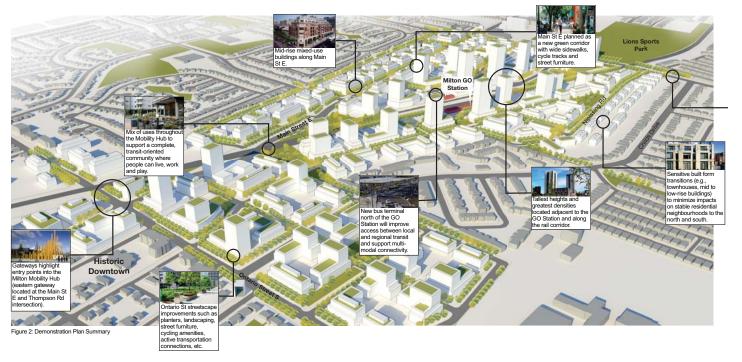
AND A VARIETY OF OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

BROUGHT DOWN TO NOVEMBER, 1851.

BY ROBERT W. S. MACKA

MONTREAL:

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY JOHN LOVELL, ST. NICHOLAS STREET



A major study produced during the summer of 2020 entertains the possibility of major urban development along Main Street east of Ontario Street to Thompson Road. Although the Go Train station is pivotal to the plan, there are many areas of interest.

# Milton Mobility Hub study may create new downtown core

The Milton Mobility Hub Study was received by Milton Council one hot August night this past summer with little fanfare, but this plan could dramatically change Milton's central business district by creating a modern uptown-downtown core to rival anything found in the Greater Toronto Area today.

The GO Train station plays a significant role in the draft effort but not the sole role, hence the moniker Milton Mobility Hub Study. Other forms of transportation figure prominently in the study, too.

Milton's current downtown core is severely limited by a floodplain. And, the historic nature of Main Street East between Ontario Street and Bronte Street is something most Miltonians want to see improved rather than demolished and replaced with tall, modern structures. Any new additions to what is already in place need to complement what is already there, tends to be the conventional wisdom.

The Milton Mobility Hub Study envisions the creation of an uptown core along Main Street East between Ontario Street and Thompson Road that complements the current historic downtown core.

This may potentially provide Miltonians with the best of

both worlds -- higher elevation living and working spaces at the east end with complete professional and retail groundfloor offerings for consumers, and, to the west in the lee of the Niagara Escarpment, a less densely-populated, old historic area with specialty retail, fine-dining and regular special events and features.

The Town of Milton and various Councils have contemplated how best to re-develop the east section of Main Street East for more than 30 years, most notably through the 1997 Official Plan and some earlier studies. The most notable amongst them was written in 1989 by former Town Planning Director Bob Zsadanyi, who admitted that development along Main Street East between Ontario Street and Thompson Road really hadn't gone quite as envisioned. A bold re-think was required.

That bold re-think may evolve out of the Milton Mobility Hub Study. Thirty to 40 years from now, with an investment of at least \$40 million in municipal infrastructure, considerably more in commercial and residential structure investment by the private sector and the broad support of future Councils, staff and the public, we'll know for sure.

# BOWES CEMETERY

Eastern Milton cemetery home to many pioneers, Methodist members



The Bowes Cemetery on Highway 25 originally was the resting grounds for members of the nearby Methodist church. The building was sold in 1957.

The story of the Bowes Cemetery on Highway 25 south of town, will forever be connected to pioneer Joseph Bowes, who arrived in Canada from Ireland in 1824 and built a homestead near this property a few years later.

A Methodist, Bowes set up a church in his home shortly thereafter and in 1837, donated some land and along with fellow pioneer John Willmott built a wooden structure to serve as the church and accompanying cemetery. It was named the Bowes Methodist Church.

That building served its parishoners well. Too well, in fact, and the congregation outgrew that building. In 1874, a new building was constructed and still stands. However, amalgamation of a number of churches into the United Church of Canada eventually took its toll on this congregation and this building was sold in 1957 to the St. Clair Masonic Lodge, which continues to own it.

The accompanying cemetery holds former members of the church, including a number of ministers.



Only 15 years of age, Catherine Forbs passed away in 1842.



A number of church ministers are buried here including Rev. George Ferguson, who died in 1851. His son, George Jr., was also a minister.



Many members of the pioneer Bowes family are buried here. Joseph Bowes and his wife Elizabeth Moore had six children.



Submitted by Marsha Waldie UE

# John Dempsey, 1788-1871

#### Early Pioneer, Farmer

John and his family emigrated from Ireland in April 1818 and filed a petition for a land grant the same year. It appears that his father Hugh (1754-1830) also applied for a land grant. They eventually received the Crown title in July 1836.

This time-frame was standard for any petitioner's request for grants. Their land was located as part of Concession 2, Lot 15, Trafalgar Township, Halton County, each holding 100 acres in what was known as the Gore District, Upper Canada. John became the owner of both grants when his father died.

An article written by Rob Roy in 1913 appeared in the local paper on March 29, 1929, and talks about the settlement opening up in the New Survey of Trafalgar and Esquesing Townships.

It states five men left Muddy York in June 1818 to take up land. They traveled by stage coach along Dundas Street (Highway 5) to Munn's Corner and then headed north by foot, eventually arriving at the base line between Trafalgar and Esquesing townships.

The group slept one night near the T. J. Chisholm farm in the area and then went to view their land in the morning. The group returned to Muddy York for the winter and then returned in the spring, bringing their families. Covered with dense forest, that area and the trail north would be challenging to walk. Once on the land, they erected a log cabin as they began to clear the land for farming.

John and his wife Mary (nee Cavanagh, 1791-1868) both

came from Parish Sego, County Armagh, Ireland. Before emigrating, John was a ten-year army veteran. The couple raised six children on their farm named "Winding Sixteen" because 16 Mile Creek ran through the property. In later years, many knew it as "Broomhead". Today this property is the land north of Woodward Ave. between Bronte Street and Ontario Street and south of Steeles Ave.

John was an active participant in the local affairs of the county. In 1853, along with 1,844 other petitioners, he objected to a further public meeting to discuss the location of the County town. They felt the Milton location had already been chosen by the citizens at a previous meeting. In 1854, the Provincial Government confirmed Milton over Oakville and the County buildings were later erected. Today, these buildings are Milton's Town Hall and Hugh Foster Hall, both part of Victoria Park Square.

It is interesting to note that John's farm was left outside the original boundaries of the town at that time and that Mr. Dempsey objected to the incorporation of the Town of Milton as a municipality separate from the Township of Trafalgar.

Over the years, the farmland decreased as various family members sold property. It was not until the 1950s that the land was included within the Town boundaries.

Mary and John and a number of their family are all interred in the Milton Pioneer Cemetery, which is located on Bronte Street.

# What to look for online during 2021

Want to get a semblance of what's coming in 2021 on Facebook and Twitter as it relates to the Milton Historical Society?

Brad Collis, the MHS director for marketing and publicity, has helped set the order for this year. He works alongside Sydney McEachern and Jennifer Smith, who do the posting.

Here are the plans for this year:

Monday – MHS Reason for Being Story;

highlight a video on our YouTube channel.

**Tuesday** – Feature a home or building property.

Wednesday – Feature a corporate member

Thursday – Feature a publication

**Friday** – Take Me Back Milton story and picture

**Saturday** – Know Where You Live Trivia **Sunday** – What's New in Our Archives



This clock has been passed down through a number of generations through the owners of a Main Street jewelry store. The Austrian-made clock is was installed by John Fraser, who was the first jeweller to work from that store. The clock has been passed along to all the owners -- first Charlie White, then Emile Marchand, then Marcel Marchand and now the Branciers, who took ownership of the store in 1966. Although their business has moved, first to Milton Mall and now to the Sobey's plaza, the clock remains with them. It is believed to be have been made in the 1840s or 1850s.



#### 2020 Board of Directors:

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#### PAGES OF THE PAST

# A look way back into ordinary happenings

#### 70 Years Ago

#### Taken from The Canadian Champion, January 4, 1951

Milton Council held the inaugural meeting with Mayor Heslop, Reeve K. Y Dick, Deputy Reeve W. J. Higgins, Councillors H. F. Whewell. V. J. Norris. G.F. Thompson, C. R. Anderson, R. Pearen, B. McKerr, Clerk A. Sproat in attendance.

Milton Co-Ops tied Ostranders 7-7. Kentner, Fox and Raine all scored twice for Milton while Marzo scored a single.

Two snow plows, both invited by residents of Halton County, are in production shops at Hornby and Campbellville. The two inventors are Charles Brigden and Leslie Lowe of Campbellville. The plow developed by Mr. Lowe, called the Whirlwind Show loader, was used by Mansell Nellis of Acton for demonstration loading in Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, Preston, Waterloo, Elmira and Fergus last year.

Town Clerk Adam Sproat reported his statistics this week reveal there were 12 fires in town and 12 in the county last year that required the Milton Fire Departments service. Twenty seven marriage certificates were issued, 141 babies born and 31 deaths registered.

Milton Council enjoyed a Chinese dinner in Toronto with Mayor Heslop as their host.

#### 100 Years Ago

#### Taken from The Canadian Champion, Thursday, January 6, 1921

The High School Board hoped for opening in the new school building next Tuesday, Jan. 11. but owing to the unavoidable delay it will not be ready. The opening has been postponed to a date to be fixed and of which notice will later be given.

Approximately 81 boys and girls began a month's course in agriculture at Brampton yesterday. J. A. Carrol, Agriculture Representative, and J. T. Hockshaw have charge of the boys. Instructing the girls are Misses K. McIntosh and Gertrude Gray. It is expected the class will number 100 by the end of the week.

The New Year's Eve dance given at the Town Hall by the band was a great success. The attendance was large and the scene described as brilliant. The band played a special musical program of dance music which all enjoyed. The balance of the boys' new uniforms has been paid and no more concerts will be given until further notification. Campbellville's new hall will be opening next Wednesday evening with a special ball being planned. Everyone welcome.

A mixed Milton hockey team played an exhibition game at Acton on Dec. 30 and lost ?f1 The game was played in Acton's splendid new .rink and the boys were well treated by the Acton management.

A variety of new; books have been added to the shelves of the library. These books are already in great demand.

#### 150 Years Ago

#### Taken from The Canadian Champion Thursday, January 5, 1871

A Christmas tree with a number of presents for the pupils of Grace Church Sabbath School, was held in the Town Hall on Friday. Dec. 22 and everything went well, to the great delight of all the children. The teachers at the same time presented an elegant cake basket to Mrs. Tremayne.

A sleigh ride and picnic to Milton, in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath School in Kilbride, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10. They will meet in the Weslayan Sabbath School of this town at the Temperence Hall at 1 p.m., when refreshments will be served. Addresses by the clergy of the town and others, music and social enjoyment will be the order of the occasion.

This year's County Council will be composed of the following members: W.Clay, John Buck, W. J. S. Kerr, B. H. Kean, W. D. Lyon, John P. Barber and P. A. McDougald, Reeves; and W. McEnery, Thomas Hume, M. Clements, H. P. Zimmerman and Thomas Elliott, Deputy-Reeves.

The Townsend family gave a theatrical performance in the Drill Shed last Thursday evening in Nelson village, which was followed by a hop to the music of the Palermo string band. A considerable amount of money was collected and this will be put towards getting the hall renovated for concerts. Another entertainment is to be given shortly.

The election of Mayor took place on Monday. An arrangement was come to, we believe, by which Dr. Freeman. who has filled the office this past year, was "allowed to walk the course", only 32 votes being cast.

# Milton Historical Society M E M B E R S

FEATURED MEMBER

## Milton Centre for Women's Health

#### Clinic provides local OB/GYN services since 2002

#### By Mike Boyle

Faced with a swelling population, mostly of young families, leaders within the town of Milton reached out to a familiar name to help restart the town's obstetrics' department at Milton District Hospital.

Dr. Glen Hunter, son of prominent local doctor Dr. Ivan Hunter, had just completed a four-year course at Mc-Master University in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A previous Milton general practitioner for eight years, Dr. Glen Hunter was familiar with the town and returned in 2002 after his four years of study.

He set up Milton Centre for Women's Health at the old Optimist Centre on Commercial Street. His intention was to slowly add doctors to set up a clinic to support women around the clock in OB/GYN.

With the clinic adding a seventh doctor last July, the centre proudly offers women complete care and the comfort knowing that a doctor will be able to look after their needs.

That's a far cry from the late 1990s and early 2000s when a single doctor would try to handle all the pregnancies in Milton

But as Milton's population grew from about 30,000 to over 150,000 now, that has changed. Not only is round the clock care available, but a Level 2 Obstetrics Unit at the new hospital can support premature babies as young as 34 weeks to term and a neo-natal. They are also able to support the birth of twins and more complicated issues with childbirth.

This wouldn't be possible with this OB/GYN's teams expertise to support these.

The doctors participating in the Milton Centre for Women's Health include: Dr. Glen Hunter, Dr. Melodye Rajasingham, Dr. Munia Karah, Dr. Nita Patel, Dr. Alia Mukhida, Dr. Marielos Pineda-Rivas, and Dr. Smriti Khosla.

These doctors share their patients for obstetrics. During a pregnancy, a patient meets several doctors to

familiarize themselves with the team. One doctor is always on call for delivery. Fortunately, the team speaks a variety of languages to help new moms feel comfortable.

As well, each doctor has their own gynecology patients, which they share only during absences. The doctors cover a wide range of gynecological problems such as management of abnormal bleeding, menopause, endometriosis, and cancer, among others. Patients are referred to them by their GP doctors.

Dr. Hunter has ties to historical Milton as well. He lives in a century home on Queen Street and grew up in a century home on Victoria Street.

His father still practices in Milton, now for 55 years, and is the main doctor at Allendale Long Term Care Home on Ontario Street.

His friend Paul Boivan bought the Optimist Centre building and set it up as a medical professional building. This helped Dr. Hunter set up his practice. And Dr. Hunter's main nurse for the past 15 years was Liz Challinor, wife of the Milton Historical Society's president. Liz retired in 2020.

# Corporate Members

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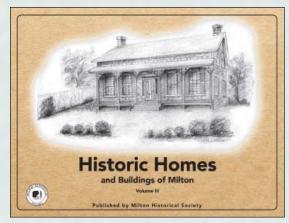
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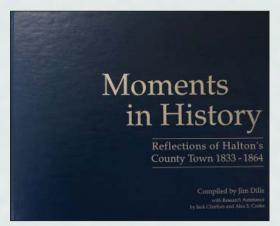
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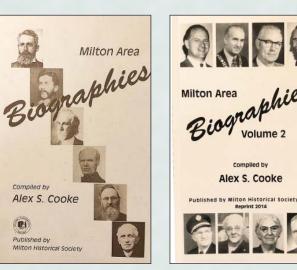




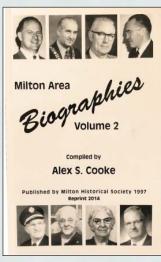
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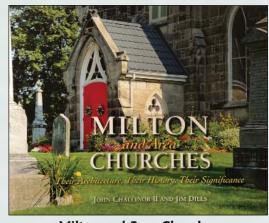
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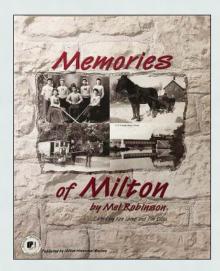


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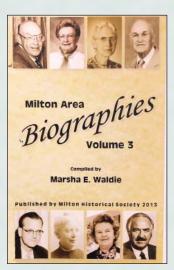


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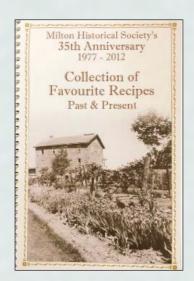
All these books (and more) are available for sale from the Milton Historical Society's website with payment and delivery options. For more information, or help with ordering, please contact Mike Boyle at mikeboyle539@gmail.com.



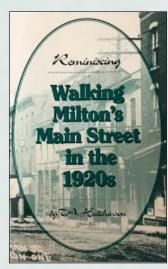
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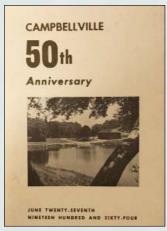
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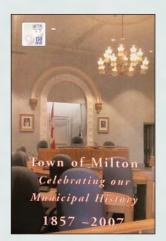
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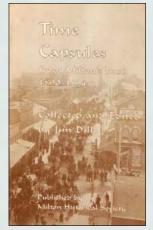
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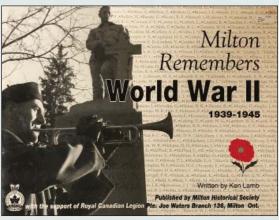
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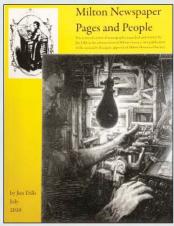
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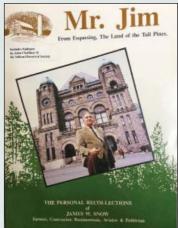
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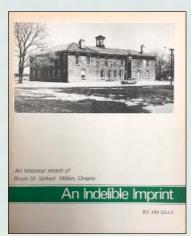
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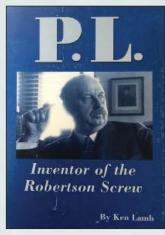
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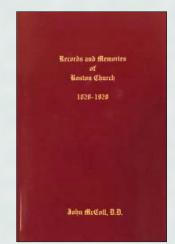
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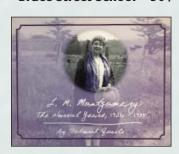
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#### THE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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.			
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#### 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
- Company presentation by the MHS President

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).

As a registered charity, the Milton Historical Society will be happy to issue a tax receipt for your contribution (Our registered charity # 110041358RR0001).

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

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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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP



- Preservation
- Education
- Recognition
- Celebration









## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

GREAT VALUE!

Single: \$25 yearly Family: \$40 yearly

Students: Free (aged 12 - 18)

#### **BONUS!**

For every new or renewal membership, receive our "Moments in History" publication (\$15 Value).

To pick-up your copy, drop by MHS any
Wednesday or Saturday, 9:30 am - Noon

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# **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**





Receive the quarterly Journal newsletter

Receive eNews bulletin

10% off Guided Walking Tours

10% off Blacksmith Courses

10% off History-Themed Programs

10% off MHS publications

10% off Carriage Room rentals

10% off MHS gift certificates

Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives

Free attendance at Pot Luck Dinners

Free access to MHS Speaker's Bureau presenters

Free attendance at Sessions on local history

Free attendance at Monthly Meeting Series



Payment Options
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## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Level A: \$100 yearly for businesses with 10 employees of less

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

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#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Name mentions in the quarterly Journal newsletter

One feature write-up in the quarterly Journal newsletter

Weekly name mentions on social media channels

Name mentions on the website under Corporate Members

Name mentions in the eNews bulletin (2 or 3 each month)

Name mentions in media press releases

Name mentions in the MHS email signature

Name mentions at various Speaker Bureau presentations

Name mentions at Monthly Meeting Series (Open to the Public)

Free company employee activity evening at Waldie Blacksmith Shop Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives (Over 15,000 items)

10% off Historic Walking Tours (including Group Tours)

10% off Blacksmith Courses

10% off Historic Educational Programs

10% off all MHS publications

10% off Carriage Room rentals

10% off MHS merchandise & gift certificates

Member Pot Luck Dinners (Summer & Christmas)

#### PLUS MORE!





#### MHS MARKET FACTS!

- Over 1,400 engaging Facebook followers
- MHS Facebook Demographics: 53%
   Female. 25-54 (49%) & 55-64 (34%)
- > Over 600 engaging Twitter followers
- Over 1,500 monthly website visitor interactions
- Over 200 General & Corporate members
- Source: MHS database, Facebook & Google Analytics

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