

Waldie Blacksmith Shop gets new sidewalk, courtesy of Milton Community Fund

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop is sporting a new \$7,000 concrete sidewalk on the north side of the building, courtesy of the Milton Community Fund.

The Fund notified Milton Historical Society of its decision to help pay for a new sidewalk earlier this year and, once the warm weather arrived, the contractors weren't far behind Mother Nature in getting to work. It is now far easier and much safer to walk along the north side of the Shop.

Once the old concrete sidewalk tiles were lifted, the ever-resourceful Society listed them on Kijiji and Facebook Marketplace and sold them within 24 hours. They are being reused by a very thankful local homeowner.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz dropped by on Canada Day to officially open the new sidewalk.

Walking tour programs restart after lockdown ends

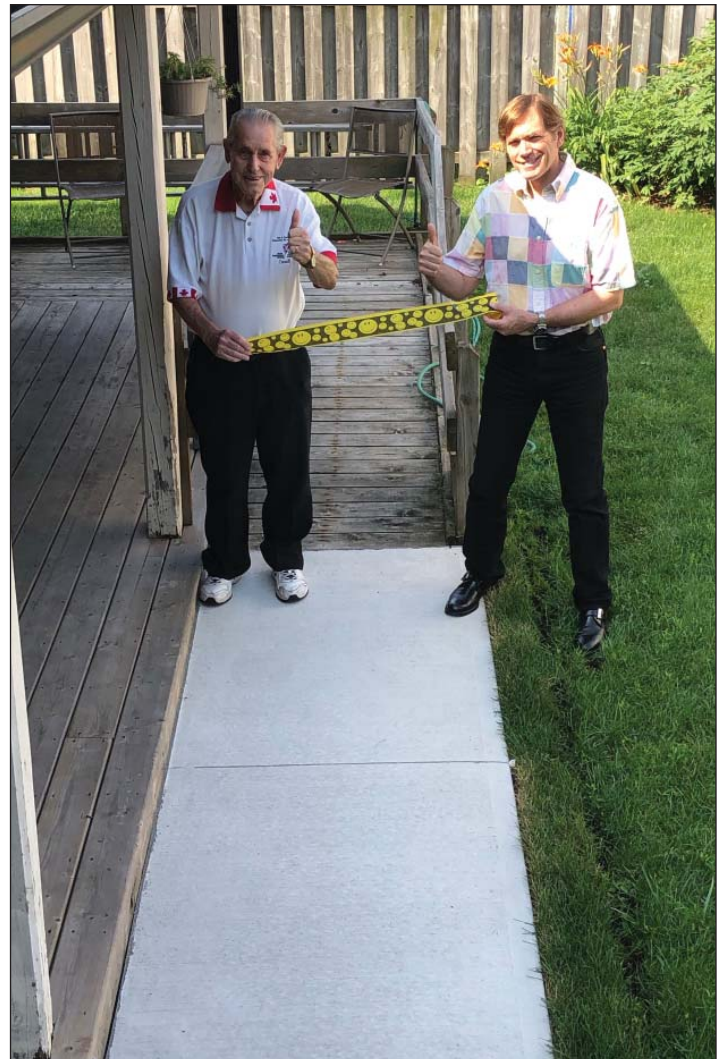
The end of the Ontario Lockdown allowed the Milton Historical Society to restart its walking tour program. A success in the fall as people were eager to explore their surroundings, the walks were equally well attended this spring.

A total of four walks were conducted with many thanks to those who led them.

The Walking Tour program will continue in the fall as well. Here's the schedule:

- Sun. Sept. 5 Walking Historic Main Street
- Sun. Sept. 12 Walking Historic Victoria & Mill streets
- Sun. Sept. 19 Walking Historic Victoria Park Square area
- Sun. Sept. 26 Walking Historic Martin Street

Simply register online on our website, call 905-875-4156 or email us at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca.



Mayor Gord Krantz dropped by on Canada Day to officially open the new concrete sidewalk at Waldie Blacksmith Shop along with MHS president John Challinor II. It should be a lot safer for everyone.

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Local businessman first Miltonian in 100 years to bring local watch to market

By John Challinor II

Local businessman Colin Potts has become the first Miltonian in more than 100 years to bring a locally designed timepiece to market, recalling the first individual to do so, the late Emile Marchand (1866-1928), a watch-maker and owner of J. & A. Marchand Jewellers on Milton's Main Street.

Mr. Potts, proprietor of Watch off the Cuff, a boutique timepiece repair and sales business, recently unveiled the Jakob



The Jacob Eitan watch, named after Mr. Potts' two sons.

Eitan brand of sport watch, a timepiece he conceived of and designed. It features a Japanese Quartz movement, 316L stainless steel 41 mm case and bracelet, sunburst blue dial and Sapphire crystal.

He is the first Miltonian since Mr. Marchand to market a locally designed timepiece. Mr. Marchand established his business locally in 1894 after purchasing the jewellery business of Charles White. Marchand and Credit Jewellers operated until 1966, when Mr. Marchand's son, Marcel (1901 - 1968), sold the business to Ross Brancier, who renamed it Ross Brancier Jewellers.

Today, Brancier Jewellers is operated by Mark Brancier, Mr. Brancier's son.

During his proprietorship of J. & A. Marchand Jewellers, the Swiss-born Mr. Marchand designed and assembled a number of high-quality pocket watches, all bearing his name and the location of his business – Milton, Ontario – on the dial. Mr. Potts, assisted by local historian and local rare antiquities collector John Duignan, recently removed the backs of various Marchand pocket watches and undertook both a technical and historical investigative review of them. Mr. Marchand's name -- E.A. Marchand -- was inscribed on the half plate of the watch movements. Further, the various watch movements were assembled from parts he ordered from Germany, Switzerland and the United States, indicating he both designed and assembled the time-pieces he marketed under his name.

Numerous Marchand pocket watches have found their way into Mr. Duignan's unique and eclectic collection of Milton historic memorabilia through estate and commercial auctions and family and personal sales across North America over the last 40 years. The Marchand timepieces are particularly valued by him because of their high quality of local craftsman-



Colin Potts is the first resident since Emile Marchand to design a timepiece and bring it to market.

ship and rarity. All of the pocket watches still work because, as Mr. Potts confirmed, Mr. Marchand used high-quality parts that were durable and, if need be, could easily be repaired or replaced.

As Mr. Marchand advertised in *The Canadian Champion* on July 25, 1894, when he took over Mr. White's business, "Having bought the business of the late C.E. White, I am now prepared to supply the public with goods which no doubt will surprise everyone for the quality and price at which I will offer them. Don't fail to inspect my stock before purchasing elsewhere; I have some beautiful gold and silver watches which I sell at astonishingly low prices...."

As a testament to Mr. Marchand's skills, he was engaged by the Government of Canada to help install the clock at Milton Post Office, then located at the corner of Main and Martin streets. During that process, he and the building's architect

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Resident brings sports watch to market

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had a disagreement about placing the clock works in the belfry, which led to his writing to the clock's manufacturer in Croydon England, for clarification. Blueprints forwarded to Mr. Marchand from the British clockmaker confirmed his belief that the works should not be installed in the belfry. With this information in hand, he installed the clock in less than a week and kept it in perfect running order.

Mr. Marchand also supplied the municipality with 20 Regina watches to give to returning World War I soldiers. His son sourced rings for the municipality to give to returning World War II soldiers as well as silver trays for those families whose sons died during the Second World War.

While watch-making was clearly a skilled trade for Mr. Marchand and his son, it evolved to become that for Mr. Potts.

"Collecting and repairing watches has evolved from a hobby to a business, but designing a watch has always been a passion of mine, something I absolutely had to do at some point in my life," explained Mr. Potts. "Two years ago, my vision of a modern luxury timepiece that paid homage to the classic 1970s' sport watch moved from concept to manufacture. Today, the Jakob Eitan brand, which is named for my sons, is a reality."

"This watch is more than a time-telling device that sits on your wrist," he says. "It is an investment, it speaks to your personal style and identity and, in time, it will become a family heirloom, especially for those Miltonians who want a made-in-Milton timepiece."

At a time when Milton had a population of no more than 1,500 citizens, it is remarkable to think that a highly-skilled Swiss craftsman would establish a jewellery business locally and design and assemble high-quality pocket watches. Today,



John Duignan (left) is holding a watch designed by Emile Marchand. Colin Potts is holding his Jakob Eitan watch. Both were designed by local residents.

at a time when, like so many industries, the watch business is largely concentrated amongst three major off-shore manufacturers world-wide, it is equally surprising that a Miltonian would design a high-quality wrist watch for the global market.

We live in interesting times, indeed.

(With files from Marsha Waldie)

BLACKSMITH SHOP NEWS

Blacksmith courses expected to restart shortly

Plans are underway to restart activities in the blacksmith shop after close to eight months in shutdown due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Initial planning is underway to have blacksmith volunteers demonstrating on Saturday mornings, beginning in late July and the month of August.

Blacksmith courses are scheduled to restart in September and we are planning to offer a total of ten courses in the

Fall that will include Beginner, Intermediate and a Specialty course.

These plans are contingent upon the province moving to Step 3 of the COVID reopening plan.

Blacksmith restart plans will include enhanced health and safety practices to keep all participants safe. We are also planning to make a video about the Waldie Blacksmith Shop and the blacksmith courses that are offered.

Three historic local homes to be saved through heritage conservation easement by Town of Milton



The Alexander Hogg Stone House, at 7419 Tremaine Road, is being dismantled and will be rebuilt on King Street in Milton.



The James Weir farmhouse, on Tremaine Road north of Britannia Road, will be moved into a new subdivision in the nearby neighbourhood.



The Beaty House, at 1211 Fourth Line, was built around 1860. It is already on beams and will be moved into the new Bayview Lexis subdivision.

Over the last few months, Milton Council has required that three historic homes located on lands planned for development eventually be relocated, rehabilitated and protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Alex Hogg homestead, located at 7419 Tremaine Road, the James Weir farmhouse, located at 6081 Tremaine Road, and the Beaty House, located at 1211 Fourth Line, will be relocated, rehabilitated and protected by their owners through a heritage conservation easement agreement entered into with the Corporation of the Town of Milton.

The heritage conservation easement requires that the house is appropriately maintained and secured, permits relocation of the house following approved procedures that ensure it is conserved throughout this process, allows the demolition of the modern additions to the house, requires insurance and financial securities to be posted to ensure the building is adequately conserved during the relocation process, ensures that the rehabilitation is overseen by professionals who have experience in rehabilitating and conserving heritage buildings, requires that the house is refurbished sympathetically while maintaining its heritage attributes, and once rehabilitated to its new location, is refurbished with a new rear addition and an attached garage to facilitate its use as a residential home.

The Alexander Hogg homestead was constructed in the mid-1800s by pioneer farmer Alexander Hogg. It is a rare example of a mid-19th Century centre gable Gothic Revival-style residence. Several of its original features are still evident in the structure, including the centre gable roof with four-pane semi-circular windows, two cut-stone chimneys, six over six windows with cut-stone lintels and brush-hammered edges and a main entrance of cut-stone lintel with brush-hammered

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Weir farmhouse to be moved to new subdivision

A century old farmhouse is in the process of moving several hundred meters to a new home in modern subdivision.

The James Weir Farmhouse was built on Tremaine Road, near Britannia Road, in 1897. With the building of a new subdivision all around it, consideration was undertaken to determine its future.

After much deliberation, including leaving it in place, it was decided to move the house intact to a featured location on a main street facing a pond. The thinking was that instead of being hidden from view by vegetation (among many other reasons), it can be prominently displayed in a new location.

The building and lot has an interesting history.

Once the Crown land was first sold in 1825, it had a number of owners before James Weir and Michael Piggot bought 100 acres in 1842. Three years later, Weir owned half the property. He was 29 years old. Within a few years, he lived on the land in a log farmhouse with his wife, Catherine, and two children John and Hanna.

By 1861, the Weirs had six children. They farmed the land. Later historical digs found implements consistent with apple orchards. However, by 1881, Mrs. Weir was a widow and she sold the land in 1888.

The current farmhouse was built in September 1897 by E. M. Laver. The property consists of a three bay residence and is a one-and-one-half storey side gable structure with a steeply pitched roof and centre gable containing a window. Mr. Laver engraved his name into the basement.



Here's a picture of the James Weir farmhouse from the 1950s. It's in the process of being moved.

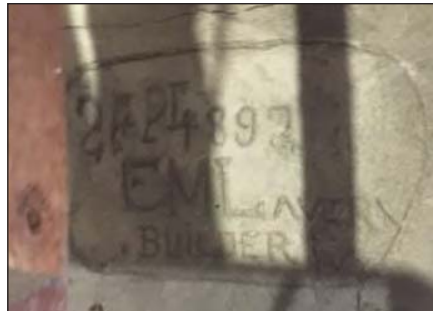
According to the report presented to Milton Town Council,

The James Weir Farmhouse has design or physical value and is a good representative of 19th century residential and agricultural building design of the rural Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage style. The location of the buildings on the property in relation to each other, the road, and the surrounding agricultural fields physically and functionally link the structures to their surroundings.

James Weir Jr. served as a Town Councillor in 1910.

The home has been preserved and properly maintained. At some point, it will

moved several hundred meters east and slightly north to the corner house on Bergamot Street. An addition and garage will be added.



The builder engraved his name and date into the basement.

Town moves to preserve three historic homes

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edges and four-pane transom and sidelights. The house will be relocated to 22 King Street.

The James Weir farmhouse was built in 1897 by home builder E.M. Laver. It is a good example of a 19th Century residential design associated with the rural Ontario Gothic Revival cottage style. It is a one-and-a-half storey side gable structure with a steeply pitched roof and centre gable containing a window. Mr. Weir served as a member of Milton Council in 1910. The house will be relocated elsewhere in the new Pony Pines subdivision.

The Beaty House was constructed around 1860 by pioneer

farmer John Beaty. It is a unique example of a 19th Century Italianate-style farmhouse. It is depicted in the 1877 Halton County Atlas and was the home of the pioneering Beaty family in what was once the village of Omagh in Trafalgar Township. Mr. Beaty and his wife, Elizabeth, were the founders of the Church of Christ, which is also located in Omagh. To this day, the house displays design merit through its Flemish bond masonry with buff brick quoins and string course, stone lintels and lug sills, wood framing for transoms and sidelights on the front entrance, and moulded casing and trim on the west wall window. It will be relocated elsewhere in the new Bayview Lexis subdivision.

Local duo organize relocation of Hogg stone house

By Mike Boyle

Two members of the Milton Historical Society have been tasked with carefully dismantling and rebuilding a historic home at 7419 Tremaine Road onto King Street in Milton.

Mandy Sedgwick and Mirella Marshall are working with their clients, Milton Christian School and another member, to move the Alex Hogg Stone House from the east side of Tremaine Road, just north of Main Street, to 22 King Street. The plan is for the home to be carefully taken down, relocated and rebuilt as it was, adding a sympathetic addition to complement the house.

The Christian school reached out to Sedgwick Marshall Historic Homes in an effort to save the home. It was last inhabited in 2016 when the school bought the two-acre property.

Dismantling has already begun. The later addition and the roof have been removed and now painstakingly, every stone will be numbered as they're taken down. The plan is for the stones to be carefully cut to about six inches in depth. The stones are currently varying lengths. The original builders filled in the area behind the stone simply with nearby rubble to build up the walls' depth. Some of the heritage features of the interior have been carefully removed, numbered and stored, to be incorporated into the new structure.

Although keeping the house in situ is a preferred scenario, the chances of it surviving a commercial environment would be very slim. Any consideration to moving the structure intact to anywhere beyond the property was abandoned because the roads couldn't handle the sheer weight of the building.

Numerous pictures were taken to facilitate the building's reconstruction. As the windows are in poor condition, they will be replaced with energy-efficient



The careful dismantling of the Hogg stone house on Tremaine Road has begun. It will be rebuilt on King Street in Milton. The process will take about a year.

wood windows in the same size and style. The front door system will be removed and reinstated in the new/old house. Both chimneys will also be rebuilt.

The history of the home is interesting as well. Alexander Hogg was born around 1792 in Ireland. At some point, he left for Canada, eventually buying 100 acres. A farmer, he built a log house and grew wheat, among other things. At some point before 1861, he built the one-and-a-half storey stone house. Census records first record the building in 1861 but not in the earlier 1842 census. It is thought the house was actually built around 1860. If that's the case, he was 68 when the home was built.

Over the years, the property was owned by a number of people including Johnston Harrison, Joseph Henry Harrison, and William Hume before the 20th Century, and William McCready, James McCory, and Medforth and Hattie Pewtress afterward.



Here's an interesting view of the stone work. The stone blocks are about 9-12 inches thick. However, behind the stone is an equally thick layer of rubble.

See you in September?

MHS hopes to restart most programs in the fall

By John Challinor II

The Board of Directors of Milton Historical Society is hoping, as that 1960s pop ditty by Sid Wayne and Sherman Edwards promises, it will see its members, sponsors and friends in September, but not when the summer's through as Mssrs. Wayne and Edwards wrote, but when the worst of the global COVID-19 pandemic is behind us.

The Board has met monthly, but spoken to one another informally almost daily since March 2020, preparing plans based on the latest Province of Ontario Emergency Order requirements and course-correcting, where needed. That planning process continues to this day.

In the meantime, we continue to produce our Monthly Speakers Series on Youtube or through zoom presentations, we continue to publish weekly bulletins and quarterly newsletters like The Journal, we continue to sell our high-quality, local books of history but in innovative ways, and we continue

to invest in the Waldie Blacksmith Shop and the Alex Cooke/Jim Dills Archives so, when that day comes when we can welcome you back, we will be able to put our best foot forward immediately. We've made some significant improvements to the Shop and we can hardly wait to show you what they are!

Despite the latest Emergency Order, the Society hosted the Spring Walking Tour in June. And, if Ontarians continue to make progress when it comes to getting vaccinated, we will re-open the Shop for tours and blacksmith demonstrations in August, followed by another walking tour, limited historical presentations and blacksmith education classes this fall.

And, God willing, perhaps the Society may even host a garage sale or a fundraising dinner or a live Monthly Speakers Series presentation.

We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, enjoy the summer, stay well and get that second jab as soon as you can!



History of Milton street names now heard weekly on My FM Milton Radio

Milton Historical Society President John Challinor II and My FM Milton Now 101.3 Radio News Host Cameron Wilkinson have been getting together every Monday for the past couple of months to discuss the history of Milton street names.

Mr. Challinor, who co-authored the popular Milton Streets coffee table-quality book in 2007 with his writing partner, the late historian Jim Dills, provides Mr. Wilkinson with some of the more interesting histories behind two street names each week, in addition to street names listeners provide to Mr. Wilkinson with each week. The feature is proving popular with local radio listeners, so far.

There certainly is lots of material to work with, as the list of Milton street names now numbers more than 800 and counting. So, if the feature continues to attract an audience, Mr. Challinor and Mr. Wilkinson could be talking Milton streets for quite some time to come.

MHS submits for funds to repaint Waldie Blacksmith Shop

Milton Historical Society has submitted a grant application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund to assist with the re-painting of the interior and exterior of the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop in beautiful downtown Milton.

The Society estimates it will cost at least \$15,500 to properly paint all inside and outside walls of the Shop, excluding the windows. The submission was made by John Challinor II, assisted by Mandy Sedgwick and Sue Paul.

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) was developed to help communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure projects so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With a national investment of \$500 million over two years, the fund's purpose is to support not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other community groups, as well as Indigenous communities.

Specifically, the CCRF grant will build new community infrastructure and revitalize existing assets, bring people back to public spaces safely as health measures ease and create jobs and stimulate local economies. The fund is being delivered by Canada's regional development agencies.

Recent Milton History



Totally unnecessary information
you may or may not remember



A selection of Milton mayors.

1 The first 2 digits of Milton's original landline phone number started with 87. What two letters did that represent? What was the long version?

2 It might seem that Gord Krantz has been mayor of Milton forever. But there were others. Who directly preceded him?

3 Mr. Krantz owned a business before he became mayor. What was its name?

4 In 1963, the Town of Milton purchased land for a garbage dump on the outskirts of town. Before long, it was closed and covered over. It was made into a park. What's its current name?

5 At 245 Commercial Street, there is a building of offices. Up until 1988, this was actually a church. What was its name?

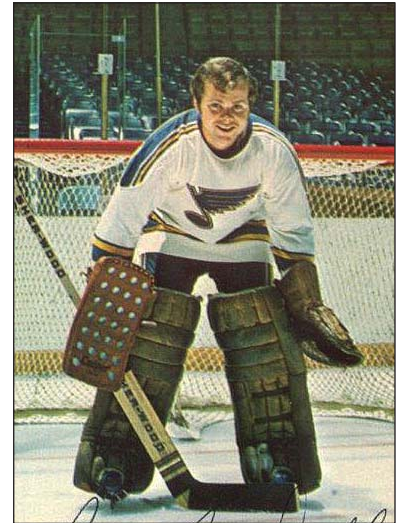


This building was once a church.

6 This church was led by a controversial figure. He eventually became leader of Canada's Social Credit Party. What was his name?

7 Just south of this building is the Commercial Street Medical Building. This also served another purpose in a previous life. What was its name?

8 Milton has had a number of residents play in the NHL. But only two goaltenders were born in Milton. Can you name them?



9 On the then outskirts of town, opposite the hospital was a restaurant, on the southwest corner of Derry and Bronte. What was its name? That building was torn down to become, guess what, another medical building

10 The first person from Milton to play in the NHL was Enio Scisizzi. One of his later relatives played in the NHL many years later. Who was that?

11 Hunt Plymouth Chrysler sits on land where once a different car dealer stood. What was its name?

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This preceded Allandale on Ontario Street.



Troy's Diner has been around since 2005.

More quiz questions about your Milton memory !

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12 Gallinger Motors recently changed its name to Milton Ford Lincoln. What was the name of the car dealership that Gallinger bought and took over the Ford name in Milton in 1967 ?

13 Next to the laundromat on Mill Street was a discount food store for many years. What was its name?

14 Bergsma's Paint and Decor opened their Milton location in Carriage Square in 1985. It later moved to 224 Main Street. What discount store was at that location for 20 years previously?

15 La Rose is popular bakery in the White Oaks Plaza on Bronte Street. The bakery started in a small unit on the south end of the plaza before moving to the anchor store it is now. Name any previous tenant of that space.

16 Ethnic Supermarket, on the northeast corner of Derry and Ontario streets, has been around for a few years now. Name the first grocery store in that building.

17 The Halton Waste Management Site on Highway 25 went through quite a controversial process before that location was selected. Halton Region originally proposed a different location involving a number of Milton farms. One of the farms was owned by an elderly woman who the community rallied around. What was her name?

18 Jim Gorman brought Gorrud Used Cars to Milton in 1971. He started the business in 1960 in another Ontario town. Where? And the first Milton car lot was shared with another business. What and where was that business?

19 Troys Diner has been around since 2005. Name a previous business in that location.

20 For many years, another business was on that lot before it became a plaza. What was it?

21 Milton's first traffic signal was installed at the corner of Main Street and Martin Street. What year was that?

22 The Milton Farmer's Market has been a staple in Milton for a long time. It was started (and continues to be run) by the Milton Chamber of Commerce. When and where was the first one?

23 What was the predecessor for Allendale Long-Term Care Home on Ontario Street. What year was it built?

24 A movie theatre used to operate on Main Street for many years. What was its name? What year were movies first allowed to run on Sundays!!!

25 There is a perfectly manicured green space in downtown Milton just off Commercial Street near Main Street. What's it called? When did the clubhouse open?



La Rose Bakery actually began operations at the other end of the plaza.

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Milton Historical Society applies for Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant

Milton Historical Society recently applied for a Government of Canada-led Canada Healthy Community Initiative grant of up to \$11,200 to replace all of the windows at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.

The Healthy Communities Initiative will provide funding to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities and nonprofits, for projects, programming and services that help communities create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options or provide innovative digital solutions.

If approved, the grant would help the Society create a safe and vibrant public space as new windows at the Shop will improve its ability to safely provide historical programming all year round and do so in a way that reduces its current \$2,300 annual energy costs while improving its environmental sustainability, generally.

The Society will be notified about its submission by September 16, 2021. Special thanks to John Challinor II, Mandy Sedgwick and Sue Paul for preparing the application.

MHS Past Volunteer

John “Jack” Charlton with a group of students on a walking tour. They are standing facing P. L. Robertson’s home on Margaret St. Jack was a Councillor, The Town’s Assessor and he also worked at the Robertson Company. For many years he researched our historic homes for our Plaque Program contributing significantly to our understanding of Milton’s history. Jack passed in 1998.



BLAST From The Past

Jim Dills, Don Hayward and Len McNeil holding a bronze plaque, which was presented to the Town of Milton in 1987 on the Society’s 10th Anniversary. It hangs in the old section at Town Hall.



FORMER HISTORIC HOMES OF MILTON

This historic home was located on Mary Street, just east of Knox Presbyterian Church on the south side towards Charles Street. The address was 212-214 Mary Street and it housed two families. It was built around 1877 by David Campbell,

and later was sold to Richard Hemstreet in 1899. Mr. Hemstreet's daughter, Laura, became the owner in 1915, it was demolished in 1988 to extend the parking lot. Over the years the owners used it as rental income.

BUSINESSES Of Our Past



Stanley A. Fay was born in England in 1902 and married Mary I. McEachern in Milton. Stanley worked for Edwin F. Earl in 1918 in his plumbing business. By 1943 Stan started his own plumbing business on Main Street and he also served as a Town Councillor and Reeve for Milton. His sons continued the business following his death in 1976.

**Items submitted by
Marsha Waldie UE**



Inside Stan Fay's plumbing store in 1943 in downtown Milton.

Answers to the Recent Milton History



1 The first two digits of Milton's phone numbers were originally 87. It stood for TR, which stood for Triangle. For many years, when residents would transfer phone numbers to one another, they would only list the last four digits because until the 1980s, all Milton phone numbers began with 878.

2 Gord Krantz became mayor in 1980 defeating Don Gordon. He got 4,024 votes while Gordon got 3,554. Don Gordon won election for mayor in 1977 and 1979 when there were two-year terms. In the 12 elections since 1980, Gord Krantz has failed to get 60% of the votes only three times. The closest Krantz has come to not winning, was in 1997 when Colin Best came close losing 56-44 per cent.

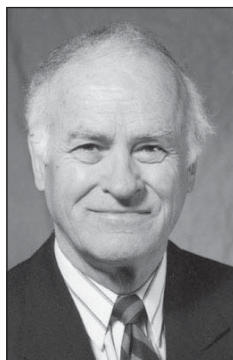
3 Gord Krantz owned a fuel business, called Krantz Fuels. In fairness, he was a town councillor since 1965.



4 In 1963, the Town of Milton purchased 15 acres on the outskirts of town to build a dump. By the 1970s, it was full, covered over with earth and grass and named Brian Best Park.

5 Emmanuel Baptist was the name of the church at 245 Commercial Street. It was converted to an office building in 1988.

6 The leader of that congregation was Reverend Ken Campbell. He was outstanding in his views and drew much publicity. He eventually became leader of the national Social Credit Party in 1990. However, it was fading in its relevance and lost its standing as a political party quickly when it failed to enter candidates into the minimum number of ridings to qualify as a party.



7 Just south of that building is the Commercial Street Medical Building. It was built as the Optimist Centre. In 2001, it was sold and converted.

8 The restaurant on the southwest corner of Bronte Street and Derry Road was the Mountainview Restaurant.

9 There have been two residents born in Milton who played goal in the National Hockey League. Peter McDuffe still lives in Milton. Darren Eliot was born in Milton but moved away. Eliot did play in the NHL and now is broadcaster for the Detroit Red Wings on Fox Sports TV.

10 The relative of Enio Sclisizzi to play in the NHL is John Tonelli. The mother of John Tonelli is a Sclisizzi.



11 For many years, Clements Motors operated on Bronte Street near Vanier. It actually began as Allan Clements and Son A.M.C. and Sunoco Gas Bar in 1955. It became Kelso Motors in 1988 and became the Hunt Chrysler dealership in 1990.

12 Gallinger Motors started in 1967 by buying Hassard Mercury Meteor Motors and took over the Ford dealership then.

13 Jackson's Barn opened on Mill Street in Milton in 1981 in the space that was once Alfonso's (Crisci) Fruit Market. It closed in 1994.



14 For 20 years, Biway brought discount merchandise to Milton before the chain closed.

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More quiz answers !

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15 The northeast end store of White Oaks Plaza was formerly Sider Produce and then IGA before becoming the new home of La Rose Bakery, a mainstay in Milton since 1982.

16 The supermarket that was first in the the space occupied by Ethnic Supermarket now, was SuperChoice, a discount grocery store. There have been a few different grocery stores in that location.

17 When the Region of Halton set out in the 1980s to find a new waste management site, they narrowed their search to a number of farms off Tremaine Road. One was owned by Bessie Smith, an octogenarian, who willingly became a rallying cry for local residents opposed to that site. They won and the Ontario Municipal Board ruled that site was inappropriate. Another search was conducted before the present site on Highway 25 was selected.



18 The restaurant that directly preceded Troy's Diner was Benny's Deli.

BENNY'S concept, Fresh! Fresh!
Milton's first DELI opens its doors in Downtown Milton.

*by Anthony Allwood
Milton Downtown BIA*

Walk through the front doors and smell the Montreal smoked meat which permeates the air. That is the first thing one notices as you enter Benny's Deli, Downtown Milton's newest eatery.

Brothers Alex and George Sipis are no strangers to the restaurant business. These Milton natives have owned and operated Milton's Mr. Submarine for over 15 years, and brought Baskin Robins ice cream to town. In addition, they have been operating their Oakville and Burlington Benny's Deli Locations for several years now. Both brothers say that Benny's has one concept, FRESH! FRESH! FRESH!

Benny's specializes in Montreal smoked meat, corned beef, and homemade burgers. They also have a worldly variety of salads, fresh baked quiche, and, lasagne. This menu is sure to satisfy the pickiest of eaters.

Brothers George and Alex invite you to experience a true deli style sandwich in the heart of our town.

Benny's Deli is located at
295 Main Street East
(beside the Sixteen Mile Creek bridge)
Open Sunday to Tuesday 10am til 9pm
Wednesday to Saturday 10am til 10pm
878-8858
Eat-in or Take-out



19 Before that site became a plaza, it was the home of Johnson Brothers Chrysler until 1988.

20 Jim Gorman began selling used cars in Elmira in 1960. He started selling vehicles in Milton on the southwest corner of Derry Road and Ontario Street in 1971 from Arnold's Lawn and Garden Equipment business. He moved the business to Steeles Avenue in 1981.

21 The first traffic light in the Town of Milton was installed in 1956 at the corner of Main and Martin streets. Many, many, many, many more have been added since then ...

22 The first Milton Farmer's Market was held Saturday, July 22, 1972 at the parking lot behind the jail on Mary Street (now Milton Town Hall).

23 The predecessor for Allandale was Halton Centennial Manor, which opened in 1952. It replaced the Peel-Halton Home in Brampton, which had been shared between the two counties since 1909.



24 Milton had a downtown movie theatre for many years. It began as the Princess Theatre and then changed names to become the Roxy Theatre. Movies were shown on Sundays for the first time in 1966 after a town plebiscite.

25 The Milton Lawn Bowling Club opened its clubhouse in 1924.

MILTON THEN & NOW

Welcome to Milton Then & Now. MHS member Mike Miller has tackled a project of taking identical placed photos from originals in our archives. Many thanks for Mike to taking this on. Many thanks to our members who have supplied the photos. Most of the original pictures were accumulated by Jim Dills over many years of research for his books and the Milton Historical Society.



91 Main Street, Milton



The Roxy Theatre in 1977 is now a retail store.



The old Milton post office in 1977 has become a series of restaurants (now Pretty Rad).

MILTON THEN & NOW



The Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet at Main & Commercial is now Bauhound Haus.



Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church, Milton Heights (left) is now Milton Missionary Baptist Church (right).



Clements Block downtown Milton. The original is from 1988.



The Little Block, downtown Milton. The original was from 1998.



The north side of Main Street at James Street. The original is from 1955.



Waldie Blacksmith Shop. The original is from 1988.



16 Mile Creek north of Main Street.

Henry Cargill • 1838 - 1903

Businessman, Politician, Farmer

By John McDonald

Henry Cargill was born in Nassagaweya Township on August 13, 1838. He was the son of David Cargill (1803-1889) and Ann McHenry (1801-1876) who had immigrated to Canada in 1824 from County Antrim, Ireland. His father was active in the lumber business in Nassagaweya.

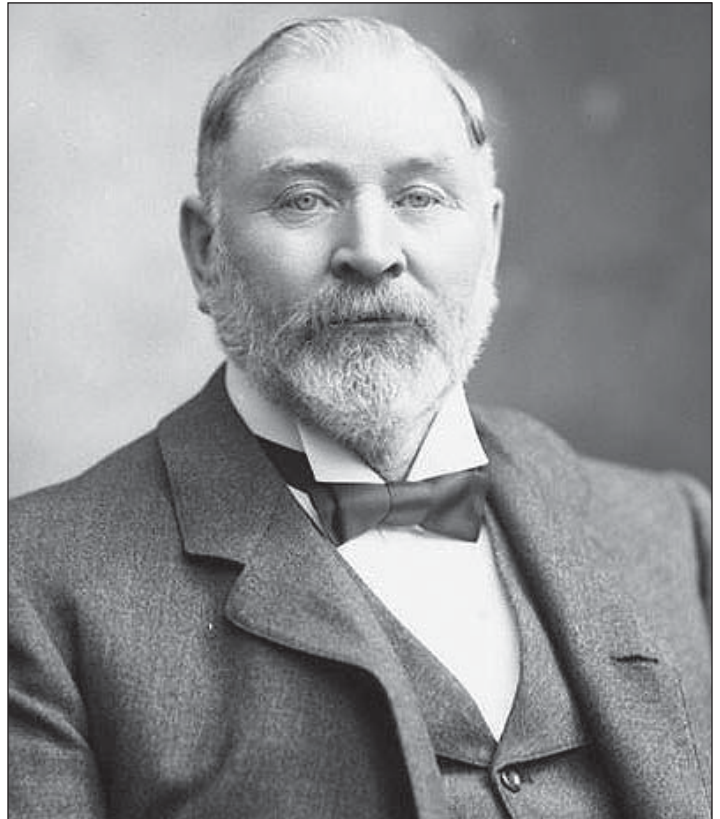
Henry was educated at schools in the township and later attended Queen's College in Kingston with plans to practice law. By 1861, however, he entered the lumber business with his father, operating considerable lumber and shingle mills in Nassagaweya.

A decade later, Henry saw the potential of a large swamp-land in Bruce County for lumber and milling purposes. By 1879, he became the majority owner of the 10,000 acre Greenock Swamp, which had previously been considered an obstacle. It was through his efforts by draining the swamp, constructing roadways and canals that the former swamp became an enterprising site and with the establishment of a railway line became a village, known as Cargill, in his honour.

Henry not only provided considerable employment in that part of Bruce County with lumbering operations, woolen mill, barrel factory, flour mill and a thriving mercantile business but he also provided fire protection, a waterworks and school-house as well as contributing to the construction of churches for the betterment of the community.

Throughout his career Henry took a great interest in farming, and at one time, operated more than 900 acres of farmland. He took great pride in his Scottish Shorthorns and Standardbred horses and became vice president of the Ontario Trotting and Pacing Horse Breeders Association as well as president of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders Association. His affiliation within the Canadian business community was considerable. He served as a director of the Dominion Life Assurance Company, director of Canada Mutual Mining and Development Company and president of the Saugeen Valley Railway Company.

As early as 1866, while operating his lumber concerns in Halton County, Henry served on Nassagaweya Township Council. After relocating to Bruce County he continued his interest in politics and served as reeve of Greenock Township between 1884 and 1887. He became postmaster of Cargill,



Henry Cargill was born in Nassagaweya from Irish-born parents. He developed a full community which bore his name in Bruce County. He served as the federal member of parliament for Bruce East from 1887 to his death in 1903.

Ontario, for six years, commencing in 1880, and was first elected to the House of Commons in 1887 representing the riding of Bruce East.

On March 11, 1864, Henry married Margaret Davidson (1843-1913) of Nelson Township. They had four children: Wellington David Cargill (1865-1942), Carlotta Jane Cargill (1868-1891), Margaret Ann Cargill (1872-1937) and Henrietta Alberta Cargill (1876-1950).

On October 1, 1903, after delivering a speech in the House of Commons concerning the Intercontinental Railway, a subject he took a great interest in, Henry Cargill felt faint, left the Parliament Building to get some outside air, collapsed and that same evening died. His funeral was held in Walkerton Ontario. Internment at Walkerton Presbyterian Cemetery.

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Southview Dental on Main Street Clinic provides a one-stop shop for clients' dental needs

Southview Dental is a one-stop shop for area residents' dental needs.

The clinic is located at 350 Main Street East (at the corner of Court Street South) and has a full range of services.

Treatments include dental cleaning and checkup, white fillings, root canal therapy, crowns and bridges, dental implants, dentures, teeth whitening, porcelain veneers and Invisalign.

Dr. Loukas Papaconstantinou has owned Southview Dental since 2005. Dr. Papas, as he's better known, graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 2002. After graduating, he completed a one-year surgical internship at Veteran Affairs Hospital. This experience provided a solid foundation for dental surgery.

He has taken many continuing education programs in implantology and cosmetic dentistry. He is committed to applying his knowledge and skill to provide the best care for his patients. He has been practicing more than 15 years with experience in veneers, Invisalign, surgical and restorative implant treatment, surgical extractions and many other treatments in general dentistry.

Dr. Papas is able to do his own dental implants and extractions on site so clients

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Southview Dental understands the importance of patient education. We take pride in teaching our patients about proper cleaning techniques, and informing them about what they can do differently to improve their oral health care at home. We educate our patients about their treatment options so that they can make informed decisions.

We will always provide a patient with a referral to a specialist when it is in the patient's best interest to do so. We also encourage patients to obtain a second opinion if they feel uncertain about our recommendations, and we respect the privacy of our patients by ensuring that strict standards of confidentiality are practiced by everyone at all times.

Along with Dr. Papas, Southview Dental has worked with Dr. Lungu for the past eight years. They have a working relationship with a local denturist from Campbellville to help with the one-stop shop concept. There are two dental assistants and four registered dental hygienists.

The clinic is open Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays and Saturdays.

www.southviewdental.com

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Town of Milton's 'Halton Balanced' growth concept will protect historic Milton

Concerned that the five current growth concepts developed by the Regional Municipality of Halton in support of its proposed new Official Plan failed to meet the Town of Milton's growth requirements over the next 30 years, Milton Council recently approved a made-in Milton growth concept for consideration this fall by Halton Regional Council.

Called the "Halton Balanced" growth concept, the proposed plan will provide Milton with the residential and commercial development capacity to provide Miltonians with a range of market-based housing and an appropriate inventory of employment lands to help provide local jobs to 2051, while meeting the requirements of the Province of Ontario's Places To Grow Act (2005).

The "Halton Balanced" approach developed by Town of Milton staff and endorsed by Council will also reduce regional and provincial pressure on Milton's established and historic neighbourhoods to accept intensification or densification through medium-and high-density redevelopment. The Milton growth alternative would also more readily enable the establishment of new parks and other recreational amenities as well as institutional uses such as houses of worship and social services.

The "Halton Balanced" growth concept would support sustainable future growth in Milton and Halton Region by directing growth strategically by reinforcing intensification along transit corridors, supporting the efficient use of land adjacent to current and future regional infrastructure, ensuring an appropriate inventory of employment lands, increasing housing densities in greenfield area, and creating mixed-use, compact and complete neighbourhoods while protecting the Provincial Greenbelt, the Regional natural heritage system and a large proportion of agricultural lands in Milton.

"Milton's growth vision will enable a highly sustainable, livable and prosperous community by taking a focused, planned and practical approach to building a complete community," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz.

"We are committed to building a Milton where residents can live, work and play. This is how we build complete communities in Milton."



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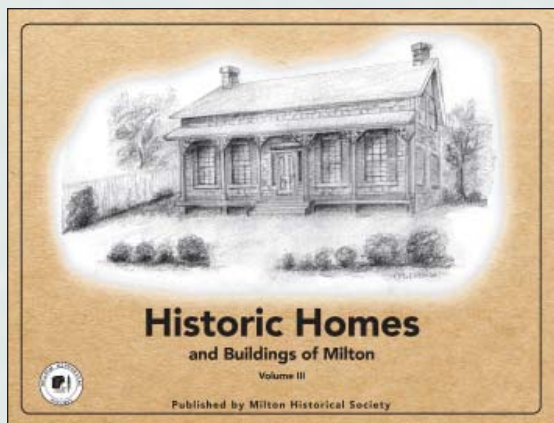
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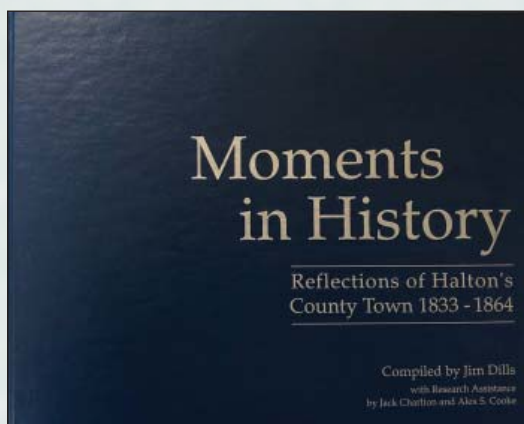
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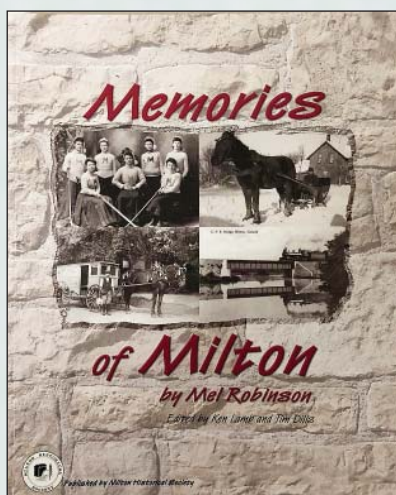
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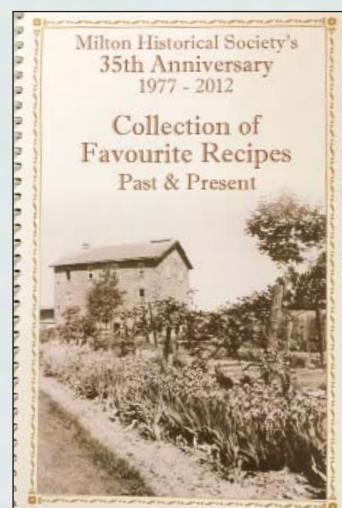
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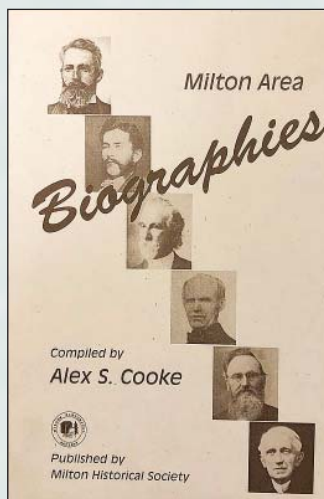
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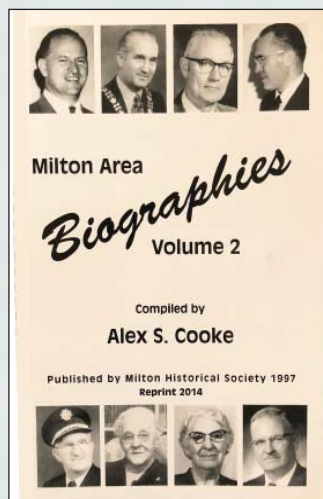
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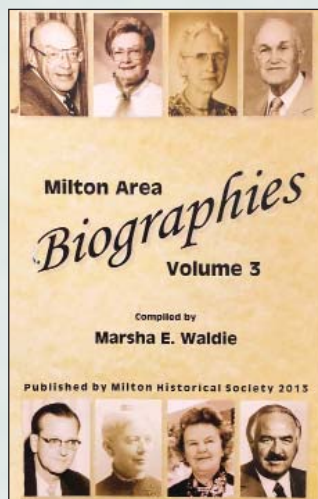
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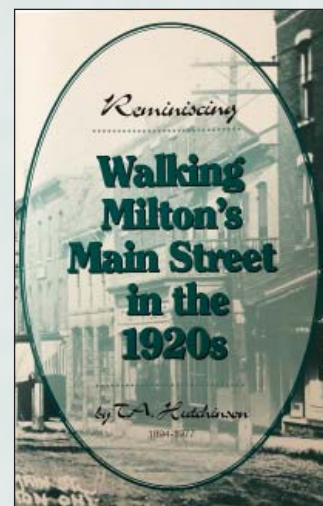
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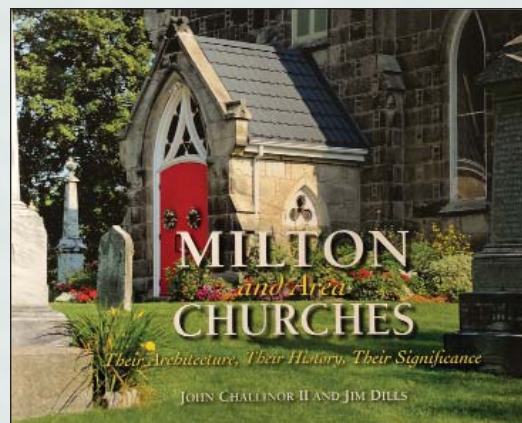
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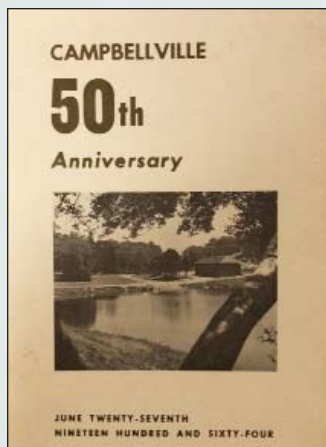


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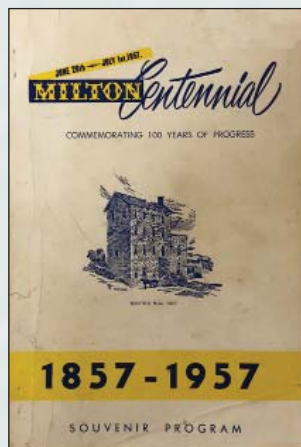


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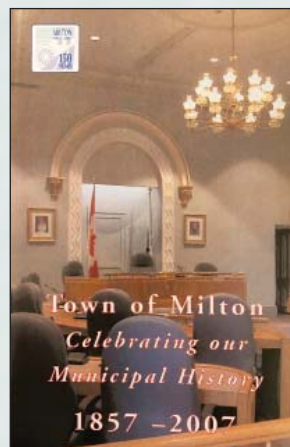
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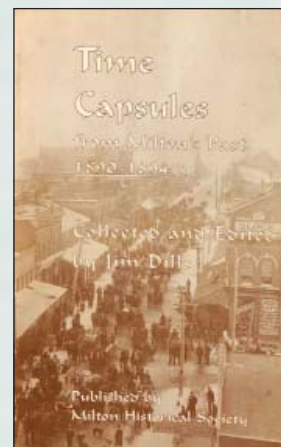
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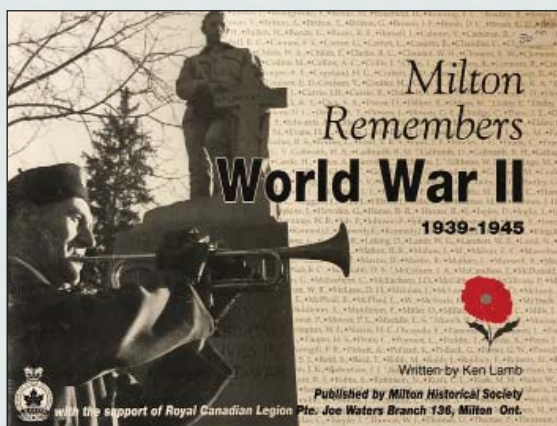
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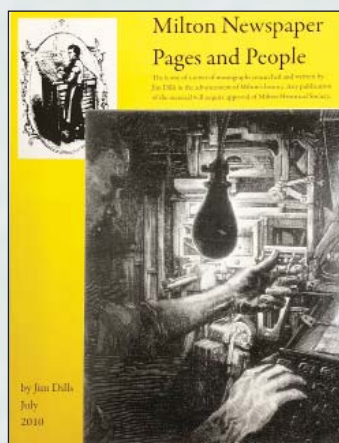
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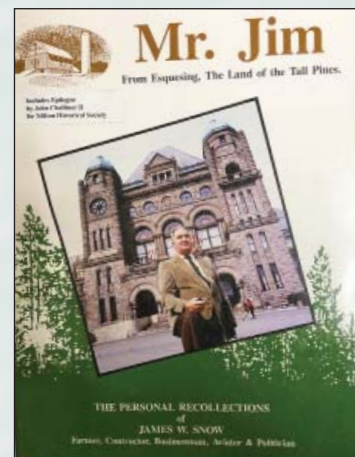
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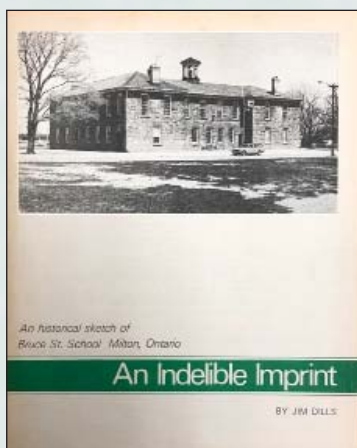
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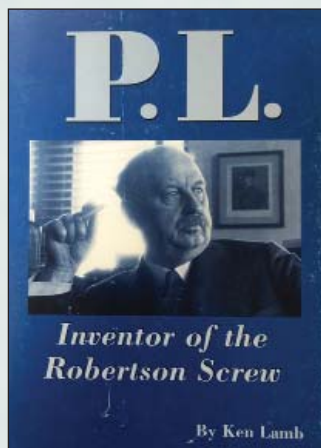
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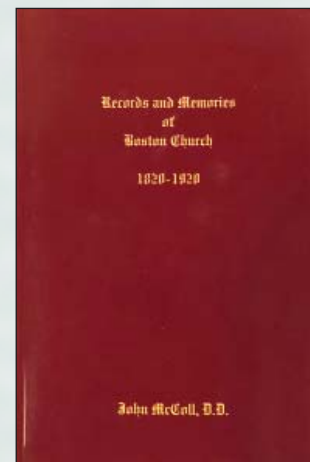
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Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

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MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal

☐ Single \$25

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☐ Youth (free)

☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100

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

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- Building Stewardship
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- Archives Cataloguing & Care

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

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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

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The Milton Historical Society

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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
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- 10% off Guided Walking Tours
- 10% off all MHS Publications
- MHS Member-Level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives
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- 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).

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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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Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives

Free attendance at Pot Luck Dinners

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PLUS MORE!

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