

## Waldie Blacksmith Shop gradually re-opening

**MHS Board of Directors  
has continued to meet regularly  
anticipating return to activities**

**By John Challinor II  
President, Milton Historical Society**

Almost 19 months after the global coronavirus pandemic shut down Milton Historical Society and the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, the Society and the shop are gradually re-opening to members and the general public.

The walking tours took place during the late spring and late summer this year and blacksmith classes resumed in September. The Second Annual Gourmet Spirits & Dinner will take place in October, at this writing, as will the Society's participation in the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area's HolidayFest in November through its complementary ChristmasFest Books & Curiosities Sale.

The Board of Directors is also contemplating meeting face-to-face, but socially distanced, in November and beyond as well as hosting the popular Monthly Speakers Series in November and beyond.

Despite the major constraints brought about by the Province of Ontario's Emergency Order, the Board of Directors has met regularly by teleconference since March 2020, sought and received grants to assist with the operating budgets in 2020 and 2021, sought and received grants in 2020 and 2021 to re-

pair and improve the Shop, built up public and business memberships in 2020 and 2021 and provided regular video, online and published content to its members in 2020 and 2021, for which the Society has received much praise.

More than anything else, the Board of Directors is very much looking forward in the not-too-distant future to a time when it can once again socialize with its members, thank them for their loyalty and recognize the many volunteers who have kept the Society and the shop going in unprecedented times (for this century, anyway).



Susan Platt leads a large group through a tour of Victoria Park Square in August.

## Walking tours resume, sell out in September

With less restrictions on outdoor activities than indoor activities, the Milton Historical Society's popular walking tours resumed. There were the regular walks in June and September as well as two, special booked tours in August and September.

The booked tours proved to be popular and there's a likelihood the group will book additional tours in 2022.

Many thanks to all our member tour guides: Wendy S., Nancy C., Susan B., Mirella M., Susan P., Kathleen L., Pat W. and Joan K., without volunteers our society would not be able to function – A big **THANK YOU** to all!

## Thanks volunteers for maintenance help

Thank you to our volunteer members who have been helping with maintenance over the last year: Floyd P., Mandy S., Jennifer S., Gloria C., Marsha W. and Bruce C.

We may have been closed, but there were always things to be done to keep our facility functioning.

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## BLACKSMITH SHOP NEWS

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# After pandemic delay, blacksmith courses resume

By Bruce Carlin

The first blacksmith courses for 2021 started up on the September 11 and 12 weekend. The last time the shop had received students for courses was in the middle of November, 2020.

The interest in the blacksmith courses has been very strong. We have scheduled a total of 10 courses this fall, including eight beginner courses and two intermediate or specialty courses.

We are thankful for all the registered students, especially those from cancelled courses who left their course fees with the Society as credits for future courses.

There are also a number of one-to-one blacksmith sessions that have been scheduled. Thanks to our website administra-

tor Jennifer Smith, and our social media administrator Sydney McEachern, for promoting the courses.

Our course instructors have all returned this fall. Thanks to Mike Armstrong and Megan Carter of Armstrong and Carter Ironworks and Darwyne Hourie and Jonathan Miller. Thanks also to David Brandow for substituting as a teacher for the first weekend of courses.

We have put in place some new measures to protect the health and safety of students and instructors, including enhanced ventilation due to an anonymous donation of an industrial fan and requiring all participants to provide proof of double vaccination or alternatively a negative antigen test performed at a pharmacy.

Soon it will be time to make plans for 2022.

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## BUSINESSES OF OUR PAST

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**Smith Foundry Palermo – Picture taken in 1868**

The foundry was first established on a small scale in 1842 by the Jacob Lawrence, when later he took his three sons into partnership. For a few years, it was run by horse power, which gave way to steam. Then was erected an additional and more commodious building. About 20 men were employed for many years. Lawrence & Sons turned out several most improved horse powers and separators and a large number of mowers, self rakes and reapers yearly. They kept up to the latest improvements along these lines, taking many prizes at the Provincial Fair from year to year. They also manufactured a large number of ploughs, straw and root cutters and almost every other article required by the husband-man in this rich and advanced agricultural section of country, unsurpassed by any for its fertility of soil and pure ozone. In the year 1817, the present large brick structure occupied by J.A. Smith was erected by the firm of Smith Brothers & Kendrick. For some years they did a lively business to the satisfaction of their many patrons.



# Preservation of 111 Mary Street catches Milton Council's attention

Milton Council will consider unilaterally designating 111 Mary Street, also known as the Edwin Earl house, under the Ontario Heritage Act to help ensure its preservation if the owner is unable to repair and maintain the historic home according to Town of Milton property standards requirements.

Council was set to deliberate on the matter late this past summer until it was deferred because Town of Milton Development Services staff had entered into negotiations with the owner to attempt to bring the dwelling up to the appropriate building maintenance standard.

The home at 111 Mary Street has been identified by Robinson Heritage Consulting as a significant heritage resource that has design or physical value as well as historical or associative value and, thus, should be retained and maintained for the following reasons:

- It is a representative example of mid-Victorian domestic architecture;
- It is of provincial interest because of its association with Rev. Joseph Hiram Robinson (1807-1896), a circuit minister with the Methodist Church who is included in the University of Toronto's and Laval University's Dictionary of Canadian Biography;
- It is of local historic significance as the home of Edwin Earl (1855-1931), a former mayor of Milton, Halton County Reeve and prominent community leader; and
- It is of contextual significance as one of the original buildings specifically built to face onto Victoria Square and, though that, contributes to the cultural heritage value of the Mary Street streetscape, the Victoria Park area and this portion of Old Milton.

The lot at 111 Mary Street was purchased in 1857 by Rev. Robinson and the house was built in 1858. It was purchased



Milton Town Council is taking steps to ensure the proper maintenance of this building will be undertaken.

in 1891 by Mr. Earl who, in addition to his political and community interests, was a tinsmith/plumber and operated a business on Milton's Main Street. Besides serving as mayor, reeve and Warden of Halton County, Mr. Earl was town assessor in 1904-1905 and fire chief from 1894 to 1930. He also served on the Town's Board of Health and its waterworks department. His other involvements include Halton Probation Association, Milton Hydro Commission, Milton Board of Trade, Milton Mechanics Institute, the baseball club and the Royal Templars of Temperance.

## Gourmet & Spirits evenings proceed

After a one-year delay, the second annual Gourmet and Spirits Evenings will be held on Tuesday Oct. 19 and Tuesday Oct. 26 at La Toscana Restaurant, in the old Thompson House Hotel at 165 Main Street.

Although Milton Historical Society tried very hard to hold a socially distanced event last fall, in the end it was cancelled for a number of reasons.

However, a nice combination of vaccine, lower case counts, health measures and the Province's indoor dining vaccination policy, has allowed this year's event to proceed.

Both nights are sold out, with a maximum of 18 participants at each dinner. Local historian John McDonald will lead the evenings with many stories of the history of Milton, including some local spirits who were former residents.



## Former Ontario Premier Bill Davis recognized with Milton street name alongside other premiers

With the recent passing on August 8, 2021, of former Premier William Grenville "Bill" Davis (1929-2021), arguably one of the most effective and popular Ontario premiers in the province's 154-year history, discussion quickly ensued across the province about how best to recognize this political icon.

The Town of Milton began the process of doing just that almost 25 years ago when the council of the day and the Town's then-Director of Planning, Mel Iovio, worked with Milton Historical Society's John Challinor II and Jim Dills (1930-2019) to establish a street-naming policy and develop and populate a database of properly researched names.

The Society's coffee table-quality book, *Milton Streets*, co-written by Mssrs. Challinor and Dills in 2007, addresses the establishment of the Town's street-naming protocols and provides the background for all of the street names used by the Town up to that point in time. While the book is long out-of-print, copies can still be acquired on loan from Milton Public Library.

Complementing local citizens of note in the street names database are military veterans, Kings, Queens, Governors-General, Lieutenant-Governors, Prime Ministers and Premiers.

Mr. Davis had a street named for him in 2000 when Davis Lane was established in the Dempsey neighbourhood.

He joins a long and growing list of Ontario premiers who have also been recognized by the Town with a street named in their honour. They include the following:

**Drew Centre** – Found in the Timberlea neighbourhood, named in 2005 for the Honourable George Drew (1894-1973),

the former Member of Provincial Parliament for High Park and Ontario's 14th premier.

**Eves Gate** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, named in 2004 for the Honourable Ernie Eves (1946- ), the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka and Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey and Ontario's 23rd premier.

**Ferguson Drive** – Found in the Beaty neighbourhood, named in 2003 for the Honourable Howard Ferguson (1870-1946), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Grenville and Ontario's ninth premier.

**Frost Court** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, named in 2004 for the Honourable Leslie Frost (1895-1973), the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Victoria and Ontario's 16th premier.

**Harris Boulevard** – Found in the Dempsey neighbourhood, named in 2000 for the Honourable Mike Harris (1945- ), the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Nipissing and Ontario's 22nd premier.

**Hearst Boulevard** – Found in the Beaty neighbourhood, named in 2003 for the Honourable Sir William Hearst (1864-1941), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Sault Ste. Marie and Ontario's seventh premier.

**Henry Crescent** – Found in the Willmott neighbourhood, named in 2004 for the Honourable George Stewart Henry (1871-1958), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for York East and Ontario's tenth premier.

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# Province's politicians popular street names

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**Hepburn Road** – Found in the Coates neighbourhood, named in 2006 for the Honourable Mitchell Hepburn (1896-1953), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Elgin as well as the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Elgin and Ontario's 11th premier.

**Kennedy Circle** – Found in the Beaty neighbourhood, named in 2001 for the Honourable Thomas Laird Kennedy (1878-1959), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Peel and Ontario's 15th premier. Mr. Kennedy was former local Member of Provincial Parliament Ted Chudleigh's grandfather.

**Miller Way** – Found in the Dempsey neighbourhood, named in 2000 for the Honourable Frank Miller (1927-2000), the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Muskoka and Ontario's 19th premier.

**Mowat Lane** – Found in the Dempsey neighbourhood, named in 2000 for the Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat (1820 - 1903), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Oxford North and Ontario's third premier.

**Rae Crescent** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, named in 2004 for the Honourable Bob Rae (1948- ), the former Member of Provincial Parliament for York South and Ontario's 21st premier.

**Robarts Drive** – Found in the Dempsey neighbourhood, named in 2000 for the Honourable John Robarts (1917-1982),



the former Member of Provincial Parliament for London North and Ontario's 17th premier.

**Whitney Terrace** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, named in 2004 for the Honourable Sir James Whitney (1843-1914), the former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Dundas and Ontario's sixth premier.

Mr. Challinor continues to research and provide street name candidates to the Town's Development Services staff for placement in its street names inventory. The commercial and residential development communities select names from that database to identify new streets in their subdivisions.

To learn more about the history behind Milton's street names, tune in to Milton 101.3 FM each Monday when on-air personality Cameron Wilkinson interviews Mr. Challinor about the latest street name histories requested by his listeners. Each interview can also be found on the Society's Facebook page.

## Next phase of Town's Mature Neighbourhood Study considered, adding more historic neighbourhoods

Milton Council recently took the next step to approving the next phase of the Town of Milton's Mature Neighbourhood Study, adding the Mountainview, Fallingbrook, Forest Grove, Bronte Meadows, Valley View and Old Milton neighbourhoods into the protective zoning bylaw amendment developed by Town Development Services staff following extensive public consultation.

The proposed new zoning bylaw amendment introduces new standards that apply to new development in the form of new housing, replacement housing and additions and alterations to existing houses and are intended to preserve the character of the mature neighbourhood areas and protect them from incompatible development while still allowing for change that is sensitive and respectful of character.

The bylaw legislates setbacks, building height, lot cover-

age and street front treatment.

The Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study was established in April 2018 to review the Town's current Official Plan policies and regulatory framework relating to the construction of new dwellings and additions to existing dwellings in mature residential neighbourhoods within the community's established urban area and recommend appropriate changes to protect the character of those residential areas.

Phase 1 of the study concerned itself with the Downtown Character Area, while Phase 2 looked at the Mountainview and Old Milton neighbourhoods.

Phase 3 considered the Fallingbrook, Forest Grove, Bronte Meadows and Valley View neighbourhoods. Phase 3 of the study will also address the Dorset and Timberlea neighbourhoods later this term.



# History made naming of Canada's first Indigenous Governor-General

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary May Simon was sworn in on July 26, 2021, as Canada's first Indigenous Governor-General. She is the 30th Governor-General since Confederation.

Mary May Simon was born on August 21, 1947, in Kangiqsualujuaq, Nunavik (Quebec), to Nancy May (Angnatuk-Askew), her Inuk mother, and Bob Mardon May, her father, who moved to the Arctic to work for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Ms. May Simon gained national and international recognition for her work on Arctic and Indigenous issues and for her efforts in advocating for Inuit rights, youth, education and culture.

Ms. May Simon began her career as a radio broadcaster with the CBC Northern Service (now CBC North) in the 1970s. Following this, she held a series of executive positions with the Northern Quebec Inuit Association (now Makivik Corporation) and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, which centred on negotiating the first land claims agreement in Canada, the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. As president of Makivik Corporation, she was directly involved with the implementation of the agreement, along with the protection and promotion of Inuit rights.

Along with fellow Indigenous leaders, Ms. May Simon was also actively involved in the negotiations leading to the 1982 patriation of the Canadian Constitution, which formally entrenched Aboriginal and treaty rights in the supreme law of Canada.

She later joined the executive council of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (now the Inuit Circumpolar Council), for which she served two terms as president. In addition, she was commissioner of the Nunavut Implementation Commission and policy co-director of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

From 1994 to 2003, Ms. May Simon served as ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, becoming the first Inuk to hold an ambassadorial position. During this time, she negotiated the creation of the Arctic Council. Concurrently, she served as ambassador of Canada to Denmark from 1999 to 2001.

Beginning in 2006, Ms. May Simon served two terms as president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. In 2008, in the House of Commons, she delivered a response on behalf of Inuit to the formal apology on residential schools. She is the founder of the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation and, until 2014,



Mary May Simon made Canadian history by being named Canada's governor general in August.

she was the chairperson of the National Committee on Inuit Education.

In 2017, as the Minister's Special Representative, Ms. May Simon delivered a report to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs on *A New Shared Arctic Leadership Model*, setting the stage for important policy and program development in support of the Arctic and its residents.

Among other distinctions, Ms. May Simon is an Officer of the Ordre national du Québec. She is also a recipient of the Governor-General's Northern Medal, the Gold Order of Greenland, the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Gold Medal of the Canadian Geographical Society and the Symons Medal.

Upon becoming Governor-General, Ms. May Simon was promoted by Her Majesty The Queen as Companion of the Order of Canada (C.C.), and invested as Commander of the Order of Military Merit (C.M.M.) and Commander of the Order of Merit for Police Forces (C.O.M.). Her Majesty The Queen is the Sovereign of these Orders.

Ms. May Simon plays the accordion and loves nature and berry picking. She is anaana (mother) to a daughter and two sons, anaanatsiaq (grandmother) to 12 children and amauq (great-grandmother) to four children. She also has three step-children from her marriage in 1994 to Mr. Whit Grant Fraser, former head of the Canadian Polar Commission, former executive director of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and a long-time former CBC journalist.

# James Michael ‘Mike’ Ledwith • 1924-2010

## Businessman, Politician, Volunteer



**By Marsha Waldie**

Mike Ledwith was a very well known figure in Milton. He moved to Milton in 1946 using his \$3,000 War Service Gratuity to purchase Cora Perry's grocery store on Main Street.

During the Second World War, he served in the Canadian Navy and was posted to Nova Scotia, eventually going overseas. He and his wife Kay raised three children. Sadly, Kay died in 1956 leaving Mike to look after them. Mike later married Vere Henderson, who became his partner in raising the children.

Mike's community involvement was very extensive as listed: Rotary Club of Milton, Chair of Milton Public School Board, Chair of Milton Swimming Pool Committee in Rotary Park, Chair of Milton Safety Council & Milton District Hospital, Chair of Evergreen Cemetery, Milton Industrial Committee & Parking Authority, and President of Milton Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

He and his family were members of St. Paul's United Church, where he served on a number of committees, sang in the choir and also served as an Elder.

Mike was Milton's mayor in 1957, during our town's Centennial celebrations. He was recognized for his community involvement as Milton Senior of the Year in 1998 and 2010, Halton Business Hall of Fame in 1999 along with other recognition.

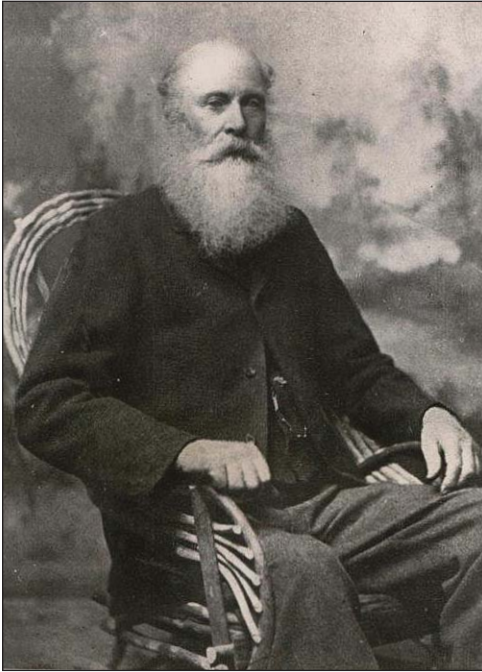
Mr. Ledwith passed on July 5, 2010 and is interred in Evergreen Cemetery.





# John Ramsey, early reeve of Nassagaweya Township

This is part of the obituary which ran in the Acton Free Press, October 7, 1915



John Ramsey • 1825-1915

John Ramsey was the son of John Ramsay, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1793, and came to Canada in 1819. He married Rachael Cleaver, daughter of John Cleaver, of Nelson Township, in 1821, after taking up land in Eramosa Township, with his two brothers Robert and Henry, the year before. John Ramsey, Jr., married Mary A. Daniels, on July 6th, 1848. Mrs. Ramsey predeceased him in 1882, leaving four daughters, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Ramsey was not only a pioneer but he was an intelligent, well informed and helpful citizen. He was a good neighbour, a kindly adviser and his advice was sought by many. For over fifty years he took a live interest in public affairs. He was elected a member of Nassagaweya Council in 1863, and was subsequently Deputy-Reeve, Reeve and Warden.

In 1890, upon the organization of Halton Farmers Insurance Company he was elected president of the company, which office he held for 20 years. He was an honorary director at the time of his death and attended one of the monthly meetings in the town hall, Acton, this summer.

John Ramsey was an upright man of sterling character, and, though somewhat gruff in his manner, he was invariably kind and tender-hearted.

During the last 30 years of his life he was ministered to with tender and affectionate care and solicitude by Mrs. Robert Laing, who was with him until the spirit had taken its flight.

An interesting co-incidence is the fact that the late John Warren, father of our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. James L. Warren, was born on the same day as Mr. Ramsey. They spent many years together in the County Council, and both were honored with the Wardenship. Mr. Ramsey often jocularly referred to Mr. Warren as his twin brother.

## MHS to sell Andy Frank biography online, at shop

Local author Jean Somerville has donated the remaining 24 books she wrote and published about her late father, former Halton Sheriff Andy Frank, to Milton Historical Society to be sold with the other books of local history in the Society's catalogue.

Entitled *He Did It All... WITH DIGNITY AND DISPATCH A Biography of Andrew William Frank*, the 155-page softcover book traces the interesting and varied life and times of the late Andy Frank (1902 - 1985), best known as the former Sheriff of Halton County, a talented musician and local businessman.

Ms. Somerville's book is not only a great tribute to her very popular father, it's also a great walk down memory lane, particularly in terms of 20th Century life in northern Halton County and Southern Ontario.

The book is available for purchase on the Society's website or by visiting the Waldie Blacksmith Shop on Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

**He Did It All ...  
WITH DIGNITY AND DISPATCH**

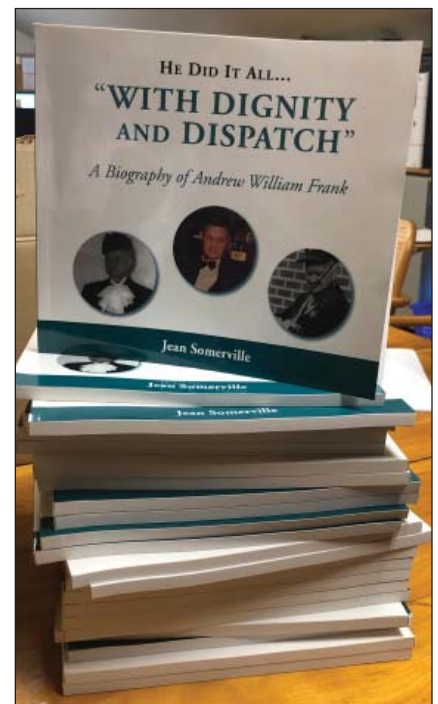
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Andrew William Frank**

**By Jean Somerville**

**Published by Actondale Press,  
2013**

**155 pages**

**\$20**







202 Jasper Street



71 Mill Street

## Two homes added to Milton's house plaquing

By Marsha Waldie

This summer the Society researched and marked two historic homes through our, "Marking Historic Properties" program.

### 202 Jasper Street

Hannah Jane Osmond, an unmarried woman, purchased this lot and the lot to the west. She had two matching semi-detached homes built on Jasper Street. The homes were built around 1909, simple design with the purpose of providing affordable family rental accommodation.

Some of the family names associated with this home were McEachern, Finn and Tubman to name but a few.

Through the years, various individuals owned 202 and 204 Jasper Street for rental income, eventually they were purchased and sold separately. These homes are examples of early 20th Century semi-detached houses within Milton.

### 71 Mill Street

Thomas D. Hume had this brick home built in 1905 but, in 1907, he decided to build another home – 83 Victoria Street, where he and his family moved. Mr. Hume opened the first moving picture theatre in Milton in 1912 at 156 Main Street.

Victor and Effie Chisholm purchased the Mill Street home in 1909 and raised their three children there.

Mr. Chisholm operated a law practice in Milton and was appointed the Land Registrar for Halton County in 1913.

In 1930, Dr. and Mrs. George King then purchased the home and raised their three children. Dr. King opened a dental practice, serving the Milton community for 41 years. It was located on the second floor of the historic Thompson House on Main Street.

This house is an example of the Edwardian Foursquare style of architecture.

## Milton Mobility Hub: Town's uptown area edges forward

Milton Council recently reviewed various Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendments or the short-term implementation phases associated with the Milton Mobility Hub Study which, if implemented over the next 40 years, will see the development of Milton's uptown to complement its current historic downtown.

While Milton's Mobility Hub is identified as a strategic growth area centered around the Milton GO Station, it really is a focus for the redevelopment of Main Street East, between Thompson Road and Ontario Street, into the community's new uptown core.

The latest report, prepared by Town of Milton Development Services staff, covered off dozens of Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw amendment considerations related to intensification, employment areas, building design, rail proximity, open spaces, parking, building heights, retail, bicycle parking, electric vehicle charging stations, outdoor amenities, lot coverage, setbacks, shadowing, etc.

A technical report will be brought forward to Council later this term to respond to any additional issues or concerns raised by the public or various agencies or other levels of government.

# Our Milton presses on with opposition to condo project

They're not taking "NO" for an answer.

A downtown Milton group forged together to stop a potential condominium development at Bronte and Main streets hasn't given up the fight despite watching the project narrowly pass through Milton Council recently.

Our Milton, the local group fighting the project, is raising funds to continue the fight alone at the Ontario Land Tribunal, the next step in the process of appealing the decision.

Caley French, the spokesperson for the group, said they'll accept donations sent to [Ourmiltonfunding@gmail.com](mailto:Ourmiltonfunding@gmail.com). Cheques will be accepted at Fitzgerald / Sprigg Insurance Co., 216 Main Street, Monday to Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make out the cheque to Ourmilton Inc. They also have a GoFundMe account set up. Simply search Our Milton.

By early October, the group had raised \$2,820.

Vue Developments has proposed two towers, of 18 and 17 storeys, on the property of the old Co-op, on the northeast corner at Bronte and Main streets.

The Town's Official Plan calls for height limits of only 4 storeys. The group is also concerned with a number of impacts this project would have on the downtown. Among them:

- Future projects in the area with similar heights;



A local downtown Milton group is pressing ahead with plans to fight against the condo project proposed for Bronte and Main streets.

- Traffic and parking in the area;
- Big shadows cast for much of the day over downtown Milton;
- Lack of benefit for existing residents.

As well, the developer has asked for amendments to the minimum number of commercial/business and common areas and increases to the maximum number of residents recommended per square foot.

The project came before Town Council on June 21, 2021. Although much was said during the meeting, the common perception for the positive votes was that the project would likely be approved at the next stage by the Province and that spending large sums of money was wasteful and not in the Town's citizens' best interests.

## MHS to participate in DBIA Downtown Milton HolidayFest November 27

The Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area's Downtown Milton HolidayFest returns on Saturday November 27, 2021, and, once again, Milton Historical Society will be participating.

In conjunction with the DBIA's HolidayFest event, the Society will host its annual ChristmasFest Books and Curiosities Sale from noon to 6 p.m. at the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop in beautiful downtown Milton.

The Society has some unique and highly desirable Christmas gift ideas for that hard-to-buy-for family member or friend who loves Milton. Watch for an amazing bundle deal, to be announced shortly, on the Society's wide variety of coffee table-quality books of local history. Also available are the Society's classic coffee table mugs, a limited edition MHS Christmas bulb, some classic garage sale items. and great



gift certificates for the 2022 Guided Walking Tours and 2022 Blacksmith courses.

Our professional blacksmiths will also be selling some unique iron items they have hand-crafted. They are also available to discuss making that unique item you'd like them to hand-craft for you.





The Waldie Blacksmith Shop was the star in a program to help promote local businesses and hidden gems.

## Shop featured in tourism photo/video shoot

A program to help tourism in southern Ontario led to a detailed photo shoot of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop at the end of July.

A crew of four spent the better part of an hour inside and outside the blacksmith shop taking pictures and video.

A photographer, a videographer, a marketing officer and a social media coordinator were part of the team that went to six different downtown Milton locations.

Mira Nasser, the events and communications co-ordina-

tor for the Downtown Milton Business Improvement Area, reached out to the organization to get the ball rolling.

The program is part of The Heart of Ontario, from the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Association.

The purpose is to supply these businesses with promotional material to help promote tourism in the area.

For more information, visit:

<https://hamiltonhaltonbrant.com/>

<https://theheartofontario.com/>



A number of Milton Historical Society members spent a few days preparing the blacksmith shop for the photoshoot. MHS benefits from getting access to the pictures and videos for their own promotions but also in being listed on a number of local tourism websites.



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## MILTON THEN & NOW

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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.



**Main Street looking west just east of Martin Street.**



**Town Hall**



**24-28 James Street**





## Hogg House dismantling completed

The Hogg stone house on Tremaine Road has been dismantled. It was completed over the summer.

Each stone was carefully numbered and stored. The home

will be rebuilt as it was, with a sympathetic addition, on King Street next summer.

Sedgwick Marshall Historic Homes is handling the project.



## MHS seeks funds for windows and shop re-painting

Milton Historical Society will seek funding later this fall for window replacement and a complete interior and exterior painting of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop through grant submissions to two key funding organizations -- Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Halton Community Investment Fund.

To assist with the Society's 2021 operating budget deficit, the Society also recently applied for one-time financial support through Heritage Canada's Museums Assistance Program.

John Challinor II, assisted by Mandy Sedgwick and Sue

Paul, will make application to OTF for a complete repainting of the shop. Mr. Challinor, assisted by the others, will seek a grant from HCIF to replace the windows.

Earlier this year, the Society had unsuccessfully applied for a grant through the Government of Canada/Community Foundations of Canada Health Communities Initiative to replace the windows in the shop.

Mr. Challinor, assisted by Ms. Sedgwick and Ms. Paul, will make application on behalf of the Society in the next few weeks. The organization is expected to know its fate early in the new year.





A small section of the building remains in front of the cemetery with an inscription marking its history.

## MANSEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

# Cemetery reflects Scottish migration to the area

Nestled behind a grove of trees on the northwest corner of Boston Church Road and No. 5 Sideroad is a small cemetery, representing a group of Scottish immigrants who were part of the Scotch Block of Milton and Halton Hills.

At one point, there were three separate Presbyterian congregations in the Scotch Block. Two churches amalgamated in the 1800s to form the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. A building was constructed in 1836. A stone building replaced the initial structure in 1866 and that building stood until it was dismantled in 1951.

A small section remains at the front of the otherwise hidden cemetery with a plaque explaining a little of its history.

Understanding the Presbyterian churches just north of Milton is to understand the settling of that entire area by Scottish immigrants in the early 1800s. Many came from Scotland, but a large number of Scot-

tish persons came via the U.S. state of Vermont, where a large number had settled.

The early settlers started Boston Presbyterian Church on its current site. However, within a short time, a splinter group formed the Associated Presbyterian Church. Yet another splinter group, the Associated Presbyterian Reformed Church later formed. Those two later churches merged in 1835 to form Mansewood Presbyterian Church.

That church was active until 1935 when it merged with Boston Presbyterian Church up the road.

The cemetery remains, however. There are an unknown number of graves as church records were incomplete. A number of people listed on the cemetery list are known not to have been buried here.

In any event, it remains an artifact of the history of Scottish immigration to the area.



The Mansewood Presbyterian Church played a large role in the establishment of the Scotch Block in Milton's history. This church was used until 1935 and dismantled 16 years later.





The cemetery at Mansewood Presbyterian Church has been cleaned up over the years. A number of tombstones have been gathered, somewhat restored and placed in an area at the back. Some of the original large tombstones remain in place.

## Milton Council decides to acknowledge Indigenous land history at every meeting

Milton Council recently approved the reading of a land acknowledgement statement that will be made at the opening of meetings of Council, civic celebrations and other official events hosted by the municipality as part of its response to the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report in 2015.

In addition to the land acknowledgement statement, Council also approved the following initiatives:

- Annual public presentation by a recognized First Nations historian about Indigenous life in Milton and area annually, beginning September 30, 2021;
- Letter from Mayor Gord Krantz to Ontario Minister of Education, Ontario Minister of Colleges & Universities, Halton District School Board Education Director and Halton Catholic District School Board Education Director requesting they work together to develop and implement a balanced and mandatory discussion about Indigenous history in Canada as part of all future studies about Canadian history at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels of education provincially;
- Review by Town of Milton staff of the eight recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission pertaining to municipal responsibilities with report back to Milton Council by January 31, 2022, identifying a proposed call to action, where appropriate;
- Budget permitting, installation of an orange sidewalk to commemorate all Indigenous children and recognize and sup-

port Milton's Indigenous community; and

- Budget permitting, installation of public art installations in Milton, in consultation with Milton's Indigenous community and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to commemorate all Indigenous children, support cultural resurgence and recognize the local Indigenous community.

The land acknowledgement statement reads as follows:

*We would like to acknowledge that the land we gather on is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations.*

*We recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people.*

*We also acknowledge the First Nation, Metis and Inuit people who live on these lands today.*

*We commit to working towards reconciliation.*

In recognition of the inaugural National Day For Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021, Milton Historical Society has posted on its Facebook page as its Monthly Speakers Series offering for September the 2019 Symons Medal Lecture honouring former Senator Murray Sinclair, a lawyer, retired judge and the chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Society will host a recognized Indigenous historian at all of its future Monthly Speakers Series presentations each September, moving forward.





## HISTORIC HOMES OF MILTON

# Elliott House stands majestically among a sea of industrial complexes

Just north of Highway 401, bordering Boston Church Road and Lawson Road, sits a little bit of Milton history.

Stoically standing distinguished among a group of buildings without any historical significance, the Elliott House is alone, almost out of place as industry has overtaken its former farm.

However, the building is protected by the Town's designation as an Heritage Property. That was done in 1998, under Bylaw 28-98. Coincidentally, it was one of three Milton properties designated at the time. The others were 59 Mill Street and Christie-Henderson Lime Kilns.

The reasons for the designation at the time were:

"The primary reasons for its architectural significance of the Elliott House are that the house dates back to 1840, is an excellent example of a gothic red-brick farmhouse, which is

in excellent condition today. The structure has retained features such as a bell tower, gable roof, gingerbread trim and thin segmented bay windows.

"The home was in the Elliott family from 1833 to 1955.



The 1877 Atlas of Halton County indicates that the home was situated on a 100 acre parcel, with an additional ownership of 250 acres in Lots 1 and 2 of Concession 3, to the west and south of the subject property. The occupation of both William Sr. And Jr. was of farmer. These lands now form a large part of the industrial area adjacent to Highway 401 and also houses the Maplehurst facility."

Famed artist Trisha Romance painted this house and gave it a historic twist.

Former owner, the late developer Iggy Kaneff, restored the building in 1974. Current MHS President John Challinor II was a student labourer on the project.



# Milton Historical Society CORPORATE MEMBERS

## Downtown Milton Business

### Improvement Area

(Member since January 2021)

## Edward Jones Investments

### - David Illingworth

(Member since July 2018)

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(Member since September 2018)

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(Member since January 2019)

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(Member since January 8, 2019)

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(Member since January 2021)

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

## Corporate Memberships

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

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**President:** John Challinor II

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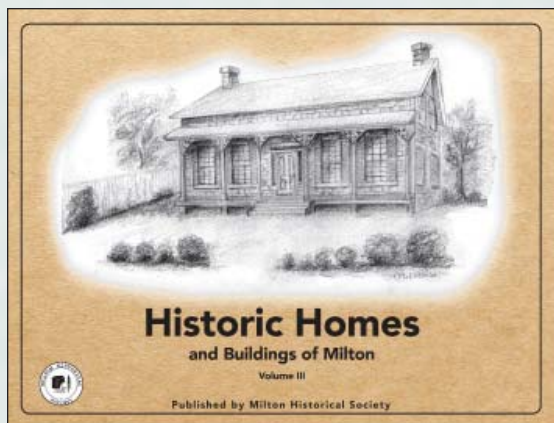
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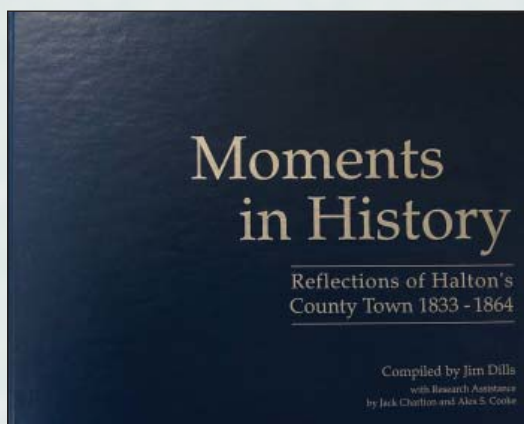
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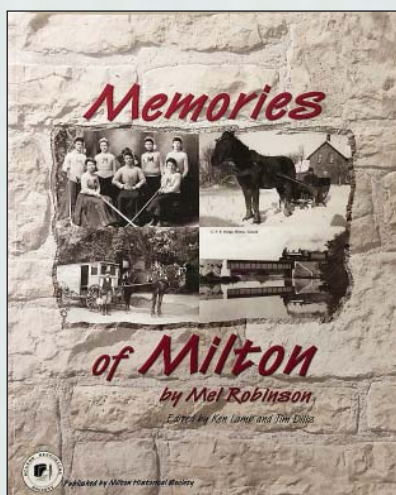
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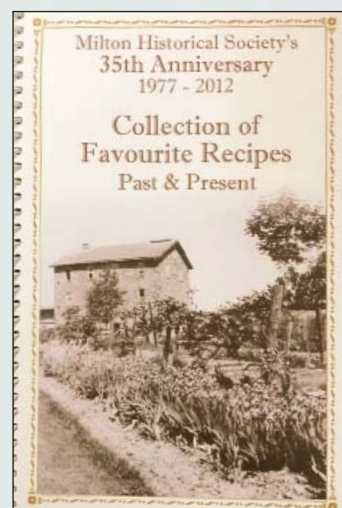
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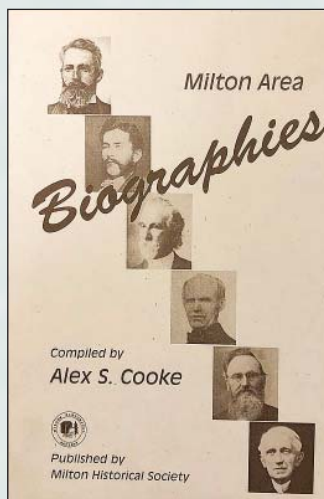
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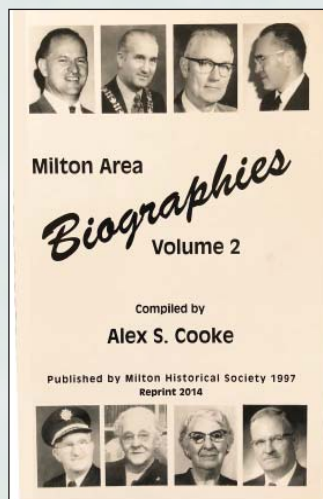
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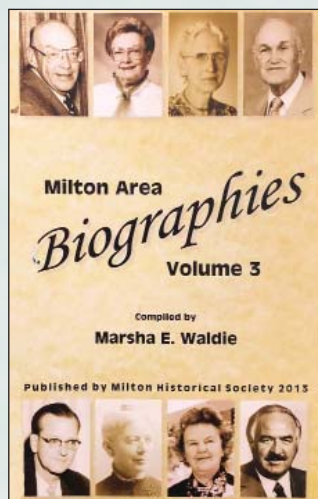
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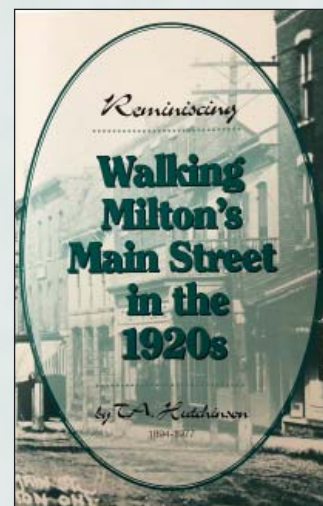
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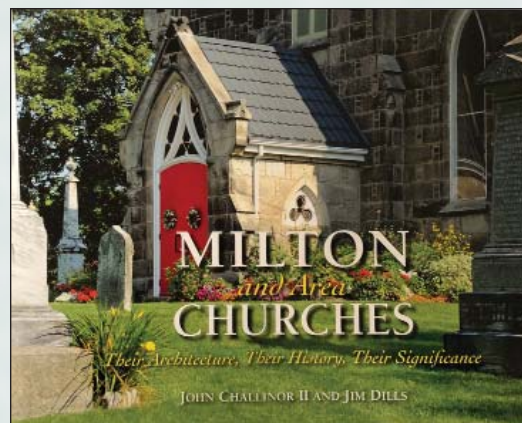
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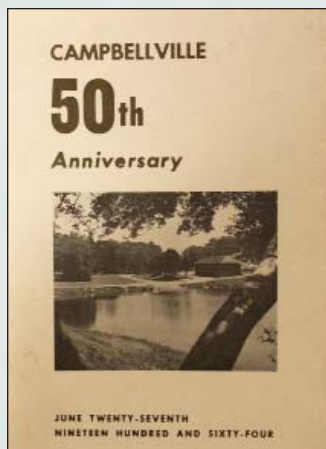
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*All these books (and more) are available for sale from the Milton Historical Society's website with payment and delivery options.  
For more information, or help with ordering, please contact  
Mike Boyle at [mikeboyle539@gmail.com](mailto:mikeboyle539@gmail.com).*

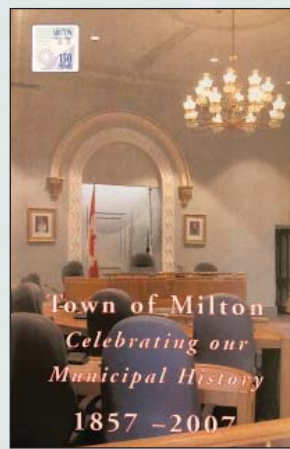




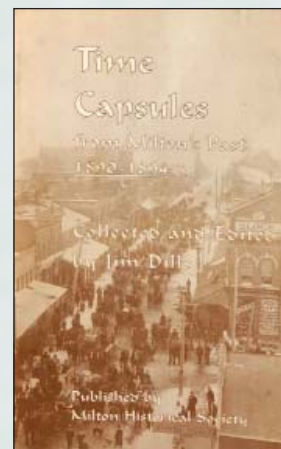
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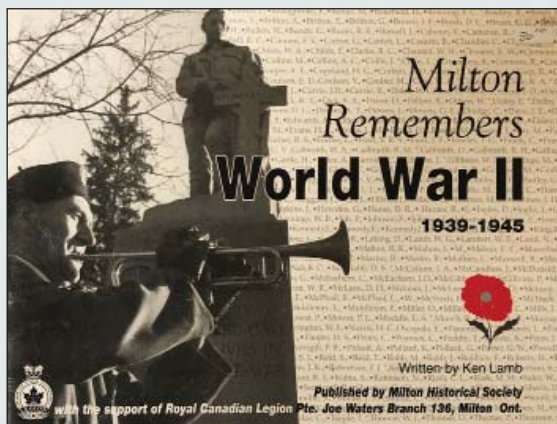
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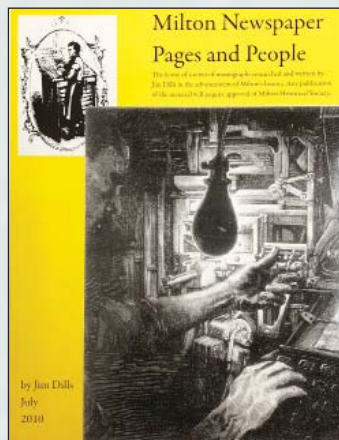
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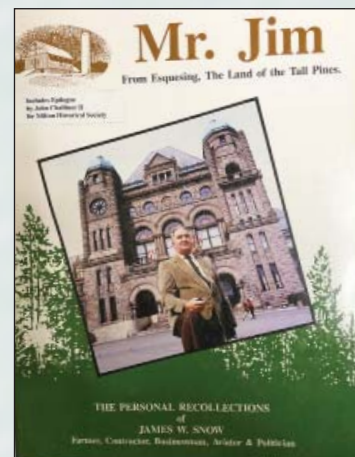
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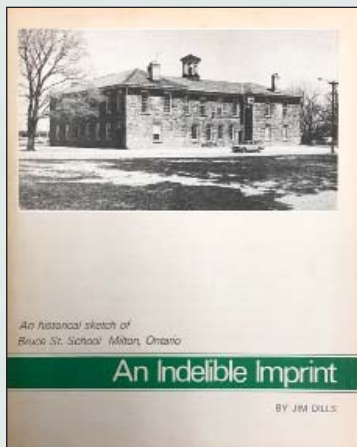
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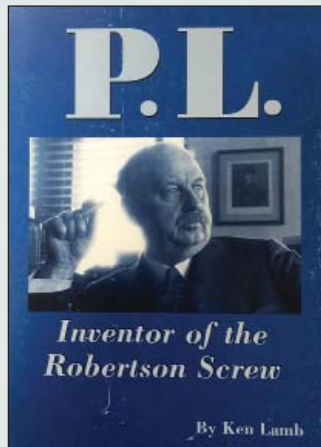
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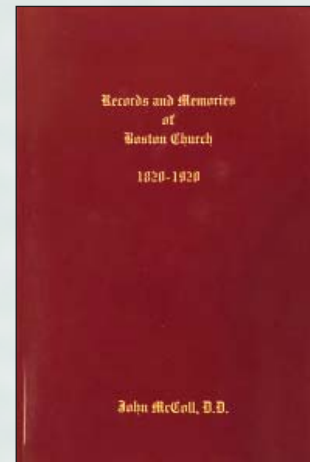
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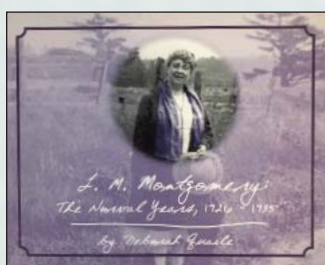
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# THE MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal

☐ Single \$25      ☐ Family \$40      ☐ Youth (free)

☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100

☐ Corporate (11 or more employees) \$200

☐ Yes, as a new member I wish to receive the Journal and other e-communications.

### VOLUNTEERS HELP US FORGE OUR FUTURE

We know all members have certain unique talents, skills and abilities.

We ask you to share these, as our society relies on your active support and involvement.

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

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

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

### DONATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact our Society for further information.

The Milton Historical Society is a registered charity # 110041358RR0001

Please make cheques payable to Milton Historical Society

Mail completed form/remittance to:

The Milton Historical Society

16 James St., Milton, ON L9T 2P4



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

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

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

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

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

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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**



# LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER WITH A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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OVER 40 YEARS  
IN THE MAKING!

- 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

[miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/about-us/membership/](http://miltonhistoricalsociety.ca/about-us/membership/)

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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

**MANY  
PRIVILEGES**

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Contact: Susan Platt, Community Membership Lead  
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One feature write-up in the quarterly Journal newsletter  
Weekly name mentions on social media channels  
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Free company employee activity evening at Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives (Over 15,000 items)  
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Member Pot Luck Dinners (Summer & Christmas)

**PLUS MORE!**

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## 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
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- MHS Community Events
- MHS Member Social Events

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