

## MHS AGM to feature presentation about early settlement of Halton

Milton Historical Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday January 26, 2023, an event featuring a special presentation about the early settlement of Halton by local resident David Hobden.

The AGM, which begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp, will feature the election of new officers, a synopsis of the last year by Society President John Challinor II and a review of the organization's 2022 audited financial statements by MHS Treasurer Sue Paul.

Mr. Hobden will kick off the Society's 2023 Monthly Speakers' Series with a presentation about the early settlement of Halton County, based on research he has been conducting for many, many years.

The AGM and Monthly Speakers' Series presentation by Mr. Hobden will take place at the historic Waldie Blacksmith Shop at 16 James Street in beautiful downtown Milton. All are welcome to attend.



The relocation and reconstruction of the Hogg Stone House from Tremaine Road onto King Street Milton is nearly complete. Occupancy is expected by the end of February. Here, Manuel is installing the front door and transom, which was restored and re-installed in the new house.

### 2023 Membership is due

Just a friendly reminder MHS membership comes due at the beginning of the calendar year. The membership form is with The Journal. You can also pay online with your credit card.

Want to mail in your membership? No problem. You can send your cheque to the Milton Historical Society, 16 James St., Milton, Ont. L9T 2P4.

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or call (905) 875-4156.



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The Fred W. Armstrong Arena was located on Brown Street for many years. It was the town's only rink until Memorial Arena was built in 1974. Sadly, the building was condemned and then torn down in 1978.



This bandshell in Victoria Park began its life at Halton Centennial Manor. When the manor was rebuilt into Allendale, it was decided to move the bandshell to Victoria Park, near the renovated town hall.

## Town to recognize local arena and bandshell

The Town of Milton will formally recognize the community's first ice hockey arena, Fred W. Armstrong Arena, and the Victoria Park Bandshell at its Walk of Fame ceremony on Saturday February 18, 2023, as part of Ontario Heritage Week activities co-organized by Milton Historical Society.

Plaques informing Miltonians about both of these important historic assets have been developed by Town staff, with research assistance from the Society, and will be placed adjacent to the bandshell in Victoria Park and near the north-east corner of Brown and Mary streets, where the arena was located until its demolition 44 years ago. The plaques will be mounted in both locations later in the spring of 2023 when weather conditions improve.

### Fred W. Armstrong Arena

Milton's first indoor skating/hockey arena was built at the north-east corner of Brown and Mary streets in 1922 at a cost of \$15,000 by Milton Arena Company, led by Dr. Marshall Gowland. In 1947, the arena was purchased for \$5,000 from the Town of Milton by Milton Inn owner Fred Armstrong, who had committed to installing a \$31,000 artificial ice surface. In 1955, the money-losing arena was heavily damaged

by fire and, after being repaired by volunteers, came back into the Town's ownership in 1956 through Mr. Armstrong's estate. It was demolished in 1978 after failing an engineering inspection by Ontario Ministry of Labour.

### Victoria Park Bandshell

The Victoria Park Bandshell was relocated to Victoria Park from the grounds of Halton Centennial Manor (now Allendale) in 1991, following the reconstruction of Halton County Court House into the Town of Milton's current Town Hall in 1985.

The bandshell was to be demolished as part of the expansion of the long-term care facility, but was rescued from the wrecker's ball by Town staff. The Town later extensively renovated it. Its construction was originally funded in 1974 by the Halton Centennial Manor Ladies Auxiliary and its design was overseen by then Halton Centennial Manor Administrator Stan Allen, who had based it on a bandshell he and his wife had seen while vacationing in Hamilton, Bermuda. The current bandshell replaced a much smaller bandstand built in Victoria Park in 1909, which had been removed from the park many years earlier.

## Online auction raises much-needed funds

Milton Historical Society's first venture into the world of online auctions for the purposes of raising money to support its many good works proved quite successful out of the gate, raising about \$2,500.

The November 23, 2022, auction came about because of a suggestion for consideration of same by Society member Dave Bartlett. Many members responded to the Society's requests during the spring and summer of 2022 for donations of

items that would prove suitable for an online auction.

The MHS Board of Directors is considering an online auction in 2023, but will be looking for ways to make it a little less labour-intensive and more profitable than the first one.

Special thanks are owed to Mr. Bartlett, Marsha Waldie, Vic Kass, Kaye Hogg, Anne Newell, Jennifer Stojanovski and Nancy Cuttle for their considerable work ensuring that all pre- and post-auction requirements were met.

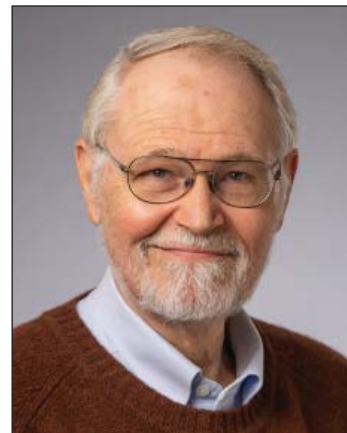




Three members of The Most Serene Republic band (from left) Nick Greaves, Ryan Lenssen and Adrian Jewett, will be inducted to Milton's Walk of Fame.



Henry Cargill was an international lumber merchant.



Brian Kernighan was instrumental in the development of the Unix operating system.

## MILTON WALK OF FAME

# New inductees to be added to Walk of Fame

Musicians, lumber merchant, computer scientist, local farmer

Six new Miltonians of national and/or international stature will be inducted into the Town of Milton Walk of Fame on Saturday February 18, 2023, as part of Milton Historical Society's recognition of Ontario Heritage Week.

Local musicians Nick Greaves, Adrian Jewett and Ryan Lenssen, who co-founded the internationally successful indie band The Most Serene Republic, will be joined at Town Hall by internationally acclaimed computer scientist Brian Kernighan and the families of international lumberman Henry Cargill and international sheep breeder and judge Joseph Willmott. Mssrs. Cargill and Willmott are being inducted posthumously.

With these latest inductions, the number of members of the Walk of Fame will increase of 76 local men and women of national and international distinction in their chosen fields of endeavour.

### Inductee Backgrounds

#### Nick Greaves (1985 - )

Nick Greaves is the co-founder of and lead guitarist with the Canadian indie music rock group, The Most Serene Republic. Mr. Greaves also played EBow and banjo. Over a 10-year period between 2005 and 2015, the band produced five albums, three on the international Arts & Crafts label, supporting those efforts with extensive live tours across North America and Europe. The Most Serene Republic is easily the most successful professional music group in Milton's history as a municipality.

#### Adrian Jewett (1985 - )

Adrian Jewett is the co-founder of and lead vocalist with the Canadian indie music rock group, The Most Serene Republic. Mr. Jewett also played trombone. Over a 10-year period between 2005 and 2015, the band produced five albums, three on the international Arts & Crafts label, supporting those efforts with extensive live tours across North America and Europe. The Most Serene Republic is easily the most successful professional music group in Milton's history as a municipality.

#### Ryan Lenssen (1985 - )

Ryan Lenssen is the co-founder of and pianist with the Canadian indie music rock group, The Most Serene Republic. Mr. Lenssen also performed backup vocals. Over a 10-year period between 2005 and 2015, the band produced five albums, three on the international Arts & Crafts label, supporting those efforts with extensive live tours across North America and Europe. The Most Serene Republic is easily the most successful professional music group in Milton's history as a municipality.

#### Henry Cargill (1838 – 1903) (posthumous)

Born in Nassagaweya Township, Henry Cargill was an international lumber merchant, farmer and municipal and federal elected representative. As a result of the declining number of white pines on his Nassagaweya property holdings, Mr. Cargill bought the Greenock Swamp in Bruce County in

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# Walk of Fame welcomes six new members

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1879, re-established his lumber mill there and, in the process, established the village of Cargill, Ontario, and later expanded his business to include the United States market.

## Brian Kernighan (1942 - )

Brian Kernighan was part of the research group that developed the Unix operating system and the C programming language at Bell Labs in the early 1970s, where he coined the name Unix, helped develop a variety of languages and tools and co-authored the book, *The C Programming Language*. Unix is the foundation of all modern computer operating systems, including Linux, macOS, iOS and Android, and C is one of the world's most widely-used programming languages and the parent of many modern computer languages. Kernighan is also the inventor of the classic "Hello World" program, which has become the de facto way for all programming language textbook authors to introduce language syntax examples to readers. Kernighan was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 2002 for his contributions to software and to programming languages. He was also elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2019.

## Joseph Willmott (1897 – 1987) (posthumous)

Born in Milton, Joseph Willmott was a nationally recognized sheep breeder and judge as well as a national agricultural industry executive. He served as President of the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and the Ontario Sheep Breeders Association; Chairman of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation; and a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition. He won the prestigious Friesen Cup three times for sheep shown at the RAWF. After his third victory, the Friesen Cup was awarded to him to keep permanently. He served in the Canadian Air Force during World War I, returning home to receive his education at the Ontario Agricultural College (now the University of Guelph) and farm for 70 years at the family homestead on the south-west corner of Derry Road and Regional Road 25.

## Criteria

The nomination criteria for all Town of Milton Walk of Fame inductees as is follows:

- Nominee must be born in Milton or spent formative or creative years here;
- Nominee must have lived in community for minimum of ten years;

• Nominee's accomplishments must be national and/or international in scope;

• Nominee's achievement must be best-in-class in his/her best-in-class field of endeavour and extended for minimum two calendar year period; and

• Nominee's achievement must fit into following fields: athletics, arts and entertainment, business and industry, government and public service and health and science.

## History

The Walk of Fame was established 16 years ago as part of the Town of Milton's 150th Anniversary celebrations. In January 2007, it was proposed by the Society that the Town of Milton 150th Anniversary Master Committee develop and implement 150th Anniversary legacy project recognizing Milton's best – current and former citizens of the community who

achieved national and/or international recognition as top achievers in top-level fields of endeavour, including athletics, arts and entertainment, business and industry, government and public service and health and science.

Working with the Town of Milton Community Services Department, a permanent Walk

of Fame would be established at Town Hall. Initial Walk of Fame members would be inducted during a special ceremony on Canada Day at Milton Fairgrounds and again at Town Hall in the Fall of 2009 when the addition to Town Hall was completed.

Future responsibility for maintaining The Walk of Fame and adding inductees in future years, as required, would transfer to the Mayor's Office, Community Services Department and Milton Historical Society. New inductees would be recognized either on January 1st during the Mayor's Annual Levee activities or during Ontario Heritage Week celebrations in mid-February.



Joseph Willmott

# MHS 2023 Monthly Speakers' Series to cover many topics of interest

The 2023 edition of the Milton Historical Society Monthly Speakers' Series promises to have something for everyone, when it comes to local matters historical.

Society Monthly Speakers' Series Program Coordinator Jennifer Pickett Stojanovski, assisted by MHS House Plaquing Coordinator Marsha Waldie and others, has put together an action-packed schedule of speakers for the coming year.

The Monthly Speakers' Series Program is scheduled, at this writing, as follows:

- **January 19, 2023:** AGM Meeting and presentation by David Hobden entitled, "Opening Up Halton County – Mails and Posts of Halton from 1775 to 1918;"
- **February 16, 2023:** David Bartlett presentation entitled, "Milk Bottles of Halton;"
- **March 18, 2023:** Nancy Cuttle and Susan Snooks

presentation entitled, "100 Years, 100 Women;"

- **April 20, 2023:** Cathy Ufford and Dawn Kelly presentation entitled, "The Bachelorette New France;"
- **May 18, 2023:** Matthew Wilkinson presentation entitled, "The Darker Side;"
- **June 15, 2023:** MHS Spring Social Evening TBD;
- **July and August 2023:** No programming during the summer;
- **September 21, 2023:** John McDonald presentation TBD;
- **October 26, 2023:** Jo Ann Tuskin presentation, entitled, "The United Empire Early Settlers of Ontario;"
- **November 16, 2023:** John Duignan presentation, entitled, "A Milton History Through Post Cards;"
- **December 2023:** ChristmasFest-related activity.

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## BLACKSMITH SHOP NEWS

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### Busy winter schedule of blacksmith courses!

The Waldie Blacksmith shop will be busy again with blacksmith courses over the winter and spring period. There are a total of ten courses scheduled from January through to June.

Most courses are one day Beginner classes where the students learn the basics of blacksmithing. The students learn how to light a coal fire, striking techniques, the parts of the anvil and how to use other tools such as punches and chisels.

The students learn how to draw out steel and make projects that they bring home after the course. Some of the projects that are completed include "J" hooks, leaf hooks, bottle cap openers or a coat rack.

There is also an Intermediate course scheduled in the spring where students learn more advanced techniques such as joinery, upsetting and forge welding. The Intermediate course runs for two days and students complete a folding trivet and a fireplace poker as their final projects.

We have two great teams of experienced and knowledgeable instructors in Mike Armstrong and Megan Carter of Armstrong & Carter Ironworks and Darwyne Hourie and David Brandow of FireSword forge.

### MHS assists DBIA with downtown Milton mural

The Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area unveiled its long-awaited, new mural in beautiful downtown Milton on Thursday November 10, 2022, with an assist from Milton Historical Society.

The large and colourful mural, unveiled on the west side of a private building located at the south-east corner of Charles and Main streets, by DBIA Executive Director Rachel Shuttleworth, involved both historical and creative consultation from Society member and noted local visual artist Nancy Cuttle. Ms. Cuttle assisted Ms. Shuttleworth, principle artist Omar Hopkinson and a DBIA creative committee for more than a year on the project.

The new mural is painted on a soft yellow background and town map. The words "Downtown Milton" are painted on it. The word "Milton" showcases six different themes.

"This new mural is an opportunity to enhance the vibrancy of our downtown and support local businesses while promoting local arts and culture," explained Ms. Shuttleworth.

The new mural is the second such artistic expression at that location, as a previous work was originally created there in the 1990s. Over time, it had become severely weather-beaten.





For those living on Aird Court, they might appreciate that their street was named after John Black Aird, who wrote the book *Loyalty in a Changing World*, about the contemporary function of the Lieutenant Governor.



Residents of Bond Head Court might be surprised to learn their street was named after Sir Francis Bond Head, who was the lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1836 to 1838. He played a role in the rebellions of 1837.

## Many Milton streets are named for Ontario Lieutenant-Governors

Lieutenant-Governors have played an important role in the administration of what is now the Province of Ontario since 1791.

At this counting, 46 men and women – most of them Ontarians – have served the province in the role, which was and is largely an administrative one, whether the jurisdiction was the colony of Upper Canada, the Province of Canada or the Province of Ontario.

In recognition of the important role lieutenant-governors played in the establishment, early administration and oversight of the County of Halton and, later, the Town of Milton, Milton Council included them in its street naming policy in the late 1990s.

A number of Milton streets are named for lieutenant-governors, including the following:

**Aird Court** – Found in the Scott neighbourhood, it was named for John Black Aird (1923-1995), the 23rd Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who served from 1980 to 1985.

**Bartleman Terrace** – Found in the Coates neighbourhood, it was named in 2004 for James Bartleman (1939- ), who served as the 27th lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 2002 to 2007.

**Bond Head Court** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, it was named in 2013 for Sir Francis Bond Head (1778-1863), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1836 to 1838.

**Brock Court** – Found in the Dorset Park neighbourhood, it was named in 1973 for Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812), who served as Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada and President of the Administering Government between 1811 and 1812. He died in defence of Queenston Heights in the War of 1812-1813. A column recognizes him at Queenston.

**Downes Jackson Heights** – Found in the Harrison neighbourhood, it was named in 2010 for Sir Richard Downes Jackson (1777-1845), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1841 to 1842.

**Gibson Crescent** – Found in the Coates neighbourhood, it was named in 2004 for Sir John Morison Gibson (1842-1929), who served as the tenth lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1908 to 1914.

**Gore Court** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, it was named in 2004 for Francis Gore (1769-1852), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1806-1817.

**Jackman Gate** – Found in the Coates neighbourhood, it was named in 2006 for Henry Newton Rowell (Hal) Jackman (1932- ), who served as the 25th lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1991 to 1997.

**Lord Simcoe Court** – Found in the Dorset Park neighbourhood, it was incorrectly named in 1973 for Major-General John Graves Simcoe (1752-1806), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1791 to 1806.

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Born in Scotland, Sir William Mortimer Clark came to Upper Canada in 1861. A lawyer, he wrote many travel books and was a prominent social activist. He supported education and hospitals during his mandate.



Born in England, Sir Peregrine Maitland was a soldier who served in the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, for which he was knighted. He was lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada for 1818-28 and then lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia in 1828.

## Many provincial lieutenant-governors are remembered in the names of Milton streets

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**Mortimer Crescent** – Found in the Harrison neighbourhood, it was named in 2010 for Sir William Mortimer Clark (1836-1915), who served as the ninth lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1903 to 1908.

**Mowat Lane** – Found in the Dempsey neighbourhood, it was named in 2000 for Sir Oliver Mowat (1820-1903), who served as the eighth lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1897 to 1903.

**Mulock Heights** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, it was named in 2004 for Sir William Mulock (1843-1944), who served as the administrator of the Government of Ontario from 1931 to 1932.

**Onley Lane** – Found in the Willmott neighbourhood, it was named in 2008 for David Onley (1950-), who served as the 28th lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 2007 to 2014.

**Peregrine Way** – Found in the Scott neighbourhood, it was named in 2020 for Sir Peregrine Maitland (1777-1854), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from

1818 to 1828,

**Rottenburg Court** – Found in the Harrison neighbourhood, it was named in 2004 for Francis de Rottenburg (1757-1851), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada in an acting capacity from 1812-1813

**Rowe Terrace** – Found in the Scott neighbourhood, it was named in 2010 for William Earl Rowe (1894-1984), who served as the 20th lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1963 to 1968.

**Sheaffe Place** – Found in the Ford neighbourhood, it was named in 2013 for Sir Roger Hale Sheaffe (1763-1851), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada in an acting capacity from 1812 to 1813.

**Sydenham Lane** – Found in the Willmott neighbourhood, it was named in 2010 for the 1st Baron Sydenham, Charles Poulett Thomson (1799-1841), who served as lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada from 1839 to 1841.

**Weston Drive** – Found in the Scott neighbourhood, it was named in 2006 for Hilary Weston (1942-), who served as the 26th lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario from 1997 to 2002.

**THANKS**  
to our volunteers

We would like to thank all our volunteers who assisted this year with our Historic Walking Tours, greeting our visitors, demonstrating the art of blacksmithing, our garage sale, in the archives, our monthly meetings, various events and with our building repairs, etc. Without volunteers our society could not continue to share our community history!

If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer please let us know!





Local historian John Duignan (left) discussed a number of local historic artifacts he has obtained over the years. Included among the items was a pistol (above).

## MONTHLY SPEAKERS SERIES

# John Duignan shares stories about Milton gems

Continuing a discussion that began at a Milton Historical Society Monthly Speakers' Series presentation he did just before the global COVID-19 pandemic, local historic artifacts collector John Duignan wowed the crowd at the latest Series event in November with more stories about his latest finds.

Humously referring to himself as a hoarder, Mr. Duignan owns the most important collection of Milton artifacts in the community, items that bring to life Milton's storied industrial, commercial and retail past. They reflect a time when Miltonians manufactured furniture, glassware, jewellery, tools and other commonly used items.

There was much laughter and a lot of questions during and following his presentation, where he detailed what he ob-

tained in the way of important local antiquities and how they came into his possession.

More often than not, Mr. Duignan either rescued the pieces before they were to be landfilled or kept them out of the clutches of other collectors who had no interest in their local historic value and simply wanted to make a buck through their sale on the open market.

Mr. Duignan's collection also includes building signage, including a large porcelain Rexall sign, a large -- and heavy -- safe and beautiful wood and leaded glass display cases.

His uniquely Milton postcard collection will be the subject of another Monthly Speakers' Series presentation later this fall.

## ChristmasFest cancelled due to weather grinch

The always eagerly anticipated HolidayFest, organized by the Milton Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) and Milton Historical Society's supporting ChristmasFest extravaganza were cancelled on Saturday December 3, 2022, because of high winds that, at times, gusted from 90 to 100 km/h.

Both popular events had previously succumbed to cancellation two years ago because of the impact locally of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

While the Society was only very modestly out-of-pock-

et for the day, as a result, the financial impact was much greater for the DBIA and its many vendors.

However, that financial sting was reduced somewhat by longtime local philanthropists Tiger Jeet Singh Jr. and Tiger Jeet Singh Sr., who invited the DBIA and its vendors to participate at no cost in their 14th Annual Miracle On Main Street on Friday December 9, 2022.

A number of vendors took them up on their generous offer on what turned out to be a very successful evening for all concerned, assisted by some decent December weather.



# Lorne ‘Dodney’ Marshall Evans • 1923-1989

Labourer, Athlete, Volunteer

Compiled by Marsha Waldie

Lorne Marshall Evans, known by his friends as “Dodney”, was born on Jan. 20, 1923, in Milton to Fannie Cowan (1900-1987) and Alfred J. Evans (1896-1925). Lorne and his siblings were raised by a single parent.

Their father, Alfred, had suffered gunshot wounds to the arm and face while serving in the First World War. After a number of years of attempted treatment, he died in 1925. Alfred had also been exposed to mustard gas.

Lorne attended Bruce Street Public School and Milton High School. Following school, he began working for P. L. Robertson Co, in the shipping and receiving department until he retired.

On June 19, 1948, he married Lois Laurene Rusk (1927-2021) the daughter of Mae Nelson and Wilbert Rusk. Lois worked at P. L. and played on the plant’s bowling team for years. Lois and Dodney raised three children, Gail, Danny and Bradley.

Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Lorne enlisted in 1943 in the Canadian Navy with the rank of seaman, serving as a submarine detector. He was demobilized on Jan. 9, 1946. As with most military returnees, he became a member of the local Canadian Legion in Milton and, in 1962 served as president of Branch 136.

Lorne enjoyed playing golf and snooker and was active in Milton Baseball and Milton Minor Hockey Associations. As a youth and young man, he was very active in a number of sports playing rugby, baseball and hockey to name a few.

Lorne was the goalie for various teams in the Halton area and beyond. Some of the teams he played for were Mercantile League, Navy Hockey team in Halifax, Milton Legion, Acton Tanners, Milton Brick and P. L. Robertson teams.

In 1942, he was signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs Marlbors as backup goalie for Turk Broda. During his sporting



career he was on a number of teams that won various championships.

Lorne was a coach and mentor for many young men in Milton who were members of various teams. He was proud of the various championships they won playing hockey or baseball. He was awarded the Legion’s Memorial Award – the “Dooney Award” for most sportsmanlike player.

Lorne Marshall Evans died on Jan. 17, 1989. He and his wife Lois are both interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

He certainly was one of Milton’s elite sporting citizens – born, raised and giving back to Milton over his lifetime.

**Rent  
The MHS  
Carriage Room**

The Carriage Room is available to be rented.  
It is suitable for small board and executive meetings, workshops and lecture-type meetings. The room comfortably accommodates 25 people, seated.

For rates, bookings and more information, please contact MHS at [info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca) or call (905) 875-4156.



Pots of chili and buns ready to be served at our 2020 OABA annual meeting! MHS is looking for volunteers to make pots of chili and/or serve the chili during the event.

## OABA annual meeting returns to Waldie Blacksmith Shop February 11

By Bruce Carlin

After a hiatus of three years, the Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association (OABA) annual meeting returns to the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.



The last meeting held in our shop was in February, 2020, just weeks before the COVID pandemic changed our world. In 2020 we welcomed more than 50 blacksmiths from across the province.

The OABA members gathered in the blacksmith shop to watch demonstrations at the forge, conduct OABA business, socialize with their counterparts and participate in the OABA "Iron in the Hat" raffle.

Thanks to the generosity of MHS members in 2020 we provided pots of steaming hot chili for our traditional "Chili Lunch". We served seven pots of chili in the Carriage Room along with fresh buns and water.

MHS volunteers were on hand to sell lunch tickets along with a 50/50 draw and to serve the chili to the blacksmith guests. The sale of lunch tickets, combined with the shop rental fees in 2020, helped to generate more than \$500 in revenues for the Milton Historical Society.

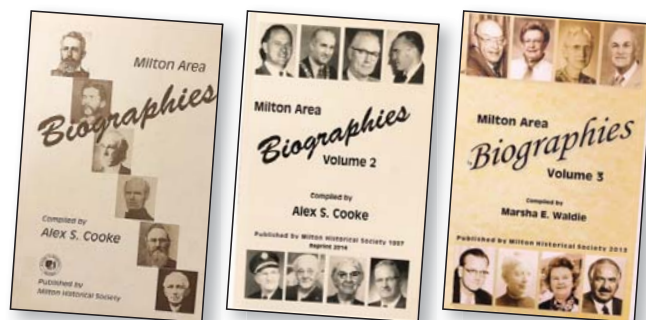
We are looking for volunteers to bring in a pot of chili or to help with the chili lunch.

If you can volunteer in either capacity, please reach out to Bruce Carlin at [bdcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:bdcarlin@gmail.com)

### Biography books bring history to life

There are three books available through the Milton Historical Society which profile a large number of persons who made significant marks and helped build Milton and area.

The three separate volumes of Milton Area Biographies provide more detail about a number of residents.







**Left to Right** - Completed trivet with 90 degree legs and upset feet. Fullered hinge with rivet. Notice the “upset” foot of the trivet with the wider base.

## **WALDIE BLACKSMITH SHOP**

# Intermediate blacksmith course teaches advanced techniques to curious students

**By Bruce Carlin**

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop held an Intermediate Blacksmith course on Nov. 12-13, 2022. The instructors were Darwyne Hourie and David Brandow.

Darwyne has been one of our course instructors since the start of our courses in the early 2000s and David has been an instructor for the last two years. Four students participated in the November Intermediate course.

On Day One of the course, the students worked with square bar as their material to forge a folding trivet. One of the techniques taught was how to make a 90-degree bend in the steel bar to make the legs of the trivet.

A punch mark was hammered in the steel at the point where the 90-degree angle was to be created. The steel bar was then heated in the forge and then hammered on the side of the anvil to approximate the 90-degree angle. When making a 90-degree angle, the students are trying to keep the thickness of the steel uniform across all sides of the bend.

One of the techniques used to increase the thickness is called “upsetting” of the steel. To upset a piece of steel, the students strike the end of the steel bar to increase the thickness or cross-section of the bar.

When students want to decrease the thickness of steel they

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Left to right – Basket handle of the fire poker and the “Working” end of the fire poker. Both the handle and the working end of the fire poker were completed using the “forge welding” technique.



Left to right - Spiral handle and working end of the fire poker. A basket handle receiving the twist with the help of a vice and a pair of tongs.

## Students learn advance blacksmith techniques

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hammer along the sides to lengthen or “draw out” the steel bar. The steel bars were hammered on all four sides on the face of the anvil. The feet of the trivet were also “upset” to create a wider base for the trivet.

Once the 90-degree bends were made, the next step was to hammer the connecting sections of the steel bars to half their original thickness so the top of the trivet is level. Holes were then punched and a rivet used to connect the swinging legs.

Day Two of the Intermediate course focused on the forge welding technique. Forge welding of steel involves a very high heat in the forge and the introduction of flux to exclude oxygen from the two pieces of steel that you want to weld together.

Forge welding of two steel pieces results in a bond as strong as any other part of the steel bar. To have an effective forge weld, the steel is brought to a very high heat followed by the addition of flux at the point where the two pieces of steel are

to be welded and then heavy hammering to weld the steel into one uniform piece.

The steps in forge welding must be completed in a minimum amount of time to create a strong weld. Forge welding results in a fiery show of steel sparks and loud noise from the heavy hammering.

The project completed with forge welding was a long handled fire poker. Forge welding was used to create the two pronged end piece that goes into the fire.

In the first step, the students started with a length of round bar and forged one end into a complete circle and the end was then forge welded to the straight shaft of the bar. The next step was to chisel cut the circle created into two points which could be given decorative curves or wavelike shapes.

The next step was to create a handle and the teachers demonstrated the different types of handle shapes and the students chose which handle type they wished to create, either a spiral handle or a basket handle.



# Milton Historical Society CORPORATE MEMBERS

## Downtown Milton Business Improvement Area

(Member since January 2021)

## Edward Jones Investments - David Illingworth

(Member since July 2018)

## Fitzgerald Insurance a division of Spriggs ZInsurance Ltd

(Member since September 2018)

## Given Road West Communications

(Member since January 2019)

## Hawkins Animal Hospital

(Member since June 2022)

## Historic Lumber

(Member since October 2018)

## Johnson McMaster Law Office

(Member since January 2020)

## J. Scott Early Funeral Home

(Member since January 2017)

## La Toscana Ristorante

(Member since June 2019)

## Martindale Gardens Retirement Residence

(Member since January 2021)

## Milton Centre for Women's Health – Dr. Glen Hunter

(Member since January 8, 2019)

## Milton Chamber of Commerce

(Member since January 2021)

## Milton Ford Lincoln

(Member since January 2021)

## Ollie's Roofing Limited

(Member Since February 2020)

## Orion Dental

(Member since October 2021)

## Pressé Law Barristers & Solicitors

(Member since Aug. 28, 2018)

## Royal LePage Milton – Lynda Cross

(Member since May 2021)

## Sedgwick Marshall Heritage Homes Ltd

(Member since October 2018)

## Strutt Armstrong Chartered Professional Accountants

(Member since July 2018)

**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

#### Level B

\$200 yearly for businesses with 10 employees or more



## 2022 Board of Directors

President: John Challinor II

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Fran Murphy, Dave Bartlett

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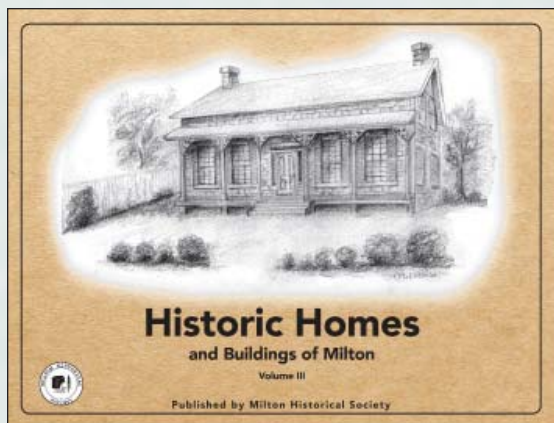
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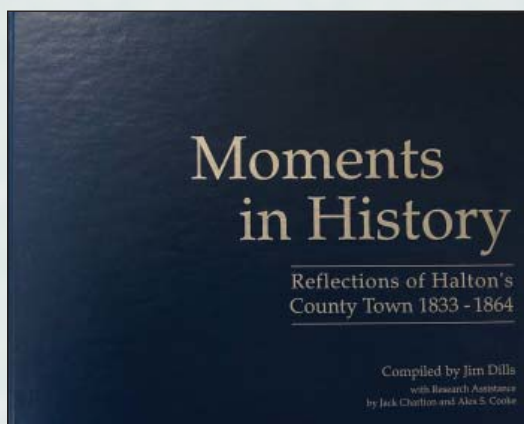
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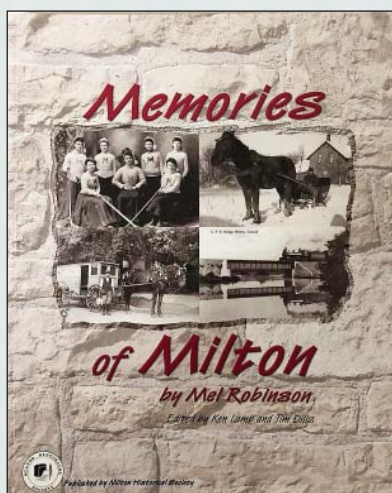
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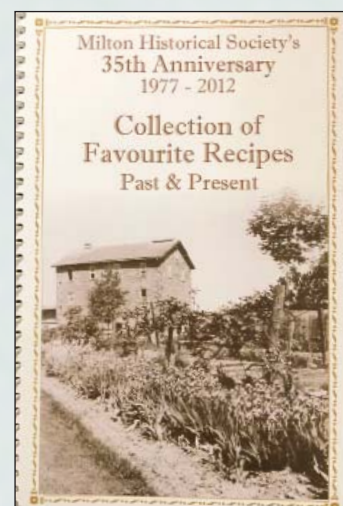
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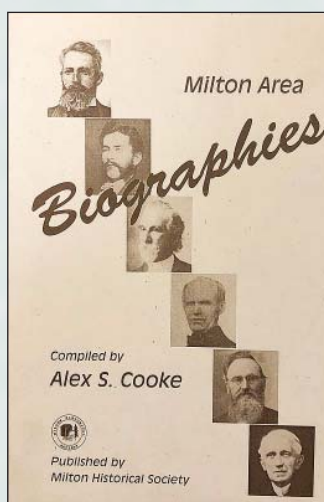
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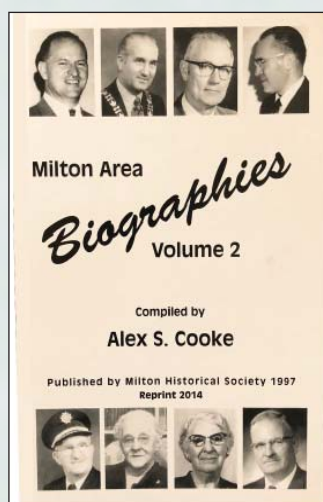
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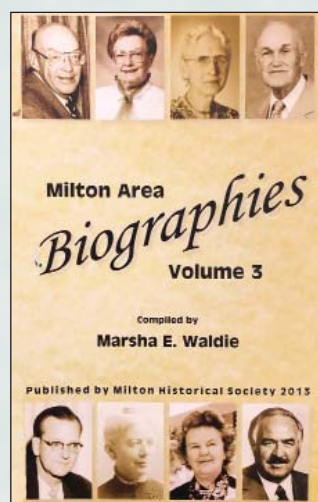
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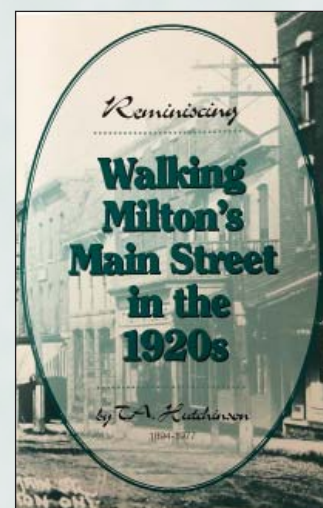
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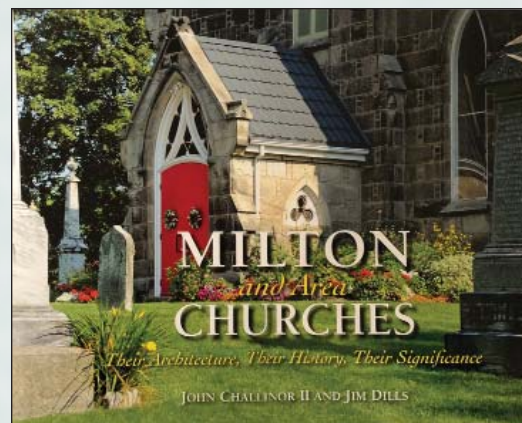
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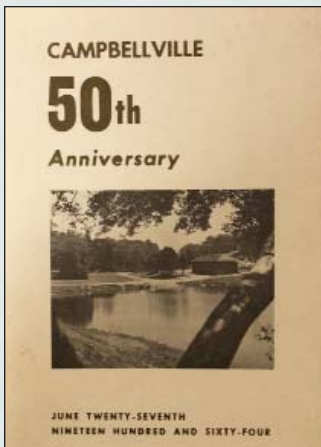
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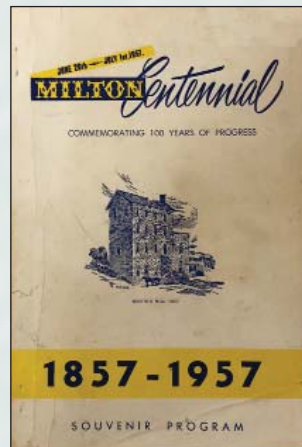
**Milton and Area Churches**  
\$40

*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  
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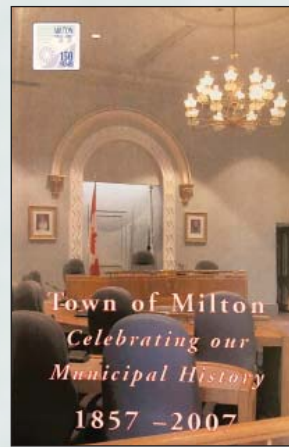




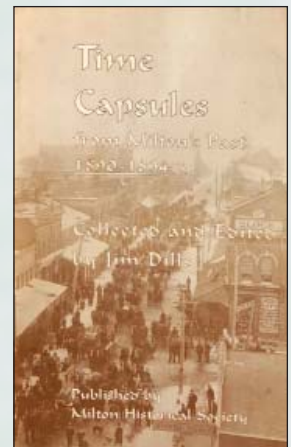
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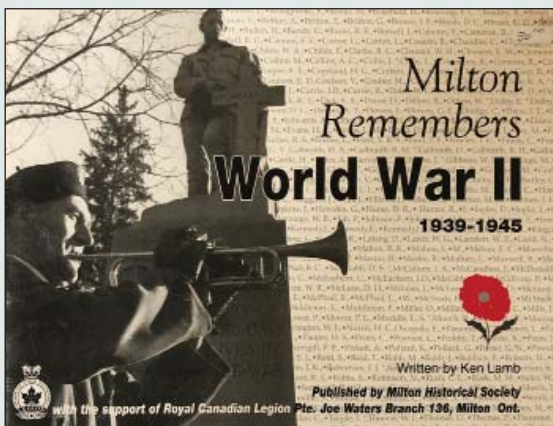
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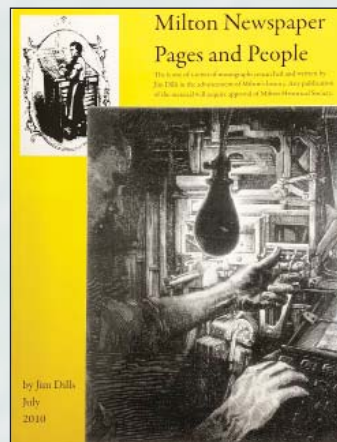
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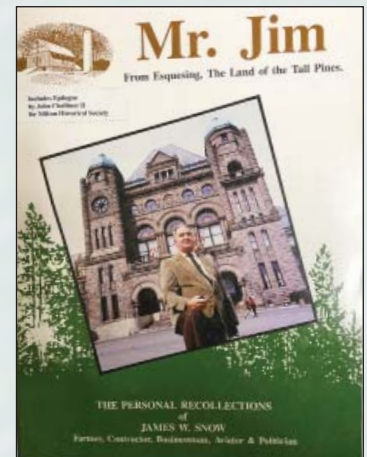
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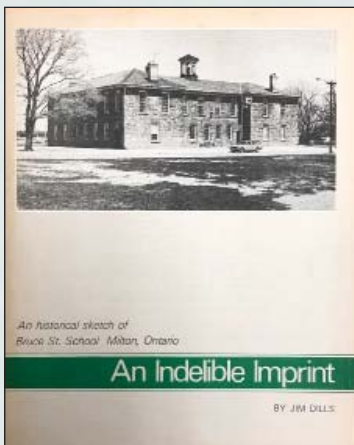
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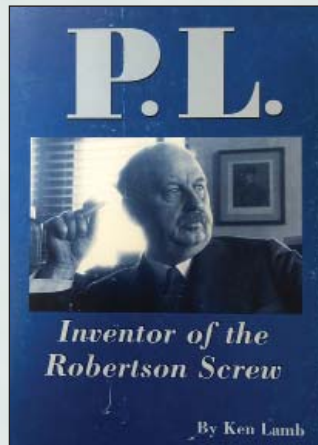
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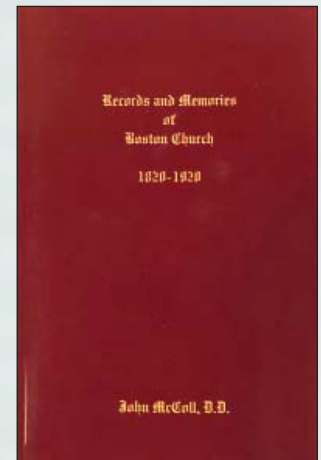
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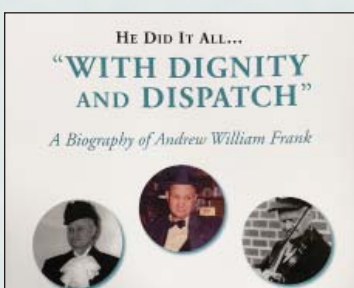
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**Milton Semi-Centennial \$10**





# 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:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Support/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Greeters                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Opportunities         | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Data Entry              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Opportunities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Digitization of Archival Records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Opportunities        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cataloguing & Care               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Stewardship          |   |

(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).

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

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

**Brad Collis – Community Marketing Lead**





# LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER WITH A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

~ MHS ~  
OVER 40 YEARS  
IN THE MAKING!

- Preservation
- Education
- Recognition
- Celebration



**GREAT  
VALUE!**

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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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(Registered charity # 110041358RR0001)

## 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**

### *Payment Options*

• Credit Card online • Cash • Cheque

**VISIT TODAY!** [miltonhistoricalsociety.ca](http://miltonhistoricalsociety.ca)

Contact: Kaye Hogg, Community Membership Lead  
[info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca)



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## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Name mentions in the quarterly Journal newsletter  
One feature write-up in the quarterly Journal newsletter  
Weekly name mentions on social media channels  
Name mentions on the website under Corporate Members  
Name mentions in the eNews bulletin (2 or 3 each month)  
Name mentions in media press releases  
Name mentions in the MHS email signature  
Name mentions at various Speaker Bureau presentations  
Name mentions at Monthly Meeting Series (Open to the Public)  
Free company employee activity evening at Waldie Blacksmith Shop  
Member-level access to the Cooke/Dills Archives (Over 15,000 items)  
10% off Historic Walking Tours (including Group Tours)  
10% off Blacksmith Courses  
10% off Historic Educational Programs  
10% off all MHS publications  
10% off Carriage Room rentals  
10% off MHS merchandise & gift certificates  
Member Pot Luck Dinners (Summer & Christmas)

**PLUS MORE!**

**MANY  
PRIVILEGES**



## MHS MARKET FACTS!

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

### Payment Options

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**STEP INTO  
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- MHS Cooke/Dills Archives
- MHS Library & Bookshop
- MHS Gift Shop
- MHS Blacksmith Courses
- MHS Education Series
- MHS Event Series
- MHS Community Events
- MHS Member Social Events

**LEARN  
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TODAY!**

**Volunteer Greeters are appreciated.  
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