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50 Years Young!

By Meriel Simpson, Board of Directors Secretary & Anniversary Celebration Chair

On December 6, 2010, Heritage Mississauga (HM) turns 50 years old. That's a half century of preserving and promoting history and heritage in Mississauga. In this milestone year, it is meaningful to look back briefly to see where we've been so that we will have a clear view of where we want to go and who we want to be.

It was on December 6th, 1960 that The Township of Toronto Historical foundation Inc. (the precursor of the Mississauga Heritage Foundation) was established. The new organization got right to work.



Meriel Simpson, HM

One of its first success stories was the preservation of the Bradley House. Hundreds of volunteers worked long and hard to get the Bradley House back to its original state and on June 11th, 1966, the newly restored Bradley House opened as a museum. Other building restoration projects followed such as The Anchorage, which now serves as the main administrative centre for Bradley House.

Community outreach has always been a key component of Heritage Mississauga's programming. Through the years, HM has launched several lecture series with such topics as natural history, archeology, and ancestral and architectural history. Working with Parks and Recreation, new Walking Tour Guides were introduced in 1992 to continue the education of the community in local history and heritage.

The theme of education has continued into the 21st century with the successful event called Heritage Kite Fly. Knowing that many diverse cultures with unique traditions in kite flying resided in Mississauga, HM decided to use this event to raise awareness of the organization itself in the community.

Heritage Mississauga, in the past five decades, has developed solid programming, offering such annual events as Doors Open Mississauga, Haunted Mississauga, Grangestock Art & Music Festival and Heritage Awards ceremony. It has published a number of books on local areas and history, such as *The Families of Merigold's Point*, *Mississauga: The First 10,000 Years* and *In the Footsteps of the Mississaugas*.

This review of the past has merely dented the surface where Foundation accomplishments and activities are concerned, and for a more complete history, visit www.heritagemississauga.com.

However, none of these wonderful things would have happened if it had not been for the people who were part of the organization, the members. The standard for leadership and commitment was set by the first President of the Board, Mary Fix. Strong boards since, have sustained the Foundation through good and bad times, but Boards need committed people to participate in governance and willing volunteers to execute the plans and projects. Fortunately, HM has all of these components, committed Board members, dedicated staff, enthusiastic volunteers and most generous donors. They are all members.

So to continue our mission of preserving and promoting the history and heritage of the region, it comes down to membership. Only with our members' support will we be able to grow our influence and extend our partnership with the community. Only with our members' support can we hope to celebrate our next 50 years.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anniversary Celebrations

Sun. Dec. 5th
3pm-8pm

4pm Ceremonies
& Book Launch

Carolling at the Grange

(Bring a non-perishable
food item for the
Deacon's cupboard)

SPECIAL GIFTS FOR SALE AT HERITAGE

*See page 11 for
more details*

President's Message

By Barbara O'Neil, President

You Are Cordially Invited.....

December 5th is an important date on Heritage Mississauga's calendar this year – and we want you to be part of the occasion!

Our Open House 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place at the Grange on that Sunday, from 3-8PM. A number of exciting activities are planned for the afternoon and early evening, including:

- complimentary treats and beverages
- VIP welcome ceremony @4PM
- the official launch of our latest publication, *Journey to the Past; The Lost Villages Of Mississauga*
- a surprise thank you "salute" to some of our longest-term supporters
- holiday specials available through our Gift Shop
- *History of Heritage Mississauga* exhibit on in the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre
- Gallery exhibit by ALFEW (Artists Looking for Empty Walls) in our Lecture Hall
- bonfire Christmas carolling.



Barbara O'Neil cake cutting at 49th birthday celebration, HM

Make a point of kicking off your own celebration of the holiday season this year with fellow heritage supporters.

As winter approaches (already!), we can look back on a **year of incredible successes**. In memory of a dear and loyal volunteer, we established the Betty Ross Memorial Volunteer Award. The first winner of this award, Elaine Eigl, was recognized at our Awards Evening this past February. A record number of generous grants enabled us to organize a Maanjidowin Aboriginal Festival, which attracted 10,000 visitors, and to publish the *Lost Villages* book. October's Haunted Mississauga family event sold out 3 of its 4 scheduled "spirit tours". And, thanks to members' donations, we are projecting a small surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

But after such a year, the question is always, **Where Do We Go From Here?** In our case, the answer is, To The Best Balance Of The Familiar And The New. **We are committed to continue those things for which we are known, and which our membership and the community expect us to provide.** This includes Heritage Month events, research, advocacy, partnership projects, publishing, and a wide variety of community outreach programming (exhibits, speeches, school presentations, etc.).

Equally though, we must challenge ourselves constantly to evolve, to reflect the always changing city around us and to respond to its needs for diversity, relevant information, and the need to communicate through rapidly evolving mediums. Hence, we will be expanding our use of social media and website marketing, as well as piloting new events and services in 2011.

In April, we will be holding our tri-annual strategic planning

session to define criteria and objectives for developing and prioritizing the initiatives we will work on for the next 3 years. In advance of this date, I would like to extend a second invitation to you. **Please send your suggestions regarding what you believe are the critical heritage issues and activities on which Heritage Mississauga should focus** on the coming years.

The timing is excellent (with the municipal election behind us, as the City is maturing, and as our Council and Mayor focus on cultural planning and leaving a legacy for future generations of Mississaugans), for asserting the enormous long term value of heritage. I believe we can build a higher level of collective support for heritage programming *now* - in every ward of our city. And with our organization's dedication and an engaged citizenry, I look forward to this becoming a reality.

With all **best wishes** to you all and your families for the upcoming holiday season...

Trivia Question:

Do you know how Haines Road got its name?

Answer page 15



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From the Editor's Desk

By Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director

This year seems to have passed by in a whirlwind. Wasn't it just yesterday that 2010 began? Our event calendar was overflowing and challenging. With the help of our dedicated Board of Directors, volunteers and Staff of Heritage Mississauga we draw this year to a close feeling overjoyed at the success of programs and events.

As the year-end draws nearer we are offered the chance to reflect on the incredible support we received. Thank you, we are in awe.



Jayme Gaspar, HM

From February's Awards to our December *Carolling at The Grange* this has been a year like no other. Meeting new members, working with volunteers who are very passionate about the work we do, dedicated Board members who devote many hours to support our cause and a Staff who live and breathe their work, giving above and beyond to support our success. I am very lucky to be a part of this team.

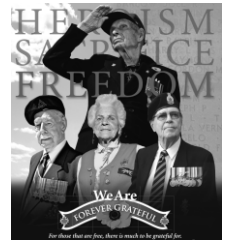
My absolute favourite celebration event was Maanjiidowin. This aboriginal festival brought together over 10,000 visitors to celebrate and experience Aboriginal culture. This unique and important event exceeded our expectations. We will be continuing the work began this summer with more programs and events that bring to life the culture of our First Nations people and the Métis from this community. I hope that you will join us to celebrate and participate.

There were many "AHA! Moments" this year. Support from so many sources helped us to meet and exceed our goals. We received a capital grant from the Community Foundation of Mississauga's Pendle Fund that will ensure our "Enhanced Oral History Project" is well on its way to a great success. This is a passion of mine so bear with me as I get on my soapbox. In 100 years time your life today will be researched by historians, what will they find? Will there be detailed records or just the vital statistics? Make sure your future generations know who you were and what was important to you. As a fifth or maybe sixth generation Mississaugan (we are still not quite sure on the genealogy line) I would give anything to have a letter or two, or maybe a diary of the family that came over from England in 1826. I know very little about who they were, what their hardships were coming into a brand new land. I can imagine of course the difficulty of navigating through the Canadian winters but I have nothing to tell me who my ancestors were. Don't leave your family guessing. If you would like some help to get started give me a call. It is never too late to start.

During September's Doors Open event held at The Grange we met with over 136 members of this community and beyond who had never visited The Grange or heard about our organization. What a great opportunity to promote what we do. Sharing this event were a number of our Heritage Showcase Team. Setup on the lawn of The Grange visitors had the opportunity to talk one on one with those in the heritage field in our community. Many thanks to the team for joining us and making this event another success. We appreciate the City of Mississauga for their support and efforts to continue this heritage awareness program.

We have had a lot of compliments on our heritage newsletter. So much so, that we have gone back to four issues per year to ensure that the wealth of information we have stocked up is communicated to you our members and readership. This issue of Heritage News is dedicated to celebrating 50 years of heritage service in the community now called Mississauga. Check out this newsletter's centre spread (pages 8 and 9) to see some photos of our earliest days. Can you imagine what 1961 was like? It must have been a very special time for the volunteers and members of the first Board who rolled up their sleeves and restored the Bradley House. I wish I could have been there; sanding, painting, and repairing. The interpreters and volunteers do an excellent job bringing this special building to life. During this busy, crazy holiday time, take a breather and visit with the folks at the Bradley Museum Complex or Benares Historic House and just for a moment experience an old fashioned Christmas "Mississauga" style.

In this issue we have a special article from our Métis Elder Joseph Paquette on the importance of remembrance, a very moving tribute to those who have served (page 7). During the week of November 11th Matthew and I had the privilege of spending a few hours at Chartwell Retirement Residence on Robert Speck Parkway. Our senior's homes have a number of resident veterans who have an incredible story of bravery to tell. A new book "Honour" has been printed and can be purchased at the retirement home by contacting them at 905-501-9922 or visit chartwellreit.ca. This book is a project of Yuri Dojc. His photographs of veterans from across Canada and England are visually moving. The stories that accompany them are recorded histories of these brave souls who by the grace of God survived.



Honour, Chartwell Residences

In this issue we have our second installment of the "Darker Side Series" all about murder and mayhem in Toronto Township. Matthew writes about the Middle Road Tragedy a brutal double murder. This series we hope will become our next publication – in a few years of course. This leads me to our sales pitch, please forgive my forwardness but I must say the latest publication of Heritage Mississauga is one that you need for your shelves. Awesome does not cover describing this fantastic work. "Journey to the Past – the Lost Villages of Mississauga" began here in this newsletter in 2002 with an article about a lost community. With the help of a number of research students it has blossomed into a fantastic 256 page book and is published through the generosity of the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. For only \$20.00 you can take this one home and also give to others this holiday season. We officially launch the book on December 5th at our anniversary celebration. Starting at 3pm we have official ceremonies at 4pm with cake cutting around 4:30. I hope you will join us in celebration of this very special day.

Don't miss the notice on page 14 of this newsletter for Heritage Month celebrations. February 21st across Canada is designated as Heritage Day, in Ontario we call it Family Day. Throughout the month there will be events hosted by our heritage partners. Check our website for more celebration activities in the new year.

Thank you for sharing this year with us. We look forward to serving the community of Mississauga for the next 50 years supporting events, programs, anniversaries and milestones. It has truly been a pleasure spending time with you. Talk to you again in January when we open up the next chapter in our heritage history.

The Darker Side: The Middle Road Tragedy

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

(with assistance from Louie Costa)

In late 1893 and early 1894, fear gripped the residents of Port Credit, captivated local residents, and made headlines in newspapers, for it appeared that a murderer was on the loose.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1893, William James Williams (about age 72) and his wife Eliza (nee Norris) had returned to their home and farm along the Middle Road, just north of Port Credit, after taking produce and butter to market in Toronto. On Saturday, December 17, a neighbour, young Clayton Osborne, noticed that the farm seemed deserted. He, along with another neighbour, Ross Goldthorpe, went to the house and found it locked tight with apparently no one at home. Upon entering the barn, they found the livestock starving. After feeding the horses and cattle and fearing something had happened to the Williams, Goldthorpe and Osborne notified the local police.

On Sunday, December 18, Osborne once again watered and fed the cattle, and when he was finished took a moment, opened a window sash and peered into the house, where he was startled to see Mr. Williams face down on the kitchen table with a coat over his head. Osborne then ran to the next farm, that of William Moody (who was William's brother-in-law), and notified Moody. Moody, together with Richard Burrell, Dennis Hogan and William Rutledge immediately went to the house and forced entrance, where they found the bodies of William James Williams and Eliza Williams.

Mr. Williams was found in an armchair at the kitchen table, his head bashed by what appeared to be a boot, which was also found at the scene. The blow appeared to have been inflicted from behind with Williams having had no chance to defend himself. In the adjacent pantry was found the body of Eliza, stretched on the floor, having been repeatedly hit on the head by what appeared to be a heavy potato masher. After the coroner, Doctor Dixie, visited the scene with Detective William Greer, autopsies and interviews with neighbours established a likely scenario that the Williams' were murdered late Friday evening on December 16.

The immediate theory was that the murderer struck after the couple had just finished their evening meal after returning from Toronto. The husband was killed first, while his wife had gone outside to fetch water. The killer, it was suspected, then waited for Eliza to return inside before surprising her. Reportedly the house was locked tight, and all windows closed and blinds drawn, likely by the murderer. The motive appeared to be robbery, as personal items were astray, pockets emptied, and a horse and cutter were found to be missing from the stable. The murdered couple were rumoured to

have had some money, and although they did not have any children, a hired man was known to have lived with them. Suspicion immediately fell on the hired man, who went by the name of "Jack". Detectives were soon able to identify him as John Cory, but his whereabouts were unknown.

As for the Williams', William James was noted to have been crippled by rheumatism, while Eliza, about age 50, was noted as being bright and bustling, and managing not only the household, but also looking after much of the farm stock. On December 21, 1893, James and Eliza Williams were laid to rest.

Also on December 21, the missing horse and cutter were located at a hotel in Toronto. Also on that day John Cory, the missing hired hand, was located and taken into custody by Constable Hurst. Testimony by Cory indicated that he had left Williams' employ at the end of November, and he positively identified the horse and cutter belonging to the Williams'.

As the inquest continued, an interview with local resident Eliza Ann McKay recalled a young Englishman who knocked on her door on the Thursday before the murders inquiring about the Williams and asked where they lived. Two other local residents, John Hickey and George Death, also remembered an Englishman (with a fugitive look to him) stopping at their respective houses inquiring for the Williams'. As a result, the detectives began to look for other suspects, and evidence soon led them to William Walter McWhirrell and an accomplice, John Walker. These men were arrested and charged on December 27, and together with Cory and another hired man, George Butcher, were brought to trial.

During their first appearance in the court room, Walker looked as if he thought the whole trial was a joke, while McWhirrell on the other hand appeared completely unconcerned about what was happening – even remarking openly that there was no evidence that could prove he was ever at the Williams' home.

The Crown alleged that McWhirrell (also spelled MacWherrell) committed the murders and that Walker helped him after the act to cover his tracks and helped to pawn items stolen from the Williams' house. Over a dozen witnesses confirmed having seen McWhirrell walking along Middle Road, Hurontario Street, and in Port Credit the day of the murders, and others identified him as being the "Englishman" who had knocked on their doors inquiring about the Williams'. It became theorized that Walker, who appeared to be only half-witted, was a tool whose main role in the crime was to dispose of the goods taken from the Williams' house, and that McWhirrell was the main culprit. Many residents of Port Credit recalled seeing McWhirrell in the weeks before the murders frequenting several inns and bars in town and inquiring about local farms and residents, and many people assumed he was looking for work.

However, there were some holes in the Crown's case against McWhirrell: although blood was found splattered on the walls, curtains and floors of the Williams' house, no blood stains on the clothes that McWhirrell was supposedly wearing the night of the murder. Also, no items from the Williams' were found with McWhirrell, although he did confess to trying to sell the horse and cutter that belonged to the Williams'. Evidence given by Walker indicated that McWhirrell had taken that horse and cutter, while McWhirrell implicated Walker and Cory.

McWhirrell maintained his innocence throughout the trial, saying that he was in the area simply looking for work, and while he did

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The Globe, December 18, 1893

Haunted Mississauga “Spirits”

By Greg Carraro, Vice President Heritage Mississauga and “Local Spirit”

To paraphrase an old saying, spirit actors never die; they just fade away (and then reappear the following October somewhere in Mississauga!). This year, it was in Old Port Credit for the annual Haunted Mississauga spirit night. I played the role of Captain John Miller, a well-known figure of Port Credit’s storied past. In previous years I have “resurrected” figures the likes of an ornery Orangemen, a trigger-happy Tory and a less than successful sleuth, all of whom either lived in what is now Mississauga or, as in the case of Maurice Vaughan, was based on characters from stories inspired by the area.



Greg Carraro, HM

Haunted Mississauga is not about ghouls and things that go bump in the night. In fact, it is an opportunity for local historic figures to come alive, if just for one night, to tell their personal tales. How is this done? It has nothing to do with séances or magical spells. Rather, it is accomplished through the efforts of the many volunteers who assume the roles of prominent denizens of old. Their enthusiasm, creativity and knowledge are, in my opinion, what makes this event so special. The interesting locations in which these events are held, heritage homes, historic areas and cemeteries, only serve to accentuate the atmosphere and aid in bringing these spectres to life.



Cast & Crew Haunted Mississauga, HM

History is an important window into our past and connects us to our roots. In a city as seemingly young as Mississauga, our past forms the basis of our heritage, grounding us as citizens and tying us more intimately to the land. As a history teacher in a local high school, I endeavour to bring history to life, to make it more relevant and to highlight the significance of what and who has come before us. Haunted Mississauga does just that, giving a voice to Mississauga’s early settlers, providing a window to our past and enriching the city’s cultural landscape.

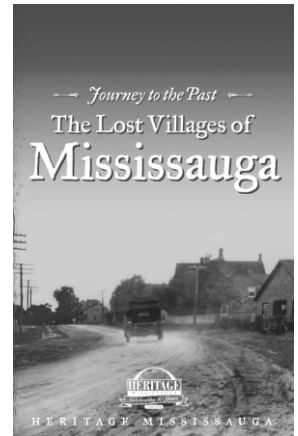


Mavis Wilson, HM

Book Launch: Lost Villages of Mississauga

Sun. Dec. 5th, 2010,
3pm at The Grange

Each issue of the Heritage News since 2002 has run articles on the “Lost Villages” of Mississauga. The individual articles, in their full length, will be released in a new book from Heritage Mississauga on Sunday, December 5th, 2010, at 3pm at The Grange. Entitled “Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga”, publication of this book was made possible from a generous donation by the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.



The book covers the stories of 23 “lost villages” which were once recognized place names within historic Toronto Township (Mississauga). Some of these villages are remembered today in road names, park names, churches, schools and cemeteries, while others have vanished completely – villages such as Barberton, Britannia, the Catholic Swamp, Elmbank, Hanlan, Mount Charles, Palestine and Summerville, amongst many others.

Heritage Mississauga would like to thank the individual contributing authors and researchers who have helped to bring the memory of Mississauga’s Lost Villages to life: Ashley Crump, Meaghan FitzGibbon, Zofia Krivdova, Nicole Mair and Matthew Wilkinson.

Heritage Mississauga welcomes ALFEW

Artists Looking For Empty Walls (ALFEW, www.alfew.com) recently opened a new art exhibit in the Lower Lecture Hall at The Grange. Entitled “Aggregation 3”, this art exhibit will be on display until February 11th, 2011. The exhibit features the work on local Mississauga artists Edith Citrullo, Olivia Cugliari, John Doherty, Elli Jonuschies, Heidi Jonuschies, Louise Peacock, Dan Sutton, Jeffrey Tye and Bruce Walker. The artwork is available for purchase through ALFEW.

How Mississauga Got Its Name

Part 4 of 8: “The Top Ten List”

By Richard Collins

If you've been following my long saga on how Mississauga came to be known as “Mississauga” you'll recall from last time that the residents of Toronto Township were given the opportunity to submit names to council. This time, we'll look at the public's ten most-often submitted names.

10: “Kennedy”

For as long as there's been a Toronto Township it seems there's been a Kennedy in political office here. The Kennedy's resided in Dixie and of them, Thomas Laird Kennedy served a brief term as the premier of Ontario. “T.L.” served as Peel County's MPP over a span of 40 years.



Richard Collins, HM

9: “Churchill” and 3: “Winston”

Had it not been for the split vote over his first and last names, the British prime minister's 149 vote tally would have been enough for a second place finish among contenders. Though still much revered in the 21st century for rallying the Allied forces during WWII, Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill was particularly deep in the heart during the campaign to find Toronto Township a new name. Churchill chomped down on his last cigar just one week before council's deadline for submission of names.

One concern over “Churchill” was the possible confusion with the nearby post office in Churchville. This historic village on the Credit, just north of Derry Road was part of Toronto Township and, as a result would have been a fine name for the new town. However it's fortunate that this never came to pass. When our town became the City of Mississauga in 1974, the boundaries for Peel were redrawn and Toronto Township's old north-end village became a south-end suburb of Brampton.

8: Port Credit

Port Credit people haven't changed much in the passing years. Residents were specifically told not to include “Port Credit” as an option due to uncertainties over the political union, but township residents near the Town of Port Credit submitted this name to council's naming committee so many times that it made the top ten anyway.

Chair of Toronto Township Hydro, Elmer Wright was disappointed with the decision to reject “Port Credit” as a contender and he expressed this dissatisfaction in the “The Weekly” (the paper formerly known as the The Port Credit Weekly, but which had recently dropped the “Port Credit” from its name in response to the uncertainty of Port Credit's future).

Addressing the problem with logic rather than fleeting passion, Wright observed, “more than 50 percent of the people south of Brampton have Port Credit as their [postal] address.”

7: Credit

With or without Port Credit in the new town, Wright concluded, “the river running through the heart of Toronto Township is the

Credit.” and many residents backed Wright's claim, offering “Credit”, “Credit Valley”, “Credit Town”, “Creditown” and “Credittown” among the 889 submissions.

6: Dixie

“Oh, I Wish I was in Dixie”. You gotta admit, it would have made a great town slogan. But councillors sent this one Away, Away.

“Dixie” was the name of a village and of a road that didn't run through the village. In 1864, after being informed by the Queen's postal carriers that the present local name of Fount Hill was out as a possible post office name (due to an existing Fonthill in Niagara) the townspeople near Dundas Street and the Second Line East chose to name the village in honour of one of Mississauga's earliest doctors, Beaumont Dixie. The Third Line was named Dixie Road in 1931.

4: “Peel”

Peel was already the name of the county and since the whole purpose of choosing a new name for the new town was to avoid confusion with existing names, it's surprising how popular “Peel” was with the public. By 1967, the name “Peel” could often be seen around town – notable among these being the South Peel Hospital. (Incidentally, the Town of Mississauga was two years old before the hospital's name was finally changed to “Mississauga Hospital” in 1970.)

Even after Mississauga was selected as the new town's name, Port Credit's local newspaper, The Weekly changed its name to “South Peel Weekly”. Perhaps publisher Bert Smith didn't think the name “Mississauga” would last. (We'll hear his case in the next newsletter). Or maybe it was because Bert's competitor, Ken Armstrong already took the name “Mississauga”.

2: Cooksville

Of all the historic village names, Cooksville was the runaway favourite, probably because this community at the crossroads of “the five and ten” was the geographic centre of the township and had been the site of the courthouse since 1873. The very chambers where councillors deliberated over a new name was in Cooksville.

The village was named sometime in the 1830s, after local businessman Jacob Cook. He bid for and won a number of mail distribution contracts at this time and set up a post office and sorting station at this village located strategically at the intersection of the main road between Toronto and Niagara (Dundas Street) and the main road between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay (Huron Street). In 1927, these two roads became Highway 5 and Highway 10, respectively – hence the village's nickname.

“Five and Ten” was among the 889 suggestions for a new town name.

Conspicuous by it's absence so far in this list, you've probably already guessed which name took top honours during the public submission of possible names for our new town. Next time, we'll dive deep into the controversy over the name the people loved and the politicians despised.

Look for part 5 of this 8 part series in the January issue of “Heritage News”.

Another Reason to Remember November 11th

By Joseph Paquette

Every year on November 11th, we remember our fallen soldiers and their contributions to this great country, Canada. At War Memorials and Cenotaphs, various Veterans Associations and organizations conduct ceremonies. This year, 2010, November 11th has provided an opportunity that affected me in a very profound way.

Please allow me to explain.

I am a Veteran, my father was a WWII Veteran and my grandfather was a Merchant Marine Veteran. So being able to participate in any of the November 11th ceremonies is very important to me. This year, I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Remembrance Day parade held at the Port Credit Royal Canadian Legion Branch #82.

Being able to carry the Métis flag as part of the colour party had very special meaning indeed, 2010 being the Year of the Métis. This year commemorates 125 years since the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. This was also the first time the Métis flag would fly in a Remembrance Day parade in Port Credit. It may very well be that it is the first time in Peel Region as well. Being Métis gave me a certain pride that I really cannot explain. Recognizing the contributions made by Aboriginal Veterans and in this case, Métis Veterans, sent a chill up my spine. My father and grandfather would be proud of this day.

As we marched to the Cenotaph, I could not help but remember all those that came before me that fought for peace and freedom, so that I, on this day, could carry the Métis flag in a Remembrance Day Parade. This was only the beginning! Little did I know what was to follow is flag carrying experience.

Once at the Cenotaph and the colour party was in position, a woman (Julie Morris) approached me from the Port Credit Legion. She said, "you're, Joe, right?". I acknowledged that I was. She went on to say, "We have a wreath for you to lay for the Métis Veterans".

At that moment, I became, paralysed! I did not know what to say. I remained steadfast and said thank you. The wreath for the Métis Veterans took its place at the cenotaph, alongside all those Veterans remembered, on this day.

With this duty done, I realized, we the Métis, were moving from a place of a forgotten peoples in the past to a place of acknowledgement in the present.

Thank you, Marcee, Miigwetch, to Julie and Ron, for making this a very special day for all Métis.

Joseph Paquette,
Veteran, QOR of C, 1st Bat
Credit River Métis (CRMC) Citizen
Secretary of Métis Nation of Ontario Veterans Council (MNOVC)
Member of the National Aboriginal Veterans Association (NAVA)



Joseph Paquette and the
colour party, HM

New Book: "Portraits of Valour"

Featuring portraits by Murray Saint

"Portraits of Valour" tells the stories of World War Two veterans from Western Toronto, including numerous photographs and their portraits, as painted by the artist Murray Saint.



Murray Saint painted more than 80 portraits of WWII veterans, which he would take to local schools in Etobicoke and Mississauga, telling the children of the veterans who lived in their neighbourhood. The veterans would often accompany him to speak of their own experiences. Murray developed a mobile museum to allow the kids to see real uniforms and artifacts from the war.

Patrick Busby & Al McOrmond at book
launch, Mississauga News online

He began to record the stories in book form with the help of Al McOrmond in 2000. When Murray passed away his grandson, Patrick Busby, continued to work with Al to finish the book. Now finished, this important book of local history will be introduced in honour of Murray Saint.

"Portraits of Valour" is a 192-page full colour hard cover book. For more information, please contact: www.wdpublishing.com
The featured veterans are: Corporal Fred G. Topham VC, Arthur "Art" Rimmer DFC, Kenneth V. McOrmond, OStJ, MM, CD, Tom F. O'Brien, John H. Freeley, Lt. Harry Dixon Bell, John Henry Christie, Corporal Jean Drouin, Jack Endacott, Marion Orr, Archie Rowe, William George Hancock, J. Stewart McCormick, Lorne Irene Howe, Eric Ralph Saint, Dennis Flynn, Victor Rufus Chowns, Albert E. Mills, George Henri Mills, Donald Butwell, Lewis James Lomis II, Walter G. Williams, Elsie Mills McGhee, Hartland "Hart" Wheeler, Bannister Lancaster, R. Rev. George A. Wells, Leo G. McKenna, Leonard Frank Leeder, Colonel John L. Streight, William Gordon Busby, Ysobel F. Skelsey and Charles Cromwell Martin.

Murray Saint is fondly remembered in Mississauga as a former member of the Mississauga South Historical Society and a long supporter of Heritage Mississauga.

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50 Years Preserving Mississauga's Heritage



Founding members of the Township of Toronto Historical Foundation on December 6, 1960, L-R: Mary Fix (President), Robert Keith Harrison, Arthur Grant Clarkson, Albert Colucci and Rosamund Moate Vanderburgh



1960-1961 The Township of Toronto Historical Foundation (now Heritage Mississauga) was incorporated on December 6, 1960 to oversee the Lewis Bradley Pioneer Museum project. Donated to the Township of Toronto by Kenneth Armstrong in 1960, the Bradley House was moved to it's current location in September of 1961.

1963-1966 There was tremendous support, and the Mississauga South Historical Society was formed in 1963 initially as a volunteer support group for the Township of Toronto Historical Foundations efforts to preserve the Bradley House. The Township of Toronto Historical Foundation (now Heritage Mississauga) oversaw the restoration and operation of the Bradley House Museum from 1960 until 1994.



Unofficial opening of the Bradley House Museum, 1966, L-R: Kenneth Armstrong, Mary Fix (President of Township of Toronto Historical Foundation), Rosamund Vanderburgh, Marjorie Twitchell, and Margaret Gildner

1967 June 11, 1967: Official opening of the Bradley House Museum



1976-1994 The Township of Toronto Historical Foundation became the Mississauga Historical Foundation in 1976

The Anchorage was donated to the City of Mississauga in 1978 and moved to the Bradley Museum site; Fundraising by Heritage Mississauga led to its restoration in 1994

Heritage Mississauga Celebrating 50 Years in 2010

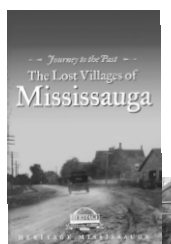
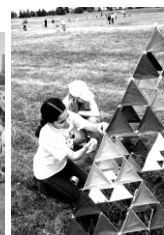
Thank you the volunteer members of the Board of Directors, members of Staff and Students of Heritage Mississauga (Township of Toronto Historical Foundation, Mississauga Heritage Foundation) over the past 50 Years!



Our name changed to the Mississauga Heritage Foundation in 1987 with the opening of new offices at the Mississauga Civic Centre. Partnerships with the City of Mississauga saw operations and management of the Museums taken over by the City in 1994, and Heritage Mississauga redirect focus to the research, recording, and awareness of Mississauga-wide heritage matters



Heritage Mississauga moved to The Grange in November 2004, and offers a comprehensive community Heritage Resource Centre.



Heritage Mississauga, a not-for-profit independent charity, offers a wide array of programming, services, resources and outreach presentations

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If we have missed anyone we apologize and please let us know.
We thank the Museums of Mississauga for helping us assemble our photographic history.

FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

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Leslie Log House under construction!

By Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, Culture Division, City of Mississauga

Work is underway at the Leslie Log House at 4415 Mississauga Road, and the building will open to the public on May 14th, 2011 as the new home of the Streetsville Historical Society, in partnership with the Museums of Mississauga, City of Mississauga. The Leslie Log House will join Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House as the third Museums of Mississauga site.

The building will house the SHS's rich archival and artifact collection in appropriate museum-quality storage upstairs. The main floor will feature exhibits of the SHS collection, educational programming by the Museums of Mississauga, and include a lovely meeting room available for meetings and social occasions.



Top Row: John Pegram and Fred Durdan, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

Front Row: Iyke Adikankwu, Project Manager, City of Mississauga, Anne Byard, Archivist, Streetsville Historical Society, and Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, City of Mississauga

For more information go to
www.museumsofmississauga.com.

War of 1812 Research Project

Heritage Mississauga is currently undertaking a research project, in partnership with the University of Toronto Mississauga Historical Studies Internship Program, into Toronto Township connections to the War of 1812. Heritage Mississauga has been partnered with one student, while another student is working with the Museums of Mississauga, and a third student with the Oakville Museums, all researching different facets of connections to the War of 1812.



War of 1812, Battle of Lundy's Lane by CW Jefferys

Heritage Mississauga is focusing on indentifying volunteer militiamen and soldiers from Toronto Township who served during the war. The project is looking for about 35 to 45 individuals, and so far has documented 15 soldiers who were from Toronto Township and volunteered with Chisholm's Flank Company of the 2nd Regiment of the York Militia. This project is in its infancy and will likely expand in scope as we lead up to the 2012 Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Please share any information that connects families and individuals from historic Toronto Township (Mississauga) to the War of 1812 with us.

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Mississauga South Historical Society Happenings

by Richard Collins, President,
MSHS,
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It seems like I've been saying this a lot lately, but Mississauga South Historical Society had yet another record crowd at our most recent meeting. Over 85 members and guests attended our November meeting. It was truly standing room only at the back of the hall as we packed people in to the Petrescue Room at Cawthra Community Centre.

Of course, our guest speaker had a lot to do with the packed house. Past president (and present friend of everyone at MSHS) Alan Skeoch talked about the trials and tribulations of the Bren rifle and of the women who made them at Lakeview's Small Arms Plant during WWII.

This was supposed to be Alan's night, but he turned over much of the meeting to guests in the audience who just happened to work at the plant during the war years, on the assembly line and in the cafeteria. Alan also put Ward 1 councillor-elect Jim Tovey on the spot, getting him up to the lectern to tell the audience about future plans for the remaining small arms building.

Thanks again for the assistance of Fiona, Gay and Liz (as well as MSHS's own Elaine and Matthew) in helping to plan this evening, and thanks also to Rogers Cable 10 Mississauga for coming out.

For January, we're back to our new regular meeting place – Regency Retirement Residence – and our usual "third Tuesday" meeting date. It's our Annual General Meeting. We'll announce our slate for 2011. Marian Gardiner will be stepping down as our membership director, but will continue to be a member of MSHS.

Once we get the usual business out of the way, we'll move on to our popular Show and Tell – a January tradition at MSHS for as long back as I can remember. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and bring along a rare, interesting or unusual item to talk about.

See you all on January 18, 2011.

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Streetsville Historical Society Happenings

By Jean Watt, Publicity Director,
SHS



The December 9th meeting of the Streetsville Historical Society will be in the form of a tour of the historic Benares House in Clarkson. We will meet at the Streetsville United Church parking lot at 7pm to car pool. The tour is about an hour long and the cost is \$16.50 per person which includes delicious refreshments. The house will be beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and is well worth the visit.

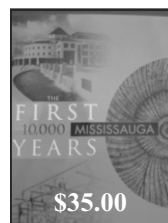
If you are interested in attending please call Jean Watt at 905-826-1860 before December 1st, 2010.

The historical society members who have been cataloguing our archives each week are on the move. We are half-way out of the jail cell that has been our storage for many years. Recently the group emptied file cabinets, labelled boxes, wrapped paintings, taped, lifted, packaged, covered and protected all of the artefacts for the move. Our new home will be the Leslie Log House. Thanks to Anne Byard, Ann Holmes, Lois McKinney, Joanne Krywko, Bernice Cunningham and Jean Watt.

Access to the archives will not be possible until the actual move to the log house is complete. Once we are moved, unpacked and organized, research will continue. We should be back to normal in our new home by the Spring.

February 19, 2011 "Women who won the War" Lakeview Small Arms Factory. Speaker: Alan Skeoch, Specialty Care 4350 Mississauga Road

HERITAGE GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



There are many more items to choose from in the Heritage Book Shop.

Find copies of books by Terry Boyle, Dave Cook, Eric Gibson, Kathleen Hicks, Alan Skeoch and Tom Urbaniak. We also have a Heritage Cookbook for only \$10. Visit The Grange at the corner of Dundas St. W. and Sir John's Homestead. call us at 905-828-8411 ext. "0" for more information.

Heritage Speakers Series 2010

"Portuguese Communities in Toronto and Mississauga: Chasing the Dream"

Mississauga's Heritage Partners (the Heritage Advisory Committee, Heritage Mississauga, Mississauga Library System and the Museums of Mississauga) present a collaborative Speakers Series through 2010 focused on Mississauga's "Changing Cultures". For more information and an up-to-date list of speakers, times, topics, dates and locations, please visit: www.mississauga.ca/heritagefour or call 905-615-4860 ext.2113. All lectures start promptly at 7:00pm. This is the last of six lectures for 2010 and it is a free event:



Carlos Teixeira, UBC

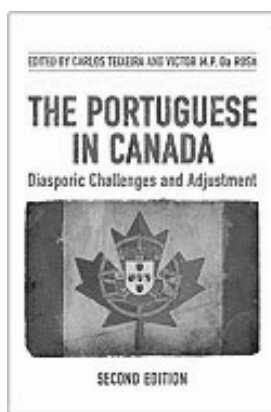
When: Friday, November 26th at the Erin Meadows Community Centre and Library, Multi Purpose Room A

Speaker: Professor Carlos Teixeira, from the University of British Columbia

Topic: "Portuguese Communities in Toronto and Mississauga: Chasing the Dream"

In 2003 the Portuguese-Canadian community commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the first group of immigrants to Canada from Portugal. It all started on 13 May 1953 when eighty-five Portuguese immigrants landed in Halifax aboard the *Saturnia*. Since then Canada, and particularly Toronto and Mississauga have become major destinations for the Portuguese. In both cities the

Portuguese built an appreciable number of social, cultural, and religious institutions, as well as a wide range of ethnic businesses. Today in both cities the Portuguese form an important segment of the rich cultural mosaic that defines both cities.



Book Cover

Beginning in the 1970s many Portuguese families moved from Portugal Village and other parts of the City of Toronto to Mississauga in search of the Canadian dream - a single family dwelling located in a good neighbourhood. The Portuguese community in Mississauga expanded from 1,415 (mother tongue) in 1971 to 24,700 (single ethnic origin) in 2006.

However, non-official data shows that the number of Portuguese (first, second and third generations) living in the city must be around 50,000. Today the Portuguese in Mississauga show a very high propensity for homeownership (88.5%) as well as a high level of satisfaction with the quality of life in the city. In fact, they "feel at home in Mississauga". They came to stay!

Lots Happening at the Museums of Mississauga

By Stephanie Meeuwse, Collectons & Exhibit Coordinator

The Museums of Mississauga are always busy with a number of exhibits, events and programs to interest a wide variety of visitors.



December has lots of Christmas fun planned with our annual "Home for the Holidays" event happening December 12th from 12 to 4pm at both Bradley Museum and Benares Historic House. Admission is free with non-perishable food donation. There is a lot to enjoy including horse & wagon rides, holiday crafts and seasonal decorations. We also offer a number of pre-registered programs including Edwardian Style Christmas on December 2nd, Pioneer Christmas Crafts on December 4th and Christmas is Coming to Benares on December 11th. You can also register for an "Afternoon Tea in the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum" on December 19th. Step back in time and enjoy an engaging tour of historic Bradley House and grounds; wander around our changing exhibit gallery, and complete your stay with a leisurely English Tea. To pre-register for any of these programs, please contact the Customer Service Centre at 905-615-4100 or register on-line at Connect2Rec.

Starting in January, the Museums will be hosting a photographic exhibition entitled "Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective" Originally owned by the Hancock Family, Woodland Nursery was recently purchased by the City of Mississauga for use as a public park. UTM intern, Stephanie Bellissimo, worked extensively with Marjorie Hancock to organize, document and scan over 70 years of the nursery's history. These photographs and Marjorie's reminiscences will be the basis of this fascinating display. The exhibit will be open to the public at the Anchorage, Bradley Museum from January 17th through until June 16th, 2011. Also on display will be "Home Child Quilt: A Patchwork of Memories" at Benares Visitor Centre until February 27th, 2011. Between 1869 and 1948, it is estimated that 100,000 children were brought to Canada by British charities seeking ways to alleviate the poverty in England's urban centres. Fifty-six of these Home Children's stories will be told through this quilt made by Gail Collins to commemorate 2010 Canada's Year of the British Home Child.

For more information on the Museums of Mississauga please call 905-615-4860 or visit our website at www.museumsofmississauga.com.



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Say Cheese

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Some time ago, we received an inquiry regarding cheese making in historic Toronto Township (Mississauga). At the time, there did not seem to be a strong historical record for cheese making. We had a couple of vague references, but very little seemed to have been recorded, unlike other areas in Southern Ontario. In the course of other research and documentation, however, a different story has begun to emerge, and although in its infancy, this story shows that cheese making was more common than we had imagined.



Former McKay Cheese Factory building c1930, Heritage Mississauga

A number of individuals, listed as Cheese Makers by profession, have begun to come to light: between 1894 and 1910, J.H. (Jerry) Stillman ran a cheese factory in Meadowvale Village. An article from the 1894 Brampton Conservator sheds some light on the early formation of the cheese factory, which was run as a sort of cooperative venture: "A meeting of farmers and others interested in the establishment of the cheese factory are requested to attend a meeting at the school house here on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 8 o'clock, for the election of officers and other business. Mr. Stillman is now residing in Meadowvale. The new factory will be erected about the middle of April, and a flourishing business is expected. The building will be 28 by 56 feet."

Another article from October of 1895 states: "The cheese factory in our town and run by Mr. Stillman has discontinued its operating for the season. We believe that the factory was highly successful this year, and that a good quantity and quality of cheese was produced, which is shown by the many favourable comments upon it."

Jerry Stillman, age 36, is listed on the 1901 Census together with his wife, Catherine, and children Pearl and Ethel. By 1911, however, Catherine is listed as a widow, and presumably the cheese manufactory was closed following Stillman's death, as no further reference was found.

We have also have come across several others Cheese Makers in Toronto Township. From approximately 1881 to 1901 George Scott operated a cheese factory near Malton. We know nothing else about his operation at this time. An 1895 assessment roll in Streetsville lists a James Sills as a Baker and Cheese Maker. Another mention in Streetsville is an ad that appeared in the Streetsville Review in 1891, listing Edmund Beers as a "Maker of Fine English Cheeses" in the shop next to Miss Reddings Millinery. Cooksville was home to William Cox, baker and cheese maker, from around 1858 to 1881. Another reference was found to William Combs as a Cheese Maker in Toronto Township, although we do not know where his factory might have been located.

The largest cheese factory reference, however, belongs to the Elm Bank Cheese Factory of William McKay and Robert Craig. This factory was located along the Etobicoke Creek, just south of what is today Britannia Road, and east of Dixie Road. Located on

the West Half of Lot 5, Concession 5, EHS, the property had been granted by the Crown to James McKay on February 7, 1832. McKay came from Scotland, built a log house on the property, and farmed. James died on his farm in 1865, and the property was inherited by his son, William McKay. Beginning around 1865, William established a cheese factory in partnership with Robert Craig of Burnhamthorpe. The venture proved very successful, and McKay cheeses won numerous awards at local and provincial fairs and exhibitions. The cheese factory operated until about 1910.

Very recently, a descendant of the Garbutt family (William McKay married Eliza Garbutt) sent us a picture of the old cheese factory building from after it has ceased production. William McKay (1829-1914), his wife Eliza (1837-1910) had five children: James, Ethel, Agnes, Louie and Willie. They were buried at Bethany United Church Cemetery. The family, and cheese factory, had ties to the lost village of Elmbank. William's son James inherited the property in 1929 and served as a charter member, director and president of the Peel District Jersey Cattle Club in 1923. He was also listed as Veterinary Surgeon by occupation.

Streetsville Interpretive Plaques Unveiled

The first of a series of six interpretive plaques in Streetsville was unveiled on Tuesday, October 19th at the Streetsville Public Library.

The interpretive plaques were produced by Heritage Mississauga as part of the Streetsville 150th Celebrations (which were held back in 2008), and were funded in part by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The unveiling ceremony was organized by Heritage Mississauga.



Councillor George Carlson, Bernice Cunningham and Mayor McCallion, HM

These interpretive plaques, which highlight the history of Streetsville, will be placed at different locations throughout Streetsville. You will be able to find interpretive plaques at the Kinsman Hall/former Streetsville Grammar School, the Streetsville Village Hall, Streetsville Memorial Cemetery, Streetsville Public Cemetery, Timothy Street House, and Streetsville Public Library.

The unveiling was mc'd by Bernice Cunningham, who chaired the Streetsville 150th Committee, and featured Mayor Hazel McCallion and Councillor George Carlson. Carlson was the honorary chair of the Streetsville 150th Celebrations back in 2008.

Kennedy Family Series

Continues in the next issue of *Heritage News*



From the Heritage Resource Centre and the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre at The Grange

*By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage
Mississauga*

2010 has continued to be a busy year in both the Resource Centre and the Discovery Centre at The Grange. Our inquiries have continued on a wide array of subjects, ranging from our aboriginal history to a connection with Buffalo Bill; from the documentation of early epidemics to cheese factories; and with finalizing the content and the publication of our upcoming book "Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga". Work also continues on new website content, Facebook updates, community heritage exhibits, and we are also in the early stages of our research project on the War of 1812. Work is also ongoing with our Oral History program. Additionally, our community outreach presentations also keep us busy, as we out in the community multiple times a week. For more information on our current projects, please contact us at history@heritagemississauga.org or 905-828-8411 ext.29.

In regards to the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre and exhibit gallery at The Grange, we will be opening our doors (and walls) to multiple art exhibits through 2011:

August 3rd, 2010 to January 14, 2011

Heritage Mississauga

"Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Heritage Mississauga"

January 17th, 2011 to February 14th, 2011

Art Exhibit with Mississauga artist Beata Goik

February 21st, 2011 to March 25th, 2011

Association of African-Canadian Artists

"Colourblind 2011: From the Soul"

April 5th, 2011 to May 6th, 2011

Art Exhibit from Rick Hansen Secondary School Art Students

May 10th, 2011 to June 3rd, 2011

Art Exhibit from Erindale Secondary School Art Students

June 14th, 2011 to July 29th, 2011

Art Exhibit with Mississauga artist Stefan Krivda

September 17th, 2011 to December 3rd, 2011

Art Exhibit with Mississauga artist Pat Hertzberg

We have also entered into an exciting collaborative partnership with ALFEW (Artists Looking for Empty Walls). ALFEW, under the direction of curator and Mississauga artist Louise Peacock, will be presenting 6 art exhibitions in the Lower Lecture Hall at The Grange throughout 2011. Visit www.alfew.com for more information.

Please join us on Facebook and keep in touch with the heritage happenings and events in Mississauga!

Heritage Month Activities February 2011

HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA AWARDS EVENING

Thursday February 24th 7:00pm. Location TBD

FRIENDS OF THE BRITANNIA SCHOOLHOUSE

February 12, 2011 Heritage Brampton-Bramalea City Centre.

Enjoy displays celebrating the Old Britannia Schoolhouse as well as other historical sites in the north part of Peel County. Open during Mall hours.

HALTON-PEEL BRANCH of the OGS. GENEALOGY

DAY Saturday, February 26 1pm-4pm Are you searching for people in Ontario? Did you know that there are many records available to you online? Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to begin and where resources are available. Speakers: **Genealogy101** with Dorothy Kew and **All about Ancestry.ca** with genealogist, Ruth Burkholder.

MUSEUM FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

at Bradley Museum Complex and Benares Historic House. For further details visit www.museumsofmississauga.com or call at 905-615-4860. **Family Day** at the Museums of Mississauga February 21, 2011, 1 pm to 5 pm Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road & Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North. Activities include guided tours, historic demonstrations, crafts and more! Purchase a Family Day Pass and enjoy a variety of drop-in activities across the City of Mississauga.

Exhibits: Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective Bradley House

Exhibits: British Home Children Remembered On display at the Benares Visitor Centre See page 16 for more information.

MISSISSAUGA SPORTS COUNCIL CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendars for Sports Week 2011 - being held February 21 - 28th. It's an action-packed week full of events, displays, demonstrations and workshops celebrating sport and active living for the whole family. An annual Sports Week highlight is the Sports Hall of Fame Physical Education Program providing an opportunity for students through to older adults to visit our Sports Hall of Fame, hear the experiences of one of our amazing Sports Hall of Famers, and then get active in the gym - lots of fun for everyone. The **Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame** is under development outside the Sports Council office, in the lobby of the Sports Complex (Hershey SportZone). It is free to public and currently provides a variety of exhibits in display cabinets and graphical depictions of our Hall of Famers. Open 7 days a week, it's free to visit and check out the Sports Complex at the same time. Visit often and watch the Hall of Fame grow.

Anyone having any stories or Mississauga sports memorabilia they would like to donate for community display is welcome to contact the Sports Council at info@sportsmississauga.org

STREETSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 19, 2011 "Women who won the War" Lakeview Small Arms Factory. Speaker: Alan Skeoch, Specialty Care 4350 Mississauga Road. For more information contact Jean Watt at 905-826-1860

The Darker Side cont'd

walk along Middle Road and Hurontario Street and visited farms in the vicinity looking for work, he did not go to the Williams' property. He also maintained that he only knew John Walker through meeting him, with John Cory, at the Lakeview Inn in Port Credit. Several eyewitnesses disputed this casual acquaintance, suggesting that the two had been seen together multiple times in the weeks before the murders, and that Walker was a close friend of Cory and Butcher.

In later testimony reported in the newspaper, McWhirrell changed his story slightly, stating that he talked to Mr. Williams about a job because he had heard that Williams was looking for a hired man. Upon discovering that the job was not available, he had asked Williams for the time and for the quickest route back to Toronto. McWhirrell even described his trip back into the city, the tram car ride and his visit to the Fitzgerald hotel for a drink, and his conversation with the bartender about how he was in Port Credit looking for work. However, Walker testified against McWhirrell while Cory and Butcher, the principal Crown witnesses (although they were also charged), refused to give any testimony.

Shortly after this testimony McWhirrell, due to the evidence against him, was found guilty and was sentenced to be hung on June 1st, 1894. Walker was found guilty as being an accessory after the fact, while Cory and Butcher were released. There was a suspicion in Port Credit that McWhirrell was not the right man. Many still suspected that Cory, Butcher, Walker, or a man named Robert Dutton were in league, as they all worked as hired men on farms along the Middle Road just north of Port Credit. Walker's reportedly met with foul play, as he was found murdered in Toronto in March of 1894. Cory, upon his release, reportedly left Ontario, while Dutton made his way to the United States.

On April 2nd, 1894, word reached Port Credit that Robert Dutton was arrested for murder in Montana and confessed to the murder of James and Eliza Williams. The confession was investigated by Detective Greer of Toronto, and was found to be false. He determined that McWhirrell and Dutton knew each other and that Dutton was attempting to cast doubt on McWhirrell's guilt.

One of the biggest mysteries surrounding the Middle Road Tragedy is the true identity of William Walter McWhirrell. McWhirrell was indentified as an alias, and that other aliases included William Maguire and John Callahan. His true identity was never discovered.

William Walter McWhirrell, as he was only known by his alias, was originally sentenced to be hung, but this was changed to a life sentence after Dutton's arrest and confession cast sufficient doubt. After serving 6 years in prison William Walter McWhirrell died in the Kingston Penitentiary hospital on September 21, 1899 from a suspected heart attack.

Soon after his death a woman by the name of Gertrude Truman of Hamilton, Ontario claimed that dead convict was her husband, Victor Truman. Whoever he was, the funeral took place in Hamilton on September 26, 1899. He was buried under the inscription "Victor M.W.D. Truman" and his stone simply reads "At Rest". Gertrude Truman maintained that her estranged husband was innocent of the crimes for which he had been incarcerated, and implicated Cory as the guilty party.

Cory seemingly is the only one connected to the Williams and each of the other implicated in the crime: he had worked for the

Williams (in November of 1893), knew McWhirrell (who died in 1899), Walker (died suspiciously in 1894), Dutton (executed in 1895), and was friends with fellow accused George Butcher.

The Middle Road Tragedy could well be called the Middle Road Mystery.

Trivia Answer:

Haines Road in central Mississauga, located between modern Cawthra and Dixie Roads along Dundas Street, is named for Jehoiada (Jehoida) Haines. He purchased the West Half of Lot 10, Concession 1, SDS from Joseph Farr on April 1, 1860. He was a farmer by trade and a Baptist by religion.



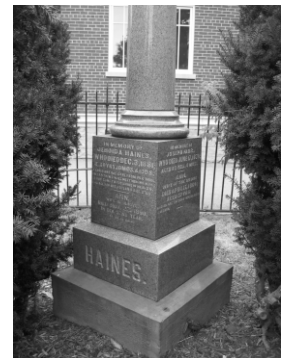
Jehoiada was born in 1831, son of Charles and Martha Haines of Cheltenham (in modern Brampton). He often went by the name of Joseph. Jehoiada and his wife, Ann (nee Watts), had seven children: William (1860), Annie (1861), Elizabeth (1864), Joseph (1866), Charlotte (1870), Lizzie (1872) and Emily (1877). The property passed to his daughter, Charlotte, and her husband, Frederick Tracy, on December 22, 1900. The road which was cleared adjacent to the Haines farm carries the family name to this day.

Jehoiada and Ann are buried at Dixie Union Cemetery, and his inscription reads:

Jehoida Haines
Who Died December 3rd, 1881
Age 50 years, 10 months and 10 days

"A loved one has gone from our
home,
On earth we will meet him no more
He has gone to his home in heaven
And all his afflictions are o'er"

It is unknown what he might have suffered from.



Haines Stone, Dixie Union Cemetery, HM

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December 5, Anniversary Celebrations Carolling at the Grange 3pm-8pm at the Grange 4:00pm Ceremonies & Book Launch begin.

Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre:

50th Anniversary Display, centre is open during events listed above as well as Mon. to Fri. 9am-5pm and Tues. until 8:30pm.

Art Gallery of Mississauga

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Friends of the Britannia Schoolhouse

Sunday, Nov.28, 2010. 1- 4 pm. Christmas Open House and Sale at The Old Britannia Schoolhouse

Visit the Schoolhouse decorated for Christmas with a fragrant tree, evergreen swags and paper chains and enjoy Christmas goodies and mulled cider as you browse through our unique items for sale.

February 12, 2011 Heritage Brampton-Bramalea City Centre.

Enjoy the displays celebrating the Old Britannia Schoolhouse as well as other historical sites in the north part of Peel County. Open during Mall hours.

Halton Peel O.G.S.

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January 23rd, 2011 What's at the Archives of Ontario?-Speaker Ruth Burkholder at Four Corners library in Brampton.

GENEALOGY DAY with the Halton-Peel Branch of the OGS. Saturday, February 26 1pm-4pm

Are you searching for people in Ontario? Did you know that there are many records available to you online? Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to begin and where resources are available. Speakers: **Genealogy101**with Dorothy Kew and **All about Ancestry.ca** with genealogist, Ruth Burkholder.

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January 18, 2011 Show and Tell and AGM, Regency Retirement Residence, Mississauga Road, Port Credit
www3.sympatico.ca/chess217

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Mark your calendars for Sports Week 2011 - being held February 21 - 28th. It's an action-packed week full of events, displays, demonstrations and workshops celebrating sport and active living for the whole family.

Museums of Mississauga

Exhibits in the Anchorage at Bradley Museum and Benares Visitor Centre Free, Mon to Fri 10 am to 4 pm

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Pre-Booked Programs offered at the Museums all year round

Home for the Holidays at the Museums of Mississauga

December 12th, 2010; 1 pm to 4 pm

Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road

Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North

Admission: Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the local food bank in lieu of admission. Come and explore Bradley Museum to discover how early settler families prepared for and celebrated the Christmas season. In Bradley House, step back in time and enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of an early 19th century home including cooking on the open hearth. Visit the Log Cabin and have your photo taken with Santa Claus, sample some Christmas goodies in the volunteer-operated tea room and listen to live traditional music in the historic buildings. Stop by Benares Historic House to experience the revelry of an early 20th century Christmas in this elegant restored house decorated in all its seasonal finery. There will be carolling in the drawing room around the player piano, horse-drawn wagon rides through the property and children's crafts. Don't miss our wonderful volunteer-run gift shop in the Visitor Centre.

MUSEUM FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY at Bradley Museum Complex and Benares Historic House. For further details visit www.museumsofmississauga.com or call at 905-615-4860.

Family Day at the Museums of Mississauga February 21, 2011; 1 pm to 5 pm Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road & Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North. Activities include guided tours, historic demonstrations, crafts and more! Purchase a Family Day Pass and enjoy a variety of drop-in activities across the City of Mississauga.

Exhibits: Woodland Nurseries: A Retrospective Bradley House Jan-June 2011. A visual record of Woodland Nurseries located on Camilla Road in Mississauga. This award winning nursery has influenced the growing of Rhododendrons across the globe. This exhibit will look at historic and modern images of the nursery and tell some of the many interesting stories which make this property unique.

Exhibits: British Home Children Remembered On display at the Benares Visitor Centre Dec. to Feb 2011. Carrie Furze, a servant at Benares Historic House during WWI was a British Home Child. This exhibit will highlight her story and will also feature a memorial quilt which tells the story of 56 other children brought to Canada from 1871-1941. This quilt has been touring Canada and helps to educate the public about Home Children and their stories.

Streetsville Historical Society

December 9th 2010-For this meeting we will have a tour of the historic Benares House in Clarkson. The tour is about an hour long and will include delicious refreshments, the cost is \$16.50 per person. If you need a ride please meet at the Streetsville United Church parking lot at 7pm. If you are interested please call Jean Watt at 905-826-1860 before December 1st.

February 19, 2011 "Women who won the War" Lakeview Small Arms Factory. Speaker: Alan Skeoch, Specialty Care 4350 Mississauga Road

Trafalgar Historical Society/Doors Open

For more info contact Jane Watt jwatt@ica.net 905-281-1701

November 30, 2010 7:00

Topic- Built Heritage - When Buildings are Bridges

Speaker Elaine Eigl

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