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SPECIAL EVENTS

Doors Open

Sat. Sept. 18th
10am-4pm
The Grange

Literacy Festival

Sun. Sept. 19th
11am-3pm
Living Arts Centre

Haunted Mississauga

Fri. Oct. 22nd
tours start 7pm
Port Credit

50th Anniversary Open House

Sun. Nov. 14th
10am-5pm
The Grange

Carolling at the Grange

Sun. Dec. 5th
3pm-5pm
(Bring a non-perishable food item for the Deacon's cupboard)

Maanjidowin 2010 - A Lifetime of Memories

By Princess Alexander

Thousands showed up to see Aboriginal Culture and History come alive at Maanjidowin. The drums called and the people gathered. From sunrise on Saturday, July 17th to sunset on Sunday, July 18th diverse cultures from the Mississauga Community, Southern Ontario and as far away as Northern Quebec converged at J.C. Saddington Park in Port Credit, overlooking the Credit River. Consistent with the theme of the Event "Friendships that Transcend Time", the community joined with our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit friends for a unique and amazing experience of culture and history.

The volunteers, program and ambience were exceptional. Enthusiastic volunteers from as young as twelve years old worked for three days and filled over 200 spots to ensure a successful event. They handed out surveys, greeted guests, and assisted with entertainment, the marketplace and educational village. Based on exit surveys 100% of the visitors said they would come again. The following expresses the sentiment of those in attendance: "thank you so much for the opportunity to be there and all that I learned even in dealing with the storms, it was an adventure and I would do it again."

The entertainment circle which included drummers, fiddlers, dancers, jiggers, throat singers, heritage re-enactors and Red Slam was the catalyst to stimulate visitors' curiosity into a culture that is not well understood. The tremendous value and long-term benefit that everyone commented on were the teachings and educational experience. Sharing in the experience were community leaders including Mayor Hazel McCallion, MPP Charles Sousa, MP Navdeep Bains, Councillor Sanderson, Councillor Palleschi and Barbara O'Neil, President of Heritage Mississauga, who were flag carriers in the Grand Entry led by Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation Chief Bryan Laforme.

Maanjidowin was supported by an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant and was presented by Heritage Mississauga and its partners, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Credit River Métis Council and the Peel Aboriginal Steering Committee. The event was sponsored by: the City of Mississauga, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Peel District School Board, Region of Peel, Port Credit Community Foundation, City of Brampton and Johnston Research Inc. Other Community sponsors included Long and McQuade, Loblaw Superstore, SIMMCO Audiovisual Solutions, John Bruce Photography, Museums of Mississauga, and the Mississauga Food Bank.

Heritage Mississauga has had a history of accomplishments working with the Aboriginal Community. These include the celebration of Maanjidowin 2005, publishing "In the Footsteps of the Mississaugas", promoting the Mississauga of New Credit First Nations Three Fires Pow Wow, providing internships to UTM students to research Aboriginal history in Mississauga and is in the process of building a commemorative garden at the Mission Site on Mississauga Road. Heritage Mississauga's work to educate and raise awareness of Aboriginal History and Culture is ongoing. Miigwetch!



Barbara O'Neil, Chief Bryan LaForme, MP Navdeep Bains and MPP Charles Sousa in Grand Entry at Maanjidowin, John Bruce



Mayor McCallion joins in Grand Entry ceremonies with dancers in regalia at Maanjidowin, John Bruce



A young dancer in Grand Entry, John Bruce

President's Message

By Barbara O'Neil, President

Maanjidowin Memories

On a mostly sunny weekend in July, Heritage Mississauga partnered with the Mississaugas Of The New Credit First Nation, the Credit River Métis Council, and the Peel Aboriginal Steering Committee to host Maanjidowin - Native Pow Wow and Métis Rendezvous, a two day celebration of friendships that transcend time.

With the help of over 100 volunteers, staff and 18 sponsors, we successfully staged the largest event in our 50 year history. A clicker-count estimated 10,000 people came and stayed, enjoying an entertainment-packed schedule that began with a beautifully spiritual Sunrise Ceremony and ended with Closing Ceremonies that included a parade of flag bearers, veterans and community leaders.

In between, attendees were able to actively participate in all events and build their own **personal memories of Maanjidowin**. Here are some of mine, as well as some of the comments I received in conversation with members of the public on both days:

Friday's set up was a huge effort, with summer students, staff and volunteers getting physical hauling firewood (spiders!), sandbags, signs and supplies. Under the able direction of Les Gaspar, teams were rallied to quickly erect canopies at day's end.

The Sunrise Ceremony was well attended, given the early 6am start; a number of people arrived at J. C. Saddington Park ultra-early specifically to take part in the event. As the sun slowly rose over Lake Ontario, Fire Keepers began a fire and burned sacred sage, tobacco, sweet grass and cedar. Elder Garry Sault, in full regalia, danced and chanted a prayer. All men and boys in attendance were given a symbolic blueberry, while women and girls were given a strawberry. One-by-one, they received the Elder's blessing. Amidst the hustle of today's modern urban existence, a truly peaceful and meditative way to begin the day.

The gun salute and re-enactment of the Métis arrival by canoe to trade with the Mississaugas was a highlight. (How sweaty can it get in a wool replica uniform buttoned up to the neck or a buckskin jacket in high humidity? Happy to report, the re-enactors showed no signs of wilting.)

It was my honour to carry the City of Mississauga flag in the Grand Entry procession, joining Chief Bryan LaForme, Mayor Hazel McCallion, Councillors from the Region of Peel and a host of other dignitaries.

We provided drummers (who also sing) with lozenges when their throats got scratchy. (There's a good idea for a Fisherman's Friend commercial!)

Christian, a Métis Voyager who can survive off the land on his frequent travels, described some of the techniques he employs. Bear fat in your hair wards off mosquitoes and black flies. And natural human oils are a bug repellent: washing with soap or applying cologne makes you a magnet for insects in the bush.



Voyageur Christian Pilon,
John Bruce

The Inuit throat singers who performed were uniquely fascinating and talented. At times they sounded like an orchestrated bullfrog chorus.

My stand-out moments reflect only a portion of the Marketplace, Teaching Circles, Demonstrations, Artists, Children's Centre, Fiddlers, Jiggers and Traditional Pow Wow activities staged. But, in speaking with visitors, **the best thing about Maanjidowin was that people didn't just watch they were invited to participate** to join processions, dance, sing, make crafts, etc. Being part of the entertainment, now *that* makes memories.

Upcoming Events

September 18: Doors Open (Heritage Showcase), at the Grange

September 19: Literacy Festival, Living Arts Centre

October 22: Haunted Mississauga, Old Port Credit Heritage Conservation District.

November 14: Open House, at the Grange (Book Launch)

December 5: Carolling at the Grange

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Sunrise Ceremony, John Bruce



Historical Reenactors get ready
for battle, John Bruce

From the Editor's Desk

By Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director

It has been a busy spring and summer since our last Newsletter. Continuing our monthly Anniversary celebrations we participated in a number of community events, held a luncheon, a major festival and kept Erindale rocking as we continued to spread the word about heritage and the importance of its preservation.

In April we were thrilled to be part of *The Musical Heritage of Port Credit* event held at the Historic Clarke Hall on Sat. April 24th. Very well attended everyone enjoyed the music of Chuck Jackson and the *Down Child Blues Band* and *Little Peter and the Elegants*, home town boys who kept everyone's toes tapping. Congratulations to organizers for a wonderful Port Credit 175th Anniversary celebration event.



Little Peter and the Elegants, HM

In June we met with friends at the Glen Erin Inn for the first in our Heritage Luncheon series. The Guest speaker the Toronto Star's Christopher Hume who spoke on "Survival of the Fittest - Today's Urban Environment", a fitting topic in Mississauga's ever-changing landscape. Important guests at this luncheon included Mayor Hazel McCallion and Councillor Katie Mahoney. Many thanks to our Chair Douglas Hancock, Director of Heritage Mississauga, for organizing this inaugural event. Check with this newsletter or on our website for information on the next event in the series.



Guests at the Glen Erin Inn Luncheon, HM

Canada Day was great fun as we joined the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with "Paint the Town Red". A festival atmosphere throughout the day starting with a sunrise ceremony, with lots to eat, see and do as we celebrated being Canadian, the Port Credit way. We met a lot of people who were interested in our exhibits and the events we had planned for the rest of the year. Thank you to the Port Credit 175th team for including us in this important 2010 event.

In July we also held our second "Maanjidowin", a celebration of Aboriginal and early settler culture. 10,000 people gathered at J. C. Saddington Park, representing nations from around the world. A wonderful success, this event brought together all nations in a weekend that celebrated friendships that have transcended time. We appreciate the support and dedication of the members of the organizing committee: Chair Scott Mair (Treasurer of Heritage Mississauga), Carolyn King and Faith Rivers (Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation), Joseph Paquette (Credit River Métis Council), Mavis Wilson (1812-1860 Re-enactors), Helen Lewis-FitzGerald and Reena Aggarwal (Region of Peel, Peel Aboriginal Steering Committee), Shelley Tsolakis (City of Mississauga), Arthur Dias and Meriel Simpson (Heritage Mississauga Directors). This event would not have been possible without the financial and in-kind support of our sponsors. We are indebted to: Ontario Trillium Foundation, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Peel Aboriginal Steering Committee, City of Mississauga, Peel Board of Education, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Port Credit Community Foundation, City of Brampton, Johnston Research, Long & McQuade, John Bruce Photography,

SIMMCO Audio Visual, Museums of Mississauga, The Mississauga Food Bank and Loblaws Superstore.

The real heroes of this event were the team of Heritage Mississauga Staff and volunteers who dedicated hundreds of hours of their time during the event to make it all happen. With their support we were able to smoothly setup, run and tear down this event. Our thanks and appreciation to those members of our community who came out and supported *Maanjidowin 2010*. We are extremely grateful for your tireless efforts on our behalf, you are all truly extraordinary people.



A few of the volunteers and staff, HM

In true rock 'n roll fashion, Heritage Mississauga held its 2nd Annual *Grangestock*. To the excellent sounds of the *Jerry Stiff Band*, the community joined us to celebrate the arts, while touring our offices in the Robinson-Adamson House "The Grange". The BBQ ran all day, children enjoyed flying kites they made and artists spoke with guests about their art in a show and sale. Once again our volunteer team were the heroes during this event helping to set up, cook, support children's activities and enjoy the day with us. We could not have done it without you. Many thanks to co-chairs from our Board of Directors, Greg Carraro and Scott Mair for their support.



Jerry Stiff Band jamming with Scott Mair and special guest artist Kate Fish, HM

Our anniversary celebrations continue with a special exhibit in the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre focused on our 50 years of service to the community. We appreciate the support of the Museums of Mississauga and the Peel Heritage Complex for the loan of artifacts for the display. Do you have memories of Heritage Mississauga or the history of the City during the last 50 years? We would love to hear from you. From farmland and fishing boats to the 6th largest city in Canada, Mississauga has a wonderful heritage story to tell. New traditions, festivals, ceremonies, business and prosperity have all made the Mississauga of today a very important part of our heritage. Remember, in 100 years time today is history. We need to make sure our collective story is told and preserved for generations to come. Contact us at the Robinson-Adamson House "The Grange" or send us an email to history@heritagemississauga.org and help us record the Mississauga heritage story together.

Anniversary celebrations continue throughout the fall starting with Doors Open in September, Haunted Mississauga in October, a Grand Anniversary Open House in November where we will launch out latest publication *Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga* and we will close the year with our annual Carolling at the Grange in December. We hope that you will join us at these events. Help us celebrate our 50 years of researching, recording and communicating Mississauga's heritage.

Trivia Question:

Do you know Harborn Road
and how it got its name?

Answer page 15



Lost Villages The Next Chapter

Heritage Mississauga Introduces a New Book

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

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 later this year: *"Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga"*. Many, many hours of research and writing were undertaken to compile the content for each of the articles, and many individuals contributed to the process, with writing, researching, documenting and conducting interviews. Our research and documentation were guided by a set of criteria to determine if a place "qualified" as a "lost village".



Barn Raising, Clogheneagh and Elmbank area, HM

The book will cover the story 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. Had time and fate changed course, we may well be living in the City of Derry West or Sheridan today, rather than these place names now recalling forgotten and vanished communities. This book will look at some of these forgotten layers in time that helped to make the modern city we call home today.

Although the article series on the Lost Villages has, at this point, reached an end in the *Heritage News*, we continue to look for pictures and stories that will help to connect modern residents with the historic roots of our city. 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. Special thanks also to those who have assisted with research, information, pictures, and editing, including Kathy Baker, Erin Brubacher, Jayme Gaspar, Marian Gibson, Brian Gilchrist, Andrea Kennedy, Dorothy Kew, Simona Liao, Ken Petro, Randall Reid, Greg Skelly, Tom Urbaniak, Jane Watt, and Paula Wubbenhorst.

Publication of this book was made possible from a gracious donation by the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

We are also indebted to past authors and community historians, including William Perkins Bull, Mary Manning, Marjorie Sparling and Kathleen Hicks, for the work they have done in preserving and publishing our history.

This book would not have been possible without having access to the remarkable collections at the Halton-Peel Genealogical Society, Region of Peel Archives, Canadiana Room of the Mississauga Central Library, and records from the Black Creek Pioneer Village, Mississauga South Historical Society, Oakville Historical Society, Streetsville Historical Society, and the Trafalgar Township Historical Society. We invite you to join us on Sunday, November 14th, at The Grange. When we will be officially launching the book.

DOORS OPEN 2010

DISCOVER MISSISSAUGA

Saturday, September 18, 2010
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This year Doors Open focuses on Mississauga's west end. Participating sites are located in (west) Port Credit, Clarkson, Erindale, Streetsville, Meadowvale and newly annexed land from Milton. Participating sites include Benares Historic House in Clarkson, the Franklin House in Streetsville, the Forster House / Heritage House Dental, the Islamic Centre of Canada, Mississauga Masonic Temple in Port Credit, The Grange, Meadowvale Miniature Village, Riverwood Conservancy and St. Peter's Mission Church, and many others.

For a complete list of all participating sites, visit the Doors Open Ontario website and look for Mississauga listings: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

Electronic copies of the Doors Open Mississauga program including kids' activities - are downloadable from the City of Mississauga website: www.mississauga.ca/culture

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Heritage Issues

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Hill Gatehouse / Dudgeon Cottage Designated

The humble building located at 305 Lakeshore Road West in Port Credit was facing demolition, and plans were submitted that would see the redevelopment of the site, incorporating some of the architectural detailing from the cottage into a new commercial building. But demolition plans were refused when the Heritage Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favour of Heritage Designation for the building on July 27, and City Council agreed to proceed on August 4.



*Dudgeon Cottage, Fred Loek
Mississauga News*

Port Credit residents, including representatives from multiple residents' association and support from the Ward Councillor, submitted a detailed citizen heritage assessment on the property, in opposition to the recommendations made in the submission from the property developer. As a result, the Hill Gatehouse / Dudgeon Cottage was recommended for designation under the terms of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for its physical/design, historical/associative and contextual significance.

This gatehouse/cottage is a rare surviving example of an estate gatehouse, built in the early decades of the 20th Century, at a time when the west end of Port Credit was largely comprised of wealthy estates. Architecturally the building is constructed using bricks of a basalt-like appearance which gives the building texture and interest. It is possible that these unusual bricks were made in the former Port Credit brickyard, which was adjacent to the subject property. The current community has placed historical and contextual value in the property as its evolution contributes to the understanding of the history of Port Credit, and has placed associative value in the historic property owners, which include Edward, Edwin and Rebecca Hill, John Huston, Charles Scarr, and Reverend James Dudgeon. For many long-time residents, the building was associated with the adjacent bus loop for the TTC Route 74, which terminated at Pine Avenue. While the building was never owned by the TTC, Marjorie Dudgeon, who lived in the cottage and operated a piano studio, invited transit riders to wait in the building on cold winter mornings. The building is also regarded as a significant landmark on Lakeshore Road by residents today.

Dowling House in Danger

The "Dowling House", located at 2285 Britannia Road West which is under a Notice of Intent to Designate under the terms of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, has suffered significant damage. At the time of printing this newsletter, the cause of the damage is unknown. The house, built circa 1883-1886, was the home of Frank Dowling, the first Mayor of



Dowling House, HM

the Town of Streetsville in 1962. The damage to the home is significant, and put the future survival of the building at risk. City of Mississauga departments are looking into the matter, and we will update readers in a future edition of the *Heritage News*.

Historic Meadowvale Village to celebrate 175 Years in 2011

The founding of Old Meadowvale Village is accepted historically as 1836, which makes next year, 2011, its 175th Anniversary. Although settlement history in the Meadowvale Village area dates back to the Beatty settlers and 1819, the "founder" of the village is largely accepted as being John Simpson. Simpson acquired 200 acres of land in Meadowvale on December 1st, 1837, although tradition suggests that he was in the area in 1836 hence the establishment date for the village. Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District, Ontario's first Heritage Conservation District, was created in 1980 in efforts to preserve the heritage of this rural and historical village.



*Meadowvale Village
Commercial Hotel, c1900 HM*

The "New Town" of Meadowvale Celebrates 40 Years

Established in 1970 as a planned community by Markborough Properties under the leadership of Peter Langer, Meadowvale was built as a new town and urban centre on what was largely 2400 acres in northwest rural Toronto Township/ Mississauga. Landmarks in the community today include Lake Aquitaine (constructed in 1977 on what was the Wylie farm), many interconnected parks and trails, the Meadowvale Community Centre, Meadowvale Town Centre and Meadowvale Theatre, to name just a few. Ward 9 Councillor Pat



*Meadowvale -Northwest
1954, Lake Wabukayne in
lower left, HM*



*Original New Town of
Meadowvale Logo, HM*

Saito is hosting a 40th Anniversary photography contest. All photos will be posted on the Meadowvale 40th Anniversary website and residents will get to vote for their favourite photograph. In particular, residents are asked to submit pictures of what is the most unique and identifiable aspects of Meadowvale, including local landmarks, buildings, streetscapes, community facilities, natural areas, infrastructure, neighbourhoods, parks, events, business areas and individuals, families, and groups enjoying our community. For more information, please visit:

www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/meadowvalephotocontest

The contest closes on September 30, 2010. For more information on the history of Meadowvale, please contact Heritage Mississauga or the Canadiana Room at the Mississauga Central Library.

How Mississauga Got Its Name

Part 3 of 8: Takin' it to the People

By Richard Collins

In 1965, the Ontario Municipal Board considered Toronto Township's application to incorporate as a town. If approved, "Toronto" would have to be dropped as a name, leading the politicians to confront the first and most challenging stage of incorporation. How does a place known for the past 160 years as "Toronto" pick a new name?



Richard Collins, HM

At first the name game didn't ignite much public interest. Town status was still two years away (and possibly even longer if the OMB stalled) and there was still uncertainty as to who would be part of this new town. Residents seemed more upset about the province's recent decision to rename the 401 as the "Macdonald-Cartier Freeway". (In case you didn't know, the 401 is officially named after the co-premiers of Canada's last pre-confederation parliament but, 40 years on, everyone still calls it "The 401".)

Preparation for a change of name began in January 1965 when council gave residents until the end of the month to submit ideas for a name for the future town.

The township council set conditions on the vote- the most notable of these being the popular names "Port Credit" and "Streetsville". One of the sticking points to achieving town status was whether Port Credit and/or Streetsville were to be part of the new town. Port Credit had already been granted town status, leaving the township in 1961. Streetsville followed a year later. Toronto Township councillors wanted them to rejoin the roost (mostly to get access to the two towns' industrial taxbase) but Port Credit and Streetsville weren't big on the idea. The OMB stalled the incorporation talks, placing effort on all three to come to terms.

While uncertainty prevailed, the township asked its residents not to submit "Port Credit" or "Streetsville" as possible contenders.

But, be it through stubborn resolve, local pride or optimism that the three councils would find common ground, "Port Credit" still tallied in the top ten when the public submissions were counted. Streetsvillians were apparently not so optimistic about union. "Streetsville" didn't even crack the Top 20.

The Names

A total of 2,763 people sent in suggestion and, astoundingly there were 889 different names among the submissions. Had submissions been halted after one week, Mississauga today might have come to be known as "Huronario" or "Greenacres". These were top choices after the first few dozen votes were in.

Through the month of January 1965, a total of 1,397 letters were received. The 860 different names were listed and the number of repeat suggestions were tallied. The official closing deadline was January 31, but since this was a Sunday, and the post office did not sort weekend mail until the following Monday, the official deadline was extended two extra days. In that time, 66 more letters were received, with 152 suggestions-29 of these being different from the 860 sent in January.

Naturally, council couldn't go to the OMB with 889 possible names for the new town. Council appointed a committee to go through all the suggestions and discuss each until they came down to 32 names they liked.

The logical, and democratic solution would have been to go with names preferred from the public submissions. But later in this series we'll find out why the democratically-elected officials didn't let democracy prevail.

"Sheridan" ended up as one of the two finalist on election day in 1967, despite not even making it to the Top 10 with the public. "Sheridan" came in 12th.

For the record, here is the public's top 12.

1	Mississauga	513
2	Cooksville	120
3	Winston	95
4	Peel	87
5	Erindale	66
6	Dixie	62
7	Credit Valley	60
8	Port Credit	57
9	Churchill	54
10	Kennedy	47
11	Springfield	42
12	Sheridan	38

The village of Sheridan was named after a popular British playwright and humourist, Richard Brinsley Sheridan. It is said that Stephen Oughtred, resident of the village (located near present-day Winston Churchill Boulevard and the QEW) suggested the name when a post office was established at the crossroads in 1857.

Erindale made the Top 12 twice, in a manner of speaking.

The village that Reverend Magrath inaugurated as the first "Toronto" was reamed Springfield sometime after York changed its name to Toronto. That the name "Springfield" made it to 11th place is surprising considering that the village was known by that name for about 18 months. In 1900, the Royal Mail informed postmaster William Cavin that there already was a Springfield in Ontario, near St. Thomas and the name would have to be changed. Coming full circle, the townspeople renamed the village Erindale, after the late reverend's estate. "Erindale" was the fifth most suggested name.

Next time, in the Heritage Mississauga newsletter, we'll look at the Top 10 submissions and consider why they were so popular with the people.

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The Darker Side: A Streetsville Scoundrel

By Andrea Kennedy

"Well, I'm a jailbird now. I might as well stay with the game."

Frank Rutledge, born in Streetsville in 1869, is far from the typical citizen of the area. Being the middle child of Sgt. Joseph Jabez Rutledge's five sons, and with his youngest brother being a Constable, one might think Frank to be a law abiding resident in the Village of Streetsville ... but this could not be further from the truth.



Rutledge, *The Globe*, 1901

Rutledge left school at 13 because he was tired of the classroom and wanted to begin working. He worked at the Toronto Woollen Mills at nearby Barberton as an apprentice for a year, until the company went under in 1882.

In December 1888 Rutledge was thought to have broken into a general store in Streetsville. The County Constable had become suspicious of Rutledge after his disappearing right after the robbery. He was later arrested in Toronto, tried in Brampton, found guilty, and sentenced to four years in Kingston Penitentiary. After an attempted escape he had seven years added to his sentence. During his time in prison, Rutledge had formed a gang with Pat Sherrin, William Black, and Lewis Laurence. These men were incarcerated for crimes such as burglary and highway robbery. Rutledge had been released early, after serving only four years. By this time he was the leader of the gang. In a mere 18 months Rutledge and crew are alleged to have committed over 60 robberies across Southern Ontario. All but Rutledge had been caught for the robbery at the Hartman & Wilgess Bank, in Clarksburg, Ontario.

In an attempt to capture Rutledge the police had a stakeout around the Rutledge family home in Streetsville. Alas, Rutledge was able to escape capture again and made it out to Red Coule, Colorado, where he was arrested for stealing a bike. This small theft gained him six years in the Colorado State Penitentiary. Here Rutledge met Thomas Jones, of Chicago, and Fred Lee Rice, of Champaign, Illinois. After all three had been released they met up in Chicago in early 1900 where, thanks to Jones' connections and with Chicago being well-known for organized crime, it was easy to buy off police. Using Chicago as a base of operations, the gang then began to plot further robberies.

Outside the Standard Bank in Toronto the gang was approached by Constable Jarrold Ward in the early morning of May 23rd, 1900. Constable Ward was later found tied up in a barn after having been held at gun point! There was evidence of an attempt to break into the bank. Two days later the gang had more success in Aurora, where they robbed the post office as well as the J. L. Ross Bank. Their getaway vehicle: a stolen horse and rig from a Toronto hotel. Some of the gang's things were found by the police at one of Frank's brother's houses in Streetsville. Among these things was a train schedule for a train heading to Chicago. The police in Chicago were informed and by June 1st the three men were arrested. After ten months of delays, they were extradited to Canada to face charges. The trial did not begin until the following spring, in May of 1901. By this time the press had begun calling the three "The Chicago

Gang". Leaving the Court House at 6:15pm on Tuesday June 4, 1901, newspapers recorded that "all hell broke loose". The three men were handcuffed together in a row in the back of the police carriage with Constable William Boyd and Constable Walter Stewart. They were on Gerrard Street when two guns, which were in a hat wrapped in paper, were tossed into the cab of the police carriage. Rutledge and Rice, who both had a free hand, got a hold of the guns. Constable Stewart grabbed Rutledge, while Constable Boyd lunged after Rice. Rice, on the prompt of Rutledge, shot Constable Boyd. A second shot struck Boyd in the head. The two then pointed their weapons at Constable Stewart who, fearing for his life, immediately surrendered and let the three out of the carriage.

The gang, still attached by handcuffs, ran towards a stopped streetcar near Sword Street. Stewart followed and opened fire. He managed to hit Jones in the right arm and the groin. Every time Rice had moved it wrenched Jones' wounded arm. Dragging Jones along, the gang jumped onto streetcar Number 486. They began wrestling with the motorman, Joseph Black, for the keys. Constable Stewart, Constable Lynman Bogart (who had been driving the police carriage), and Don Jail guards Dick Dodds and James Spanton, caught up and began to beat Rice and Rutledge until they were disarmed. The two guards were from the jail which was not even a kilometre away and had come when they heard the commotion. The streetcar then carried on the short distance to drop everyone off at the jail.

The bones in Jones' arm had shattered all the way along to his elbow. By the time the ordeal was over he was faint with blood loss. Jones was moved to Toronto General Hospital, which then was still at the Simcoe and King Street location, the next morning. By the afternoon Dr. Bingham had amputated his arm at the elbow. The operation was a success but overnight Rice had gone unconscious and died Thursday morning at 8:10am. Rice had been suffering from consumption, today commonly known as TB, which is believed to be why he did not survive long after the surgery.

On the morning of Wednesday June 6, Rutledge met with his lawyer, T. C. Robinette. In this meeting Rutledge gave the lawyer his personal jewellery along with written instructions for who they were to be given to.

On Thursday June 7, 1901 Rutledge and Rice were sentenced by Judge Macdougall to 21 years for robbery and arraigned for the murder of Constable Boyd. The hearing for the murder was postponed until the following week. The courts were concerned about friends of Rice and Rutledge getting rid of the only witness to Boyd's murder, Constable Stewart. The courts were looking to get Stewart's evidence in as soon as possible, which was why the arraignment was done on this day. Rutledge was shocked at the charge against him for murder, thinking he would have escaped it based on Stewart's witnessing of Rice firing the gun. His face was pale, and he pleaded not guilty. Rice did not enter a plea.



The Globe, 1901

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Maanjidowin Memories

by John Bruce Photography



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Red Slam

Heritage Mississauga receives grant to support its Oral History Outreach Project

By Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director

Since 1995 Heritage Mississauga has recorded over 100 oral history interviews with local historians, and members of the community, many of whom have passed on. It is through these recorded memories that important social history is captured and remembered for future generations.

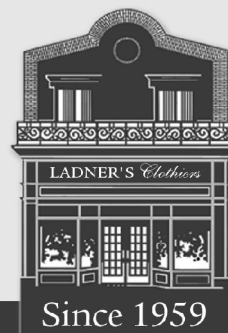


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This grant provides much needed equipment to support the Oral History Outreach Project which will ensure that community memories that make up our social history will be preserved for generations to come, enhancing the research resources available at the Heritage Mississauga Resource Centre and within the Heritage Community.

Heritage Mississauga is the only organization within the city that has taken on the role of recording memories and preserving oral traditions. Mississauga has become a wonderful blend of cultures from around the world who have brought with them traditions and heritage that needs to be recorded and preserved.

Are you interested in joining this project, capturing your families memories? We need you. Volunteers are required to assist in conducting oral history interviews as well as completing the transcriptions for the interviews. A number of interviews already done are also in need of transcription. If you have some time to take a trip down memory lane and visit with members of the community from days gone by please join our team and help us to preserve this vital social history for future generations.



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By Louise Peacock,
Horticulturist

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Fall Flowers, www

Dixie Growers Cold Storage Plaque

Thanks to Grant Clarkson, a long-time member and supporter of Heritage Mississauga, another small piece of Dixie's heritage will be preserved. Grant donated a plaque which commemorates the past directors of the Dixie Growers Cold Storage facility. The Dixie Growers Cold Storage facility, formerly located at 2440



Grant Clarkson and daughter Barbara, Dixie Reunion 2008, HM

Dixie Road, opened its doors in 1944 under the direction of the Dixie Fruit and Vegetable Growers Co-operative. The facility, a remnant of our agricultural past, closed its doors in 2008. The plaque commemorates the "faithful work and wisdom over the years" of Fred Scriven, James McCarthy, Arthur Stanfield, Eric Chudleigh, Lindsay Death, Don Pallett, Irwin Clarkson, Ken Pallett, Garnet Goddard, Alfred Conder, Grant Clarkson, Leslie Hughes, Leslie Pallett, J.O. Pallett, Jack Goddard, Howard Pallett, Quint Ferri, Carl Stewart, Al Ferri, Ron Clarkson, Cliff Rogers, Joe Vandermarel, Peter McCarthy, Phil Clarkson, Ken Speirs, Murray Vandermarel, Paul Borcsok and Tom Chudleigh. This plaque will be hung in the offices of Heritage Mississauga, at The Grange, alongside a plaque which honours the former Dixie Arena Gardens.



Would You Like to be Part of an Upcoming Book?

The Remembering Radio project is a chance to reclaim early memories of radio in the lives of everyday Canadians. This is a government sponsored program being led by Dr. Anne MacLennan of York University in Toronto.

The hope is to discover more about the role of radio in the homes and lives of ordinary Canadians from its inception. What we're doing right now is we're looking for members of the community over the age of 78 who might be interested in having conversations with us regarding radio of the 1930's. The conversations are not too long, they typically last between 15 and 30 minutes, but they can go on as long as the interviewee would like. These conversations can be done over the phone, and the questions we ask are very simple, we only ask things like where the radio was in the room, who listened to it, and what programs were listened to. Taking the form of an interview, these conversations are a great social activity and we have received positive feedback from participants who enjoyed reliving their memories of radio during this time period. These questions are meant to spur conversations and memories that may be interesting to cite in Prof. Anne MacLennan's upcoming book.

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The Girls of St. Hilda's Wartime Guests in Canada, Part II

By Joan Reid

In a previous article I explained how the girls of St. Hilda's School in Yorkshire, England were evacuated from their homeland when the Battle of Britain began in the summer of 1940. They became wartime guests in Canada when they re-established their school at the Glen Erin estate.



Glen Erin Inn c2004, HM

On November 16, 1941 at approximately 4:30 a.m. George Minaker of Toronto entered the second floor of Gate House Lodge through a bath-room window. Seventeen girls from St. Hilda's were sleeping there. One girl, Valerie Harris, awoke when he touched her. She found him creeping around the dormitory with a torch in his hand. The mayhem that ensued was comparable to the most imaginative plot that a Hollywood script-writer ever penned.

Harris woke another girl. Someone turned on a light. The intruder tried to crawl under a bed. A struggle ensued. Several other girls and two teachers arrived. Minaker dragged himself upstairs to the bathroom where he had entered. He was pulled away from the open window. A teacher hit him with a hairbrush until it broke in her hand. A blow from a shoe finally subdued him. The girls tied his feet with the cord of a dressing gown. The caretaker, Mr. Sproule, called the police.

Minaker was described as being "as big as two girls together" and as "tall and slim, of strong build". When police arrived one girl was sitting on his head and another on his chest. Both girls were in "night attire". Minaker complained of a lack of air. He called the girls "dirty Britishers". He explained his intrusion on his need for water for his car. When the police examined his car, which was parked nearby, they found this to be untrue. Before his apprehension he had apparently consumed 10 to 12 pints of beer and swallowed some wine. He may have been on his way to Orangeville to visit a bootlegger friend. His shoes were found outside the window where he had entered.

Minaker was arrested by Constable Drennan of Streetsville and Chief Constable Sidney Belford of Toronto Township. At Police Court in Port Credit he was refused property bail of \$2,500. He was lodged in Brampton jail. He was charged with break and enter and chose trial by jury. He was found guilty of an indictable offence and sentenced to two years in Kingston Penitentiary. The presiding judge, His Honour Judge Cochrane, observed: "They came to Canada to conduct their studies in peace; not to be molested in this outrageous manner".

In recognition of their bravery and courage in capturing Minaker, two teachers and six girls received civil commendations and cheques from Attorney General of Ontario, Conant, in a brief ceremony. One of the girls who received a commendation was 14-year-old Alison Leach who had raised the alarm when she saw a man enter the dormitory. Sister Elsa responded to Conant's speech on behalf of the staff and pupils. Local crime officials such as the Sheriff of Peel County were also present at the ceremony. Maintaining a school in a foreign country during

Mississaugas of the New Credit Reach Lands Claim Settlement for Toronto

With files from the Toronto Star, Mississauga News and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

In June of 2010, the Mississaugas of the New Credit reached a lands claim settlement from the Federal Government involving what is today a large part of the City of Toronto for \$145 million dollars of financial compensation. This settlement involved two claims: one claim deals with a 1787 land purchase and the other claim relates to the Toronto Purchase of August 1st, 1805. The basis of the two claims is that the Crown, at the time of the agreements, did not provide the Mississaugas with adequate compensation. The current ownership of land is not in question, and these claims are for financial compensation only. The Mississaugas surrendered significant portions of what is today Southern Ontario to the Crown in a series of treaties.



In a column in *The Toronto Star* in 2006, Chief Laforme wrote that, "our land claim for the Toronto area dates back to at least 1787, when British negotiators met with my ancestors to discuss what the British called the "Toronto Purchase." There was, and is, considerable confusion surrounding this term. "The Toronto Purchase confirmed the boundaries of an earlier land survey of what is now a large part of the GTA, a survey that turned out later to be inaccurate. The British took title to the land through this purchase. The purchase price? Ten shillings (equal to 17 cents then, today, adjusted for inflation, about \$60)."

The lands claim settlement of 2010 pertains to the Crown's acquisition of 250,880 acres (14 x 28 miles) of land from the River Credit Mississaugas. These 250,880 acres includes an area from Ashbridge's Bay to Etobicoke Creek, at the southern border, and running 28 miles north at either end. The acquisition of these lands was undertaken by the Crown in 1805 to confirm an earlier surrender taken in 1787. Through the 1805 purchase, the Mississaugas surrendered much of what is now metropolitan Toronto. While the 1805 agreement was portrayed as a mere affirmation of the earlier 1787 transaction, it is clear that the boundaries of the 1805 transaction did not correspond to the boundaries of the 1787 transaction. In effect, the Crown received more land than what had originally been agreed to.

"We want to be good neighbours," wrote LaForme, who has been a frequent visitor to Mississauga for many cultural and heritage events in the past few years. "But we want compensation, too." An earlier lands claim, which involved Treaty 13-A (what is today the southern portion of the City of Mississauga) was the subject of a 1997 settlement.

While some 266 Mississaugas left the Credit River area in 1847 and resettled on the New Credit Reserve, south of Hagersville, they maintain ancestral ties to their traditional territory. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation has approximately 1,788 members and is currently located near Hagersville, Ontario.

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Mississauga South Historical Society Happenings

by Richard Collins, President,
MSHS, www3.sympatico.ca/chessie217



Dave Cook calls his latest book "Fading History", although thanks to Dave's latest book, some of Mississauga's fading history has been brought back to life. And Dave will help bring some of the stories from his latest book to life on September 21. He's the guest speaker for MSHS's September meeting.



Dave Cook, HM

Did you hear the one about the famous author who narrowly escaped death in Clarkson? Or how about the world-renown statesman who passed through Port Credit on his private railway car? Dave will tell the story on these and other interesting events from Mississauga's past.

Earlier this year Dave released the second book in his Fading History series as a follow-up to his successful premiere volume in 2008. Let's hope there's a Volume III in the works.

Our September meeting will be the first at our new meeting location. The staff of the Regency Retirement Residence, at 29 Mississauga Road North, have offered us the use of their residence 7:30 p.m., as usual. Thank you to Sara Gregorash for all her help.

Regency is offering us the space for free. The only condition is that the Regency's residents be invited to attend, which of course suits us fine because our society is always ready to welcome guests. It's one of those rare win-win situations. Thanks to Renate Morris for bringing this new idea with her when she became our new treasurer earlier this year.

More good news. Elaine is stepping down as MSHS's liaison with the Heritage Advisory Committee. I should explain why that's good news. Elaine has had to step down as a citizen member of HAC because she has recently been hired as a member of the City's heritage staff. Matthew Wilkinson, our other MSHS member who sits on the committee, will resume his old role.

Hope to see our members at the Regency on September 21.

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Streetsville Historical Society Happenings

By Jean Watt, Publicity Director,
SHS



Following the summer break, the Streetsville Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 14th, 2010, at Specialty Care Mississauga Road, located at 4350 Mississauga Road. The meeting will take place in Room 102 at 7:30pm. We will have an update on the Leslie Log House Project, and our guest speaker for the meeting will be well-known local historian and president of the Mississauga South Historical Society, Richard Collins. His topic will be the families who lived in the historic Benares House and the Bradley House Museum. This topic will be of particular interest since the Streetsville Historical Society is planning our December meeting around a tour of Benares, which will be beautifully decorated for Christmas, and where we will enjoy delicious refreshments as well. More on this meeting closer to the date, but mark your calendars for December 9th. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information, please call Jean Watt, Program and Publicity Director for the Streetsville Historical Society: 905-826-1860.



Benares, Clarkson, HM



Changes at the City

With Mark Warrack, Senior Heritage Coordinator with the Culture Division for the City of Mississauga, taking a two year secondment with the Ontario Heritage Trust in February, Paula Wubbenhorst became the Acting Senior Heritage Coordinator for the City. Paula worked with Mark as the Heritage Coordinator for the past several years, and Heritage Mississauga congratulates Paula on her new position. Replacing Paula as she moves on to her new position is Elaine Egl.



Elaine Egl, HM

Elaine is a recent graduate of the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts and is well-known in heritage-circles in Mississauga: she was a dedicated member and volunteer with Heritage Mississauga, citizen member of the Mississauga Heritage Advisory Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Mississauga South Historical Society. However, changes in the office are not finished: in August, Paula went on maternity leave, and Paula's replacement as Acting Senior Heritage Coordinator is Penny Young, Heritage Planner and Archaeologist with the Ministry of Culture. We congratulate Elaine in her new position and look forward to working with her and Penny in the preservation and promotion of Mississauga's built heritage.

Dixie Public School Grateful for Assistance from Heritage Mississauga

By Lois Smith

On May 3, 2010 Dixie Public School celebrated its 50th anniversary with an evening open house featuring performances by the students, tour of the schools, displays of memorabilia, visual presentations, refreshments, draws and speeches.



Former Principals, Vice Principals, Superintendent and Trustee cut the cake at the celebration, Lois Smith

The anniversary committee was given the task of preparing a history of the school and area. Boxes of memorabilia were dragged out from dusty corners and opened. As the staff looked through the confusing assortment of materials, it soon became obvious that help was needed quickly to make sense of it all. Fortunately Mr. Matthew Wilkinson, Historian at Heritage Mississauga, was available and graciously helped us as we researched the history of our school and area. A visit to the Heritage Mississauga office and a meeting with Mr. Wilkinson provided us with a CD of valuable images, a tremendous resource book by Kathleen A. Hicks, *Dixie, Orchards to Industry*, and a history lesson of Dixie and the past Dixie Public Schools.

We were also fortunate to receive help from Ms. Elizabeth McQuaig, Librarian at Central Library and Mr. Keith Eccles of Archival Products.

It was inspiring to learn that education was an important priority of the first settlers. In 1810, Mr. Philip Cody, (one of the first settlers in Toronto Township and grandfather of the famous Buffalo Bill), bought land and built an inn at Cawthra Rd and Dundas St. This generous man donated an acre of land on the north-east corner of Cawthra Rd. and Dundas St. in trust for a church, cemetery and a school. In 1810 the first log Union Chapel (now Dixie Union chapel) was built and by 1816 an octagonal shaped wooden schoolhouse behind the Union Chapel was in operation. It served the settler's children until 1846 when a larger, wood frame, one-room schoolhouse on the north-east corner of Dixie and Dundas was built.

In 1857 it was replaced with a red brick one room schoolhouse. As the population expanded another room was added on the back in 1877. It became known as Dixie Public School.

The second Dixie P. S. was built in 1923 at 2520 Dixie Rd. near the south-west corner of Dixie Rd. and Dundas St. The handsome buff brick school had four rooms, an auditorium and steam heating. It is now owned by St. Sava Serbian Church.

The present school, the third to be called Dixie P.S. opened in 1959 at 1120 Flagship Drive in East Mississauga. It was built to serve the children moving into the new suburban housing development called Applewood Heights.

We learned that the settlement originally was called Sydenham but had nicknames of Irish Town, Onion Town, Fountain Hill and Font Hill. The village was renamed Dixie on April 1, 1864 after Dr. Beaumont Wilson Bowen Dixie (1819-1898) who was a respected and well-known pioneer medical doctor.

In 1830, William and Jane Kennedy bought land near Line 2 (now Tomken Rd.) and Dundas St. The present Dixie P.S. was built on part of their productive farm land which grew fruit trees and vegetables for over 100 years. Tomken Road, T. L. Kennedy Secondary School, Kennedy Park and an office building at 801 Bay St., Toronto, honour Thomas Laird Kennedy, the most famous member of the Kennedy family. He served as a Conservative MP for almost 40 years until 1959 and was a popular Minister of Agriculture for 13 years. The Kennedy's built a hotel and store at Line 2 and Dundas St. which was sold in 1968 to become a still popular Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet.

With such interesting local history from the earliest days of pioneer settlement, a teaching resource unit has been developed so that future Dixie students can learn their own history when studying Pioneers in grade 3.

The 50th celebration was properly feted by guests important to the school's history. Trustee, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, presented a plaque commemorating the anniversary and cut the cake with help from Superintendent Mrs. Penny Gingell and Principal Ms. Meredith Evans. On display were pictures over the years, including from the school's 25th anniversary in 1985, where Trustee Ruth Thompson also made a congratulatory speech and cut the cake!

Dixie P.S. was honoured that so many former principals were able to attend. It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Mr. Allan L. Jones, the first Principal of Dixie P.S. from 1959 to 1967, and Mr. Ronald B. Pegg, Principal from 1967 to 1979. Also attending were Mr. Bill Quance, Superintendent from 1965 to 1969, Mr. Mike Harmer, Principal from 1989 to 1997 and Mrs. Heather Atkinson, Principal from 2001 to 2007. The former staff and students who attended were delighted to renew contact and share stories with colleagues and old friends while they enjoyed cake and refreshments.

Heritage Speakers Series 2010

presents

"Changing Cultures of Mississauga"

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. Upcoming lectures are:

Tuesday, September 14th at the Mississauga Central Library

Speaker: Michael Mascarin, with a special introduction by Councillor Nando Iannicca
Topic: "Italian Community at the Cooksville Brickyard"



Michael Mascarin

Tuesday, November 9th at the Cawthra Community Centre

Speaker: Historian and Author, Alan Skeoch
Topic: "Women of Small Arms Ltd."



Alan Skeoch

A third lecture will take place in October, but plans are tentative at this time. Check the www.mississauga.ca/heritagefour for updates.

~ADMISSION IS FREE~

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

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

2010 continues to be busy in both the Resource Centre and the Discovery Centre. Our inquiries have continued on a wide array of subjects, ranging from historic properties along Ninth Line to monuments and cenotaphs; from the search for a family's Lorne Park roots to aboriginal history connecting to early Métis and the Filles du Roi of New France; from Toronto Township involvement in the War of 1812 to the history of the UTM Campus and Lislehurst. Our outreach programs also continue to keep us busy in the community on a wide array of interesting topics. Perhaps our most important project is our upcoming book, "Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga", which is currently being edited in the manuscript stage, and we look forward to publication later in November 2010.



As I write, summer is drawing to a close, and our summer students have returned to school. We are grateful to our students, once again, for undertaking several projects this summer: Zofia Krivdova undertook a research project documenting past Reeves of Toronto Township and Mississauga, culminating in assembling biographical information and pictures, including burial location and photographing cemetery stones. The project is not yet complete, as we were unable to locate information on a couple of our past reeves, including Edward Diamond Maguire and George Savage, amongst others.

Andrea Kennedy focused on property research and background research for a new heritage tour brochure focusing on Lorne Park and Lorne Park Road. We look forward to compiling her information into an interesting and informative self-guided tour brochure in the near future. Sharifa Kahn was our Oral History Interviewer this summer, conducting multiple oral history interviews, focusing largely on past recipients of the Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Award for Mississauga's Citizen of the Year. Lastly, Adam French spent many hours in the Peel Land Registry Office looking into the evolution of Mineola West through the history of the areas many, many registered subdivision plans.

In regards to the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre and exhibit gallery at *The Grange*, we have opened our doors (and walls) to two very successful and vibrant art exhibits so far in 2010, and we look forward to three more. In June and July we welcomed ALFEW (Artists Looking for Empty Walls) with their incredible "Aggregation" exhibit. We will continue to feature works of art from this group in our basement meeting hall. From August to January, we will feature an exhibit which tells the story of Heritage Mississauga, celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2010.

Finally, speaking of Facebook, in addition to our newly redesigned and re-launched website, you can also keep up with happenings at Heritage Mississauga on Facebook: become a fan and keep in touch with the heritage happenings and events in Mississauga!

Port Credit's 175th Anniversary New Book Launched

In connection with the PC175 events throughout the year, a new book by Port Credit resident Bruce Reynolds is available: "Port Credit and the Railway". The book looks at the interesting and interconnected history of the development of Port Credit and the railway. The price is \$10, and the book is available at Impressionable Gifts (74 Lakeshore Road East) and Ladybug Harbour (189 Lakeshore Road East) in Port Credit.



For more information on the coming events associated with PC175, please visit: www.portcredit175.ca

Haunted Mississauga 2010 Update The Spirits of Old Port Credit

The 9th annual Haunted Mississauga evening, presented by Heritage Mississauga, will take place on Friday, October 22nd (rain date of Sunday, October 24th), in a return to the streets of old Port Credit Heritage Conservation District in connection with the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Celebrations. Visitors will take a guided heritage tour around the streets of old Port Credit and have a chance to interact with people and "spirits" from Port Credit's past, including Abram Block, Eliza Jane Peer, Risdon Morville Parkinson, Captain James Wilcox, and many others. There will also be a mystery to help solve!



2009 Haunted Mississauga
Cast, HM

Tours will depart from the Port Credit Lighthouse. Tours will take place at 7:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm and 8:30pm (schedule to be confirmed). Tours will run for approximately 1 hour. Space is limited, so please call Heritage Mississauga to purchase tickets in advance: 905-828-8411 ext.0.

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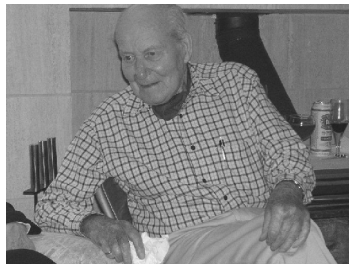


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In Memoriam

William Bolus Lawrence

Long time friend, supporter and member of the Mississauga South Historical Society and Heritage Mississauga, William Bolus "Bill" Lawrence, passed away on June 15, 2010. Born in 1912, Bill graduated from the University of Toronto in Mechanical Engineering in 1933. He was married to Margaret Helen Gray for almost 60 years, herself formerly a long serving member of the Board of Directors of Heritage Mississauga from 1969 to 1987. Bill and Margaret had four children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill will be remembered for his great sense of humour, and for being unfailingly kind and generous. A long-time resident of Port Credit, Bill never ceased to share his interest and enthusiasm for heritage matters, and donated many items and books to Heritage Mississauga and the Museums of Mississauga over the years.



Bill Lawrence, HM

A Family's Fine Record of Service: The Kennedy Family Part Three

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Our continuing look at the Kennedy family offers a brief look at John Kennedy Jr., his wife Evelyn, and their family.



John and Evelyn Kennedy's House, Dixie, HM

John Robert Kennedy Jr. ("Jack" to many), brother to Colonel Thomas Laird Kennedy, was born in 1883, the youngest child of six born to John Sr. and Mary Kennedy. Born and raised in the Kennedy family home of Braeside, near modern Tomken Road, John Jr. attended the one room schoolhouse, Dixie Public School, on the Third Line (now Dixie Road). In 1912, John Jr. married Mabel Evelyn May Ellis (Evelyn) from Oxford County, and the couple had seven sons and three daughters: Dorothy (1913-1928), Gordon (1914-1979), Robert Douglas (1916-2003), Arthur, Bessie (1917-1918), Muriel (1920-1960), Ted, Richard, Donald and Harold (1926-2009). Following in his father's and brother's footsteps, John Jr. took an active interest in his community, serving as Toronto Township Councillor from 1917-1919, Deputy Reeve in 1920-1921, and a Township Clerk from 1922-1931. He also continued his ties to the land, running a family farm north of Dundas Street near modern Tomken Road. In 1931, John Jr. died suddenly, leaving his wife Evelyn to raise 10 children. Two children, Dorothy and Muriel, were killed in separate lightning strikes (at ages 15 and 40 respectively), while a third daughter, Bessie, died at age 1. This left Evelyn, at the height of the Great Depression, with a farmhouse full of children and little means of support. In an effort to provide for her young family, and perhaps to give the children a creative outlet, Evelyn created "The Kennedy Kids", a radio drama show on CBC Radio which she wrote and in which her children starred. The popular show focused on the Kennedy family and community life around the family farm. After the outbreak of WWII, Evelyn also took a job with Dominion Small Arms Ltd. at the foot of Dixie Road in Lakeview. She was also a teacher in two local one-room schoolhouses, ran a nursery school, and served as a missionary in her later years. Evelyn passed away at the age of 95 in 1985.

For more information on the life of times of the remarkable Evelyn Kennedy, we recommend *When Lightning Strikes* by Joyce Beaton. The next article in this series will look at "The Kennedy Kids" through the war years, and the emerging political careers and community involvement of several of the sons of John and Evelyn Kennedy.

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Walking Tours of Historic Streetsville



Sat. Sept. 18th 1pm-4pm
Sun. Oct. 17th 1pm-4pm

Meet at the Streetsville Florist, 265 Queen St. S.

"2nd Annual Taste of Streetsville" September 14th - October 8th

The Taste of Streetsville event is back bigger and better than ever. This year's event will run from September 14th through to October 8th with 9 restaurants participating. The 5 restaurants from last year... Mondello Ristorante, Enzo's Two Guys from Italy, Cantina Mexiana, Nawab Indian Cuisine and The Franklin House along with 4 new restaurants joining... Cuchulainn's Irish Pub, Cagney's, Si Andiamo Pasta Plus and Saucy. With support from the Streetsville BIA each restaurant will be creating a special dinner menu, a three-course meal for only \$25.00. This is a deal you can't miss. Each restaurant has a unique taste along with comfortable and inviting dining areas that add to their cultural design.

That is not all, the 9 restaurants participating will be donating 50cents from each dinner to the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation in support of their expansion fund.

Make reservations ahead to guarantee a table. For more information visit the BIA website at villageofstreetsville.com or contact BIA General Manager Lorraine Baddeley at 905-858-5974.

MEMBERSHIP

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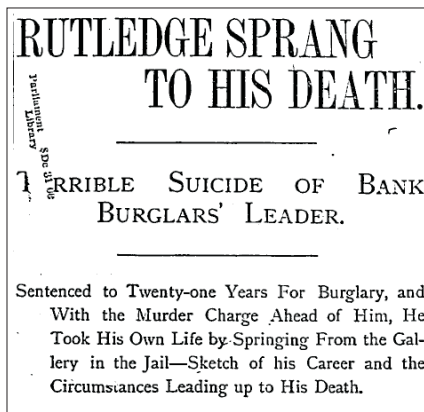
A Streetsville Scoundrel cont'd

On June 7 Rutledge was heading to dinner with the other inmates. Suddenly he broke away from the line and ran up to the second storey corridor. He leaped over the railing and fell 30 feet to the ground below, fracturing his skull. Although he did not die instantly, he never regained consciousness. Rutledge died not long after, at approximately 4:30pm on June 7, 1901. Dr. Richardson was the attending physician.

At 32 years of age Frank Rutledge was laid to rest at Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery in Streetsville beside his mother and brother. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend J. Hughes-Jones.

Rice was convicted of murder in October of 1901 and was sentenced to death. On July 18, 1902, he was hanged.

Editor's Note: "The Darker Side" series will run in upcoming issues of the Heritage News, featuring some of the macabre and nefarious stories of people and events from Mississauga's historic past.



The Globe, 1901

Trivia Answer:

Do you know Harborn Road and how it got its name?

Just north of the modern QEW, and running west off of Hurontario Street, is a street called Harborn Road.



The road takes its name from a large estate house, which had been built circa 1851 by Henrietta Jennings. Her daughter, Lucy, married Albert Parker, the younger brother of Sir Henry Parker and Sir Melville Parker (of the Parker Baronetcy of Harburn, Warwick County, England). Albert and Lucy purchased the estate from Henrietta Jennings in 1858, and named the house "Harbourne" after the Parker's ancestral estate in England. In 1872, Lt. Andrew Robertson Gordon, who had married May Elizabeth Parker (daughter of Sir Melville Parker), purchased the Harbourne estate and renamed the house "Craigmyle" after his family's home near Aberdeen, Scotland. The property remained in the Parker-Gordon family until 1876, when it was sold to William Moody. In the mid-1930s, according to local tradition, the grand home became the location of an illegal gambling operation. The house stood until about 1968, when it was demolished to make way for modern apartment buildings. The laneway to the home in part follows modern Sherobee Road, which runs east off of Hurontario Street. Harborn Road, to the west, takes its name from the estate, as do other road names in the Gordon Woods area, such as Gordon Drive, Harborn Trail and Parker Drive.

The Girls of St. Hilda's cont'd . . .

wartime was not easy. When the septic system at Glenerin broke in July 1941 the girls moved to Bishop Strachan School in Toronto.

Money was raised by the Toronto Township Red Cross for repairs and the girls returned to Glenerin in the Fall. A concert by the teachers and students of the Royal School of Music, London, was held in October 1941. The purpose was to create a music fund for St. Hilda's. A week later there was a recital at the Heliconian Club sponsored by the Royal School of Music to aid the music fund.

The girls of St. Hilda's continued to be anxious to ease the suffering and hardships of the British people. In December 1941 they presented the sacred Christmas nativity play entitled "The Holy Child" in the Erindale Community Hall. The play was in five acts. Readings from the New Testament preceded a series of tableaux which illustrated events in the life of Christ from before His birth up to the time he was aged 12 and visited the Temple. The school's choir accompanied them. It was described as "solemn and beautiful". The entire proceeds went to the children's part of the British War Victim's Fund.

According to the newspaper the girls gave an "impressive play" at Memorial Hall, St. Paul's Church, Toronto in May 1942 and they repeated their performance of "The Holy Child" in December 1942 at the Trinity Parish Hall in Streetsville in order to aid the Sunday School there.

In December 1943 the girls presented their fourth annual Christmas event. They offered the nativity play entitled the "Bride of the Isles" at the Community Hall in Erindale. They were praised for their fine acting and colourful costumes. One-half of the proceeds went to the British Children's Fund.

Staff members were in great demand as speakers. In December 1940 Sister Monica spoke to the Women's Guild of Trinity Church in Streetsville about the "Work of the Church of England in Wartime". In February 1941 Sister Elsa spoke on the traditions of the school to St. Margaret's Guild of Trinity Church in the Rectory at Port Credit.

In July 1942 a unique Girl Guide course was held at St. Hilda's. It was entitled "Blitz Cookery". Girls learned how to prepare emergency meals and to develop self-control, dependability, and the ability to manage in difficult circumstances. It was based on the model of Coventry in England.

In May 1945 The Glenerin estate of Mrs. Evans was sold to the Robert Simpson Company. Simpson's used it as a rest and rehabilitation centre for its employees.

The material used to write this article came from wartime issues of *The Streetsville Review* and *The Brampton Conservator*. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has first-hand knowledge of these events.

**Doors Open Oakville
Trafalgar Heritage Day
September 25th, 10am-5pm Palermo
Schoolhouse
Fun for the whole family!**

Heritage Matters

Heritage Mississauga

September 18, Doors Open Mississauga -the Grange is open for tours and includes displays by Heritage Showcase groups
October 22, Haunted Mississauga "Spirit Tours" start at 7pm Port Credit Heritage Conservation District see page 13 for more info
November 14, 50th Anniversary Open House at the Grange join us in celebration (Book Launch) 10am-5pm
December 5, Carolling at the Grange 3pm-9pm at the Grange

Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre:

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

Art Gallery of Mississauga

August 5: Opening: Corporate Collections Part II, curated by Geraldine Davis. 6pm in the gallery. Exhibition continues until Sep 12th.

September 22-Golf Tournament at Lionhead Golf and Country Club in Brampton

For the most current listings please visit
www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

Friends of the Britannia Schoolhouse

Brampton Fall Fair- Friday to Sunday, Sept.17,18,19, 2010
Come and see the Friends of The Schoolhouse's display at the Brampton Fall Fair on Heart Lake Rd. at Old School Rd. in Brampton. Please call Ruth Taylor 905 457 8804 for information.

Hallowe'en Family Fun- Friday, October 29, 2010 -5:30-8:30 pm at The Old Britannia Schoolhouse. Bug fishing, Beastly Buckets, Bob for Apples, Scarecrow Toss and many more activities are in store for all. Admission \$5.00 (accompanying adults free).

Parking in H.J.A.Brown Education Centre. Please call Joan Reid for further information 905 277 3396

Christmas Sale Thursday November 18 and Friday, November 19, 2010 10:30 am -2:30 pm in the Atrium of the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre Hurontario Street at Matheson Blvd. Lots of unique wooden toys and other items especially chosen for Christmas giving.

Sunday Open House

Drop into the Schoolhouse the second Sunday of the month 1-4 pm. Volunteers will be there to answer questions about the artifacts, the schoolhouse and the programme. Please check the website. www.britanniaschoolhousefriends.org for special activities on these Sundays: September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12, 2010, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Parking in the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre Visitors' Parking off Matheson Blvd.

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

September 26 2-4 Oakville Public Library

Speaker-Matthew Wilkinson-Heritage Mississauga

Topic-A River Runs Through It-The Villages of the Credit River

October 24 2-4 Oakville Public Library

Speaker-Walter Lewis-Halton Hills Public Library

Topic-"From Immigration to Recreation-a Brief History of Passenger Travel on the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes"

November 28 2-4 Brampton Pubic Library

Speaker-Brain Gilchrist Region of Peel Archivist

Topic-To be announced

For more Heritage Matters please call Jane Watt at
905-828-8411 ext "0"

Mississauga Arts Council

Please visit the website www.mississaugaartscouncil.com or call (905) 615 4278

October 15 Come to our ARTBEATS Gala and Reception. The event is a fun filled, interactive evening of entertainment, food, wine, music, and rhythms from Africa, Latin America, Caribbean, South Asian, and South-East Europe. The event will also feature an auction with unique items, trips, art pieces, food, wine, and so much more! The event will be held at the Mississauga Convention Centre 7-11pm

Mississauga South Historical Society

September 21st 7:30pm at the Regency Retirement Residence, 29 Mississauga Road, Port Credit. Author and Historian Dave Cook will be speaking on his most recent book "Mississauga's Fading History, Volume 2".

Museums of Mississauga

Guided Tours: Wed and Sun - 1 pm to 5 pm (September to June)

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

INFO: www.museumsofmississauga.com or 905-615-4860

Pre-Booked Programs offered at the Museums all year round

Mississauga Fall Festival

September 18th & 19th, 2010; 11 am to 4 pm

Bradley House Museum, 1620 Orr Road

The Museums of Mississauga will be involved throughout the year celebrating Port Credit's 175 Birthday so please keep an eye out for us and drop by to say Hi. Check out the website for all of the exciting events in Port Credit this year at: www.portcredit175.ca

Streetville Business Improvement Assocaition

September 14th to October 8th, 2nd Annual Taste of Streetsville More info on page 14 of this newsletter

Streetville Historical Society

October 14th, 2010 at Specialty Care Mississauga 7:30pm
Speaker: Richard Collins, Author, Historian and President of Mississauga South Historical Society

Trafalgar Historical Society/Doors Open

September 25 10-5 Doors Open Oakville/Trafalgar Heritage Day Palermo Schoolhouse 2431 Dundas Street, Oakville
Heritage displays, ink well collection, post card collection etc. We will have fun kids things to do, pony rides, also a BBQ.

November 30 - Built Heritage - When Buildings are Bridges
Guest Speaker Elaine Eigl, Heritage Co-ordinator City of Mississauga, Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 7pm at the Schoolhouse