



Heritage News

Serving the Community for 50 Years

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MAY 26

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JUNE 17

Luncheon/Lecture with
Christopher Hume

JULY 1

**Canada Day Port
Credit 175th Event**
Port Credit
Memorial Park

JULY 17-18

Maanjidowin Native
Pow wow and Métis
Rendezvous

AUGUST 28

Grangestock Art &
Music Festival

Maanjidowin returns to Mississauga!

By Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director

The sound of the drum is universal, it draws people together; it transcends language and tradition and forms a bond between nations. It is the call to gather; to come together; it is Maanjidowin.

Do you remember? The sound of the drum, strong and clear ricocheting across the water, voices raised in unison celebrating traditional songs, the dancers, the fiddlers, the ceremonies and the smell of bison and venison on the barbeque. If you were one of the 5000 visitors who experienced *Maanjidowin 2005* you know it was a day that you will never forget.

On Saturday July 17 and Sunday July 18, Heritage Mississauga, in partnership with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Credit River Métis Council and the Region of Peel, we will once again celebrate Maanjidowin, (Ojibwa for 'the gathering').

From sunrise to sunset the sounds of our aboriginal history will come alive. Drummers, fiddlers, dancers, jiggers, throat singers and heritage re-enactors will entertain, while Elders share teachings and stories of the past. Young and old will experience our early history first hand at workshops, demonstrations and community booths. The day begins at 5:30am with a Sunrise ceremony hosted by Elder Walter Cooke of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. Then, enjoy the taste of the great outdoors with a pancake breakfast as the park opens at 10am with a Marketplace of exhibitors, vendors and demonstrators. Make sure you arrive early to get a seat for Grand Entry at noon. Bring your lawn chairs and get comfortable to watch a traditional Pow Wow entry with flag carriers, veterans and the community sharing this exciting day.

Throughout the weekend demonstrations will be conducted in traditional canoe building, drum making, and flint knapping. Visitors will tour a Native Village and Pioneer Village. In the children's centre early crafts and kites can be made. There is something for everyone at *Maanjidowin Native Pow Wow and Métis Rendezvous*. Entrance to the event is FREE. We will be accepting small donations to help offset costs.

Heritage Mississauga and its partners are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its generous grant supporting this event and to the City of Mississauga for its ongoing financial and resource support.

Maanjidowin celebrates the unique heritage of our community. From the earliest settler - the First Nations people - to today, our heritage is a colourful tapestry woven through the hard work and dedication of many hands. Our heritage tells us who we are, where we have come from and what we have accomplished. Join us in this celebration of our heritage. Looking forward to meeting you at the gathering.



2005 Dancers, HM



Chief LaForme and Mayor
McCallion leading Grand
Entry 2005, HM



2005 Métis Fiddlers, HM



2005 Visitors, HM



2005 Heritage Re-enactors,
HM



President's Message

By Barbara O'Neil, President

To Know Us Is To Love Us

Bus It

The more you know your community, the neighbours on your block, local parks, new-found heritage sites, restaurants and other favorite haunts, the stronger your connection is to your city. Once you orient yourself, you'll be talking about points of interest with your friends and touring around out-of-town visitors with pride.



Barbara O'Neil and Todd
Ladner, HM

But, it can take years to really get to know your community. Most of us lead busy lives, and we can get stuck in the habit of rushing from home, to work, to school, to the local recreational centre and to shopping. Only by luck or coincidence do we find out about some of the "hidden" treasures that surround us.

On Sunday, April 18th, Heritage Mississauga hosted a spring bus tour to introduce 48 residents to some of these treasures. Narrated by our Historian, Matthew Wilkinson, we learned many fascinating things about our city during this afternoon tour. If you missed this tour, let us know your interest in joining another and we will add your name to our wait list and call you when we've set the next tour date.

Activities Update

In the last Heritage Mississauga newsletter, I invited readers to **request electronic copies of each issue by emailing us**. We also invited individuals with professional backgrounds in accounting/financing and fundraising/marketing to **email their resumes for consideration regarding potential committee or Board positions**. These invitations still stand.

Since the last newsletter, we celebrated our annual Heritage Awards Evening at the Port Credit Legion Hall, overlooking the waterfront. We also, after much hard work by our staff, finally launched our new website. If you haven't "virtually visited", please drop by www.heritagemississauga.com soon.

Deficit Has Been Eliminated

The Board is also very pleased with how quickly our financial situation has changed in a short period of time. In February, I wrote about the one-time deficit of \$25K that we needed to address this year. Since then, thanks to very generous donations from several individuals, budget cuts, and interest earned on endowment/investments, **we have completely addressed the \$25K deficit within the first financial quarter of 2010**. Moreover, we have received a very significant grant towards staging our July Maanjidowin event.

Future Plans & Wish List

While the deficit elimination is very good news, given the continuing economic recovery, it's crucial that we remain prudent about our expenditures. However, 2010 is our 50th Anniversary and we have a need to upgrade, replace or acquire furnishings, lighting, equipment, etc. that we can't immediately address due to present budget constraints.

The Board therefore asked staff to prepare a **Wish List of items for Heritage Mississauga that would meet our needs for storage,**

Electrical upgrades, a "reading nook" and improved community meeting space. As part of our annual fundraising efforts, we are looking for donations to purchase the following priority items. All contributions will be recognized in future newsletters:

Storage (\$5K+):

- shed (specs must be approved by Ontario Heritage Trust and by City Council)

Furniture (\$10K):

- matching tables and chairs for lecture hall/meeting room
- Resource Centre bookcases replaced with wood or painted one color
- electric fireplace for reception area reading nook
- matching chairs and coffee table for reception area reading nook
- replacement refrigerator and stove, replacement cabinets for kitchen

Upgrades (\$4K):

- flooring in reception area and hallway to front of Grange house
- replacement lighting on main level of house
- replacement lighting in basement level of house.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we look forward to seeing you at our May Annual General Meeting, June Luncheon (with guest speaker Christopher Hume of the Toronto Star), July Maanjidowin, August Grangestock, and many other **unique and enticing events throughout our 50th year....**

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From the Editor's Desk

By Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director

Good things come to those who have the patience to wait. It has taken a few years but I am thrilled to announce that with hardwork and dedication our brand new website is up and running and just being biased here - it is fantastic. Thanks to the efforts of Matthew Wilkinson our Historian, all of the files on our community history have been updated. I would also like to thank Jane Watt our Administrative Assistant for gathering community information for the site and the hours of proof reading. A tremendous effort by all and well worth the wait. Take a moment, actually you might want to take a hour or two and visit www.heritagemississauga.com let us know what you think.



Award Winners, HM



Ross Family, Annemarie Hagan, Jayme Gaspar, Elaine Eigl, HM



Hon. Lincoln Alexander, Ben Madill, Hon. David Onley, OHT



Paul Smith, Jane Watt, Bill Buchanan, HM

This is Heritage Mississauga's 50th anniversary and with it so many wonderful events are planned to celebrate. Please join us in May for our Annual General Meeting. This is a chance to meet your Board of Directors, discuss heritage issues in the community and tour the Robinson-Adamson House and the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre's exhibit by Erindale Secondary School. Due to large membership numbers we ask that you RSVP your attendance to ensure your seat is reserved.

For many years you have enjoyed our *Lost Villages* column in this newsletter. Stories of the many villages that made up our city. You



have read about Pucky's Huddle, Frogmore, Hawkins Corners, Summerville and the Catholic Swamp. Histories of these small corners that sprang up all around the Toronto Township, their families, businesses and the interesting social history of these communities. The collection of stories is complete. It has always been our goal to publish this collection into a book. We are very pleased to announce that with the generous support of the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society this collection will be published this year. We appreciate the support of this important organization in our continuing efforts to bring awareness of our shared heritage. Halton Peel OGS's mandate is *Taking the past into the future*. Visit their website for information about events and programs they host throughout the year. (www.halinet.on.ca/sigs/ogshp/)

We spoke in our last newsletter about the crunch of 2009. It was a difficult time for Heritage Mississauga. We appreciate the generous support of our membership and acknowledge with thanks: Janis Alton, Grant Clarkson, Keith Gibson, Fran Goddu, Halton-Peel OGS, Jim & Pat Holmes, Steve & Katie Mahoney Charity Golf Tournament, Michael Spaziani, and Robert Sylvester for their help in our time of need. Thank you!

It has been a tremendous year so far for Heritage Mississauga. We have received so much support from our members and friends. I would like to thank Ben and Marjorie Madill for their very generous donation. Your contribution will go far to supporting our efforts to preserve heritage. We have also had a wonderful donation of furniture for our offices. Many thanks to Rosemary Stephens for two elegant chairs and an ottoman for our reception area. We would also like to thank Amica Erin Mills for a donation of tables for our Lecture Hall. This month we have been blessed with a wonderful hand crafted podium for our Lecture Hall. Built by Charlie Hughes (Jane's Uncle) this podium will be a wonderful addition to our meeting room and the work that we do.



Heritage Luncheon On Thursday June 17th we welcome Toronto Star columnist Christopher Hume as our keynote speaker for Heritage Mississauga's first Heritage Luncheon. The event will be held at the historic Glen Erin Inn. Christopher Hume, well known for his insight into architecture in urban settings, what works and what doesn't, will share his extensive knowledge with us. This fund raising Luncheon will support Heritage Mississauga's programs. Tickets are \$100.00, charitable receipts will be issued. Please support this important event.



C. Hume, Toronto Star

So many opportunities this year to celebrate our heritage. I look forward to meeting with you and sharing this very special year together.

Trivia Question:

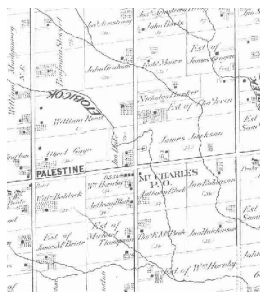
Do you know what the names of "Ninth Line" & "Tenth Line" refer to? See answer pg. 12



The Lost Village of Mount Charles

By Matthew Wilkinson,
Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Derry Road was a busy pioneer thoroughfare, and as a result, a string of hamlets and rural communities developed along Derry Road between Malton and Meadowvale. The first settlement west of Malton, at the modern intersection of Derry Road and Dixie Road, was known originally as King's Crossing or King's Corners. It was named in honour of Charles King, one of the first settlers in the area. When Charles King arrived in 1819, the area was a dense forest with crude trails, and his nearest neighbour was Isaac Devon, who lived seven miles away. Charles King was granted 100 acres from the Crown on the Northeast side of the intersection. In 1826, his son, Charles Jr., received a Crown grant for 100 acres adjoining his father's farm.



Mount Charles, 1877
Peel Atlas

The Mount Charles Post Office opened in 1862. Charles King Jr. is listed as the postmaster at this time, the name of the community was changed to avoid confusion with Kingsville, Ontario. The residents decided to commemorate Charles' first name, and the name of the hamlet was changed to "Mount Charles". The "mount" may come from good-natured humour as the entire area is flat. A local farmer, William Johnston, is credited with coming up with the suggestion during a very contentious meeting. Another suggestion for the origin of the name is from a parish in Ireland. The Post Office was located in Charles King Jr.'s store, which was built in 1837 and located at the southeast corner of the modern intersection, where the gas station is today. The post office closed on July 1st, 1915 when rural mail delivery began, and the store was removed a short time later.



King Cemetery, Mount Charles,
2003, HM

A small community cemetery was established in Mount Charles in 1832. Charles Jr. sold his properties to Robert Craig in 1869, who in turn transferred the cemetery to trustees Henry King, Robert McLeod, James Jackson, Edward McBride, Charles Irvin and James Savage. There are also two "lost" cemeteries in the Mount Charles area: the Grogen Cemetery, roughly where

Bramalea Road crosses Spring Creek today, just north of Derry Road. The second cemetery is known as the Loughhead Burial Ground, just to the southeast of where Derry Road crosses over the Etobicoke Creek.

By 1866, the community was "officially" recognized by the business directories. By 1867, this corner could claim a pair of taverns, Charles King Jr.'s general store, and a blacksmith shop. In 1876, Robert McLeod, who had married Charles' daughter Rachel, was listed as the storekeeper, postmaster and architect. John Madigan was listed as the village innkeeper. James Savage was listed as the blacksmith. James Kyle and William Scollen are also listed as blacksmiths in Mount Charles in 1877. In addition, the hamlet contained a carpenter shop, wagon maker's shop, and was

home to a schoolteacher, Justice of the Peace (possibly John Dale), shoemaker and a general merchant. The community was also home to the Irvin (Irvine) brothers, Charles and William. Charles was a noted weaver while William was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. Charles' loom now resides in the Black Creek Pioneer Village's "Charles Irvin's Weaver's Shop" along with a blanket woven by him in the 1840s. The brothers were noted to be of "sterling" character and widely read.

The Mount Charles settlement was largely Irish Protestant. There is also early reference to a Primitive Methodist Church in Mount Charles, from about 1842 to 1859, and an Orange Lodge. After 1860, the residents of Mount Charles had to travel either to Palestine and the Palestine Methodist Church (the next concession to the west) or to Moore's (Bell's) Presbyterian Church that was located along Derry Road, roughly halfway between Mount Charles and Malton. The small Moore's cemetery from this church remains. For schooling, the Mount Charles community shared a school with Palestine. When discussions began on replacing the log schoolhouse with a more permanent structure, the residents of Mount Charles argued that it was unfair that they had to pay the same fee to attend school while having to travel farther. As a compromise, the new school was erected halfway between the communities.

Mount Charles today is under the flight path of Pearson International Airport and is part of an extensive industrial zone, which stretches for kilometres in each direction. Still, surviving in the midst of it all, are some reminders of this rural pioneer community: on the Northwest corner of the intersection sits the old Dale farmhouse, and a bit further north along Dixie Road is the old King Cemetery, now cared for by the City of Mississauga.




Mount Charles remnants:
Rae House and Blacksmith
Shop, now demolished, HM

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Heritage Mississauga: Fifty Years of Community Service, Part II

By Sharifa Khan

Editor's Note: Sharifa Khan has been a summer student with Heritage Mississauga in 2008 and 2009. In 2009 her task was to compile an organizational history of Heritage Mississauga. This article is a summary of her extensive findings. For more information on the history or programs of Heritage Mississauga, please contact us or visit our office at The Grange.

In 1994, Heritage Mississauga refocused its efforts in regards to creating a new role and niche for itself within the City of Mississauga. One example of this was the launching of a popular lecture series in the fall of 1994. This annual event focused on making history appealing to the public and included topics such as natural history, archaeology, ancestral and architectural history, all which were open to the public and involved enthusiastic speakers. These topics were varied and offered something that would catch the interest of almost everyone. For instance, one of the talks covered in the November 22nd, 1995 lecture series delved into the Avro Arrow. The lecturer, Bill Turner (of the Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Canada), presented on the topic of, "After the Arrow: The Beginnings of the Canadian Space Programme". Conversely, our lecture series in 1997 covered the topic of "Elegance in the Forest" and one lecture spoke to the life of the people of this area. In this case, the Silverthorns of Cherry Hill was the focus of the lecture, with Heather Broadbent presenting, "The Silverthorns: Then 'Til Now". The lecture was covered by Cable 10 for its "Plugged In" show. Many of the lectures in these series were thus reflective not just of local architecture and tangible history, but told the stories of the people who once lived here.



Kite Fly Media Launch, HM

Continuing on this theme of educating the public about Mississauga's heritage was Heritage Mississauga's hugely successful Kite Fly event, initiated in 2003. Knowing that many cultures have unique traditions when it came to kites, Heritage Mississauga decided to use this event to draw attention to the organization from among the various communities in Mississauga. You might remember our slogan from 2004: "All the world flies a kite and on June 20th, Mississauga will too." Heritage Mississauga used this kite theme to reach out to children in other venues as well (and still does!). One example was the International Children's Festival in 2004, where Heritage Mississauga made over 900 kites in five days! Heritage Mississauga also took the kite-flying project into schools, promoting both the annual kite-fly event and the work of the organization into the classroom. The second annual kite fly (in 2004) attracted over 2500 people from a variety of backgrounds.

Initiated in 1992, another example of Heritage Mississauga's dedication to community outreach and raising awareness is the organization's popular Heritage Showcase during Heritage Week (which usually begins in mid- February). On February 19th, 2005 (Heritage Week) the showcase commemorated the bicentennial of Mississauga Treaty 13-A. Over the years, the Showcase has become increasingly popular. With Heritage Mississauga as the

host, this initiative eventually managed to attract an amazing 32 booths, all set up in Square One Shopping Mall. Today, the Heritage Showcase continues as part of the Doors Open Mississauga event, which takes place in September and attracts curious residents from all over the city and beyond.

A number of dedicated and talented individuals have worked tirelessly to bring our organization to the point where it is now. Our initial founders seemed to set this trend, as the life of Mary Fix amply demonstrates. Born in 1896 into an Irish/ French family in Ottawa, her strong will was evident from an early age. Mary, along with one of her friends



Mary Fix at Bradley Museum, HM

created the Equal Franchise Association to fight for women's right to vote when she was only 16 years old. In 1918 she graduated from Osgoode Law School. Shortly after graduating, she became the first female lawyer in Ottawa as she began practicing law. The times were not ready for Mary, however and, as the law firm she worked for refused to allow her to work on any important cases, she left the practice. Mrs. Fix then began her career as a buyer in Europe for a Canadian clothing company. It seems Mary was destined for life in the public spotlight. She became involved with local politics in 1953 when she became Deputy Reeve, making history in the process as she became the first woman to hold public office in Toronto Township with this position. Mrs. Fix was elected Reeve in 1955. The issue of the day was a direct result of the context of this period; World War Two had ushered in a large industrial and residential growth in the area which, compounded by a lack of laws and by-laws made it difficult for the Provincial and Municipal levels of government to operate adequately. As a result, a looming 300% tax increase was a major concern for local ratepayers and was the context in which Mrs. Fix entered the political arena. Another matter of alarm for this pioneering public servant was the unregulated commercial development in the area, she became increasingly concerned with preserving residents' quality of life. During the course of my research, it was my pleasure to read some of Mrs. Fix's correspondences with her constituents. These demonstrated her to be a quick-witted woman, dedicated to public service. It did not surprise me, then, to learn that Mary Fix, who was instrumental in the formation of the Heritage Mississauga's predecessor, The Toronto Township Historical Foundation, became its first President. Her correspondences as President of this organization with relevant groups revealed a similar dedication and drive "to get things done". It seems to follow that Mrs. Fix's willing her property to the Town of Mississauga with her death in 1972- her final gesture of community good will should surprise no one.

In the Fall of 2004 Heritage Mississauga moved into The Grange, also known as the Robinson-Adamson House. This historic house was built circa 1828 for Sir John Beverley Robinson, a man known for his contributions, particularly in the legal realm, to Upper Canada. At just age 21, Robinson was made Acting Attorney General during



Opening offices at The Grange 2004, HM

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How Mississauga Got Its Name

Part 2 of 8: A Tale of Two Cities of Toronto

By Richard Collins

Mississauga: December 1967. If you were one of the 85,000 people living here then, you may remember voting in the municipal election. The candidates for reeve and council were not the only names on the ballot. Residents were also asked to vote for a new name for our new town.



Richard Collins, HM

The idea of voting on a new name began two years earlier, in 1965 when the rapidly-growing Township of Toronto set plans to incorporate as a town, with the intention of 'upgrading' to a city within ten years. But the Township of Toronto could not just become the City of Toronto. By this time we already had a City of Toronto (the people of York stole our name in 1834 when they incorporated) so we had to come up with something else.

And that's where I first heard the story of Kenneth Armstrong and of his boast that the Town of Mississauga was named after his newspaper.

The version, as it was told to me, was that Armstrong declared one evening over a few brews, that the new town would be better named after his two-year old community newspaper, published from a small shack (albeit a prim one) in Clarkson.

No one who claimed to have witnessed Armstrong's gasconade is certain where this name-altering event took place. That may be because some remember it as having been made in a bar in Port Credit. Or maybe it was a restaurant in Cooksville. Everyone was a little light-headed at the time.

Just as talk of incorporation began, the first edition of Armstrong's newspaper, the Mississauga News, hit the stands on June 23, 1965. Armstrong planned to call his paper the Whiteoaks News, in reference to his Clarkson-Lorne Park neighbourhood but, as the premiere edition of the paper explains, Armstrong considered the name "Mississauga" when his editor, Don Edwards suggested it "because of its historical connection". Armstrong had a passion for history, having recently saved the 135 year old home of settler Lewis Bradley from demolition, so Edwards knew that a name with some history would appeal to his boss.

Years later, Edwards recalled that it was his wife who suggested the name "Mississauga" to him.

Who Picks the Names?

There wasn't supposed to be a vote, at first. Geographic place names are the jurisdiction of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names. The government felt obligated to take charge of all official names in the country, if only to avoid repetition, misspellings and more recently, timeworn or politically incorrect monikers (Chinaman's Peak in B.C. for example, which is now Ha Ling Peak) or offensive names derived from local folklore (such as Dog's Ass, Ontario which has never been an official name despite the persistence of Georgian Bay cottagers).

Occasionally the feds have let names like Dildo (in Newfoundland) slide if they have some historic merit, but generally the CPCGN decides which 'wheres' get called what, just to maintain a sense of order, and the "Township of Toronto" vs. "City of Toronto" debate was right up their alley.

Toronto and Toronto first came to blows in the mid 1830s when stagecoach operators traveling from "Toronto" (the one that used to be York) to Hamilton, via our "Toronto" (the one that's "Erindale" now) confronted the problem of having two Torontos on the same timetable. "Credit" came into common use for our old "Toronto" at this time and, as there was no "Port Credit" at the time, there was no confusion as to where "Credit" was.

If the decision back in 1967 had been left to township reeve Mary Fix, we'd still be Toronto and that other Toronto would have had to select something else. When her township's application for town status was approved that year, Fix observed, *"It seems regrettable that the people of Toronto Township must now perforce choose another than their own legal name."*

An avid historian and founder of the Toronto Township Historical Foundation, Fix was ready to take the case of the "two Torontos" to the Ontario Municipal Board on her own, if necessary to plead the point that her community was the first legal owner of the name "Toronto".

Fix's case never got that far. She had the sympathy of fellow councillors, but not their endorsement.

The editorial staff at the Port Credit Weekly apparently didn't share Fix's devotion to "Toronto". In defending the village's quest for town status in 1960, the Weekly explained, *"the aim of the move to town status is to . . . sever the present inescapable association in name with Toronto."*

The politicians had their say. The media offered their opinions. Next time, in Part 3, we'll get the public's reaction.

JANE'S WALK

Jane's Walk Returns to Mississauga

May 2nd, 2010

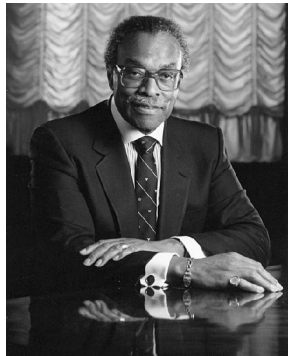
Jane's Walk is a series of free, guided-walking tours that brings communities together by putting them in touch with each other and their neighbourhoods. These walks were initiated by some friends and colleagues of Jane Jacobs in memory of her inspiring ideas and approach to neighbourhoods and cities. The aim of the project is to bridge social and geographic gaps and create a space for cities to discover themselves. Well into its fourth year, Jane's Walk is taking place nationally across Canada and in cities in the United States and India.

Jane's Walk will be taking place in various locations across Mississauga on May 2, 2010 - for more information call 9 0 5 - 6 1 5 - 3 2 0 0 ext: 5 4 7 6 or visit: <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/discover/artsandculture>

"You've got to get out and walk!" Jane Jacobs

Change at the Ontario Heritage Trust

On behalf of our members and the City of Mississauga, Heritage Mississauga would like to thank The Honourable Lincoln Alexander for his support of numerous heritage events and endeavours undertaken by Heritage Mississauga. Mr. Alexander's term as Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust recently came to an end. Mr. Alexander served as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario from 1985 to 1991, and was a Member of Parliament from 1968 to 1980. A Companion of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Order of Ontario, Mr. Alexander served as Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and as the Chancellor of the University of Guelph. Mr. Alexander was appointed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation Board of Directors in December 2001, and served as Chairman from 2004 until 2010. As of March 5, 2010, the new Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust is Professor Thomas Henry Bull Symons.



Lincoln Alexander, OHT

Professor Symons was educated at Upper Canada College, University of Toronto and Oxford University. He has held many posts as an educator over the years, including Assistant Dean of Men, Trinity College; Instructor of History, University of Toronto; and Dean, Devonshire House, University of Toronto. However, his most notable posts were as the founding President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University, 1961-72, and the founding vice-president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1978-84. Professor Symons has also held many presidencies, chairmanships and memberships in various organizations, mainly dealing with the topics of education, Canadian studies, native rights and human rights. From 1971-73, he was the President of the Canadian Association in Support of Native Peoples. He also served as the Chairman on the Commission on Canadian Studies, 1972-84. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and a recipient of the Order of Ontario. Professor Symons was appointed to the Board of Directors of the OHT in 2006, and was named Vice-Chairman in 2009.



Prof. T.H. Symons, OHT

Professor Symons also has notable Peel and Mississauga connections: he is the grandson of historian William Perkins Bull; and Symons recalls working as a student volunteer alongside many others with the Toronto Township Historical Foundation (now Heritage Mississauga) in helping to move and restore the Bradley House as a Museum in the 1960s.

Heritage Mississauga thanks Mr. Alexander for his support and dedication to heritage in our Province, and we wish Professor Symons great success as the new Chairman of the OHT.

Collection News at the Museums of Mississauga

By Stephanie Meeuwse, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator

A big focus recently at the Museums of Mississauga has been on collection and our storage facilities. The Museums have their collection stored in a few locations on-site but not all are ideal. Our best storage is located at Benares Historic House in the Visitor Centre. It was purpose built so that it has its own air-handling system and is ground level (basements make poor storage areas due to the high relative humidity). We recently received a grant from Cultural Spaces Canada for the purchase and installation of mobile compact storage shelves for this site. Matching funds are provided from our Museums operating budget, Community Services, Parks & Recreation Department and the Friends of the Museums. We will be able to increase our storage capacity by about 70%. Currently we have all the artifacts stored in our meeting room and the historic house to facilitate Space Saver Ltd. installing the shelves in April.



This project is only one step in our larger goal of having an off-site collection storage facility built. In 2010 we will have a feasibility study completed with architectural drawings to follow. The feasibility study will identify the best locations for such a building, potential partners and our projected 25 year growth.

During all this activity, the Museums of Mississauga are still continuing to collect artifacts related to the history of Mississauga. Recently, we received a large collection of items related to Roy Ivor and Bernice Inman who both owned and operated the Winding Land Bird Sanctuary on Mississauga Road. If you have any items that relate to Mississauga's heritage that you might want to donate, please call the Museums to discuss at 905-615-4860.

Miigwech Joe

Many thanks to Métis Elder Joseph Paquette for sharing teachings and ceremony with us during the March Equinox Sunrise Ceremony Saturday March 20th at the Grange. Along with Joseph were Clayton Cadeau and Marcel LaBelle who assisted during ceremony.



Joseph Paquette, HM

On this morning, the official beginning of Spring, we gave thanks to the Creator for the great gifts of life, intelligence, free will and intuition. We gave thanks for the gifts of sight, hearing, smell, taste, voice and song and for the ability to feel. We gave thanks to our Earth Mother who gave us everything we need to live a good life - the food, the water, the animals and the air that we breathe. For all of these, we are grateful.



Ladies Drum performance, HM

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

Part Two

By Matthew Wilkinson Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Our continuing look at the Kennedy family delves into the early years of their arrival and settlement in Toronto Township in the 1830s and at the life and career of perhaps their most famous son, The Honourable Colonel Thomas Laird Kennedy.

The patriarch of the Kennedy family, William Kennedy (1813-1869), came to Toronto Township around 1830 and settled near Sydenham/Fountain Hill (Dixie), and was a blacksmith by trade. William was born in 1813 in County Armagh, Ireland, and arrived with his parents, John and Jane Kennedy, in Canada around 1820. In 1841 William married Jane Laird (1811-1873), and the couple had four children: Sarah Jane (1842), John (1844-1891), and twins Margaret (1846-1849) and Maria (1846).



Thomas Laird Kennedy,
Archives of Ontario

On October 5, 1850 William purchased a small parcel of land on Lot 9, Concession 1, NDS (in modern terms at the northwest corner of Dundas Street and Tomken Road). At this intersection, William built a new brick house for his family, as well as a hotel and store which was called the "Atlantic Hotel". In 1864 William became the community's first Post Master, when the post office opened in the Atlantic Hotel under the name of "Fountain Hill". A mere four months later, on what would later become Canada Day, the post office name changed from "Fountain Hill" to "Dixie" on July 1st, 1864. Dixie was chosen in honour of a local respected doctor and surgeon, Doctor Beaumont Wilson Bowen Dixie. Later, Third Line East was also renamed Dixie Road after the community and doctor.

On July 25, 1862, William purchased 100 acres in Lot 8, Concession 1, NDS (northeast corner of Dundas Street and Tomken Road). This property would become the family farm for several generations. William also served as a School Trustee for Dixie Public School, as a Trustee for the Dixie Union Chapel, and as a Justice-of-the-Peace. William died on August 20, 1869, and his property and responsibilities officially passed to his son, John, on September 13, 1869.

In 1870, John married Mary Elgie, and the couple had six children: Amelia (1872-1873), William (1873-1875), Jane (1876-1965), Thomas Laird (1878-1959), Harriet (1880-1959) and John Jr. (1883-1931). John Sr. built a substantial family home on the family farm property in 1881, which became known as "Braeside". John also continued in his father's footsteps, serving as a local trustee.

John Kennedy Sr. died at the young age of 47 in 1891. The family farm was left to John's wife, Mary, and their eldest surviving son, Thomas Laird Kennedy, took over operation of the family farm. Although the old hotel and store were eventually purchased by Thomas Gill in 1906, Braeside and the 100 acre farm remained in the Kennedy family. The old Atlantic Hotel was torn down in 1968,

and as of 2010 the site is now home to a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.



Atlantic Hotel, Dixie, c1900, HM

Thomas Laird Kennedy was destined for great things, and was perhaps influenced by a strong and honest work ethic and a sense of public responsibility passed down to him through previous generations. Thomas was educated at the Dixie Public School, Parkdale Collegiate Institute, and the University of Toronto. In 1903 Thomas married Armenia (Minnie) Patterson, and couple had four children: Marjorie (1904-1995), Marion (1908-1959), Ruth (1910-1984) and Isobel Jane (1914-1989).

Thomas' political career began in 1907 when he was elected as a Councillor for Toronto Township. In 1909 he became Deputy Reeve, and served as Reeve from 1910 to 1911. Thomas served with distinction as a Major in the Peel Squadron of the Governor-General's Body Guard during World War One, and later attained the rank of Colonel in the militia. After WWI Thomas entered Provincial Politics and was elected to the Ontario Legislature for the Conservative Party in 1919. He retained this seat, with the exception of one term, until his retirement in 1958.

Most of his life he continued operating the family farm and was mainly involved with fruit growing. His political interests were focused on farming concerns and rural affairs and he was highly respected by his fellow farmers. He was known as an amiable, humble, homespun man, and his service and respected personality earned him the affectionate title of "Old Man Ontario."

Although he often said he wanted to be out of politics, he is noted to have held a genuine desire to serve and did so in various capacities. Thomas was the Peel Representative and Conservative Member of the Ontario Legislature from 1919-1934, and for the Progressive Conservative Party from 1937-1958, serving as Minister of Agriculture from 1930-1934 and from 1943-1953. In 1948, in recognition of his long public service, he became interim Premier of Ontario when the incumbent, George A. Drew (1894-1973) was defeated in the 1948 election. Kennedy remained in office as the 15th Premier of Ontario until May 4, 1949 when Leslie Frost became leader of the party. Thomas retired in 1958, and died on February 13, 1959.

Second Line East was renamed Tomken Road in honour of TOM KENNEDY, as was T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, which opened in 1953. Additionally, the Cooksville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #582, formed in 1960 and was named in honour of Colonel Tom Kennedy, as was a Provincial Government Office Building in Toronto. An Ontario Heritage plaque honouring Colonel Kennedy was installed in the new Dixie Public School in 1974, and Kennedy Park in Mississauga was also named after him and his family.

The next article in this series will continue our look at the Colonel's brother John, and this remarkable family through the war years. For more information on the life and times of The Honourable Colonel Thomas Laird Kennedy, we recommend "Tom Kennedy's Story", as told to author Ralph Hyman.

“Fading History Volume 2”

By Dave Cook

The awarding of the 2009 M.H.F. Heritage Award to author Dave Cook provided just the right incentive for a sequel to his book, *Fading History Vol. 1*. Within two weeks, he began his next volume.

Fading History Vol. 2, which will be released on Saturday, May 8, at the Unitarian Congregation, 84 South Service Road, (south-east corner Hurontario and QEW) has 11 chapters on a wide range of topics.



Dave Cook, HM

The first chapter looks at the Grand Duchess of Russia's life in Canada, including her time on Camilla Road in Cooksville. In an amazing coincidence, she sold her Campbellville farm to Wolfgang Von Richthofen, the cousin of WWI German flying ace, the Red Baron.

For the sports minded, chapters include stories on Streetsville's Aubrey Pope, one of the first professional soccer players in North America and later one of Canada's top lawn bowlers, and on Louise and David Brown, two of Canada's great tennis players. Among their many tennis feats, they were the only mother-son combination to have played in the prestigious U.S. Open.

The Kennedy Kids is a chapter looking at the political life of one of Ontario's most prominent families. It also outlines how T.L. Kennedy's nieces and nephews became Canada's first child radio personalities on what was the country's only national radio network, the C.R.B.C.

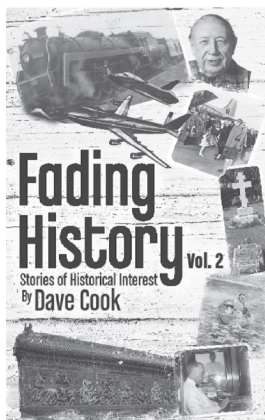
Other chapters present the history of the Lakeview Golf Course, a nostalgic story about Bullet-Nosed Betty, Canada's last great steam train, the origins and development of Pearson Airport and a look at the top secret trip taken by Franklin D. Roosevelt during WW II when he travelled through our area en route to Manitoulin Island for a weeklong fishing trip.

Entertainment stories take a look at the significance of Gordon Sinclair's famous radio broadcast “The Americans” and the history of The Bethesda Concert Series.

Fading History Vol. 2 has a final chapter called *Mississauga Gems*. Nine short narratives are a mixture of interesting historical tidbits. Among these short stories, readers will learn how author Mazo de la Roche narrowly escaped death at the Clarkson rail crossing and about Canada's very first four-leaf clover interchange on the QEW Highway at Hurontario. Cooksville as Canada's first Wine Capital is also highlighted.

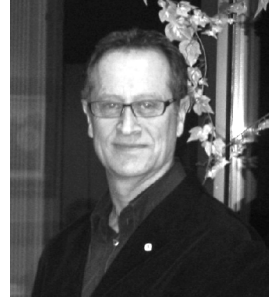
Dave's book is 224 pages with more than 130 photographs and sells for \$20 including tax. Everyone is invited to attend the book launch at the Unitarian Congregation auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8th.

Hot off the press - books are NOW available at Heritage Mississauga.



Thank You to Mark Warrack

Mark Warrack, Senior Heritage Coordinator with the Culture Division for the City of Mississauga, has taken two year secondment with the Ontario Heritage Trust. Mark will be working as the Manager of Special Projects for the OHT, where he will be managing a number of initiatives to support community conservation across the province. Mark has served with the City of Mississauga for over 20 years, and has been the City Liaison to the Board of Directors for Heritage Mississauga since 1995. Mark has been a tireless and enthusiastic supporter of heritage in our City, and a very strong and professional advocate for conservation. Mark was also the recipient of the Heritage Award from Heritage Mississauga in 2002, recognizing his considerable efforts and contributions to heritage in Mississauga. On behalf of our members, Board and Staff we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mark for all of his efforts on behalf of heritage conservation and awareness in Mississauga, and towards endeavours of Heritage Mississauga. We look forward to Mark's return to Mississauga in 2012, and wish him all the very best in his new position with the Ontario Heritage Trust.



Mark Warrack, HM

200 Years Old ... Maybe

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian Heritage Mississauga

2010 may mark a significant anniversary. The establishment date popularly given for Dixie Union Cemetery (located at the northeast corner of Dundas Street and Cawthra Road) is 1810 making this year its 200th Anniversary. However, what is open to conjecture is the date of actual establishment. Local history files suggest that Philip Cody gave a piece of land for a cemetery in 1810, and that the property may have already contained several unmarked Native graves. The earliest grave marker and earliest recorded burial belong to Philip Harris, the 3-year old son of Cooksville settler Daniel Harris, who died and was buried in November of 1812. We can also peruse land title records, which verify that Philip Cody acquired the 100 acres, including the property that now contains the cemetery, from Moses Teeter on December 24, 1810. However, first recorded mention of the formal creation of the cemetery is on April 20, 1816, when Cody deeded 1 acre to John Silverthorn, et al, as Trustees for the Cemetery Grounds. So, the question is whether or not the cemetery was actually set aside in 1810, with the first burial occurring in 1812, and just not formally deeded until 1816, or did the cemetery begin with the first burial in 1812? It becomes a bit tricky with an elusive “start” date and the lack of any formal records associated with this historic cemetery. Regardless of its actual date of creation, Dixie Union Cemetery is the oldest established and organized burial ground within modern Mississauga, and while it is celebrating an anniversary in 2010, we are just not positive if it is actually 200 years old!



Dixie Union Cemetery, HM

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

By Joan Reid

In September 1940 Mrs. W. W. Evans of Toronto loaned her Erindale estate, Glenerin, to St. Hilda's, an Anglican girls School located near Whitby in Yorkshire. The stately residence, Glenerin, was located on ninety-seven acres of woodland and had an outdoor swimming pool. It is now the Glenerin Inn on The Collegeway just west of Mississauga Road. It is a heritage property.



*Girls from St. Hilda's at
St. Peter's Anglican
Church c1944, HM*

The staff and students of St. Hilda's had just been evacuated to avoid the horrific bombings which Hitler inflicted on the British Isles just after the fall of France in June 1940. They were taken by bus to Liverpool where they boarded a camouflaged ship. They wore life preservers all the time while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. The crossing was particularly rough off the Irish coast. Their ship was met when it docked at Montreal by movie cameras. The girls were dispersed to private homes for the summer.

The girls of St. Hilda ranged in age from six years to sixteen. Their original school was in Smeaton Castle which was set on thirty-five acres of farm land with the sea on three sides. Most of the girls were from Yorkshire but there were also a few from Wales and Scotland. The school mistresses were sisters of the Anglican Order of the Holy Paraclete. The headmistress was Sister Elsa. Other school mistresses were Sisters Monica, Gertrude, Lillian and Daisy. The curriculum prepared the girls for courses at the University of London or for nursing studies.

The staff and students planned to stay in Canada for the duration of the war. Glenerin was able to accommodate about half of the 160 girls. The rest went to other private schools in Toronto or to the Ontario Ladies' College in Whitby, Ontario. Glenerin's bedrooms were fitted with bunk beds and the dining room and music room with tressle tables. The silken banner of St. Hilda's was hung in the panelled chapel.

A number of local organizations rallied to aid the evacuees. In October a 'shower' provided them with fruit, vegetables, and jam. The Women's Institute of Port Credit held a 'white gift' service for the school and the Institute in Clarkson - Lorne Park collected skates, soap, towels, tooth brushes, paper and stamps for them. The Erindale Red Cross appealed for sleighs and toboggans so that they could enjoy their first winter in Canada. Gifts came also from Malton. In January 1941 The Streetsville Review published a letter from St. Hilda's thanking people for the clothes, games, toboggans and books which they had donated.

The congregation of St. Peter's Church took a particular interest in the girls. St. Peter's became their home church for the duration of the war. On November 21, 1940 the girls sang a hymn on St. Hilda's day. The next April they sang the anthem "Jerusalem" at a Sunday evening service.

The girls had been abruptly torn from familiar surroundings by the Battle of Britain. It took time for them to adjust to life in Canada. They learned to like corn on the cob as well as squash and eggplant.

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Let's Party Like It's 1835!

By Lydia Ordóñez-Niles Chair, PC 175th
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With many wonderful events and projects that numerous Team Leaders are preparing every month for Port Credit's 175th Anniversary in 2010, the excitement in the air is unreal. The Port Credit 175th Anniversary Committee, along with the community are just as excited about celebrating Port Credit's heritage, pride and future.

On March 30th, the Port Credit 175th Anniversary had its official Media Launch which was hosted by Aielli's Ristorante; many thanks to Louis Macerola, proprietor, for his generosity. It was also the day the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Pilsner beer was unveiled by Old Credit Brewing Company. This tasty beer was an overwhelming hit. It is available at the Old Credit Brewing, just ask for it by name. Thanks to Aldo and Noreen Lista of Old Credit Brewing for all their hard work.

During a number of the events, such as the Musical Heritage of Port Credit on April 24th at Clarke Hall, the PC175 Committee will have an information booth set up with souvenirs for sale, and a commemorative bookmark as our giveaway with the full year calendar of events on the back. There will also be an opportunity for those who wish to sign up as a volunteer or be kept up to date with all the events, and of course a suggestion box for the Port Credit 175th Anniversary time capsule. Just think of all the possibilities!


The PC175 Time Capsule is one of the projects that the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Executive Committee is really having a blast working on. Ideas for the time capsule can be emailed to info@portcredit175.ca or visit our website at www.portcredit175.ca, or by simply filling out a slip with your suggestion at any of our many information booths such as on the July 1st, Canada Day ... for Port Credit's 175th Anniversary, Let's Paint the Town Red Event!

Thanks to the City of Mississauga, the time capsule will be dedicated in the newly renovated Port Credit Memorial Arena at the end of the year or early 2011. In 2009 The Port Credit Memorial Arena was designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and will provide a fitting home for the time capsule. This is something that we are just thrilled about for the future, but when one really thinks about it in 2035, 25 years from now, everything placed inside the time capsule will be our history! See you around during the many festivities throughout 2010 in Port Credit ... and let's party like it's 1835!

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Mississauga South Historical Society Happenings

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

They were scrapped two years before I was born. I must admit that I had never heard of Canada's greatest aviation achievement until a high school history class. And it was only when I moved to Mississauga that I discovered that, to be a true Mississaugan one must be immersed in the fact and fiction of the Avro Arrow.



I never thought I'd get a chance to see an Arrow but just three years ago, a replica Arrow was built and this May 29th will be my chance to finally see a full-size Arrow up close.

MSHS's annual field trip this year will be to the Canadian Air and Space Museum in North York for the fifth annual Wings and Wheels Heritage Festival.

The Arrow at the museum may not be a genuine "Avro" Arrow, but I'm sure that the devotees who built this replica were as dedicated to their task as the men and women in Malton who built (and then were forced to scrap) the real ones in 1959.

To make things easier for those without a car (and to do our part for the environment) we're making arrangements to have everyone interested in the field trip meet in Port Credit in the morning and car-pool it to Downsview Park. Stay tuned to MSHS's website at www3.sympatico.ca/chessie217 for more details. Everyone's welcome.

What's Up for 2010 It's another busy year for heritage in Mississauga, especially in Port Credit where a number of events have been planned to celebrate 175 years. MSHS will have a display at Clarke Hall on April 24 for a Celebration of Port Credit's Musical Heritage and we'll also be on hand for Port Credit Secondary School's 90th Anniversary Reunion from May 6 to 8.

-MSHS member, Alan Skeoch will deliver one of his typically informative and irreverent talks this time on the Peopling of Port Credit at First United Church on April 30.

-MSHS is also looking for volunteers to help out at our exhibit at the Maanjiidowin Native Pow-Wow and Metis Rendezvous which will be held at Port Credit's Saddington Park on July 17 and 18. Five years ago, the first Maanjiidowin festival celebrated the 200th anniversary of the signing of the land treaty between the British crown and the Credit Mississaugas. The weather was perfect in 2005 and we're hoping for the same this year. Hope you can help us out. If you're interested in volunteering at any of MSHS's events, call me at 905-271-0758.

Streetsville Historical Society Happenings

By Jean Watt, Publicity Director,
SHS



The Streetsville Historical Society celebrated their 40 Anniversary on the April 8th, 2010 meeting, which was held at Specialty Care Mississauga Road, and featured guest speaker Rob Levery, Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society, who spoke on the origins and importance of local historical societies in Ontario.

The Annual Spring Tour will take place on Saturday, June 12. This year the Streetsville Historical Society will visit beautiful Casa Loma. The bus will depart from the Streetsville United Church parking lot at 10am, with a stop at First United Church in Port Credit to pick up additional passengers. The cost of the bus and guided tour of Casa Loma is \$35 per person, and lunch is available for \$10-\$15. To reserve your tickets, please contact Anne Byard: 905-814-5958.

For more information on the Streetsville Historical Society, or to learn more about the Leslie Log House project, please contact Ann Holmes, Secretary, at 905-826-3183 or Jean Watt, Publicity Director, at 905-826-1860.

Ontario Genealogical Society Conference 2010

The Ontario Genealogical Society's three-day annual conference is the largest gathering of family historians in Canada. Join us for a content-rich event that will be both relentlessly practical and inspiring.

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Heritage Issues

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

Windinglane Bird Sanctuary Property Sold

The former Windinglane Bird Sanctuary property, located at 3230 Mississauga Road, on the west side of Mississauga Road across from the University of Toronto Mississauga campus, has recently been sold to a private owner. The sanctuary operated under the guidance of Hance Roy Ivor and Bernice Inman-Emery, and many volunteers, since the early 1930s. Following Ivor's death in 1979, 3 acres of property came to be owned by Bernice Inman, Ivor's assistant since 1962. Bernice continued the sanctuary after Ivor's declining health and death, with the help of others, notably Bob Little. The surviving house, which has been sold, was built in 1975-76 by Bernice. She lived on the property and quietly continued caring for birds, animals, and the surrounding woodland environment until 2008. There has been an impassioned community response when the news broke that the property was for sale, and it had been hoped that the property could have been acquired by the City of Mississauga but an agreement was not able to be reached. Thanks to the executors, Heritage Mississauga facilitated the donation of many personal items, memorabilia, pictures and newspaper clippings to Heritage Mississauga, the Museums of Mississauga and the Peel Heritage Complex. Work is underway on a unique project which will see the development of a combined Resource Finding Aid for Windinglane Bird Sanctuary which will connect the varied components, artifact collections and resources from all three organizations and the Canadiana Room of the Mississauga Library System into a singular database. As for the property itself, the ownership transfer will take place in the near future and it is not yet known what the new owner may wish to do on the property.



Windinglane, HM



Remnant Bird Cages, HM

Trivia Answer:



With Mississauga's recent extension of our western border to west of Ninth Line, large portions of land which were once part of Trafalgar Township and Halton County are now part of the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel. The historical difference is evident on the landscape in the form of two specific road names: Ninth Line and Tenth Line. Lines (or roads) which basically run North-South were surveyed between 1806 and 1819 through Peel and Halton Counties. Each county had a "base line" or starting point. In historic Mississauga, the Lines ran parallel to Centre Road (now Hurontario Street), spaced at even intervals and numbered sequentially. For instance, Mississauga once had a Second Line East, which identified the second North-South road east of and running parallel to Centre Road. Most of the numbered lines received names over the years, with only segments of Second Line West and Fifth Line West retaining their original numerical designations. For instance, Sixth Line West (also known as the Town Line) was renamed to Winston Churchill Boulevard, while First Line East and Third Line East now carry the names of Cawthra Road and Dixie Road respectively. However, the numbering system for Halton County was slightly different. There was no "centre point", therefore no "east" or "west" designation was required. The starting point for survey of Halton was what is known today as Tremaine Road, and the Lines (North-South Roads running parallel to Tremaine Road at regular intervals) were surveyed eastward, ending when they "bumped into" the Peel County border. In this manner, ten "Lines" were surveyed. Ninth Line and Tenth Line, portions of which are now within Mississauga, belong to this survey. In this manner, the Seventh Line or Town Line of Toronto Township (now Winston Churchill) runs adjacent and parallel to Tenth Line of Trafalgar Township. It is a significant, if subtle, reminder of the historic roots of our community. Perhaps unknowingly, Mississauga designated part of Tenth Line at "Tenth Line West", when in historic survey terms it is not actually "west" of anything; rather it marks the last surveyed line of a survey which radiated eastward from Tremaine Road.



Tenth Line West Street Sign, HM

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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 early settling families in North Mississauga, to the origins of the surveys of Port Credit; and from the search for an old family home (which still stands) to the search for the history of a heritage house currently for sale. Our outreach programs also continue to keep us busy, with multiple presentations ranging from retirement homes and clubs to corporate meetings.



At the moment, we are undertaking a reorganization of our Heritage Resource Library as we attempt to find more room for our resources while keeping the library easy to use and accessible: a special thank you to Evelyn Dodds for graciously volunteering her time and effort to help us in this endeavor.

Looking ahead to the summer, we are hoping, once again, to have several summer student research programs underway, but as of the time of writing we are still awaiting confirmation on funding. We have tentative plans to undertake several property research projects; a research project documenting past Reeves of Mississauga (and Toronto Township) and creating personal profiles; and an oral history interviewer, amongst other projects. On that note, if anyone can help us, we are looking for information regarding Mississauga's historical Chain of Office. Mayor McCallion wears a Chain of Office that was unveiled with opening of the Civic Centre, replacing the Chain of Office that her predecessors, Ron Searle and Dr. Martin Dobkin, wore. That Chain of Office is now with the Museums of Mississauga. However, from what we can discern from photographs, the Chain of Office worn by Dr. Dobkin, who was the first Mayor of the City of Mississauga, is different from the Chain of Office worn by Robert Speck and "Chic" Murray, who served as Mayors of the Town of Mississauga. The Chain for the Town appears to be the same Chain worn by the Reeves of the Township, and we are curious to learn what happened to this Chain of Office. Also, if anyone has information or portraits of any of the past Reeves of Toronto Township, from 1851 to 1965, we would welcome an opportunity to connect with you.



Mary Fix, HM

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 February we welcomed back the Association of African Canadian Artists with "Colourblind: Beyond the Rhythm".



From March 18 to April 1, The Grange was home to an art exhibit from art students at Bronte College of Canada entitled: "Artist as Conceptual Thinker". April will welcome art students from Rick Hansen Secondary School with "Dream Seen", while May will see a return of art students from Erindale Secondary School with "Events That Shaped Mississauga".



Bronte College Exhibit, HM

Finally, June and July will feature an exhibit from a Mississauga group of artists, Artists Looking for Empty Walls. See our website or visit us on Facebook for more details on dates and openings.



Students from Bronte College, HM



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

Heritage Four Presents Speakers Series 2010

"Changing Cultures of Mississauga"



Our first lecture in 2010 Speakers Series took place on Tuesday, March 9, featuring a highly informative, entertaining and enthusiastic talk with Métis Elder, Joseph Paquette, who spoke on Aboriginal and Métis challenges and history. Upcoming lectures are:

Wednesday, May 19th at First United Church, Port Credit

Speaker: Author Kathleen Hicks

Topic: Port Credit (more details to follow)

Mississauga's Four 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.

~ADMISSION IS FREE~

In Memoriam

Peggy Johnston passed away peacefully at home in Port Credit on Saturday, February 6th, 2010, in her 91st year. She was predeceased by her husbands, Walker Archer and A.M. Johnston, and leaves behind her children Robert Walker Archer and Christina Margaret Archer



Peggy Johnston, HM

two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Peggy and her husband first came to Toronto Township (Mississauga) after WWII, acquired land and built their own house. They initially settled on Dundas Street, near modern Glengarry Road. Peggy has been interviewed several times by Heritage Mississauga as part of our Oral History Program, and her memories of this unique chapter of Mississauga's history have been, in part, preserved for future generations. Peggy was known to many in Mississauga's Heritage Community. She was a past member and a past member of the Board of Directors for Heritage Mississauga (Mississauga Heritage Foundation), and a past member and long-time supporter and volunteer with the Mississauga South Historical Society. In particular, Peggy was involved in the very early years with the restoration and establishment of the Bradley House Museum. Peggy spent many, many dedicated hours at the Museum in the early years, helping to get it up and running, and personally donating many of the artifacts initially collected by and utilized by the Museum. Always charming and humble, and full of interesting stories and an incredible memory, Peggy will be missed, but her stories, dedication and artifact donations to the Museums of Mississauga will ensure, in part, that her experiences and passions will live on for future generations.

Lost Village of Mount Charles cont'd....



*Clarke House, Mount Charles
2003, HM*

Further to the east along Derry Road, almost lost amongst the industrial sprawl, is the Clarke house, sitting forlorn on the Bombardier Company property, and a little south along Dixie Road is the historic Hornby-Scarlet House, now a tea room. But little else remains other than a nearby modern park and sports field which carries the name of Mount

Charles. We can look at the names from the 1877 Atlas; Armstrong, Barker, Black, Dale, Gage, Grogen, Hornby, Irvin, Jackson, King, McLeod, Moore and Savage, amongst many others, in an attempt to stir a community memory or place a human face on this once forgotten hamlet from our pioneer past.

St. Hilda's cont'd....

They especially liked the peaches and popcorn and were astounded by the variety of ice cream and bottled drinks available. After two years in Canada the girls had gained an average of twenty pounds. One thing they missed was a proper 'sit-down' tea in the afternoon.

Canadian girls seemed more 'grown-up' than British ones. Most of the British girls continued to wear pig tails. In June 1942 the girls were puzzled by the strange odour of the 'kitty' hiding in the basement. As he removed the animal to set it free outside, the caretaker explained that it was actually a skunk an animal unknown in Britain.

The girls found Canadians very easy to get along with and valued their kindness and generosity, but, as one girl explained: "at first we thought Canadian accents were queer, but now we take them for granted..." The girls kept their own accents but they learned many Canadian phrases such as "I'm through" instead of "I have finished".

The girls appreciated the many social activities held for them and were grateful for the many invitations to private homes. In June 1941, 72 pupils and 7 teachers from St. Hilda's were the guests of A.W. Miles at a picnic in his park in west Erindale. They were treated to ice cream. Members of the Erindale Red Cross provided lunch.

As the girls faced their second Christmas in Canada in December 1941 they were homesick but undaunted. They discarded their school tunics for party 'frocks' to enjoy a Christmas Party given for them by the Erindale Red Cross. There were many gifts of clothing and games for them. The Girl Guides of Toronto Township dressed 20 dolls for the younger girls. The Women's Institutes also contributed gifts.

The girls were intensely interested in conditions at home. They enthusiastically embraced war work. In their spare time, the girls, who were expert knitters, worked to make socks and scarves for members of the armed services. The wool was supplied by the Erindale Red Cross.

During their years in Canada the girls gave many concerts to aid the war effort. At a Lenten service at St. Peter's in April 1941 the choir from St. Hilda's sang Stainer's Cantata, "The Crucifixion". The offerings were sent to the British War Victims' Fund. The girls gave a concert in November 1941 at the Clarkson Community Hall for pupils from Lorne Park and Clarkson. It was sponsored by the Women's Institute. They presented a variety program which included plays, dances such as the Sailor's Hornpipe, and songs such as "John Peel". The proceeds of \$50.00 went to support war work.

In the second instalment I'll describe how the girls foiled an intruder into one of their dormitories and were commended for their bravery by the Attorney-General of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP

I frequently get calls into the office asking when the next issue of Heritage News will be produced. Members receive the Heritage News fresh off the press. If you don't want to miss an issue, please consider taking out a membership. Your membership and donations help us to continue the work we do to encourage awareness of Mississauga's history. For information, please contact me at: 905-828-8411 Ext. 0 email info@heritagemississauga.org



Jane Watt, HM

Fifty Years of Community Service cont'd.....

the War of 1812! Perhaps fittingly, then, the house is now home to Heritage Mississauga, a Foundation that has worked tirelessly within the community for the last fifty years to raise awareness of and preserve Mississauga's history and heritage. The Grange, as a testament and example to living history, provides a fitting environment for the work that Heritage Mississauga strives to accomplish and is a constant reminder to its staff, directors and volunteers about the importance and relevance of the goals we work to accomplish.

In 1985 Heritage Mississauga received the "Friends of Heritage Award" from the Parks Canada Centennial Citizens Committee. In the spring of 1994 Mayor McCallion recognized the contributions of the organization, noting that HM had taken up the "mantle" of heritage preservation while warning that this work "can't depend on the Mississauga Heritage Foundation alone." She also praised that HM "would go down in history for producing an asset" in the form of the Anchorage. Moreover, in 1995 Ward Eight Councillor Katie Mahoney on behalf of the City honoured Heritage Mississauga at the Bradley Museum for its "role in founding the Bradley Museum" This was the same year that the Foundation was given the Civic Award from the City, along with a bronze plaque at the Bradley Museum honouring the contribution of this organization to the museum.

Heritage Mississauga is not finished and continues to work actively to both preserve and promote the history and heritage of the City of Mississauga through research, publications, heritage event planning and assistance, educational and outreach programs, exhibits, fundraising, and much, much more. The last 50 years were only the beginning!

Gardening Courses and Plant Sale at The Grange

The Grange will be home to several gardening courses and a spring plant sale, thanks to the efforts and guidance of Custom Landscape Design Consultant and Horticulturalist Louise Peacock.



Tuesday, May 4, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Pruning

Tuesday, May 18, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Perennial Division (Spring)

Saturday, June 5, 9am-12 noon: Plant Sale

Tuesday, September 7, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Perennial Division (Fall)

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30pm-8:30pm: Decorating Pots and Urns

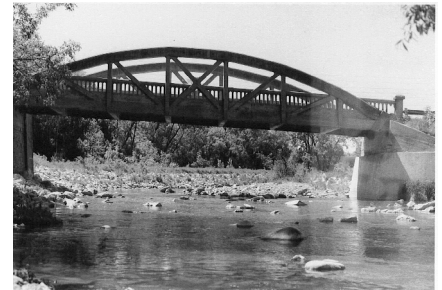
Cost: \$10 per person / per night.

To Book your spot email or call to:

info@heritagemississauga.org 905-828-8411 ext."0"

Missed Anniversary Historic Bridge is now 101

2009 marked the 100th Anniversary for the historic Middle Road Bridge. This bridge, built in 1909, is the second example of the concrete truss bridge or the tied arch to be built in North America, and the first in Canada. The bridge can support a



Middle Road Bridge, HM

dead load of 200 tonnes and a live load of 10 tonnes. In the spring of 1910, the bridge capacity was tested by a concentrated load of 10 tonnes moving across the bridge, and by a herd of seventy cattle crossing bridge. The bridge is sixteen feet wide and made of concrete. The bridge was used for car (and likely cattle) traffic until 1932, when a new bridge was constructed and the old Middle Road was assumed as a provincial highway, which in turn became incorporated into the Queen Elizabeth Way in 1937. The old Middle Road Bridge remained a river crossing on the renamed portion of the Middle Road that had been bypassed in 1932, which today is known as Sherway Drive. The old bridge is now only used for pedestrian traffic. The bridge is protected by a heritage easement with the Ontario Heritage Trust, and is jointly owned and designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* by the City of Mississauga and the City of Toronto. The bridge was designed by Frank Barber of Barber and Young in Toronto, and was built by O.L. Hicks of Humber Bay.

2010 Walking Tours of Historic Streetsville



Sunday, May 30th 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 26th 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 18th 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 27th 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m.
(*Candlelight Walk*)

Saturday, September 18th 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 17th 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

All Historic Walking Tours start **PROMPTLY** at
Streetsville Florist, 265 Queen Street South
For more information visit our website at
[~www.villageofstreetsville.com](http://www.villageofstreetsville.com)
or call (905) 858-5974

**Sponsored by the Streetsville Business
Improvement Association**

Heritage Matters

Heritage Mississauga

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday May 26 6:30pm at the Grange

June 17, Lecture at the Glen Erin Inn with Christopher Hume, Toronto Star

July 17-18 Maanjidowin Native Pow Wow and Métis Rendezvous J. C. Saddington Park

August 28 -Grangestock Music and Art Festival - At the Grange

Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre:

Rick Hansen Secondary School Art Show (with Bryan Ho) April 14- April 30

Erindale Secondary School Art Show (with Sheena Currie)“Events That Shaped Mississauga) -May 3 - June 4

ALFEW: Artists Looking For Empty Walls (with Louise Peacock) June 14th, 2010 to July 30th, 2010

Art Gallery of Mississauga

May 6th: Exhibition Opening - Andrew Morrow, "Something went wrong in the Bedroom," and "Structures: Works from the Permanent Collection" 6pm in the gallery. Exhibitions continue until June 20th

May 29th: Art critic Leah Sandals (of Canadian Art, National Post and many others) gives a tour through the Andrew Morrow exhibition, 1pm.

June 24: Exhibition Opening: Corporate Collections, curated by Geraldine Davis, 6pm at the gallery. Exhibition continues to July 30th

June 26: Artist/photographer Jenn Long presents a workshop on preparing digital files for submission. 1-3pm. Pre-registration required. Visit artgalleryofmississauga.com for more details.

July 1st: Visit our kids craft tent at the Canada Day celebrations in Living Arts Centre square.

July 11: ArtBus: Tour the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Oakville Galleries and the Blackwood gallery. Pickup at OCAD in Toronto.

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

For the most current listings please visit

www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

Hours of Operations Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10am - 5pm. Thursdays 1am-8pm and Weekends noon-4pm

Friends of the Britannia Schoolhouse

Sunday Open House

April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11 and August 8, 2010 Parking in the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre Visitors' Parking off Matheson 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 Parking in the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre Visitors' Parking off Matheson Blvd.

Halton Peel O.G.S.

Halton Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society

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

April 25, 2010 2-4 Oakville Public Library Speaker-Rick Roberts Topic-Publishing Your Family History

May 30, 2010 2-4 Brampton Public Library Speaker-Aiden Manning-Author Topic- "Between the Runways-A History of Irish-Catholic Settlers in Southern Peel County and Etobicoke"

Mississauga Arts Council

2010 MARTY awards! Mississauga is not only Canada's six largest city, but a diverse mecca filled to the brim with artistic talent. The time has come to bring Mississauga's top artists to the forefront by nominating these talented individuals for a MARTY award. The MARTYS are Mississauga's premiere arts awards produced by the Mississauga Arts Council. Now into its 16th year, the MARTYS honour the artistic achievements of the city's emerging and established artists. Over \$10,000 will be awarded at the MARTYS award ceremony held on Thursday, June 10, 2010. Please visit the website to download nomination forms www.mississaugaartscouncil.com or call (905) 615 4278

Mississauga South Historical Society

May 29, 2010 Our annual field trip will take us this year to the Canadian Air and Space Museum in Downsview for the 5th Annual Wings and Wheels festival of antique and historic aircrafts and automobiles. A highlight of the day will be a chance to see the recently- completed replica of the Avro Arrow. The originals, of course were built in Mississauga. Visit wingsandwheelsfestival.com for more details and directions. For those without a car, we're making arrangements to carpool to Downsview Park in Toronto. www3.sympatico.ca/chessie217

September 21, 2010 Dave Cook on his new book, Fading History V. 2

November 16 2010 Small Arms (Lakeview) For more information please visit the MSHS website - www3.sympatico.ca/chessie217

Museums of Mississauga

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

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

Wed to Sun 1 pm to 5 pm (July & August)

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

Pre-Booked Programs offered at the Museums all year round

January 25 - June 13, 2010 The Museums of Mississauga are proud to present a new exhibit " D-constructed: A Student's Survey of the World Around Them" on display at the Anchorage, Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road. The grade eleven photography students of Stephen Lewis Secondary School share their images of themselves, their surroundings and their culture, all with a little twist in this exciting collaborative display. The Museums are pleased to be working with the students and Amie Tolton, Head of the Arts at Stephen Lewis Secondary School.

Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair - Hosted by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga June 6th, 2010; 11 am to 4 pm

Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North

Driftwood Presents "Shakespeare under the Stars"

Shakespeare's comedy, Twelfth Night - July 16 & 17, 2010; 7:30 PM
Bradley House Museum, 1620 Orr Road

On the Verandah Concerts at Benares Historic House

Hosted by the Friends of the Museums Friday Nights, July & August 2010 (Performances TBC)

Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North

16th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic July 25th, 2010; 12 pm to 4 pm

Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North

Riverwood Conservancy

EARTH - A Celebration, Friday April 30th Oasis Convention Centre 1036 Lakeshore Rd. E. Dinner, Special Guests, Entertainment, Live and Silent Auction - Tickets \$100.00 Call to reserve your seat 905-279-5878

Streetville Historical Society

Annual Spring Tour Saturday June 12th. Trip to Casa Loma. \$35.00 per person. Reserve your tickets with Anne Byard 905-814-5958.

Trafalgar Historical Society/Doors Open

Trafalgar Township Historical Society

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

April 27 2010 7pm, at the Palermo Schoolhouse, Dundas Street Oakville

Guest speaker: Richard Collins- Richard is a local Mississauga historian, President of the Mississauga South Historical Society, and interpreter for the Museums of Mississauga.

Topic: John Skynner: Man of Mystery.

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