

FEBRUARY 1984

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Our second meeting of the year will be on Wednesday February 15 at the Library during which memberships will be renewed. Audrea Lear-Costigan will be in charge of memberships again this year. As voted at the January meeting, fees for 1984 will remain unchanged:

Single	\$5.00	
Family	\$8.00	
Student	\$3.00	
Life, Sustaining and Institutional		\$60.00

The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Cindy Lindsay, Publicity Officer for the Ontario Agricultural Museum. Cindy will give us a rundown on what's new at the museum including new buildings and exhibits as well as current funding etc.. There will also be a slide presentation so please try to attend.

MARCH 15 - With the March meeting we will be back to our regular third Thursday of each month.

At this time we are pleased to have Jim Dills give us a talk and slide presentation entitled "Beginnings" which he recently prepared for the Halton and Peel Geneological Society. Jim will discuss milestones in the early development of the Milton community up to 1915, including brief sketches of some of the town's early pioneers.

Also, time permitting, we will have the opportunity to view the recently released Government of Ontario film dealing with Ontario Bicentennial Celebrations.

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Further meeting agendas are still in the planning stage at present but they are sure to be inviting.

Meetings will be as follows:

April 19th  
May 17th  
June 21st  
**September 20th**  
October 18th  
November 15th  
December 20th

All meetings will be held at the Milton Public Library at 7.30 for coffee and 8.00 pm for the actual meeting.

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Next Meeting: Thursday April 19th at the Library

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mary E. Manning, author of the book Street: The Man, the Family, the Village, which has recently been published by the Streetsville Historical Society. In her book Ms. Manning deals with the life of Timothy Street and his association with the development of the community which bears his name. Ms. Manning is a talented local historian and this promises to be an informative lesson on local heritage. Guests welcome. Refreshments will be available.

A well known local, Marion Detlor will be our guest at the May 17th meeting. Aside from being an active community member, Marion is present Program Chairman of the Halton Peel Branch of the Geneological Society of Ontario. Marion has traced her own ancestors back to Ontario Loyalists and will give us some pointers on how to get into geneological work. On a personal level, this could be a great Bicentennial project--to trace your own ancestors back to the early days of Ontario! Marion will also give us a general overview of what the Geneological Society is all about.

Special Guest from Abroad: Also at the May meeting we will have the pleasure of meeting Herbert Huddart, a resident of England, who lived in Milton in 1929 and worked on John Elliot's farm. Mr. Huddart recently contacted Val Grimshaw informing her of his plans to visit old friends in the area. He will be arriving for a four week stay from April 26th to May 26th. Mr. Huddart, who will be 71 years old in June, is a member of his own local Historical Society and is looking forward to sharing some memories of old Milton with us. He has promised to bring some of his photos, among them are some taken on the old Elliot farm as well as one of the Boston Presbyterian Choir of which he was a member. We all welcome and look forward to meeting this interesting man.

Annual June Outing:

Special Events Director, Robin Barbetta, has been very busy arranging a tour of the Streetcar and Electirc Railway Museum in Rockwood.

"Visit a full size operating electric railway museum and see a variety of historic streetcars, radial cars and work cars."

The tour will be Thursday June 21st starting at 6:30 pm with refreshments to be served afterward. Further information will be made available at a later date so keep that night open!

Following summer break meetings will resume on Thursday September 20th at the Library.

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Cemetery Restoration Ongoing - Over the summer work has been started at the Bronte Street Pioneer Cemetery. Under the direction of Bob Groom, Community Co-Ordinator at Maplehurst, workcrews from Maplehurst were busy painting the fence black with the ornamental tips in gold. Val Grimshaw has been working with Larry Arbic and was instrumental in choosing the paints which were donated at cost by the Milton Canadian Tire Store. So far, the Historical Society has pledged \$2,500 toward the restoration project. At a later date, Jim Strain of Milton Monuments will be giving his advice on restoring and preserving the old markers at the site.

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A Keepsake of Ontario History - Anyone interested in purchasing "Loyal She Remains" should contact Don Hayward. This pictorial history of Ontario was published by the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada to celebrate Ontario's Bicentennial. A limited number of first edition copies are available at a reasonable price and would make excellent Christmas gifts.

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House Tour - The members of the Oakville Historical Society will be presenting their house tour Saturday Sept. 22nd. It promises to be well worth the \$10.00 ticket price. Tickets will be available at the Navy Street Museum as well as at The Added Touch in Oakville.

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Update on the Courthouse - Fall meetings will resume Thursday Sept. 20; 7.30 pm at the Milton Library. Larry Arbic, Director of the Parks and Recreation Dept. will be giving us an up to date report on progress being made toward restoration of the courthouse.

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Interested in Canadian Glass? - Then you shouldn't miss the October 18th meeting when Lorna Milne will be our guest speaker. Mrs Milne is an expert on Canadian Glass and has previously given an identification workshop at the Halton Regional Museum. It promises to be an interesting and informative meeting.

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At the November 15th meeting we are hoping to have Len McNeil, our Director of Research, speak to us about Oral History. Len has attended seminars recently and will share with us his knowledge on this subject.

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Christmas Meeting - Plans for a special December meeting are still underway but we are hoping to be able to hold it at the newly renovated Courthouse. The meeting will be held December 20th.

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