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President's Message

I submit this as my second and final report. Those who watched the veterans parade at the Victoria park on November 14th, will have heard Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and Legion president Sharon McKeown, thank MHS for researching and providing the details of Mary Patterson, a Milton Lady who served in the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps during the First World War. Mary was killed on the morning of May 30th 1918 while on active service in France. She is the first female to be inscribed on the Cenotaph to be remembered for evermore. On the day before the parade there was a successful Remembrance Concert at the Knox Presbyterian Church organized by the Milton Choristers with a contribution from MHS. the local Branch of the Legion pre-purchased a block of tickets well before the concert to create some operational funding. The Legion donated 50 of the tickets to MHS and I am pleased to report that 42 were sold, three were given to persons who helped with our research and five were returned unsold. As the 42 tickets were sold to seniors at the \$12.00 rate, the net donation to MHS from the Legion amounts to \$504.00. I would like to thank those who supported me in this matter.

Ed Goodall
President

2005

A Peek into the Past Trafalgar Township Gems

submitted by Marsha Waldie

Zimmerman, Tansley and Appleby were once thriving villages but have now almost disappeared.

Zimmerman was located on the Appleby Line about 2 miles from the Dundas highway. There was a mill, store and other buildings. Today all that is left is the pioneer cemetery.

Tansley was located on the Dundas highway where the 12 Mile Creek crosses the highway. This village was a stopping place on the stagecoach route. Originally there was a bridge located at the creek level. Today only a few buildings mark the site.

Appleby was located where Appleby Line meets Lower Middle Rd. The community has a school, blacksmith shop and stores.

If you are interested in joining a research team of Milton and surrounding areas please let us know. It is important to leave information for future generations. We are in need of people to do oral historians of some of our seniors. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and perhaps finding that special gem.

Waldie Shop Talk

We bid farewell to our Shop
co-ordinator Sonia Poheco.

Sonia was offered a position with the
Toronto Library and we wish her well.
While she was with us, Sonia did a lot of
work setting up programs and archival
work. Thanks
Sonia.

We have hired a new co-ordinator.
His name is David Cox. We welcome him
and look forward to working with him.

We have begun our Grade Three School
tours. On Oct 27 Holy Rosary School at-
tended with 43 children and on Nov. 4 St.
Mattherw's School from Oakville at-
tended with 40 children. Thanks to our
members Mandy Sedgwick, Mirella Mar-
shall, Helen Snow, Marsha Waldie our in-
terpreters and our two Blacksmiths, Dar-
wyne and Larry.

Dec 4 and Dec 11 the Downtown Business
Improvement group held wagon rides
through the downtown area. The Waldie
Shop was used for staging. It was a great
success and great exposure for the Milton
Historical Society. Thanks to the volunteers
who participated.

The Society offered it's first beginner
Blacksmith Class on Sat Oct. 23. Those who
registered certainly enjoyed the day. Our
Forge Master, Darwyne Hourie did a great
job. We look forward to future classes in the
New Year. If you are interested or know
someone who may be please pick up a
registration form at the shop.

**The Milton Historical Society has a NEW
phone # 905-878-4156**

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE WALDIE SHOP

TUES & WED. 1-3pm

SAT 10am - 12noon

Tours available for groups by appointment

Stop by and say hello.

**Thanks to members who volunteered to
cover the above times during Nov. & Dec.
If you have some time to give please let us
know - we need volunteers to cover the
times that we are open. We invite you to
join us - It's fun!**

Thanks also the Sue Paul who has volunteered
to keep the blacksmith shop facility clean for
us.

Thank you

MHS extends a thank you to John Duignan for housing our display case in his downtown office - Fitzgerald Insurance- for the past few years. This allowed us to showcase some of our material to the general public. Thanks John!.

**Welcome to
David Coxe
our new
Coordinator/
Interpreter
for the Waldie
Black
Smith Shop.**

**SPRING BUS TOUR
APRIL 17, 2005
Marsha has booked the
Tim Horton's bus for April
17, 2005. Destination
unknown at this time but
stay tuned for further
information.**

Membership Dues

If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2005 you can still do so. Thanks to everyone who continue to support us year after year.

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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I would be willing to volunteer _____

Area of interest: Waldie Shop _____
 Archives _____
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 Other _____

Single	\$10.00/yr
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Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y3

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What's Happening?

JANURARY TO JUNE 2005 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

All meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, 16 James St. Milton at 7:30pm

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January 20

Sarah's Journey

David Beasley, author of several books, will discuss his latest historical novel about a beautifully young woman, born a Virginia slave in 1790, who escapes to Upper Canada

Thurs. Feb. 17

The Era of Great Classic Cars

Wallace Gray will share his wealth of knowledge about the era of great classical cars and explain the detailed work that he, and others, have invested in restoration of these relics.

Thus. March 17

About the Street where you live

Jim Dills, well known and respected Milton historian, will provide an interesting talk about the origin of the names of various streets in the old and new town.

Thurs. April 21

Conservation Halton

Gary Hatton from Conservation Halton will discuss the historical reasons for the creation, and development, of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Thurs. May 19

The Dionne Quintuplets

Ted Hammond has had a fascination with the Dionne Quintuplets for many years and will share with us his extensive research and souvenirs of these famous Canadian children.

Thur. June 16

MHS "Potluck" Dinner

Join us for the annual "pot luck" dinner that officially marks the beginning of summer.

**Elections to be Held At the January Annual
General Meeting.**

**For nominations please fill out form below
and send to:**

Milton Historical Society

P.O.Box 85

Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y3

Attention: Mirella Marshall

Nominations will be taken right up to election time

Nomination Form

I would like to nominate

Name: _____

For the position of: _____

Nominated by _____

MHS EXECUTIVE 2004

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PRESIDENT: Ed Goodall

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The feeling of euphoria of the VE day celebrations from 60 years ago was relived by Miltonians for an afternoon on May 8th. The 60th Anniversary celebrations was held in downtown Milton under a sunny sky and warm spring temperatures and enjoyed by citizens of all ages.

The celebrations started with a parade of veterans numbering about seventy with some getting rides on antique automobiles. A large crowd of Miltonians were on hand to witness the parade and showed their appreciation to the veterans with an extended applause. Miniature Canadian flags were passed out to onlookers to wave to the veterans. Historical Society member Ed Goodall participated in the parade and reports that the veterans enjoyed the event and were heartened by the recognition. The parade ended at Victoria Park where there was a

short ceremony, laying of wreaths and speeches by local dignitaries. Refreshments were served for all in attendance and the sound of big band music played by the Don Singular's Memory Lane Orchestra from the gazebo in the center of the park. Some of the veterans danced to the music and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The president of the Legion encouraged all citizens to speak with veterans and to ask them where were they on VE day. The veterans that I spoke with reported that they left their camps and went into the nearest towns to celebrate with the townsfolk!

There were several flypasts by local pilots flying 4 aircraft. The crowd waved their appreciation. A word of appreciation to Laurie McNabb for organizing a really great event.

Letters to the New Country

Excerpts from letters of Malcolm McNaughton the great, great, great grandfather of Gloria Brown to Malcolm's older brother John back in Scotland. Malcolm McNaughton came out to New York state initially and then moved up circa 1820's to the Scotch block where he farmed at Lot 12, Con 3 Esquising at the present site of the Scotch Block reservoir.

President's Message

Another season has slipped past us. As we settle into summer we look forward to days of working in our gardens, sipping cold lemonade in the shade and spending time with family and friends.

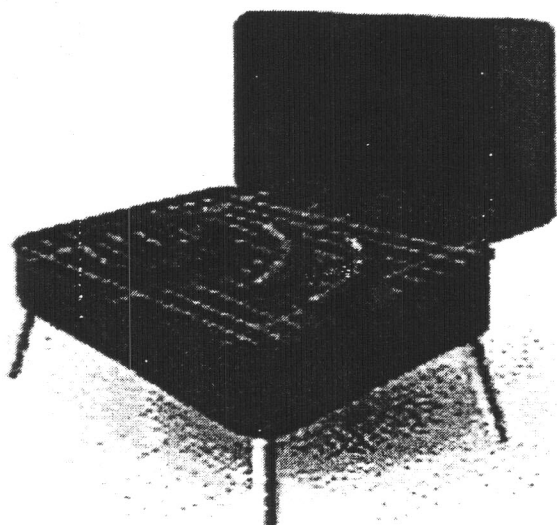
The Waldie shop is up and running. Many thanks to Dave Cox, Marsha Waldie, Mandy Sedgwick and the volunteers who have helped make this happen. David Cox along with the new summer student Joel hope to welcome many visitors over the next couple of months.

On behalf of the Milton Historical Society we offer condolences to the Waldie family on the passing of Edna Waldie in her 92nd year. She will be missed.

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer. See you in September!

Mirella Marshall

President



1804 Letter to Mr. John McNaughton Bailmanoch Glen Lyon by Killin from brother Malcolm Naughton on a ship in passage to New York states he is standing on deck in great heart.

Dear and only Brother,

I received your letter from Duncan Stewart of which I was happy to hear of your welfair and likewise my parents. Dunc Stewart told me that you have joined your flock of sheep to one conjoint stock, which I was happie to hear for it makes you free from much trouble and you will come pretty near your neighbour because you have nothing to attend but your land within the head Dyke, and I hope you will take care and that with more pleasure. You will tell John McNaughton firman to give Hugh McDearmid in Margore 9 pence for a pair of stockings he wrought to my wife and we forgot to pay them and as he had the tup skin let him pay the sum above mentioned and tell him if ever he will come to America in the first place let him hire his carriers to William Menzies, Ferrier. Craigen for by staying in Dunbarton he will pay very dear for bringing his luggage down to Greenock for there is more in Dunbarton that keeps a boat for carrying down articles but the his (name) is James Donald and we paid to him 3 pounds 3 shillings for bringing our articles to Greenock and there is another ferrier a little farther down than Menzies and I am informed he is more reasonable than any of them. (To be continued) September Journal).

A Peek into the Past Tidbits of local history

Nassagaweya Township was first surveyed in 1819 by Reuben Sherwood and eventually divided into Lots and Concessions for the earlier settlers. The history of Nassagaweya was first published by Joshua Norrish in 1889, he mentions that the first settler was David Scott.

The village of Wellington Square was part of a large tract of land given to Indian chief Thayendanegea (Joesph Brant) in 1778 in appreciation for his help against the British. In 1873 Wellington square became incorporated in the Town of Burlington.

The Christie-Henderson lime kilns were built in 1880 by D.D. Christie in the Kelso area. Mr. David Henderson (MP) eventually took over the ownership and held it until the kilns closed in 1929. It became part of the sale to Gypsum Lime and Albastine.

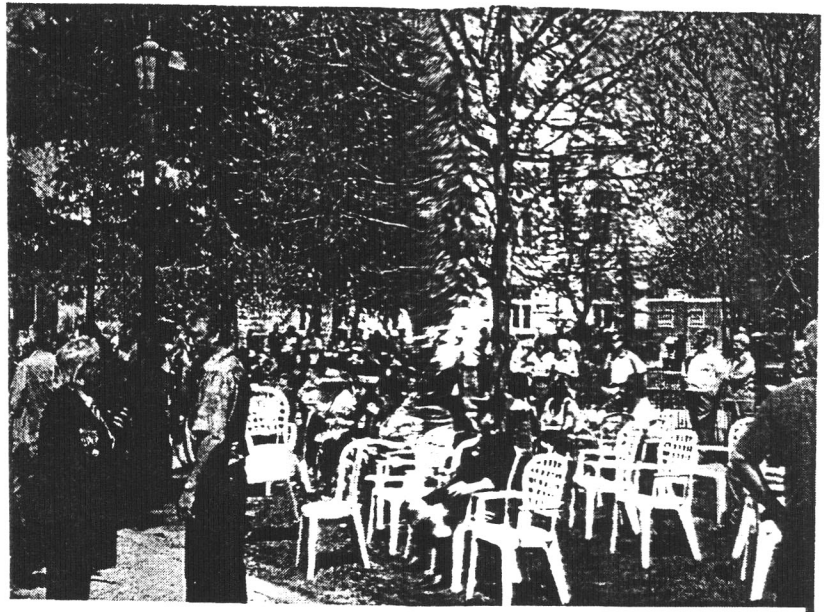
April 17th bus tour by Ken Lamb

Our April 17 bus tour to Baden, just west of Kitchener, provided plenty of excitement – both from the remarkable career of James Livingston, and even more from his palatial home, Castle Kilbride.

A Scottish immigrant, Livingston arrived in Baden in 1858. Within 10 years he and his brother, John, were well established in the flax and linseed oil businesses. By 1900 James had been elected to office in Township, Provincial and Federal politics. From 1900 to his death in 1920 he concentrated on his huge North American business empire and earned the title “Flax and Oil King of Canada”.

He built what is now Castle Kilbride in 1877; the family lived there until 1988. It now serves as the town hall for Wilmot Township as well as one of Ontario’s most-visited architectural trea

A homebound visit to a vast antiques centre in Galt capped an exciting day.



VE Day crowds enjoying the festivities at Victoria Park

Dionne Quintuplets guest speaker Ted Hammond

Ted Hammond was our guest speaker on May 19 and he treated us to an interesting talk, played a silent movie reel of the Quints at play and brought along some souvenirs for view.

The Dionne Quintuplets were born May 28, 1934 in Corbeil near Callander in Northeastern Ontario. The girls were Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne, children of Oliva and Elzire Dionne. Ted Hammond grew to know the Dionne family through his friendship with one of the couples sons.

The Quints were a rare event of nature. The chance of a natural pregnancy resulting in quintuplets is 1 in 54 million. The combined weight of all 5 girls at birth was 13.5 pounds. A trust fund was organized by the Ontario government and eventually it was reported that there was \$500 million in the trust fund. The fund was set up to pay for the Quints needs. Over the years, funds were payed out to the Quints to help cover expenses. This fund was a source of controversy with discrepancies on how the money was distributed.

Ted spoke about how the Dionne family parents and their other siblings were isolated from the Quintuplets and how this had lasting negative impacts on the family relations. The commercial value of the Quints was recognized and well known companies such as Palmolive, Lysol, Quaker

Oats used the fame of the girls to market their products. There is a North American collectors club which has a convention every five years as well as a newsletter. Collectible items include calendars, dolls, spoons, china and other memorabilia. There have been over 50 books published about the Dionne girls.

Calendar of Events

June 23rd 7 PM

Walking tour of Main Street. Meet at the Waldie Blacksmith shop and learn about the interesting buildings and people of Main street.

June 25th 1 PM

Join the fun : Euchre & Dessert party in the Waldie Carriage shop. The price is \$5.00 and this includes dessert and prizes. Helen Comber is looking for a few more pies for this event. If you can help, please call Helen.

June 28th 7 PM

Heritage Milton meeting at Hugh Foster Hall to discuss Milton's downtown including guest speakers Mel Iovio, Town of Milton, Alain Pinard, City of Cambridge and Rev. Jim DeMarsh Milton Bible church RSVP June 20 Christian Lupis 905-878-7252 Ext 2305

Summer Day Camps

Theme camps include: Horsing Around, A Day with the Trades, A Victorian Day and A Day of Knights and Maidens.

Contact David Cox at the Waldie Blacksmith shop for registration and details 905-875-4156

July 28th 7 PM

Martin Street walking tour

August 20th Victorian Tea

Dress in your Victorian best and join Mrs. Sarah



David Cox, our society archivist demonstrates blacksmithing at the recent Arts Milton Festival May

Pricilla Waldie for a proper afternoon tea and entertainment. Tickets will be sold ahead of time. Call MHS for more details.

August 25th

Victoria Park Walking Tour

September 17th

Help us celebrate the Waldie Blacksmith Shop's 140th year with the official opening of our facilities.

Exhibits in the Carriage Shop

Walk Past Main Street An exhibit of photos of Milton's Main street - May to July

Corsets and Crinoline Fashion from Milton's Past - July to September

Tools of Trade Leather Craft and Harness Making tools-September to November

Historical Society News

Thanks to the donation of an upright piano by Mr. Wallace Gray to the Milton Historical Society. The piano is in the Carriage shop room

TRY YOUR HAND AT THIS WORD PUZZLE:

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and is available to any group or person who would like to rent the room for music practice. Thanks also to John McDonald for donation of a laser printer to the archives.

Welcome Christine Marvel who will be assisting with Archives work for the society.

Alex Cooke award-Congratulations Ryan Moreira as the recipient of the Alex Cooke award for Bishop Reding High School in 2005.

Volunteers Needed

The Waldie Blacksmith shop is open Wednesday through Saturday during the summer months. If you can spare a bit of time to help out at the shop, please contact David Cox.

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Society member Audrea Lear-Costigan receives Lifetime Achievement Award at 2004 Community Awards Gala. Well done Audrea!

Archives Search Tips by Brenda Whitlock

In order to browse the photographs in the Archives, log onto Milton Images –

<http://images.milton.halinet.on.ca/>.

You can search by subject or name. Examples

Carl Martin – This will bring up three small photographs. Click on the one of Carl Martin talking to Jim Dills. This will bring up a larger photograph together with the cataloguing details. It will also give the image # by which the photographs are filed in the archival boxes.

You will notice that the photograph has two subject headings-Industry and Mayors. If you

click on either of these subject headings you will get other photographs relating to this subject. Also, under the actual photograph you will find listed groups of related images- Martin Family Collection; Mayors; Milton Historical society-Events; Politics and Government. Clicking on these will bring up the related images.

Oral Histories – Ken Lamb, Lou Bradley, Ron Avery and Debbie Taylor have been conducting oral histories of war veterans recently. If you need more information please contact them

Thanks to all contributors of letters, events and other items for our newsletter.