

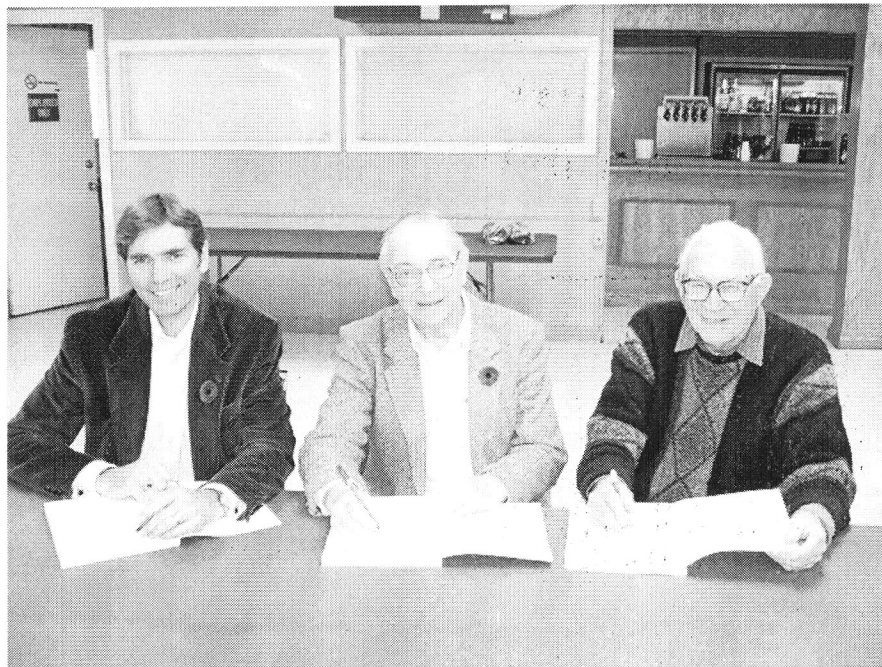
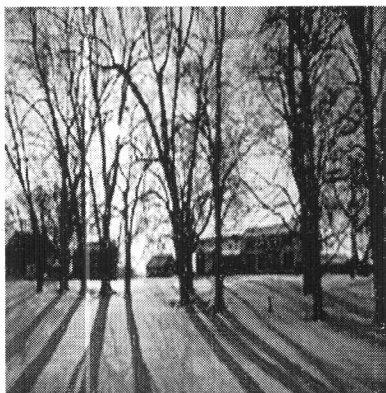


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John Challinor II, Jim Dills and Ken Lamb at Legion Book Signing.

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New Milton World War I Book Launched!

November 4th was the official launch of the latest book published by the Milton Historical Society entitled *Milton Remembers World War I and the Men and Women We Never Knew*.

Authors Jim Dills, John Challinor II and editor Ken Lamb were present to sign copies to purchasers of the book. The launch was very successful with over 50 books sold the first day.

This book includes an alphabetical listing and photographs where available of the men and women who participated in the Great War. In total there were approximately 500 from the Milton area. There were 79 local

soldiers killed in the Great War.

The book includes an overview of some of the major battles that involved Canadian troops and looks at life in Milton during the war years and how it affected local families. The soft cover book is 200 pages long and includes 170 photographs and is available for \$25.00 (\$22.50 members) through the Milton Historical Society.

This book is a must have for anyone interested in local history and there were only 250 copies printed so if you don't already have a copy, get yours soon.

This makes a nice Christmas present for the local historian in your family. The book is available from the Milton Historical Society and through Ed Goodall as well as through local book-

President's Christmas Message Mirella Marshall

Where does the year go? The weather has turned frosty and as decorative lights adorn the Main St. of Milton it is a reminder that Christmas is fast approaching. As I take a moment to ponder this past year I feel very proud at the achievements of the members that through countless hours and hard work have managed to publish a 2006 Calendar (Jim Dills and Gloria Brown) and The WWI book (Jim Dills, John Challinor and Ken Lamb). I congratulate the authors for an outstanding job.

John MacDonald continues to arrange great programs monthly and it's great to see such good turn outs. There have been some excellent exhibits on display in the Waldie Shop this past year including Gloria Brown's personal Christmas toy exhibit now showing. Be sure to take a moment to have a look

I would like to thank the volunteers who have made it possible to keep the Waldie Shop open a couple times a week. Thanks to Brenda Whitlock who has worked hard and continues to work in the archives organizing all the material. In fact if you have volunteered at any time over the year – thank you.

Our wonderful town of Milton turns 150 in 2007 and we are preparing to celebrate. The Mayor's Levee will kick off the year with an extra special New Years Day. As momentum builds you are invited to participate in the celebrations that will be planned throughout the year.

In closing I would like to congratulate Bruce Carlin for the fine job on The Journal. I know the members enjoy and appreciate the effort that goes into the publication. Lastly I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you next year!

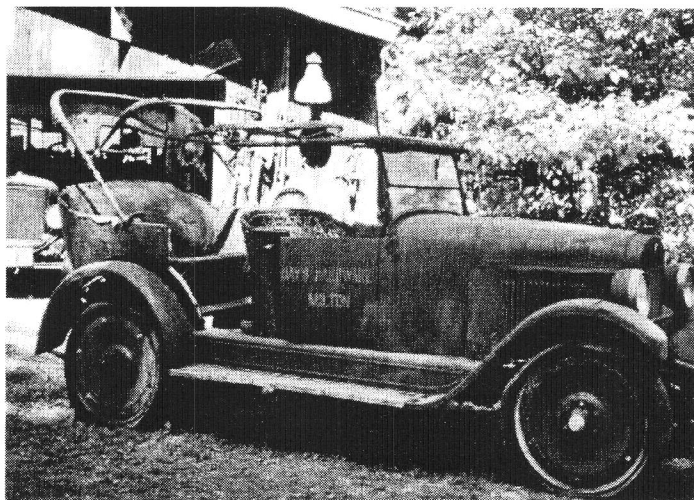
We lost it! Submitted by Al Kiernan

I am the General Manager of Milton Home Hardware Building Centre and I have a story to share with you. In early June 2006 I noticed an ad in an "Old Car" hobby related newspaper for a 1922 Maxwell. It stated that the vehicle had been used as a delivery truck for Day's Hardware Milton and last licensed in 1940.

Maxwell was built between 1904 and 1925 when it was purchased by Walter Chrysler and became the basis of the Chrysler Corporation as we know it today.

This 1922 was a 4 cylinder, 4 door convertible that had been converted to a truck by cutting the rear portion of the body off and building a wooden cargo box onto the frame. I called around 5:30 PM on the day the ad came out only to be told that another party had already been there and wanted to buy the car, but the deal wasn't firm. After explaining who I was and why I wanted the vehicle I was told "Yes you should have it" but it was buried in a garage

and needed to be uncovered. He would contact me in a few days. I waited patiently, but didn't get a call. Finally, I called the owner and was told that four people wanted it and that to be fair they had decided to start with the first person and he decided to take it. We were second.



1922 Day Hardware Delivery Truck

After some persuading I was given the buyers name and immediately contacted him. A one hour phone conversation and a visit to see the car failed to pry it from him. I offered to buy it, rent it for one year (2007), buy it with the option of him buying it back at the end of 2007 or find a replacement for him to work on. Nothing Worked. He did allow us to take some pictures. The current owner plans to return it to a car and do a full restoration. We discovered in

our research that the last time this Maxwell had been on the road was 1957 when it was driven in Milton's 100th anniversary parade.

As a project we are planning to research our business history in Milton which goes back to 1893 and include Day Hardware (1927-1946). This delivery would have been an interesting addition, but unfortunately.....we lost it!

From the Archives submitted by Brenda Whitlock

FROM THE ARCHIVES – December 2006

We wish to thank Jo'Anne Schilling for donating a CD Rom she has compiled of the history of the Canadian Meter Company. Jo'Anne worked at the plant in Milton from 1960 to 2000 but the CD covers the entire period of the Company from its beginnings in Windsor to its move to Cambridge. A valuable addition for which many thanks.

Many thanks also to the people who donated the following books "The Early History of Nassagaweya" by J. Norrish (reprint of 1889 ed.), "Nassagaweya, a history of Campbellville and surrounding area; its land and people" (repr. Of the 1981 ed.). "In a Canadian Attic" by Gerald Stevens.

We have been dealing with enquiries regarding the Ferrier family, the William Wellington Harris Family, the James Family, the McColl Family, the McGibbon family, the Cornwalls and were delighted to receive an e-mail from a man in New South Wales, Australia regarding a photograph of Marhsall Neilson which we have on the WWW. The Australian says his family is related to Marhsall and his family emigrated from Ontario to Australia in the 1830s. Marshall, when contacted, knew all about this and, as far as I know, they are busy corresponding!

We have been dealing with a major request from the CBC for information on P. L. Robertson for a section of a program they are producing on great Canadian inventors.

Thanks to Kym Krueger of Kymbits book store for donating a 1950s poster advertising a dance at the Legion organized by the Milton Girls Pipe Band. If anyone has further information regarding the Pipe Band we would be most happy to hear about it.

Annie Drew kindly gave us a beautiful Christmas card which was sent to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wharin and signed by P. L. Robertson, Dec. 24/38. The card is large, on cream-coloured paper with a picture of Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" on it. We are delighted to receive this.

Gayle Waldie donated a book "Working with metal" which has a number of pages on blacksmithing for which many thanks. A 'thank-you' also to Mr. Schau for donating a copy of the book "The Art of blacksmithing" by Alex W. Bealer. Works on blacksmithing, either historical or modern, are much appreciated.

The Milton Historical Society is honoured to be chosen by the IODE as a lodging place for their Archives. These are absolutely wonderful. Beautiful scrapbooks, minute books, numerous photographs and an extremely interesting item which gives all the details of the original restoration of the Pioneer Cemetery in 1928. The IODE, of course, was responsible for the organization of that restoration and the installation of the gates at Evergreen Cemetery. The John Martin branch of the IODE will reach its centenary in 2011. We are extremely grateful to have been chosen to care for these valuable records. (continued on page 5)



Diane Allenging Archivist with Scrapbook of her Grandmother

The History of Photography Revealed!

Diane Allenging, the archivist of the Peel Heritage Complex in Orangeville, was our September Guest Speaker. Her presentation led us through the various periods in the development of photography from the earliest to today's Digital cameras.

Historic photographs can be very valuable in capturing important images. As an archivist Diane has witnessed many sad stories of historic photos where the names of those in the photos are unknown. Check your photos at home and make sure that names and dates are available in order that they will have more value for future generations.

The origins of photography were in 1840's in France with the development of Daguerreotypes which involved an emulsion on a piece of tin. These were "one off images" and there were no negatives.

Over the 1860's-1870's the "Carte de visite" was very popular and used as a business card. These cards included portraits taken at a photo studio. In some cases the photos are dated but if they are not then details such as fashion, hair and the way the people posed provide clues to helping date photos.

George Eastman developed cameras with rolls of film in the 1890's and photography changed so that the average person could now begin taking photos..

At the turn of the century Picture Postcards were at their peak. Each little town had photos of its prominent buildings and streets. (The Milton postcards can be seen at Fitzgerald Insurance front window on Main street).

Diane gave the audience tips about keeping photographs in the best condition for the longest time available.

Photos don't like excessive light, humidity or temperature fluctuations. Images will degrade with time and you want to slow down this process as much as possible. Making copies of valuable photos that are degrading is one option to help preserve the image. Cardboard borders on old photos are not good for the images since the cardboard is poor quality paper and a brown colour from the lignin may deteriorate your Photos.

The scrapbook has been a popular way to organize photos but not all are created equal. The cardboard scrapbooks with adhesive and plastic page covers are poor choices if you want to protect your photos for the long term. Lamination of photos is another process that is not good if you are trying to protect your photos for the long run. These days the preferred technique to protect valuable photos is encapsulation with mylar. For more information on protecting your images, visit the Canadian Conservation Website.

Scrapbooks can be a great gift to future family and to the community. The MHS has been the fortunate recipient of several scrapbooks donated to the archives.

L. M. Montgomery – The Norval Years

Author Deborah Quaille presented to our members at the October meeting an insight into the life of famous Canadian author L.M. Montgomery. A new book entitled L.M. Montgomery: The Norval Years, 1926-1935 chronicles her personal and professional life. Ms. Montgomery loved Norval and was an active participant and supporter of the local arts including choral and theatre groups.

Lucy loved her garden. She also continued to write and pursue her professional life. The book is available at the Waldie Blacksmith shop and sells for \$30.00.

The 164th Battalion

Jim Dills and Ed Goodall spoke at our November meeting about the history of the 164th Battalion. The Halton Dufferin Regiment was established at the onset of the First World War to recruit local area civilians to serve in the armed forces.

The 164th was established in 1915. Patriotism was high at the time. Under Colonel Percy Domville 4 companies were assembled with 2 in Halton and 2 in Dufferin. The offices of the Battalion were established in Milton. The numbers of soldiers required to form a battalion was 1000 and a strong recruiting drive went into action to reach the needed numbers. This even included recruitment meetings after church. The 164th did not reach battalion strength.

In 1916 the battalion was moved to Orangeville even though 2/3 of the recruits were from Halton. In July of 1916 the soldiers left for Camp Borden to get their training. The soldiers marched from the camp to Hamilton and were treated to receptions along the way. In Milton the soldiers were met by council at Steeles avenue. The soldiers assembled in Victoria Park and were fed dinners by ladies of Milton and a free concert at the Methodist church. The troops overwintered in Hamilton. In April 1917 the 164th sailed from Halifax to England and its soldiers were dispersed as replacements to those regiments who had lost

Archives (continued)

Many thanks to Ed Goodall for a copy of the history of the founding and development of Branch 136 (Joe Waters Branch) of the Royal Canadian Legion which he compiled for their 75th anniversary.

Greatest thanks to John Challinor and Jim Dills for donating their records compiled during the huge amount of research they did for their new book "Milton remembers WWI". These are extremely valuable records and we are happy to have them.

Marsha Waldie has donated many papers, booklets, badges etc. which belonged to her father through his work with the volunteer Milton Fire Department. We hope for many more in due course! Any items of this nature are of great value to the Society.

Thank you to a gentleman who donated a disc of photographs of the Consumer Glass Factory prior to demolition.

Blacksmith Shop News

The blacksmith shop recently was the site of a one day course for novices. Instructors Larry Maughan and Darwyn Hourie shared their knowledge and blacksmith technique with the students who learn to make some basic hooks as well as hammering out the steel into leaf shapes. The Ontario Artist Blacksmith Association will be holding their February 2007 meeting at Waldie's Blacksmith shop on Saturday, Feb 10th.



A one day blacksmith course was held Oct 21st, 2006. From L to R (Larry Maughan, Mark Scully, Greg Hardwicke, Richard Rumas, David Balla-Boudreau and Darwyn Hourie.

The man is interested in urban archeology and found the factory of great interest, as did we. He also donated a Consumer Glass beer bottle and a handful of cullets which, as you all know, is broken glass to go in for re-melting!

Thanks to Ruth Taylor for donating a book of poems by Marie J. Merritt. Mrs. Merritt died of cancer in 1985 and her children collected the poems, published them and donated the proceeds to the Canadian Cancer Society. Mrs. Merritt was employed at the E. C. Drury School for the Hearing Impaired.

This has been an extremely busy three months for the Archives and if I have forgotten to thank some people, please forgive me. Particular thanks must go to Marsha Waldie, Jim Dills, Gloria Brown, Judy Houston and Ruth Taylor for all their help in answering the many queries.



Descendant of Nelson Twp Pioneers Thomas Corner and Elizabeth Allen. (L o R. back row Russ and Harriet Dewolfe, Bob Buzzell, Ken Wilson?. (L to R middle) Janet Jensen and Carole Buzzell, (Kneeling Larry Watson)

Heritage Award Nominations!

We are looking for nominations for local citizens who have completed heritage projects in 2006 in the areas of Writing, Visual Arts and Education. Please submit nominees to the MHS by January 20th, 2007. Please take a few moments to consider potential candidates. Nomination forms available at the Blacksmith shop.

2007 Calendar of Events – MHS

Jan 1st, 2007 Mayor's Levee , Milton's 150th anniversary. Come and meet famous Miltonian's from the past as we celebrate Milton's 150th birthday.

Jan 18th – MHS Annual General Meeting and election of executive for 2007. History of the Milton Fire Dept. Ron Townsend

Feb 15th – Cemetery Art – Regina Hugbo

Feb 18th – Heritage Awards Ceremony –Hugh Foster Hall 1:30 PM

March 15th – The Hardware Store in Milton with Home Hardware staff

April 19th – Sheriff Andy Frank of Nassagaweya with Jean Somerville

New Members

The MHS welcomes the following new members; Ron Furik, Richard Laughton, Jane Copeland Mr & Mrs. Richard Day, Beverley Murie, Judy Houston, Mike Boughton, Mark Curtis, Jan Mowbray Rebecca Hunter, Jack Gibson

SAVE THE PAST!



**We Need
Your Help**

Milton Historical Society *is seeking*

- Post Cards • Old bills from local stores
- Photos of streets, events and known people
- Records from groups that have disbanded
- Diaries • Letters • Maps
- Family Histories • Photo albums
- Programs and invitations for local events
- School class photos with names

Any documents that relate to Milton's past

*We copy items and return them
if you wish*

Volunteers are willing to pick up items

Contact us at

Milton Historical Society Archives

16 James St. Milton, Ont.

905-875-4156 (leave message)

e-mail: miltonhistoricalsociety@bellnet.ca

*Please don't hastily discard the treasures
that will tell those who follow about this community of Milton.*

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Memberships Renewal 2007

Memberships for 2007 are due at the January general members meeting. Singles are \$20.00 , Doubles are \$35.00. Please renew now to keep your Journal coming and your 10% discounts on merchandise.

The Journal is a publication of the Milton Historical Society and is published 4 times/year and serves to keep members informed of the activities of the Society. If you would like to submit items to the Journal they can be dropped off at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop or mailed to Milton Historical Society 16 James Street, Milton, Ontario

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for 2007!

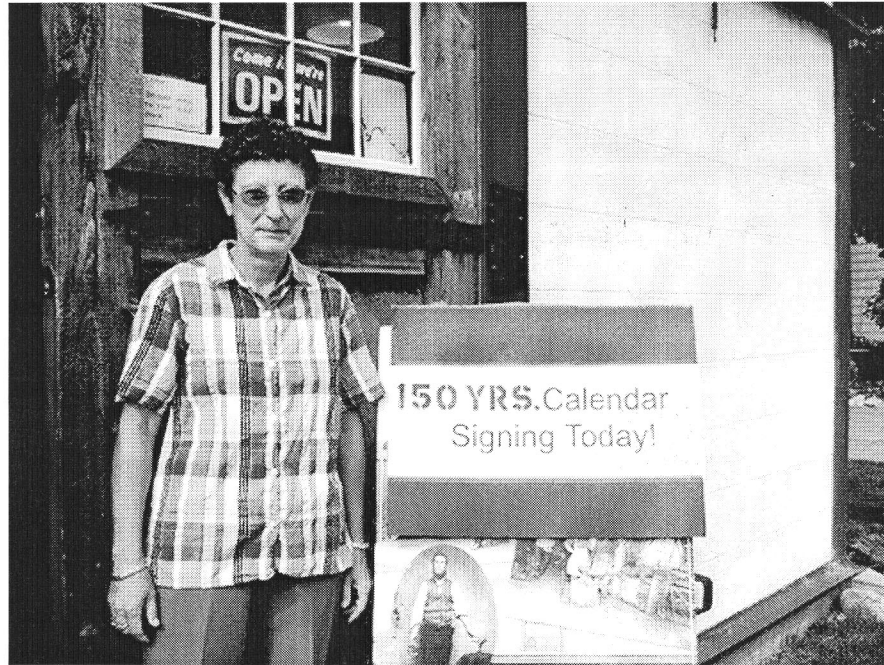


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Autumn Edition



Marsha Waldie welcomes visitors to the launch of the Milton Historical Society 150th anniversary Celebration Calendar.

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The Milton Historical Society 150th anniversary Celebration Calendar was officially launched Saturday, August 19th at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.

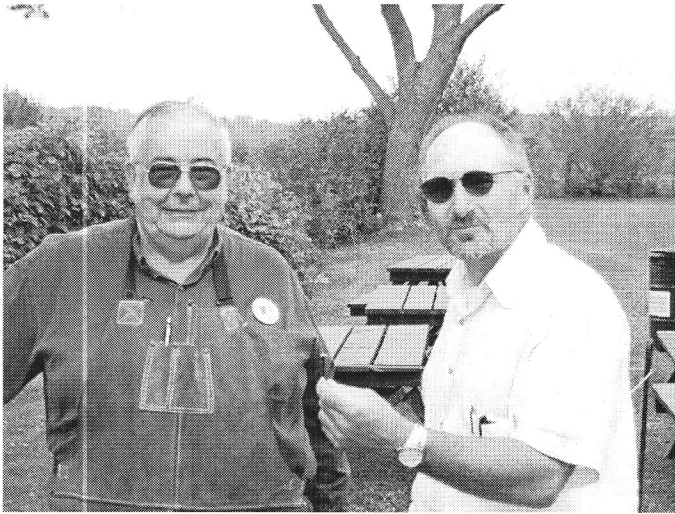
Special guests on hand to sign purchased calendars included Mayor Gord Krantz, Former Mayor Mike Ledwith, Calendar designer Jim Dills and Don South, one of the persons included in the calendar.

The calendar features historical images of people and places from Milton's past. Each calendar month features a historic photograph and accompanying text to describe the history and details of the photo. The calendar section also lists dates of historical significance to Milton associations. Each month

includes the advertisers who supported the publication. This is a 15 month calendar and retails for \$12.00 to the public (\$10.00 for MHS members). The calendars are available at the Waldie Blacksmith shop, Harris Stationary, Spice of Life and Home Hardware. Sales of the calendar have been brisk. The credit for the production, promotion and sales go to members Jim Dills and Gloria Brown. Congratulations on a job well done!

Trafalgar celebrates 200 years

In 1806 Trafalgar township was established. The township stretched from the shores of Lake Ontario northward to Steeles Avenue. The Western boundary was Burloak Drive with Winston Churchill form-



Blacksmith Darwyn Hourie speaks with visitor

ing the Eastern Boundary. Trafalgar township was amalgamated with the Village of Bronte and Oakville in 1962. In 1974 Regional government was introduced and the North half of the township was annexed into the Town of Milton.

Trafalgar township was created after the 1805 Mississauga purchase of land from the Mississauga Indians. The land was populated primarily by United Empire Loyalists who fled the United States after the 1775 American Revolution. The newcomers included many farmers as well as shopkeepers, blacksmiths and others.

The settlers received grants of land and cleared the land so they could farm. Mills were established by the waters of the abundant creeks. Trafalgar township was settled during the early to mid 1800's. The Dundas highway was one of the early roads that was settled. Oakville and the Village of Bronte were also settled early due to their location on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The Trafalgar Township Historical society is a new organisation established in 2006. The society has four goals.

- To scan historical photos historic homes and farms in the area and collect oral histories of residents.
- To educate Oakville citizens of the rich history of Trafalgar township.
- To celebrate the history of the township as with the Sept 16th celebration at Palermo

- Preservation. The group would like to try and create a local north Oakville museum and historical archive. They are presently trying to restore the public school in Palermo.

The 200th anniversary celebration was held September 16th at four different locations at Palermo.

There were actors dressed in period costume to greet visitors. There were guided tours of the Palermo cemetery. In the public school there were photo exhibits, displays and artefacts. Outside there were blacksmith and milking demonstrations.

The Palermo United church was open and tours were led by costumed interpreters who interpreted the history and answered questions about the church.



Ed Goodall and Gloria Brown at the Trafalgar Township 200th anniversary.

There were several organisation's who lent their support at the event including the Milton Historical Society, The Halton Region Museum, Oakville Loyalist Association and others. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to make this event a success.

We wish the Trafalgar Township Historical Association all the best in recording their history and with their renovations to the schoolhouse.

Historical Society Notes

Don't miss the Fall Exhibit in the Carriage Room – "Milton School Memories". We are looking for additional School Photo's to scan and add to the Archival Collection. Thanks to Fran Gravel, Gloria Brown and others who assisted with the exhibit. There are lots of interesting photos, old school books as well as a 1928 map of the rural schools in Halton county.

Thanks also to those who have assisted with other events which our society has been involved with over the summer, including building coverage. We need other members to volunteer with

our activities in 2007, the sesquicentennial of the Town of Milton..

Scrapbook Beginner Class:

Learn the basics in a small group. The class includes instruction and materials for a 2 page layout. Just bring a few photos regarding family, historic structures or heritage related subjects and your creativity. Once interest has been shown, class cost will be confirmed along with date and location.

Welcome New Members!

Peter D. Haight

Mr. & Mrs. Anton Davie

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Ken Wilson

From the Archives

submitted by Brenda Whitlock

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the September 2005 issue of The Journal I asked whether anyone had information about the sculptures done by Canadian sculptor E. B. Cox and believed to be located at a school in Milton. These have now been located, thanks to our eagle-eyed editor, Bruce Carlin. They are at the Trillium section of the E. C. Drury complex. Ed and I located seven and took appropriate photographs. Some of them are not in very good condition and perhaps efforts should be made to restore them. It is interesting that we have, in our midst, sculptures by a major Canadian artist. I hope they become more widely known.

Many thanks to Jim Dills for donating a copy of the book "The Badges and Uniforms of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiments) over two centuries, 1800-2000" to the Archives. This is a valuable addition to our collection.

We would also like to thank John McDonald for donating a booklet "The Blacksmith in Eighteenth-Century Williamsburg; an Account of his Life and Times and his Craft". We are always interested in collecting any paper items relating to blacksmithing.

We have had a request for information on the local activities of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 2385. We have very little information on this. Jim Dills has managed to cull some from the pages of "The Canadian Champion" but if anyone has things such as membership lists, photographs etc. we would be delighted to see them. The information can then be scanned or photocopied and put in the files as a permanent and valuable addition to the collection.

A request was received from the Ontario Heritage Trust from a researcher working on Historic Buildings who seemed to be querying the very existence of Hugh Foster! I hope we have set her mind at rest with the help of Alex Cooke's research and a scan of the copy of the original letter from Hugh Foster donating the land to the County.

We have also been dealing with a request from a lady in Lansing, Michigan who seems to want to buy everything ever published on Milton. I haven't been able to find out exactly why - work proceeds on this request.

In the last report I mentioned we had been contacted by a great-great grandson of Dr. Freeman Clarkson. He e-mailed us a complete genealogy

of the Freeman family bringing it right up-to-date and including many photographs.

We received wonderful photographs of fruit gathering at the Hartley fruit farm in the early years of the 20th century. The donation also included a photograph of the Hartley house at the corner of Bell and Mary. We thank Marie Howden for this donation.

Joan Chisholm donated typewritten pages compiled by T.A.H. (T. A. Hutchinson?) of the stories of Jim "Sheeney" Shepherd, taxi driver and raconteur. Having heard much of this gentleman it is nice to receive some of the stories!

Glen Turner is researching baseball in Milton and Al Kiernan of Home Hardware is researching his store in order to produce a booklet about it for the 150th anniversary. Much help is being given by Jim Dills and Marsha Waldie.

A request has been received from a descendent of the Corner and Zimmerman families. As most of you know, Thomas Corner was hanged at the Milton jail for the murder of two women. Work is proceeding on this request. The corner family recently held a family reunion in Burlington and were on hand at the September meeting of the Historical Society. Jim Dills was able to share with the family information from articles of the time.

Many thanks to all members who have helped in answering these many requests.
Brenda Whitlock – Archivist.

Milton Sesquicentennial in 2007

In order to celebrate the incorporation of the Town of Milton in 1857 the Master Committee is preparing plans for the celebration.

The Chair of the 150th Master Committee is Michael Cluet, the Vice Chair is Karin Muller, Kevin Brackley is the Events Coordinator and Bruce Carlin has recently joined to represent the Milton Historical Society. Mayor Krantz and Councillors Cindy Lunau and Ron Furik and Lorrie Ferrante from the Town of Milton round out the committee.



"Celebrating Our Roots"

The Master Committee has sent out 300 letters to various community organisations to promote the special anniversary and encourage these groups to celebrate Milton's 150th in their own unique fashion. There will be "Celebrate Milton" community open houses at the Milton Sports Centre on September 26th and October 11 to share the committee's plans with the various groups.

Preliminary Plans of the Master Committee include a Winterfest, a Birthday street party, a 150th Events calendar, a Special Music Event, a Milton's 150th celebration book, a Commemorative coin and a Milton version of the "Amazing Race".

A Barbeque was held recently at the home of Master Committee member Kevin Brackley to allow members of the Master Committee to share plans with interested volunteers. The winners of the Milton Mascot and Milton Town Slogan were also introduced.

The winning submission for the Town Mascot is "Milly the Millstone" created by Michelle Job. Keep your eyes open for a walking Millstone! Milly should be making her appearance at the New Year's Eve bell ringing ceremony and hopefully we can get her out to the Mayor's Levee.

The design and slogan for the Sesquicentennial is "150 years, Celebrating our Roots". It was created by Rose Brooks and chosen as the official slogan for the Town. Congratulations to both contest winners!

The Milton Historical Society has produced the Celebration Calendar for the 150th and is considering other Events. We are looking for ideas or input for ways to celebrate this special anniversary. If you have suggestions you can contact Bruce Carlin or any member of the MHS executive to provide your input. 2007 should be a very exciting time in the History of the Town.

Blacksmith Shop News

St. Paul's church held their historic homes walking tour September 16th and as part of their tour they visited the blacksmith shop, carriage shop and the archives. One of the visitors was a relative of Alex Cooke and she was very happy to view the archives.

October 1st – One day blacksmith course for novices.
November 17, 18 and 19 – Three day intermediate blacksmith course. For details on these two courses drop by the shop on Wednesdays or Saturdays.

Don't miss the special exhibit of Milton Area Schools currently open at the carriage shop. There are photographs of many of the historic area schools, class pictures, school yearbooks and a 1928 map of Halton county with the locations of all rural schools of the time. Find out about the link between renowned sculptor E.B. Cox and his animal creations that are still in existence at the Trillium School.

Alex Cooke Awards

Congratulations to Graduate student Cameron Smith from Bishop Reding High School as the 2006 recipient of the Alex Cooke Memorial Award. Cameron is attending the University of Toronto this Fall. Andrew Sidnell is the recipient from Milton District High School and will receive the award this Fall. The E.C. Drury High School recipient will be selected soon.

The Alex Cooke memorial award is presented to a High School Graduate who has received high marks

in History and is continuing their education in the Social Sciences. The award is a \$100.00 gift to each of the Milton High Schools.

Upcoming Events

Meetings start at 08:00 and are held the third Thursday of each month in the Carriage room at the Blacksmith shop.

Thursday, September 21st
The History of Photography
Diane Allengame

Thursday, October 19th
Lucy Maud Montgomery: The Norval Years
Deborah Quaile

Thursday, November 16th
"A Milton View – The History of the 164th Battalion in WWI"
Jim Dills and Ed Goodall

Thursday, December 21st
"Show and Tell" and "Christmas Pot Luck Dinner". Bring an object with you and tell us a story about the significance or history of the object.

Publications

A new book entitled "The Men We Never Knew" is to be released November 4th 10-12 PM at the Blacksmith shop and 2-4 PM at the Legion. There will be invited guests and book signings. This book tells the story of Soldiers of WWI and the effects on the Town of Milton during the time. The book has been years in the making and has involved the collection of official war records and photos where available for those soldiers of the Milton area.

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Horses, Horses, Horses

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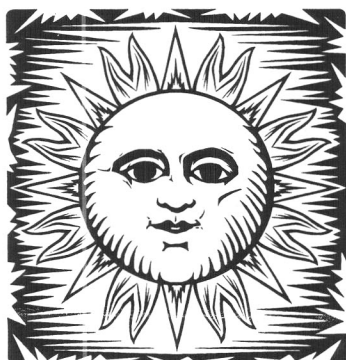


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Ron Sailsa shows a broad axe at our May meeting.

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Our invited guest speaker for the May meeting was Ron Sailsa. Ron is a resident of Campbellville and has a great interest in local military of the early 1800's. He partakes in battle re-enactments across the province dressed in period soldiers uniforms.

Ron spoke to us in particular about the Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada (IMUC) who were the first regiment made of Canadians. This regiment included pioneers who were skilled tradesmen and were well paid and were the people who opened the way for the military. The pioneers were the only group of the military who wore beards.

The pioneers were equipped with a number of tools that were critical to their role. Squaring axes were

very effective tools used for early construction. The bell hook was used for clearing trails through heavy bush. The pioneers also carried with them saws very much like the ones we still use. They carried with them muskets with bayonets.

Ron debunked a myth about the reason that the British wore red-coats. This colour was chosen not for its ability to hide blood from battle wounds but because the red dye was the least expensive.

Rifle regiments usually wore green riding jackets. Ron dressed in his military costume that he uses for re-enactments and brought with him many of the tools used by members of the regiment, some of which were original tools. This talk

was very enjoyable for all.

April meeting – Ron Avery spoke about the genealogy of the Little Family in Milton. Jack Little operated a saddlery shop at 205 Main Street where the McQuaig insurance Co. is presently located.

June – Pot luck dinner. There were about 30 members who enjoyed themselves at this year's event.

Niagara Bus Tour

A busload of MHS members and other interested parties travelled down to the Niagara region June 3rd for a day of history appreciation, wine tasting and some shopping.

The weather was inclement but participants did not let this get in the way. We arrived in Niagara on the Lake as our first stop and visited the variety of shops. The group had lunch in town before departing to visit the Morningstar Mills flour mill located at the very picturesque Decew Falls in St. Catharines. This is an operating grist mill that was restored and is operated by a group of volunteers. The mill is strategically located on a waterfall on the Niagara escarpment. Water is piped to a turbine that spins from the flow of falling water and through a system of gears turns a drive shaft

that is connected to a system of large belts that power a grinding wheel and other equipment in the mill. The mill dates back to 1872 and was built on land owned by Robert Chappel.

This site also contains a beautiful stone home that has been restored from a dilapidated condition and has reclaimed its past beauty.

A drive shed complements the Mill and historic home. Mr. John Bott, a member of the Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association demonstrated nail making the way it was done in the 1800's and talked about some pieces of machinery used in the shop for demonstration purposes to local school groups.

Our next destination was the village of Jordan. In its heyday Jordan was an important port of trade for local produce from the Niagara region. Lake steamers could travel unrestricted to the harbour. When the railroads came through later in the 1800' the shipping trade declined. Jordan is the location of the first Mennonite community in Ontario.

Today there are a number of stores including antiques, furniture, native art work and much more. The village also has a historical museum featuring displays of mennonite artwork known as Fraktur which combines embroidery and symbols. On the site there is also an original stone

school house restored to circa 1905 classroom complete with desks, maps, school supplies and an interpreter to lead you. There is also the pioneer home of Jordan's Mennonite leader, Jacob Fry, a Pennsylvania mennonite. His original home of 1815 has been moved to the site. There are two small cemeteries sitting on a bank that overlooks the river. The setting is very scenic and a fitting memory to the first settlers of Jordan.



Some of the Milton Historical Society bus trip participants waiting for the shuttle in to Niagara on the Lake.

The final stop on our tour was to the Mancotta Wines retail store where we were treated to wine tasting displays and a store full of wines to suit everyone's taste at a fair price. Thanks go to Marsha for organizing this bus tour and making sure we were comfortable, well supplied with sweets and as our tour guide kept well informed about all the local historic sites.

Milton's 150th Anniversary

2007 will mark the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Milton. In preparation for this event a History and Culture Sub-Committee has been meeting to plan events. Marsha Waldie has been attending these meetings to represent our society.

There are plans for this sub-committee to produce a coffee table book about Milton Industries and Organisations. This book will contain advertisements and one or two page

write ups on companies along with photographs. The funds raised will be used to help finance 150th anniversary celebrations.

There is also support for the idea of a traveling historical display which could be placed at locations such as libraries, schools, etc. There is interest in the holding of Jasper Martin days and a Master calendar which would be used to track all special events organised to celebrate Milton's 150th anniversary.

Jim Dills and Gloria Brown have produced a Celebration of 150 years of Milton's History anniversary calendar which goes on sale in September of 2006. This calendar will be a 15 month calendar and includes historical photographs of Milton local scenes, individuals along with snippets of information for each month. Keep your eyes open for it in the fall!

From the Archives submitted by Brenda Whitlock

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We would like to thank Marsha Waldie for donating a copy of "Halton's pages of the past" by Gwen Clarke. This book, published in 1955, is a history of the early days of settlement in Halton County. It will be placed in our small but growing library.

Ever since the Milton Historical Society has had a web page and our archival collection has appeared on the "Halton's Historical and Newspaper Records" web page, we have been receiving many more requests for information from far and wide.

Recently we have had requests from Oregon regarding the wife of Joseph Bowes (who donated the land for Bowes Church, now the Masonic Lodge on Highway 25). Also for information re-

garding Levi Willson, the 1st Sheriff of Halton County from a woman in California who is descended from Levi's eldest son. Another request has come from a woman in Des Moines, Iowa for old local Milton recipes for things that could be served at a party being held to celebrate the birth of a grandchild who is a descendant of the Hemstreet/Blain families. We found candy recipes in a farm ledger from the Chisholm family which we e-mailed to her together with a note that we would not be responsible for the results if they turned out badly! Since then we have e-mailed much information to her regarding the Hemstreet/Blain families. We have also had a request from a descendant of the Galbraith family. A request has also been received for information on Matthew Clements with regard to the Clements house on Trafalgar Road.

There has been a request from a graduate student at the University of Waterloo who is working on his

(From the Archives continued)

thesis the focus of which is the Town of Milton. He requested permission to use two of our pictures of Main Street, one from the early part of the 20th century and one from the 1990s.

We have had a request from a descendant of the O'-Connor family for information on the Thompson House. Ms. Smith's uncle was born in one of the apartments there in 1924. She sent us an extremely generous donation and also gave us information about her grandparents, Jim and Edith O'Connor, who lived on the 4th Line in the old Beaty house (pictured in the Halton Atlas).

We also want to thank the Directors of the Halton Regional Museum who have had our original 1877 Halton Atlas professionally restored in thanks for allowing them to borrow it so that they could produce exact copies for sale in order to raise funds for the Museum.

Many thanks to Judy Houston who kindly let us borrow a series of photographs taken by Eva Houston during World War I some of which will be appearing in our new calendar and also in the book on WWI soon to be published.

A man who lives on Robertson Crescent, is doing serious research on the railways in Milton. If anyone has a cache of information etc. regarding this subject, I am sure he would be most interested in seeing it.

An e-mail request came from a person interested in having our suggestions for suitable historic buildings in Milton as a background for wedding photographs. A committee of Marsha Waldie and Brenda Whitlock dealt with this request promptly and efficiently!

We are putting together a display for the summer and fall months honouring the local Women's Institutes. If you have any memorabilia, interesting photographs, ideas etc. regarding this please contact us.

Recent requests have come in from Colorado for information on the Willmott family and also from a man working in the Alberta oil patch regarding his great-grand(??) grandfather, Dr. Clarkson Freeman. I think he will be able to give us more information than we can give him.

Brenda Whitlock – June 2006

Calendar of Events

July 5th

A group of 12 students from across Ontario have been invited to the Mohawk racetrack for an introduction to the horse racing industry. The group will be at the Waldie Blacksmith shop for live demonstrations by a blacksmith as well as a farrier. The event finishes up with a barbeque lunch.

Summer 2006

A display of Halton's Women's Institutes photographs will go on display in the Waldie Blacksmith shop meeting room at the end of June.

September 16

Best of Old & New House tour. St. Paul's church is organizing this house tour and the Waldie Blacksmith shop will be open to receive visitors. The tour runs from 10 AM to 4 PM. Tour passports available through St. Paul's church.

September 16th – Trafalgar's 200th anniversary will be held in Palermo (Hwy 25 & 5). The MHS will be participating in this event.

Fall 2006

A display of Milton school photographs will go into the meeting room in the Fall. If you or someone you know has photographs please contact the MHS so these photos can be scanned and returned.

What Went Wrong?

This is a story of 4 people: Everybody, somebody, anybody and nobody. There are jobs to be done in every historical society and everybody was sure that somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but nobody did it. Somebody got upset because it was everybody's job. Everybody thought that somebody would do it.

New Members

Welcome to Hilda and Jim McKinley!

Blacksmith Shop News

There have been several blacksmith courses held this spring including both single day and two and a half day sessions. The blacksmith shop was also open for the recent Arts festival and there was a steady stream of visitors to the shop!



167 Mary Street home relocates

The yellow cottage at 167 Mary street was recently moved to Robert street in order to make room for the expansion of the Milton Town Hall. This home is an example of a late nineteenth century style Ontario Cottage. It consists of four large rooms, a small room plus kitchen and bathroom. 167 Mary street was first registered in 1862 to Thomas Foster (Son of Hugh Foster and Sarah Foster (His second wife). The home is believed to have been constructed around 1886.

155 Mary Street is a brick home and it was also part of the Foster survey and it will be moving to Bell street later this year.

On a related note, the Milton Historical Society received a letter from the town of Milton in response to concerns about the demolition of the stone home at the Northeast corner of Tremaine and Derry (cont.)

that was demolished in 2005. At a meeting of Heritage Milton and the Town the following safeguards were put in place.

- The applicant must provide a recent photograph of the building/structure that is being proposed to be demolished to Town staff. Staff will then forward this photo to the Demolition Sub-Committee in order for them to be able to precisely identify the building/structure to be demolished.
- Prior to signing off on a demolition permit, a site visit will be conducted by two members of the Demolition Sub-Committee. Following the site visit, both members will be required to sign off on the permit. In addition, there are back-up members in the event that one or both members are unable to conduct a site visit.
- If one member is not in agreement with the other over the proposed demolition, then the demolition permit will be brought before Heritage Milton for the entire committee to make a final decision as a whole.

Canadian Statistics for the year 1905

(Submitted by Jim Dills)

The average life expectancy in Canada was 47 years. Only 14 percent of the homes in Canada had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone

A three minute call from Montreal to Toronto cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S.A. and Canada and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 MPH

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel tower.

The average wage in Canada was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year; a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000 per year and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000.

More than 95% of all births in Canada took place at home.

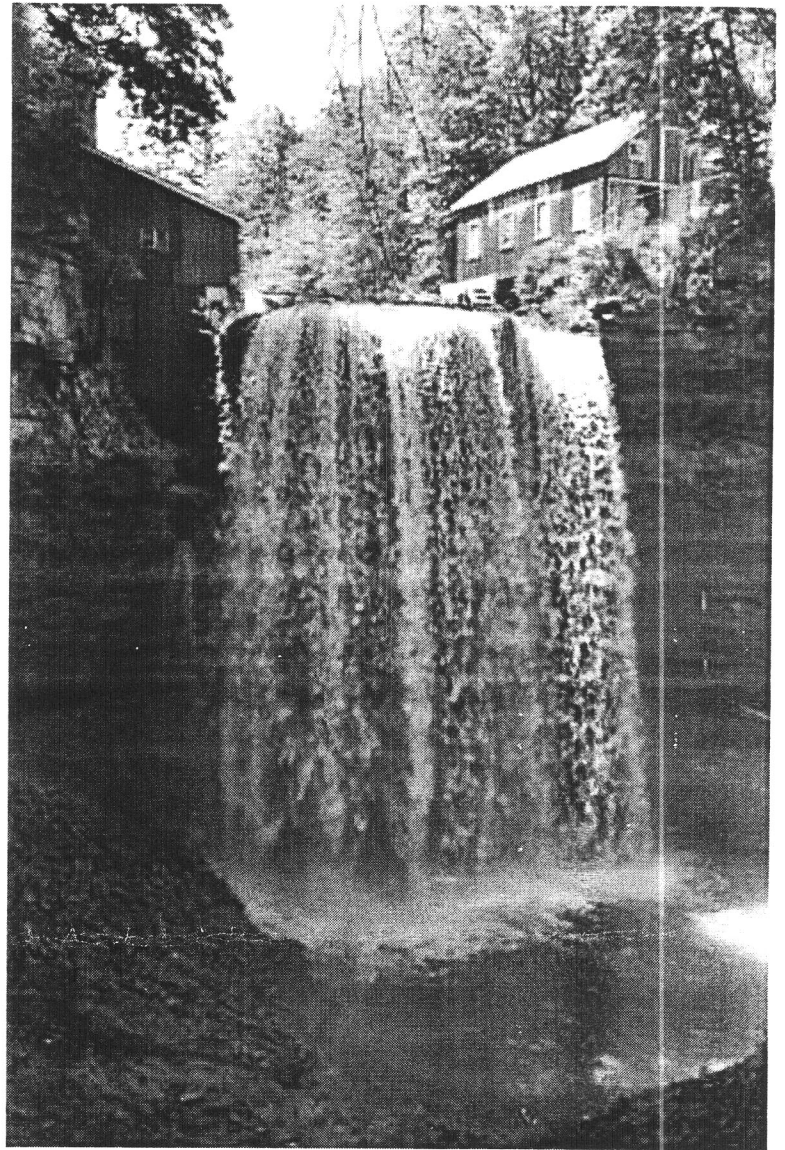
"I have decided I will"

I will do more than belong. I will participate.
I will do more than believe. I will practice.
I will do more than care. I will help.

Help, Help, Help – We need your help.
Volunteers are desperately needed. Your executive
begs you to step forward and be a team player. Call
today: 905-875-4156.

The Journal is a publication of the Milton Historical
Society and is published 4 times/year and
serves to keep members informed of the activities
of the Society. If you would like to submit items to
the Journal they can be dropped off at the Waldie
Blacksmith Shop or mailed to Milton Historical
Society 16 James Street, Milton, Ontario

The Milton Historical Society executive wishes all
members a safe and enjoyable summer holidays.
Please drop by the blacksmith shop over the sum-
mer to see the displays and we'll see you in the
Fall!



View of the Falls at Morningstar Mills, Decew Falls St. Catharines.

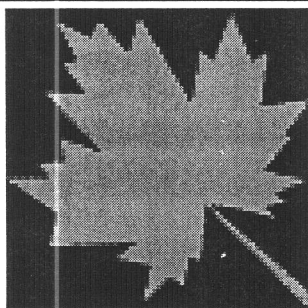


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2006 Milton Heritage Awards



Halton MP Garth Turner presents heritage award to artist Ann Kornuta

The Milton Historical Society and Heritage Milton celebrated the Milton Heritage Awards Sunday afternoon, Feb 26th at Hugh Foster Hall.

The Milton Historical Society presented three awards including an educational award to Jim Dills and Tony Ferrante for the Main Street video production. This video features narration by Jim Dills and the filming and film editing by Tony Ferrante.

This production includes interesting stories and historical photos about the people, buildings and events that shaped Milton's Main Street over the years.

Ann Kornuta received a visual arts award for her paintings of Milton's downtown heritage buildings.

These paintings were produced with vibrant colours and portray our old buildings in a novel art form. Ann has produced some 40 paintings of Milton's heritage buildings. If you did not have a chance to view them at the Heritage Awards, there are some for sale to view at the Dorland-Haight art store on main street.

The Milton Public Library also received a visual arts award for the beautiful quilt that was produced to recognize their 150th anniversary.
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The quilt hangs proudly in the library and includes images portraying the history of the site including the Bruce Street School Bell and the original Town Hall which was the home of the library for many years. The quilt was designed by Donna Funnell and produced by Dagmar Scherer owner of the Quilter's Basket and Susan Cottrell.

Heritage Milton presented three awards as well. Brian and Kathryn Tyers of 66 Charles Street restored this frame building and have also designated the building. Kathy joked that their home is easily recognizable by the distinctive "blue" colour of the outside.

Sydne Read & Anne Fleming-Read received an award for the Restoration of a Non-Designated building at 2121 10th Side Road which is a historic stone home.

In the same class of awards, 239 Queen Street was recognized and our own members Mirella Marshall and Mandy Sedgwick were on hand to receive the award. Mirella and Mandy worked day in and day out to see that the restorations were in keeping with the character of this beautiful home. This home has original wooden floors and decorative columns inside. Congratulations to both Mandy and Mirella.

Entertainment was provided by the Jacqueline Smith Highland Dancers and squares and refreshments courtesy of the Milton Historical Society. Kaitlin Kimove played the bagpipes to lead the parade of award winners in to the hall. Thanks to all those volunteers who made this event a success and thanks to our elected VIP's for helping in the presentations of the awards.

Recent Guest Speakers

Our January meeting featured sculptor Nancy Cuttle speaking about her collection of figurines on the topic "A celebration of women in the 20th century". Nancy is a talented sculptor who created the set of 10 sculptures in honour of the new millenium. Each sculpture portrays a woman in front of a door dressed in the style of that particular decade.

Nancy used a slide presentation as she took the audience through the various steps of producing the clay art (firing the clay and painting) and her commentary about the role of Canadian women in each of the decades. It was a very interesting and educational look down memory lane.

Feb 2006 Empire Loyalists Celebrate Early Events in our History. (submitted by Ken Lamb)

At our Feb. 16th general meeting members enjoyed a colourful description of a crucial event in the history of the United States and Canada.

Our speaker was Fred Hayward, a former Miltonian, and a key figure in the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada; he is chairman of its education/outreach committee. Mr. Hayward, an Oakville resident since 1963, began his talk as an expert, explaining the results of the Americans' "uprising" against the British. He then morphed into one of the "loyalists" who fled north after the fighting. (cont. p. 3)



Fred Hayward portrays United Empire loyalist during his talk

In the latter role he literally stepped out of his pants and shed his jacket to emerge in 18th century garb. He spoke in two distinct voices, one for the observer, another for the participant.

He explained that tens of thousands of Loyalists arrived in what is now Eastern Canada; the Maritimes and present-day Quebec and Ontario. They produced profound changes in all areas.

In November, 1789 Lord Dorchester, Governor-in-Chief, British North America, identified those entitled to call themselves "Loyalists:.. People who had resided before 1783 in what is now the United States and later left for British territory were entitled to place the capital letters UE after their names. UE alluded to "The Unity of the Empire". Descendants of the original Loyalists were given the same entitlement.

Our speaker signs himself "Fred H. Hayward UE". His ancestors were among the Loyalists who arrived at Phillipsburg, Quebec.

Membership in the Empire Loyalists' Association is not restricted to Loyalists' descendants. People whose interests are only social or historical are also welcome to join.

Milton Time Capsule (submitted by Jim Dills) Canadian Champion February 1908

Mr. Charles Clarke, late clerk of the Ontario Legislature, has issued a very readable historical work entitled "Sixty years in Upper Canada". It was June of 1844 that Mr. Clark arrived at Port Robinson on the Welland canal and very interesting are his reminiscences of those pioneer days.

"Food" he says, "partook of a simplicity similar to that of dress. Salt meat, eggs and potatoes were the stable edibles after bread. Fresh meat in country parts was at some seasons a comparative luxury. Veal was obtainable in spring, mutton in summer and beef or pork in the fall and winter months, while poultry was generally marketed as soon as possible after fattening stubbles were exhausted. "Fancy groceries were actual luxuries. I have seen currants sold at three Yorkers (37 1/2 cents a pound) and raisins, of a poorer quality than we now see often commanded a 'quarter'. Tea was dear, although duties were low and frequently brought a dollar, and coffee, cheaper in proportion was more freely used.

"Native fruits were cheap. Peaches were bought off the tree in the Niagara district for twenty-five cents per bushel: apples had little commercial value, and cherries could be had in the rural areas in



the Niagara district at twenty-five cents 'a tree' the purchaser picking off the fruit. "Ale and beer were obtainable, of drinkable quality, in town, but little of either reached country parts. Cider was often used, the most desirable being 'frozen' so that the watery element was largely eliminated and a very potent intoxicant produced. Whiskey, the common drink of the county, could be had at any of the numerous distilleries by the barrel, at sixteen or twenty cents per gallon, and there were few 'bees', 'loggings' or 'raisings' at which it was not more freely dispensed than water, and there was a prevalent opinion that it was much more wholesome. "Venison, now a luxury, was a common article of food in many sections, and obtainable at three or four cents per pound. Maple sugar and molasses were as common an article for trading transactions in country stores as home-made straw hats, butter, tallow, dried apples, timothy seed, woolen socks, whittled butter ladles, bowls and axe-helves.

Mr. Clarke discourses entertainingly of the farm stock of those days. "If cows were 'mixed', swine, the port factors, were as ugly as that famous possessor of them who drove them pell-mell into the sea, and wore manes as do the wild boars of the German forest. Sheep were of a degenerate Merino breed, small in size and of little value for mutton, and the selling price, minus the skin, was often as low as one dollar the carcass. Cattle were sometimes large when at four or five years of age, they reached maturity, but even then were bony coarse and more of active than adipose tendencies: This is some of Mr. Clarke's early history. He would probably say himself that it is of less value than the review of political events which follows. That may be so, for many a reminiscence of Legislative halls has been gathered with the pages of this book. But the records of the simple home life of bygone days should never lack for listeners.

World War I manuscript progressing.

Under the guiding hand of Jim Dills, a manuscript about the Milton area soldiers of World War I is nearing completion.

The book is divided into several parts. One section includes the military records from Ottawa of those soldiers killed in action. There is also a section on Canada's involvement in the Great war. The community of Milton organized fund raising for the war effort and a part of the book looks at these efforts. There were two cenotaphs erected in Milton and Haltonville to commemorate the soldiers who lost their lives in World War I and these events are also included.

There were an estimated 350 individuals from the Milton area who were members of the war effort under the banner of the 164th battalion. The manuscript is approximately 200 pages. A number of volunteers have been helping collect photographs of local area soldiers from WWI. If you have any such photos, please forward to Jim Dills by April 15th.

Archives News

The archives have some recent acquisitions thanks to generous donations. Here are the highlights.

- Microfilm copies of the following local newspapers which will be available for research in the Alex Cooke memorial archives. Donations by Marsha Waldie and Brenda Whitlock. The microfilm includes the "Halton Journal" Milton's first paper starting from 1855 and the first four reels of the Canadian Champion starting from 1862.
- Map of the Crown Land Holders Milton and surrounding area.
- Write-up on the registry office and some Registrar's from 1854 to 1983.
- Picture of Halton Centennial Manor – today Allendale.
- Copies of two local family histories (The Huffman's and the Hardy's).

The Oral History Committee members have been very busy collecting histories of local citizens.



Captain Alfred C. Bastedo killed at Ypres

Committee Members include Lou Bradley, Ken Lamb, Ann Taylor, Ron Avery, Kay Bounsall, Lynne Davis and Mandy Sedgwick. We thank those members for this valuable research.

We are looking for Members to become involved in Researching; Amateur theater in Milton, Farming – National Farm Radio Forum which used to be on the CBC Radio Monday evenings. Research can be done in the Alex Cooke Memorial Archives– items are in our Archival boxes. We also require someone to assist with researching local tennis happenings– reading microfilm information from early Canadian Champions. (1900's to 1920's). This would assist a group presently researching Tennis in Milton.

Volunteers – MHS & Blacksmith shop

The Historical Society needs your assistance to fill the following executive positions (secretary and special events) and we are also looking for people to assist visitors to the blacksmith shop/archives when the blacksmith shop reopens to the public later in the spring.

If you have a good eye for design, why not help with the set up of displays. We require 3 to 4 members to put together and mount displays over the year, perhaps 2 or 3 times. We will assist with themes or pictures. Call 905-875-4156.

Blacksmith Shop News

The Ontario Artists Blacksmith Association held their February meeting at the Waldie Blacksmith shop. Approximately 40 members were in attendance to learn blacksmithing techniques, to socialize and to have some fun. Volunteers of the MHS served up a hearty chili lunch for the blacksmiths.

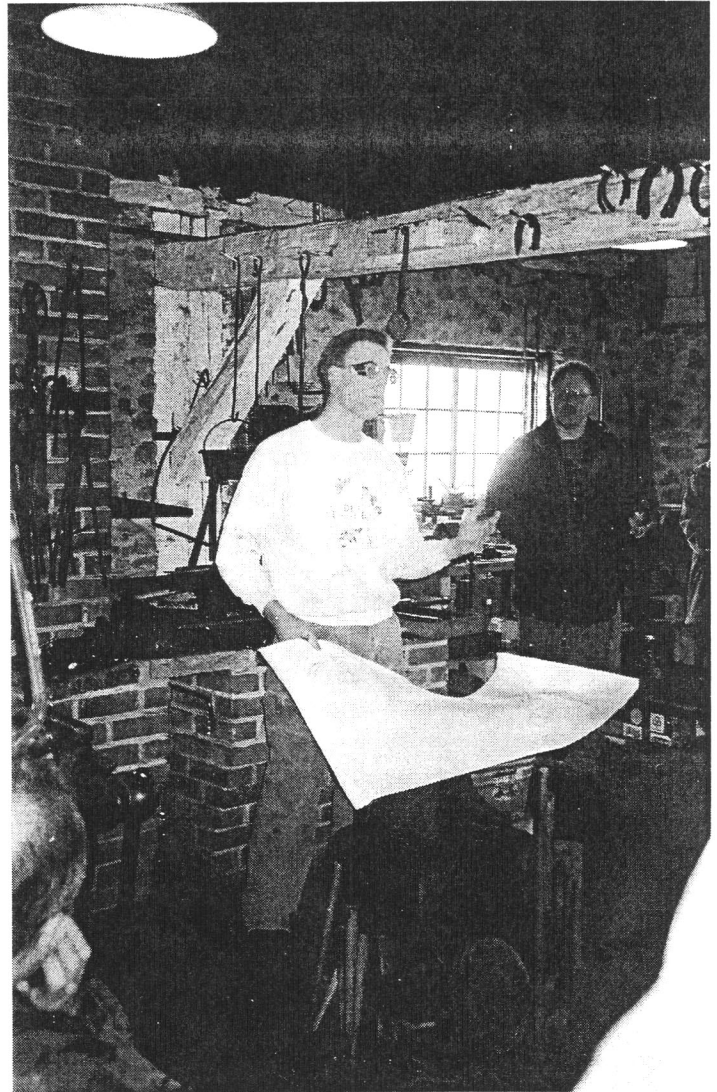
A one day blacksmith course was held Saturday, March 18th at the shop for beginning blacksmiths. If there is enough interest an advanced blacksmith course will be held later this spring. Thanks to Marsha for publicizing these courses!

J.M. Denyes donation

The MHS has acquired a needlepoint chair built by J.M. Denyes as a gesture of thanks to the naming of a school in his honour. James Malcolm Denyes was a popular Halton school board inspector who served from 1913 to 1938. The chair was donated to the school in September 1957. The MHS was approached a few months ago to see if there was interest in acquiring the chair in the archives. Mr. Denyes was skilled in the art of needlepoint and did a great job. The chair was on display at the most recent MHS general meeting and is now in the archives.

Congratulations Walt Elliot!

Walt Elliot has been selected as the Lifetime Achievement award recipient in the Milton Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Community Awards. Walt has played a key leadership role in many areas including Halton MPP from 1987 to 1990 and in a number of social agencies including chair of the Milton United Way and Halton Recovery House board in the 1990's. Walt was president of the Milton Historical Society in 1991 to 1992 and he has played a leadership role with the Halton Region Museum foundation in raising funds for improvements



Demonstrator Kevin Phifer at the OABA February meeting

to the museum at Glen Eden. The gala awards will be presented April 8th at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

Upcoming Events

April 20th MHS General Meeting. Ron Avery will speak about the branches of the Great Family Tree— Selected Related Families of Milton

May 18th MHS General Meeting. Ron Saila will present a slide show about the War of 1812 along with artifacts from the war!

June 3rd MHS Bus Tour. Tentative plans are for a visit in the Niagara area to view some historic sites. Details and costs not finalized at the time of print. Contact Marsha for details. (cont. p 6)

(Upcoming events continued)

June 15th MHS General Meeting and Potluck Dinner
At 6:00 PM. Members are asked to bring dishes including main courses, desserts, etc.

New Members

MHS welcomes the following new members.

Ron Saila
Lee Lavigne

Reminder – 2006 Membership Renewals Due!

If you have not renewed your 2006 MHS membership we will be unable to continue mailing you "The Journal". Please submit a membership form and payment to the MHS. Memberships are Single \$20.00, Double \$35.00 and Life \$100.00. (See form below.)



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Please mail or deliver your Membership Application to Milton Historical Society at 16 James St., Milton, Ont. L9T 2P4

Donations to the Waldie Blacksmith Shop Foundation assist in maintaining and operating this interpretive centre in the heart of Milton. Donations are income tax deductible and receipts are available.

Obituary Peter Cushing Berry

October 24, 1923 -Feb 13, 2006

With regret we learned of the loss of one of our member Peter Berry on Feb 13th, 2006. Peter joined the navy in 1944 and served in numerous ships, attaining the rank of Commander and serving as captain of HMCS Algonquin before taking voluntary retirement in 1964. Peter was a lifetime member and active supporter of the restoration of the Waldie Blacksmith shop and regularly came by to monitor the progress. He will be missed by all. Peter is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Anne, his four children and eight grand children.

The Waldie Blacksmith Shop, established in 1865 at 16 James St., Milton, has been restored for educational programs.



*I want to help Milton Historical Society by volunteering:
I've indicated my interest -*

___ Blacksmith Shop Interpreter

___ Assisting in the Archives

___ Conducting Walking Tours

___ As a Society Speaker

___ Assisting with Special Events

___ Staffing during open hours

___ Assisting with school tours

___ Researching local history