

Milton Historical Society renames its archives

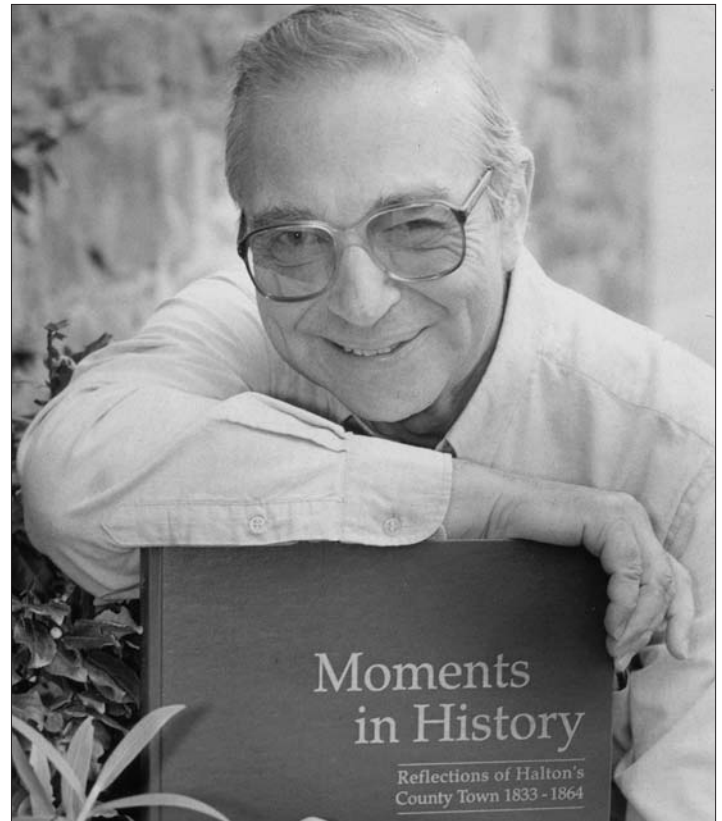
The Alex Cooke Memorial Archives has been re-named the Alex Cooke-Jim Dills Archives by the Board of Directors of Milton Historical Society in recognition of the considerable contributions by both gentlemen in terms of helping to found the Society in 1977, authoring several important books of local history, and donating their considerable collections of electronic and/or published local historical research to the Society to help establish the archives for public use.

The archives were recently bolstered by Jim's donation of the Jim Dills Database of Milton History, a searchable database of local history between 1805 and 2018 that he had compiled over the last 30 years.

"This re-naming reflects the unparalleled contributions by Alex and Jim towards the establishment of an archives at Milton Historical Society, a resource that is founded on a solid base of electronic and published research for public use," said John Challinor II, President, Milton Historical Society. "With Jim's recent donation of research in a searchable, electronic format, the Society is able to offer the public an unparalleled volume of high-quality historical information with which to better understand our community's rich history."

Jim is one of the co-founders of the Society, a prolific author of more than a dozen local books of history and the community's most accomplished historian. He has been recognized locally, provincially and nationally for his business and community leadership. Jim is a member of the Town of Milton's Walk of Fame, a Milton Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award winner, an Ontario Heritage Foundation Achievement Award winner, a Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Award winner and a Canadian Community Newspaper Association Gold Quill award winner.

Alex was a lifelong resident of Milton who had great



Noted historian Jim Dills has donated the Jim Dills Database of Milton History, which he compiled for the past 30 years, to the MHS.

interest in local history and genealogy and was a founding member of the Society. He spent many hours researching history on local area families. Alex diligently researched biographies of Milton's early leaders for more than four years. His research was published by the Society in two volumes and provides an important record for the future generations. Alex was a consistent volunteer with the Friends of Halton Region Museum and an active member of the Halton/Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society.

The Alex Cooke-Jim Dills Archives is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon. The Society can provide more comprehensive research service if those interested in using the archives can call or email MHS with full details of their requirements in advance. Use of the archives at other times is by appointment only. For further information, please call (905) 875-4156 or email info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca.



Brad Collis joins MHS directors

Brad Collis, a marketing professional and human resources recruiter, has graciously agreed to join the Board of Directors of Milton Historical Society, effective immediately. His appointment will be formalized at the next meeting of the Board in September.

Brad has lived in Milton for the past 25 years and has an appreciation for matters historical, no doubt honed by his friendship with Mandy Sedgwick and Lorrie Ferrante and their families.

He brings considerable advertising and marketing experience to the Society and will lead our efforts to bring a capital M marketing focus to all we do, including advertising, corporate sponsorship, event management, membership sales, public relations, social media outreach and web site communications.

Jennifer Smith, Sydney McEachern, Lorrie Ferrante, Mike Boyle and John Challinor will work closely with Brad through the Marketing Committee to properly execute our related efforts this year and properly plan for the future. We look forward to introducing Brad to everyone as soon as possible.

Special thanks to Mandy for helping to find and secure Brad to serve the Society in this important role.

Many thanks for their years

We wish to thank our two Board Members Barb Fitzsimons and Richard Brown who resigned for personal reasons.

The Milton Historical Society appreciate the contributions that they have both made to our executive.

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Helen Comber (far left) passed away on Dec. 21. She was a valued member of the Milton Historical Society. Here she is with (left to right) Marsha Waldie, Gloria Brown and Gayle Waldie.

Former president Helen Comber passes away

Helen Comber left us on Thur. Dec. 21, 2017 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Dementia and Parkinson Disease. She is certainly missed by her family and many many friends.

Helen joined the MHS Executive about 1993-4 and volunteered to serve over the next two decades in one position or another – Membership Chair, Treasurer, Social Convener and two terms as our President.

- Instrumental in our Restoration Project of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop Facility;
- Active in helping the society to preserve other historical buildings;
- Serving for many years organizing the Mayor's Annual Levee on New Years day & New Years Bell Ringing events;
- Volunteering to help with our Historic House Tours, Community Displays, a dressed interpreter for our Walking Tours, assisting with our Annual Heritage Day Awards and always helping with all of our other various events - stepping in when needed.
- She received in 2011: Ontario Heritage Trust Com-

munity Recognition Program Award & The Town of Milton Heritage Award.

- As our President she accepted the Milton Chamber of Commerce Award in 1998 - "Civic Organization of the Year" on behalf of MHS.

She worked in the Judges Office at the Wm. Greville-Davis Courthouse in Brampton. She was the head secretary for many years and prior to this she worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Helen was also a valued member of the Milton Evening Star Rebekah Lodge # 79, serving in a number of offices including Noble Grand and as District Deputy Present for the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.

Helen had a delightful personality & all who met her a great sense of humor sometimes a little colourful ☺ – she was a straight shooter. She just loved to talk to everyone she met.

Helen lived in a Heritage Home at 111 Mill Street which was built in 1880 for Thomas Bowes. Over the years she took on numerous projects to restore the historic aspects of her home of which she was very proud.



Do You Know Where This Was?

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Volunteers Wanted

MHS members we need your help to keep our society active and ask you to become involved.

Volunteer over the summer on a Saturday morning as a greeter for our facility or can you help out at our table on the market and we set up once a month.

If we all helped out once what a difference it would make.

We would like a list of first aid certificate members - please let us know.

Please contact Lorrie through MHS email or phone # 905-875-4156.



We have a new editor

Mike Boyle has joined the MHS as the new editor. He's newly retired from The Hamilton Spectator.

Send your story ideas to him at mikeboyle@bell.net.

Still time to renew your MHS Membership!

Annual Individual Fee is \$25

Annual Family Fee is \$40

Annual Corporate Fee is \$100
(10 or fewer employees)

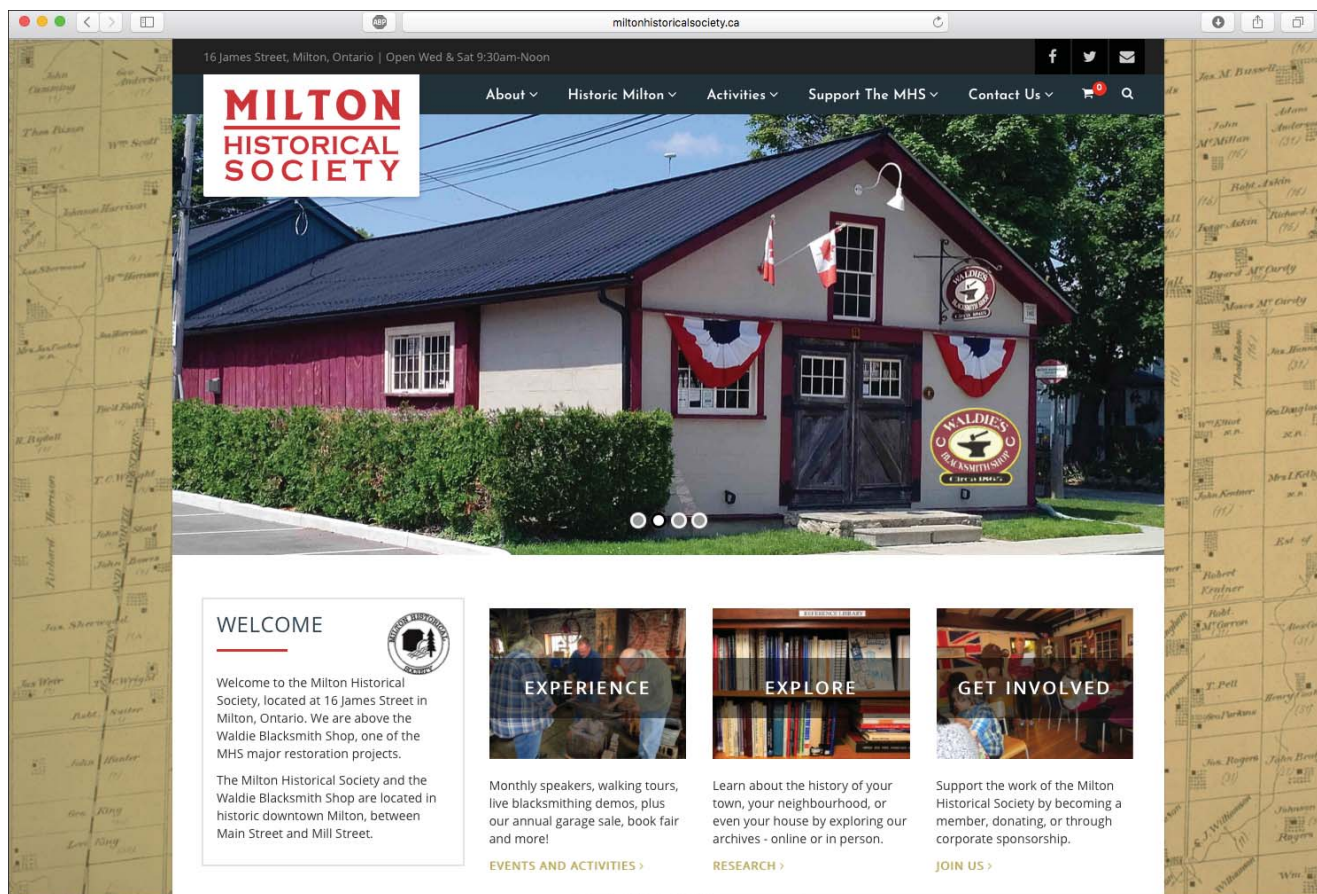
Annual Corporate Fee is \$200
(11 or more employees)

Membership fees can be remitted:

In person every Wednesday and
Saturday morning,
from 9:30am to 1:00pm,
at the Waldie's Blacksmith Shop.

By mail to MHS, 16 James Street,
Milton, Ontario, L9T 2P4

By PayPal online
at www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca



MHS launches new website

Intention is to be more user friendly

Milton Historical Society recently launched its new website, a more functional, user-friendly destination for lovers of Milton history -- wherever they live around the globe.

The new website — www.miltonhistoricalsociety.ca — will afford the community the ability to order local books as well as book group tours of Waldie Blacksmith Shop, take blacksmith classes and arrange guest speakers to address specific local matters of historical interest.

Designed, built and maintained by local graphic designer Jennifer Smith, the new site is much easier for visitors to navigate, enables them to purchase a book, enroll in a walking tour or blacksmith class, purchase or renew a membership and obtain basic historical information about the community.

"The new site is contemporary in its design, feature-rich in what it offers visitors and very helpful to those

who want to know more about the history of this great community," said John Challinor II, President, Milton Historical Society.

"Jennifer Smith has done a terrific job with the new site, building a local historic destination that will, ultimately, better serve the needs of history lovers in our community."

Established in 1977, Milton Historical Society's mission is to encourage appreciation and promote knowledge of the historical and cultural heritage of the town of Milton.

Located at Waldie's Blacksmith Shop, the society publishes high-quality local books of history, maintains a comprehensive local historical archive for public use, hosts group tours of the shop, organizes blacksmith-related education, organizes local historic events like its walking tour series and makes available guest speakers to address matters of local interest.

The Mackenzie Chair Adventure

And its role in the Rebellion of 1837

By Ruth Taylor

Background Information:

December 8, 1837 the Absalom Smith Family of Palermo assisted William Lyon Mackenzie "The Little Rebel" in his flight out of the country.

It was the evening of December 8, 1837 when William Lyon Mackenzie and Allan Wilcox, travelling west on foot north of the Dundas Highway, pursued by government forces, approached the Sixteen Mile Creek, running deep and fast, and icy cold. Attempting to cross, they carried their clothes above their heads as they waded into the icy cold water. Mackenzie slipped and fell into the creek, scrambling out on the west side, but with clothes thoroughly soaked.

After travelling on foot across recently cleared fields, they came to the Absalom Smith Farm, known as Lot 27, Conn 1 North, Trafalgar Township.

Hiding first in the barn, they waited for a group of visitors, loyal to the government, who had been visiting the Smiths to leave. On entering the Absalom Smith home, Mackenzie and Wilcox shed their wet clothes, were outfitted with warm and "dry flannels". Both men warmed themselves in front of the fire in their now warm and cozy clothes, Mackenzie in the subject chair, before retiring for an hour's sleep.

Mrs. Anna Mary (Beamer) Smith, a weaver of note, along with her daughters, were well known for their weaving and construction of quilts and tapestries. It was under one of these jacquard woven quilts that Mackenzie slept for an hour before a search party entered the house.

On a corner of the quilt is woven "Ana M S 1836". It is still a proud possession of the descendants of the Smith Family, along with the "Mackenzie Chair".

Both the chair and the woven quilt were handed down through the family – Anna Catherine Smith (el-



This chair and quilt played a role in the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837.

dest daughter of Absalom and Anna Mary (Beamer) Smith) married Thomas Ebenezer Pickett, nephew of Laura Secord and lived in Lowville. The chair and woven quilt were handed down to William and Barbara Pickett, then to their eldest daughter, Anna Catherine (Pickett) Prudham. After she cared for, and proudly displayed the two items at family gatherings through the years, the chair and woven quilt became the possession of Laura Barbara (Prudham) Dixon. In those years, the items again were a focal point at family reunions, their story told and retold again.

During the 1960s, the Dixon family moved from their farm, Limestone Hall, to 350 Main Street E in Milton, the chair always sitting near a fireplace.

In the mid 1960s, Laura decided give the chair to a member of the Pickett Family of Grimsby, Professor Bethel Pickett, Pomologist. He had an exceptional interest in Pickett artifacts, and felt he would like to care for the 'Mackenzie chair'. The 1963 Pickett Family Reunion was held at the Pickett home in Grimsby, known

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Determined search for the Mackenzie Chair

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as “Westwood”, the 1965 Pickett Reunion was held in Lowville, again arranged by Professor Pickett, and attended by family from all over North America and beyond.

After Professor Pickett passed away in 1975, our family tried to track down the “Mackenzie chair”, but to no avail. After contacting many family members over time, it was determined the chair must have been sold at a farm auction in Grimsby, prior to the sale of “Westwood”, the Pickett farm, which was originally part of the Beamer property at the top of the Escarpment in Grimsby. By the end of the 1990s, I had pretty much given up on ever finding the “Mackenzie Chair”.

It wasn't until November of 2017 that I was contacted by a person from the Metcalfe Family, related to the Pickett family of Grimsby through the Beamer family. Right away, I pursued the possibility she might have known of the “Mackenzie Chair” – and yes, she remembered the story from the time she was a small child.

She in turn put me in touch with another Metcalfe cousin, who had cared for the “Mackenzie Chair” for the past 30 years. She was entrusted with its care by her Aunt Margaret, daughter of her grandmother, Cynthia Gertrude (Beamer) Metcalfe, sister of Professor Pickett's wife, Bertha Gay (Beamer) - its' care entrusted to her by Professor Pickett – his children all lived in the U.S., and it must have been his wish that the historical artifact stay in Canada.

We needed a way of positively identifying the chair.

That, as it turned out, was not hard to do. Professor Pickett must have arranged to have a cover, appropriately and professionally placed and secured onto the chair seat. When the chair was cared for by the Picketts in the octagon house in Lowville, the much loved family historian, always called Aunt Maggie, now quite an age, needed a more convenient way to answer the call of nature. The chair, heaven forbid, was turned into a commode by one of the carpenters in the family. When the vinyl seat was placed on the chair seat, it covered not only the hole but a nicely carved lid. No one knew what was under that seat, or why a piece of linoleum that had been secured to the underside of the chair. When the last custodian turned over the chair, removed the linoleum, there it was – the hole - positive proof the chair was indeed the “Mackenzie Chair”. The chair was now on its way back to Halton County – with the assurance it would never again be used as a commode!

The date was December 7, 2017 when my husband and I travelled to Vinemount, met the lady and gentleman who had cared for the chair for over 30 years. The chair was returned to the Smith/Pickett family descendants and travelled once again across Burlington Bay, the Dundas Highway, and back to Halton County, 180 years less one day from the night William Lyon Mackenzie rested in the chair beside the fire in the Smith farmhouse in Palermo. The 1836 woven quilt was once again draped over the arm – it took over half a century to reunite the two beloved family artifacts!

Moral of the story – never give up the search to find a much loved family artifact – somewhere out there, it is just waiting to be found.

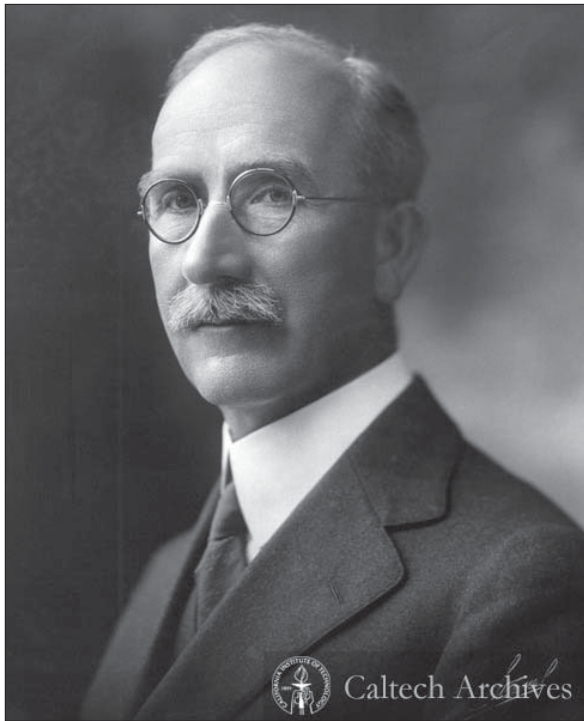


Rent The MHS Carriage Room

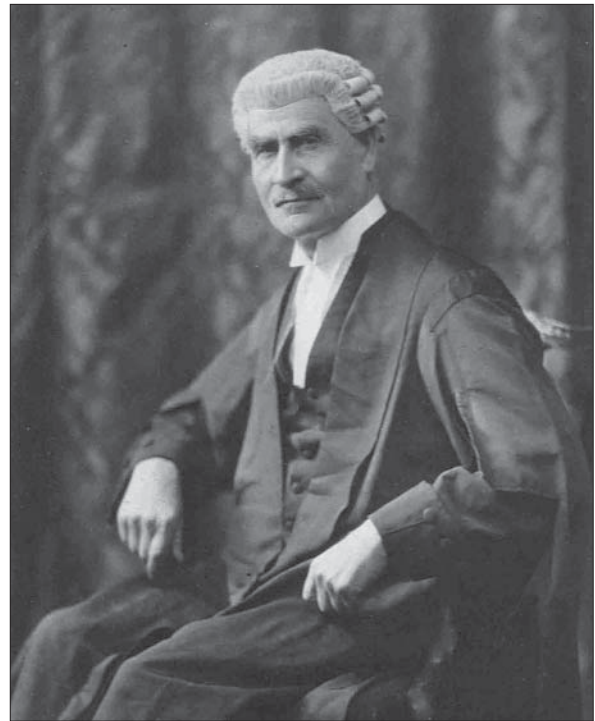
The Carriage Room is available to be rented. It is suitable for small board and executive meetings, workshops and lecture-type meetings.

The room comfortably accommodates 25 people, seated.

For rates, bookings and more information, please contact MHS at info@miltonhistoricalsociety.ca or call (905) 875-4156.



Arthur Henry Fleming, born in Milton in 1856, moved to California and played a role in establishing Yosemite National Park.



Oscar Ernest Fleming, born in Milton in 1861, moved to Windsor and played a role in that city's development and became its mayor.

Town's Fleming brothers make their marks

The amazing and almost forgotten lives of two brothers, born in Milton, were brought back to life by historian and author John McDonald at the May meeting of the Milton Historical Society.

Arthur and Oscar Fleming, born in 1856 and 1861 respectively, were raised in Milton in its earliest days as a corporation.

The Fleming family—who are also related through marriage to the founding Martin family—had arrived in the area in the early 1840s but relocated to Windsor by 1867. Both brothers became prominent lawyers.

Oscar was intimately involved with the development and growth of Windsor, Ontario and became mayor. He championed and oversaw Windsor's transition from town to city in 1891.

A good friend of Adam Beck, Oscar became involved with the creation of the hydro-electric system in Ontario and gained international recognition for his leadership in establishing the St. Lawrence Seaway. A channel in the Detroit River is named for him.

Arthur moved to the United States, originally prac-

tising law in Detroit, and by 1896 relocated to Pasadena California. Here he prospered in the lumber business and amassed a fortune.

In 1903, Arthur was elected to the Board of Trustees of Throop Polytechnic Institute and by 1917 he took over as board president. When his wife, Clara H. Fleming, died in 1904, Arthur established a memorial fund in her name, donated land and eventually gave over \$5 million which resulted in the establishment of the California Institute of Technology which is now one of the top ten universities in the world.

He was instrumental in persuading Albert Einstein to come to America in the 1930s. He also donated lands that make up Yosemite National Park. He underwrote the refurbishing and housing for the rail car where the November 1918 Armistice was signed. For this Arthur was awarded the Legion of Honour by the French Government in 1927.

John will be making a formal nomination for both Arthur and Oscar Fleming to be recognized with an induction into the Town of Milton's "Walk of Fame".

Victoria Park Restoration wins prestigious award!

The Town of Milton has been awarded the 2018 Parks and Recreation Ontario Award of Excellence Park or Facility Design (for community population size over 30,000) for the Victoria Park UpGrades Project.

Milton Historical Society worked with Lisa VanderVliet, Project Manager, Parks & Facilities, to incorporate the historical significance of some of the elements within the park.

Thanks to Marsha Waldie for contributing historical information, Brenda Bousfield for searching out archival photographs and Richard Laughton for the WWI and WWII artifact information. A letter of support for the nomination was prepared by Nancy Cuttle.

Excerpts from the letter of recommendation

Victoria Park forms the Town Square for our heritage Town Hall and is surrounded by homes built by some of our earliest settlers. The park contains some of our most significant artifacts in an open area and is a meeting place for official celebrations and a welcoming respite for citizens of all ages.

We were most appreciative of the well-conceived design options presented and the genuine open-mindedness of the staff through the public consultation process for this upgrade. For long-time residents, this park carries treasured memories of the past; for new Miltonians who make up 80% of our growing population, this park is their first introduction to our stories. The Milton Historical Society worked with the planners to bring relevant pieces of history to life in the park through interpretive signage and accessible walkways but it is the subtle design surprises that set this project apart.

- Whether one leans against the bandshell railings, rests on a bench under numerous shady trees or picnics at the new tables, all eyes are drawn to the majestic castellated architecture of our Town Hall, originally the 1855 Halton County Courthouse, and Hugh Foster Hall.

- The curved pathways with seating encourage a slowing down and the discovery of tiny pieces of our



history embedded in the landscape structure.

- With a map etched in the pavement beneath the field gun to mark the location where the gun was retrieved in France, the remarkable story of the field gun has been revealed.

- A unique metal fence has been incorporated to separate the new paved plaza around the Cenotaph from the street. The name “Victoria Park” embedded into the ironwork of the fence reflects the heritage look and feel of the park.

- The layout and finishes of the children’s play equipment are reminiscent of a time gone by but is enticing for curious young children.

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, the longest, continuously serving mayor of a major municipality in Canada, is a piece of history himself and his annual bell ringing celebration in Victoria Park welcomes citizens young and old to experience our heritage. The innovations introduced in the recent upgrades ensure that every citizen, year round, can find a quiet moment to discover the stories of Milton’s early beginnings.

We received this message from Lisa VanderVliet informing us of the award:

Your letter of support was included in the submission package and I have no doubt that it made a positive impact on the committee reviewing the submission. On behalf of the Corporation, thank you again to the Milton Historical Society for providing your letter.

Like Waldie’s Blacksmith Shop, the park tells so many stories about the Town’s history. I hope that visitors to Milton will continue to enjoy our historical downtown and the park for years to come.

So the next time you wander through Victoria Park, do take a few minutes to pause and appreciate the innovative approaches introduced by Town Parks and facilities to bring our heritage to life.

“ *You are nothing but an amalgam of all the people
and places that came before you! You can never fully
understand who you are unless you know your Roots.* ”
so sayeth the Sage.

Milton Historical Society embraces the future

We are on the way to digitizing our information

Since 1977, the Society has been collecting Milton's history. Numerous dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers (with a capital 'V'), have spent countless hours assembling and organizing documents, photographs, books, newspapers and many other items of historical significance, so our children, grandchildren and their future generations may be able to know their ancestral 'amalgam'. Now, they will be better able to know how they and their world came to be.

Many of the Volunteers have deep generational roots in Milton, some dating back to its foundation in the early 1820s. They alone have the family memories to, as accurately as possible, tell the story of Milton. As the years roll past, this knowledge will slowly vaporize unless it is preserved.

We have experienced colossal technological advances in the last 40 years since the inception of our Society. These advances have made it possible for anyone anywhere to access our history.

What lies ahead in the next 40 years? Your guess is as good as mine! One thing that is absolutely certain - our History will be digital. With proper care, digital information can survive indefinitely. For starters, we have transferred more than 7,000 of our scanned photographic images to thousand-year archival M-discs, a technology developed about four years ago. So when a newer, better methodology is developed in the future, these M-discs can then be copied and passed forward without fear of data loss.

Over the last 4 or so months, we have been researching other Historical Societies, Museums etc. to see what methodologies are being used to preserve and 'digitize' collections. The Federal Government also did a major survey in 2016 to review how historical information is being recorded and preserved.

Digital Asset and Collection Management technolo-

gies are now being applied to our 'Collection'. Of prime importance was that whatever system we adopted, it had to be easy to use, flexible and easily transferred to future systems as they are developed. The net result of our research was the selection of PastPerfect as our Digital Asset Management vehicle. No software package out there is 'perfect' - all have negative as well as positive features. Nearby historical societies such as Oakville, Streetsville, Bronte, Brant and Niagara use PastPerfect so their experience and knowledge has been highly valued in our decision-making.

By instituting a comprehensive and formalized Archival Collections Management System which conforms to standardized archival procedures, we can ensure our History is there for all those that follow in our footsteps. One of the first to be securely archived will be the amazing contributions made by our own Jim Dills.



Do You Know Where This Was?

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It was located on the northeast corner of Main and Brown Streets. Known over the years as the Wallace, McGibbon, Mitchell or the "Upper Hotel".

It was destroyed by fire in 1974.

McKersie, Lachlan Rupert

Funeral Director, Soldier • 1918-2008

By Marsha Waldie

Born September 15, 1918 in Wellington County, Eramosa Township, Lachlan was one of four children; Grace, Ruth and Kenneth. His parents were Jennie Whyte (?-1928) and Wilbert Van Norman McKersie (Nov. 15, 1887-?)

He was raised on a farm near Eden Mills and attended Rockwood Continuation School. He then attended Embalming School at the Banting Institute in Toronto attaining his license as a Registered Funeral Director. He began his career at Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home in Kitchener, Ont. an apprentice after graduation. He also worked in Toronto at Trull Funeral Home. In 1942 he was employed in Acton, Ont. at the Johnston and Rumley Funeral Home.

In 1943 he enlisted in the Second World War and two years later was demobilized attaining the rank of Leading Aircraftman (A. Group W.M.).

Lachlan married Gladys McLellan (Aug. 28, 1924-Oct. 23, 1995) on Sept. 28, 1943 in Acton Ont. Gladys and Lachlan raised two sons; Ross L. and Roderick I. In, 2001 Mr. McKersie married Mrs. Patricia Noble.

In 1953 he and Gladys came to Milton where Lachlan went into business with another Funeral Director,

Murray Thatcher. They purchased a home on the corner of Main and Brown Streets and the business became known as McKersie and Thatcher Funeral Home. Eventually Mr. Thatcher sold his partnership to Mr. McKersie and left for the U.S.A. The business now became

known as, "The McKersie Funeral Home. Lachlan retired in 1980 and sold the business.

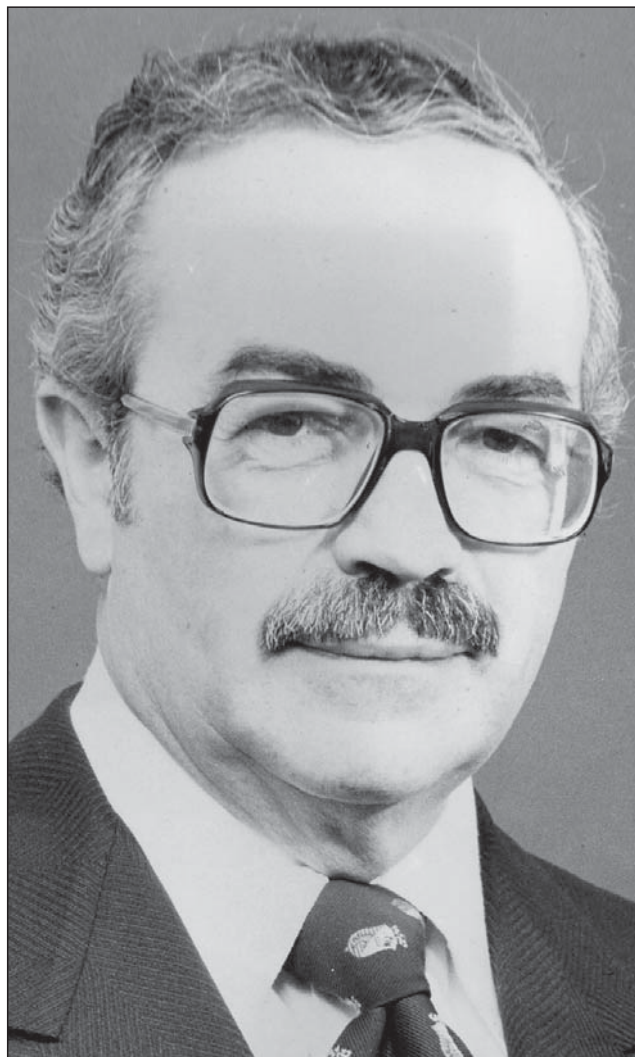
He was very involved in various community activities over the years as a member of St. Clair Masonic Lodge, Milton Rotary Club, Milton Royal Canadian Legion. He and his family became very involved at Knox Presbyterian Church and he served as an Elder. In later years he and Patricia became members at Boston Presbyterian Church.

Lachlan enjoyed hockey, curling, golf and at one time coached hockey at the old Brown Street arena when his sons were playing. He also enjoyed wood working as time permitted.

He was very proud of the following recognitions: 60 year member of the Ma-

sons, 50 year award from the Ontario Funeral Service Association and the Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club.

Mr. McKersie died Aug. 6, 2008 and was interred in Evergreen Cemetery.



MHS Activities



Walking Historic Victoria and Mill Streets **JULY 8, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore one of Milton's oldest and most beautiful neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Victoria and Mill Streets. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Walking Historic Main Street **JULY 15, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore our historic downtown on this guided tour of Milton's Main Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Walking Historic Martin Street **AUGUST 19, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore one of Milton's oldest neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Martin Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Walking Historic Victoria Park Square **AUGUST 26, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore the heart of Milton's civic precinct on this guided tour of the historic Victoria Park Square area. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.



Walking Historic Martin Street **SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore one of Milton's oldest neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Martin Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Walking Historic Victoria and Mill Streets **SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 2:00 PM**

Explore one of Milton's oldest and most beautiful neighbourhoods on this guided tour of historic Victoria and Mill Streets. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

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Monthly Meeting: Polar Explorers

CARRIAGE ROOM

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 7:30 PM

Ray Peacock will be talking about the Journeys of the polar explorers: Shackleton, Scott, Amundsen and Franklin. The endurance of all these men provides the background for Ray's presentation on the first successful crossing of the Arctic through the North West Passage.

Walking Historic Victoria Park Square

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 2:00 PM

Explore our historic downtown on this guided tour of Milton's Main Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

Walking Historic Main Street

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 2:00 PM

Explore our historic downtown on this guided tour of Milton's Main Street. A perfect introduction for new and older residents, as well as first time visitors to Milton.

When: 2:00 pm

Where: Milton Historical Society, 16 James Street

Cost: \$10 – cash only at the start of the tour

Price includes a copy of the guide booklet.

The four books for the walking tours can be purchased separately for \$7 each or all four for \$25. Please pre-register for Tours by email, phone or online.

Blacksmith Classes

The dates have been set for the Blacksmith Classes for the fall: Sept. 25, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

There are still some openings so please check our new website for updates and registrations.



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Preserving Milton's History for Future Generations

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MEMBERSHIP DUES (Check categories that apply)

- ☐ New Member or ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Single \$25 ☐ Family \$40 ☐ Youth (free)
- ☐ Corporate (10 or less employees) \$100
- ☐ Corporate (11 or more employees) \$200
- ☐ Yes, as a new member I wish to receive the Journal and other e-communications.

VOLUNTEERS HELP US FORGE OUR FUTURE

We know all members have certain unique talents, skills and abilities.
We ask you to share these, as our society relies on your active support and involvement.

These are just a few of the areas you can help the society with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Support/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Archives Cataloguing & Care |

(Please check those that interest you as listed on the back of this form)

DONATIONS

I wish to make a separate donation to MHS in the sum of _____

Donations and payments can be made on line through **PayPal** from our website.

(A tax receipt will be issued for all donations totaling \$25.00 or more)

Note: The Milton Historical Society has set up a foundation
under the "Community Foundation of Halton North" (CFHN).
You can also donate through this foundation towards the Milton Historical Society.
Please contact our Society for further information.

The Milton Historical Society is a registered charity # 110041358RR0001

Please make cheques payable to Milton Historical Society Mail completed form/remittance to: The Milton Historical Society 16 James St., Milton, ON L9T 2P4
