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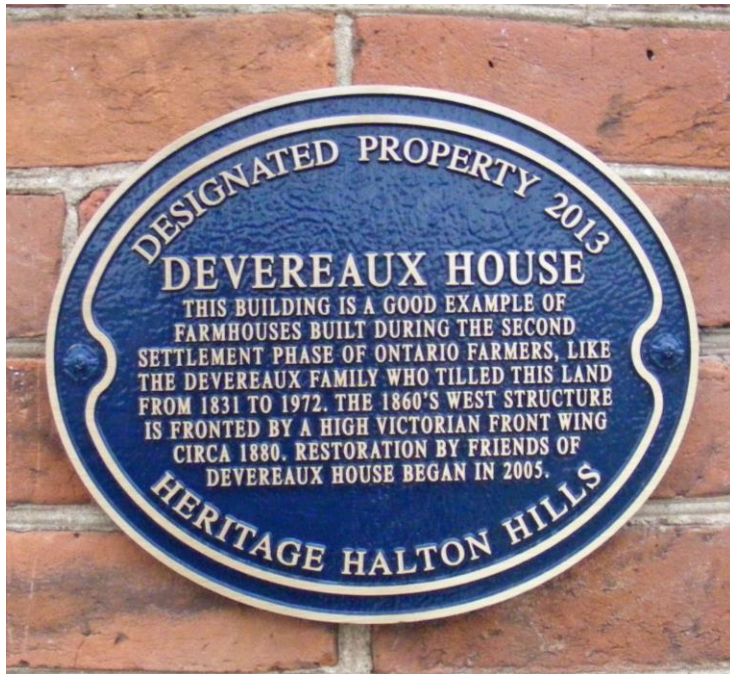
March-April 2018

EXPLORE DEVEREAUX HOUSE



This group of Devereaux House Friends attended the official Heritage Halton Hills plaque unveiling in November 2015. Join Ann Lawlor on March 14th to explore the house yourself and learn about its history.

Photo by J. M. Rowe



Description of Property

Devereaux House is located at 11494 Trafalgar Road, Esquesing Township, in the Town of Halton Hills, Ontario and being part of Concession 7 Lot 18. Owned by the Town of Halton Hills, the building was restored and is operated by a non-profit organization, the Friends of Devereaux House. The house is situated within a 100-acre parcel of land which has been farmed since 1831 and is now a public park. The

Friends currently rent the second storey of the building to the Georgetown Soccer Club for its administrative offices, and the main floor is decorated to the late 1800's and available to the public for receptions and meetings on a rental basis. The property was a "Century Farm", owned by three generations of the Devereaux family. The legacy ended in 1972 with the death of bachelor John (Jack) Brown Devereaux and the sale of the 100-acre property to unrelated parties.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design or Physical Value

The building, with notable interior and exterior architectural features, is an exceptional example of a 19th century simple High Victorian farmhouse. It is thought that the house was built in two stages, with the west arm being first, in the 1860s, and the second stage being the larger structure, perhaps built in the 1880's. The site also includes a renovated outbuilding which was originally built in the mid-20th century to serve as a workshop or garage.



Historical or Associative Value

The site is an excellent example of the second stage of farm development in Esquesing Township after the prosperity generated by the trade in agricultural crops with England allowed for the construction of enhanced and embellished dwellings. This one-and-a-half-storey brick home was built to provide a more comfortable and stable living structure for the Devereaux farm family. The house would have replaced their log cabin, built some three decades earlier when Elijah Devereaux, a soldier with links to United Empire Loyalists, first purchased and settled on the land in 1831.

Contextual Value

Devereaux House, located as it is within a community park, will continue to evoke memories of the rural landscape which has defined the character of Esquesing Township since the mid 1800's. The vista created by the house and its surroundings are unique and will become more precious as north Halton transforms from rural to urban in nature.

-From: *Devereaux House, Heritage Designation Report*, Ann Lawlor, February 2013





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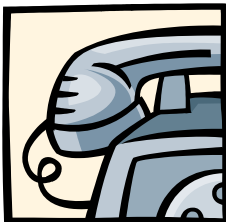
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2018

- Wed. 14
March
2018 **NEW WAYS OF EXPLORING OLD STUFF**
Ann Lawlor of Devereaux House will welcome us to hear about the unique way the Board of Devereaux House and the Halton Region Museum have created quick little stories about the Devereaux family and farm life. Then members will be invited to “poke around” the house and see what they can discover!
DEVEREAUX HOUSE, 11494 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 11
April 2018 **PRE-CONFEDERATION HERITAGE BUILDINGS**
Drawing from a list of researched properties compiled by Heritage Halton Hills, Ray Denny will give a short history of several interesting buildings throughout Halton Hills.
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 116 Main St., S., Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 9
May 2018 **LOCAL ANECDOTES**
It’s the stories connected to a person, place or event that makes history so fascinating. Join the EHS executive as they share a few good old-time stories with slides and contribute to the fun yourself. Come to listen or come to share!
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 116 Main St., S., Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 13
June 2018 **WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN**
Join local historian Mark Rowe as he leads a walking tour of downtown Georgetown. Lemonade will be served after the walk. Note the early start time.
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 116 Main St., S., Georgetown, 7:00 p.m.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOUR TO BECOME A MEMBER!

Refreshments served from 7:00 p.m.



Stephen Blake	905 877-8251	President
Karen Hunter	905 877-7363	Treasurer
Dawn Livingstone	905 877-6506	Secretary
J. Mark Rowe	905 877-9510	Archivist
Jan Raymond	905 877-9172	Social
David Borrett	905 702-0737	Membership
Ray Denny	905 877-3890	Publications

Society Notes

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

<http://esquesinghistoricalsociety.com/> Note the new website address. Send your e-mail to esquesinghs@gmail.com

EHS NEWSLETTER

John Mark Rowe prepared this newsletter. Submissions welcome. Please consider an electronic newsletter sent to your e-mail address. Not only will you save the Society postage, you get to see the colour pictures!

MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership now! We had 81 members for 2017. Our membership year runs from February. We currently have 44 members signed up for 2018. Please encourage others to support the EHS by purchasing a membership. The individual membership rate is \$20. The family or institution rate is \$25. Cheques payable to the Society can be mailed to our post box or payable by cash or cheque to our membership secretary, David Borrett at a public meeting.

ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO

www.archives.gov.on.ca

ESQUESING LAND RECORDS!

Teranet, in partnership with ServiceOntario, has built this web portal to deliver key statutory services relating to land and property ownership in Ontario to land registry professionals and the public called OnLand.

The first phase of the web portal offers customers the opportunity to test out the historical land registration book search and view option only. Customers will still be required to visit a land registry office to print any records.

Full search capabilities are available on OnLand in late 2018.

When fully implemented, OnLand will allow users to search historical and current property records, anywhere in the province, from the convenience of your home or

office, instead of visiting a land registry office.

This link will take you directly to Halton records:

<https://www.onland.ca/ui/20/books/search>

EHS ARCHIVES

The EHS has applied for a summer student once again. This year we will be working with the Halton Hills Sports Museum to begin integrating their Archives with our own.

Library staff are working to acquire the software to have our entire Archival Finding Aid available for searching on the Library website.

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of the Dills Family Collection for our Archives. This cornucopia of everything Acton, collected by Arlof, Dave, Jim and Kay Dills will be integrated into our collection.

The 2017 Archival report is posted on our website.

HALTON-PEEL OGS

March 25 – Linda Corupe, *Snakes and Ladders: Genealogy Pitfalls and Strategies to Overcome Them* -Brampton Public Library at 2 p.m.

April 22 - Jane E. MacNamara, *Think like a genealogist: Creative research techniques to help you follow the right ancestral trail* - Oakville Public Library at 2 p.m.

DEVEREAUX HOUSE

Be sure to attend our March meeting to explore this heritage gem on Trafalgar Road.

HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM

OPEN: Sat. 7-9 p.m. & Sunday 1-4:00 p.m. at Mold-Masters Sportsplex. See:

<http://haltonhillssportsmuseum.blogspot.ca/>

STREETSVILLE HIST. SOCIETY

The Society Library and Archives are open Wednesdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Leslie Log Cabin at 4415 Mississauga Road.

BRAMPTON HIST. SOCIETY

Heart Lake Presbyterian Church at 7:15.

March 15 – AGM & Heritage Brampton Update

April 19 – Jean Robinson, *Peel One-Room Schoolhouses*.

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 15 -Marsha Waldie U.E., *History of Milton's 38 Mayors*.

April 12 -Annual Garage Sale -16 James St.

April 19 -Mike Twiss, *P. L. Robertson Screw Co. – Show and Tell*

OAKVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are at St. John's United Church, Randall Street, at 7:30 p.m.

March 21 -AGM & Potluck dinner (6:30).

BURLINGTON HIST. SOCIETY

March 12th and April 9th –at 7 p.m. at Burlington Library.

NASAGIWEYA HIST. SOCIETY

info@nasagiweyahistoricalociety.com

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, beginning in March.

April 10th -AGM

TRAFALGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

All events at former Palermo Schoolhouse, 2431 Dundas Street West, Oakville. -7p.m.

April 4th -John Mark Rowe, *Hornby Village*.

TERRA COTTA HALL

Terra Cotta Community Hall rentals:

Contact Kathy Atkinson at

terracottaeventbooking@gmail.com

FINANCIALS APPROVED

The financial statement for 2017-18 as presented by treasurer Karen Hunter, was approved by the membership at the February AGM. The year opened with a balance of \$6092.48. Income totalled \$10678.93, countered by expenses of \$8893.42. The Society opens this year with a balance of \$7877.99.

EHS SUPPORTERS PASS ON

The EHS executive note the passing of long-time members and supporters. Gord Hunt of Georgetown died 9 November 2017 in his 91st year. His wife Cathy would often attend meetings with Gord. Hazel Arnold passed away on 23 January 2018, in her 100th year

at Riverside Glen in Guelph. She was a long-time supporter of the Society.

EXECUTIVE RETURNED

The February AGM returned a status quo slate. Congratulations to Steve Blake, Dawn Livingstone, Karen Hunter, Mark Rowe, Ray Denny, David Boratt and Jan Raymond. We're still open to a new member joining our executive. Ask us about the opportunity to serve your Society and your community.

CORRECTION -J. R. BARBER

The Nov. – Dec. issue of the EHS Newsletter incorrectly called 44 Market Street, "the former Barber house". Mary Barber Findlay, a long-time EHS member wanted the record straight. It was a Bessey House. John R. Barber was about 9 years old when his father died and so he went to his mother's family to live – the Bessey's – at 44 Market Street. The EHS apologizes for the error and welcomes the correction.

GLEN SCHOOL HOUSE NOT OLDEST

In the last issue, the EHS newsletter proclaimed the 1837 Glen schoolhouse as the oldest recognized structure in Halton Hills. It is certainly old, but the famous Stewart House on the Third Line was built between 1827 and 1832. That property was one of the earliest designations by Heritage Halton Hills.

MAKING HERITAGE HAPPEN

Halton Heritage Services is offering one day professional development in conjunction with the local tourism agency on Halton's heritage and cultural sector. The event is on Thursday 12 April from 8 – 4 at the Acton Town Hall. The \$65 fee covers lunch and refreshments. Questions can be directed to Julie Sutton-Yardley at 905-825-6000 ext. 3439 or email: julie.sutton-yardley@halton.ca. The registration is on-line at:

<https://www.hrhsmakingheritagehappen.com>

LAST NEWSLETTER

You will not receive the next newsletter if you do not renew your 2018 membership!



HERITAGE HALTON HILLS HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF HALTON HILLS

PRE-CONFEDERATION PROPERTIES RECOGNIZED BY
HERITAGE HALTON HILLS

January 2018

All of the properties listed below have a white sign indicating
the age of the building or a bronze designation plaque.

ACTON

251 Main Street North
6173 17 Sideroad

1858 David Youmans, Grocer
1853 Sidney Smith, Lumber Merchant

GEORGETOWN

12 Chapel Street
45 Charles Street
22 & 24 Church Street
26 Church Street
43 Edith Street
51 Edith Street
17 Ewing Street
129 Main Street South
181-185 Main St. S*
294 Maple Avenue
45 Market Street
55 Queen Street (FEDERAL)
99 River Drive*

1850 Ephraim L. Koyle, Minister
1859 Walter McKay, Carpenter
1865 John Freeman, Farmer
1867 William Joyce, Farmer
1863 Hugh McKay, Grocer
1857 Francis Barclay, Dry Goods Merchant
1864 Thomas Wilsey & Martha Kennedy
1850 John Morgan, Cordwainer
1840/1860 Freeman/Bradley House
1854 Joseph Unsworth, Minister
1854 Robert Maw, Market Gardener
1855 Georgetown Grand Trunk Station
1854 Barber Paper Mill

GLEN WILLIAMS

504 Main Street*
515 Main Street*
519 Main Street*
521 Main Street *
15 Mountain Street
6 Prince Street*

12079 Tenth Line
3 Tweedle Street
3 Wildwood Road

1853 Isaac Williams, Carpenter
1856 The Williams' Mill
1858 Laidlaw House
1847 Frazier Shop
1854 Charles Williams, Miller
1854 William Alexander, Inn Keeper
1837 Glen Williams School Ratepayers
1852 Joel Williams, Farmer
1849 David Williams, Tanner
c.1852 Charles Williams, Manufacturer

HORNBY

8684 Ninth Line

c.1849 John Brown, Farmer

LIMEHOUSE

12438 Kirkpatrick Lane

1862 Robert Ford, Blacksmith

NORVAL

401 Draper Street*

c.1840 Forbes House

404 Draper Street*

c. 1840 Caretaker's Cottage

475 Guelph Street*

1854 Arthur Little, Shoemaker - "Lilac Lawns"

9924 Winston Churchill Blvd. 1840 Norval Church of Christ *

SCOTCH BLOCK

10295 Ten Sideroad

1856 James Stewart, Farmer

9722 Third Line *

1832 Craiglea

STEWARTTOWN

11494 Trafalgar Road*

c.1860 Devereaux House

* This property has been designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act.

PLEASE NOTE: The properties designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act are described herein for reasons of interest. For the legal description of their designation, see the appropriate by-law on file at the Clerk's Office of the Town of Halton Hills.



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1918 LOCAL NEWS SNIPPETS

Georgetown Herald 6 March 1918

HIGH SCHOOL boys of the Dominion are to be mobilized for farm service this spring. It is expected that an army of 25,000 of them will be obtained. This campaign should have two results. Besides aiding materially in the production campaign, it should turn the thought and ambition of many a city boy away from the crowded marts of life to the freer and more satisfying life upon the land.

A DAYLIGHT-saving bill has been introduced in the Provincial Legislature...

BALLINAFAD: Mr. and Mrs. John Worden entertained a number of young people to a dance last Wednesday evening.

NORVAL: Corp. John Fincher, one of Norval's returned heroes, was given a royal reception by the citizens of Norval and vicinity in Campbell's Hall last Thursday evening. He was presented with a well-filled purse.

A number of local sports took in the hockey match at Kitchener last Friday night.

The Bell Telephone Co. are now located in their fine new office in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Hamilton.



Acton Free Press 7 March

Acton Red Cross Sends More Supplies The ladies of Acton Red Cross shipped last week: 16 parcels of soldiers' socks containing one dozen each; 4 dozen pneumonia jackets; 9 personal property bags for soldiers in hospital; 45 hospital cushions and 10 yards of cheesecloth.

A championship checker match was expected to be played yesterday afternoon between Messrs. D. Robertson, Milton and Allan Leishman of Acton.

CREWSON'S CORNERS: Last Monday as Mrs. John Bullingham stepped outside her door she fell on the ice and sustained a compound fracture of her right arm. Dr. McCullough was called and deemed it advisable to have her taken to the hospital and she went to Guelph General Hospital on Tuesday where she is doing nicely.

Acton Free Press 31 March

Toronto Suburban's New Station Agent The authorities of the Toronto Suburban Electric Railway have implemented their promise of a month ago and a station master is now in charge at Acton station. Our citizens will be pleased that the new agent is one of our own fellow-citizens, Mr. George Agnew. Mr. Agnew took charge on Monday. He will look carefully after the business of the patrons of the electric road by selling tickets and receiving and delivering express. The station premises will shortly be improved. A telephone has been installed and the public will be kept in close touch with the movements of cars etc.

Georgetown Herald 3 April 1918
Furniture sale at Prince Albert Hotel on Saturday.

Night Operator wanted – Apply at Telephone Office.

Mr. H. Corke has commenced work on the re-construction of his woolen mills. In the meantime, he has secured a lease of the Glass Garden building and will commence at once. (Herald)

NORVAL: Have you secured your ticket for the boudoir cap now on exhibition in Mrs. Black's window? Ticket 10c, proceeds for Girls' Club. Sale closes at the Patriotic Enclave at Campbell's Hall this Thursday evening. (Herald)

GLEN WILLIAMS: Sgt. Percival Kelso, grandson of Mrs. (Sgt.) Brown and one of the old 4th Battalion was given a royal welcome home on his return from France last Saturday evening. He was met by the Glen Band and escorted in Ex-Warden Fleck's auto to his home where Dr. Nixon on behalf of the citizens presented him with a well-filled purse. (Herald)

SCOTCH BLOCK: The Waterloo Literary Society closed for the season with a successful box social, both socially and financially, on the evening of Thursday March 28th. After opening with a patriotic musical, the program rendered by the following talent was heartily encored: Mr. Wm. Gowdy of Limehouse, Mr. A. and Miss Jean Thompson of Stewarttown and Miss Margaret Lawson of Georgetown, each contributed a number of vocal solos accompanied by Miss Mary Livingstone. Miss Nellie Lindsay entertained with a number of violin selections... The proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$58, which will be forwarded to the Red Cross. (Herald)

LIMEHOUSE: Douglas M. Gowdy has received a beautiful sterling silver medal from the Provincial Government, the second prize in the Victory Loan Essay Competition in G.H.S.

Acton Free Press 11 April

It is stated that railway schedules will not be affected by the daylight savings plan. Trains will run an hour behind schedule as usual.

DUBLIN: The good roads have brought out the motor cars earlier than usual and the second line has scores of them traversing that highway already.

BALLINAFAD: Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Vannatter who recently sold their farm here to Mr. Steen of Streetsville, have removed with their family to their new home in Georgetown. Prior to leaving here a large number of members and friends of the Methodist Church gathered to say farewell...



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