

The Burlington Historical Society

GAZETTE

Dennis Scott, Founder, Partner and Managing Director of Scott & Associates is our speaker for February, Black History Month.

It is very difficult to list all Dennis' accomplishments and awards in this limited space. The following bulleted list is taken from the Directors' page of the Halton Black History Awareness Society.

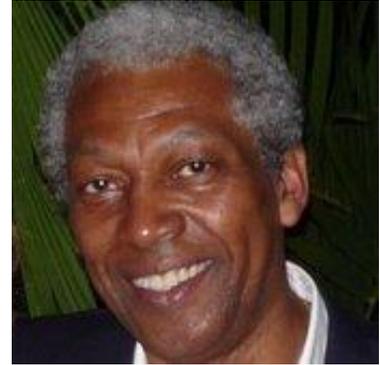


Photo: Halton Black History Awareness Society

Dennis Scott, Chair - Cultural Integrator

- 7th Generation Black Canadian
- Descendent of Slaves - Kentucky, North & South Carolina, New York State
- Multicultural - Canadian, British, French, American, Native American, Jamaican, Costa Rican
- Business Owner, Scott & Associates Consulting
- Cultural Integrator, Proponent on Integration/Inclusion & Collaboration
- Former Executive Director/Board Member, Habitat for Humanity Grey Bruce
- Former Board Member: Hamilton Media Advisory Committee
- Former 11 year Chair, Emancipation Celebration Festival, Owen Sound
- Former Board Member: John Holland Awards, Hamilton
- 11 Year Chair, Grey County Black History Education Conference
- Co-Founder Chair, International Emancipation Children's Fund
- Chair, Halton Black History Awareness Society (2015)
- 2012 Recipient of the John Holland Community Service Award
- 2011 Recipient of the Ontario Heritage Trust "Certificate of Achievement" Award
- 2011 Recipient of the City of Owen Sound Certificate of Community Recognition

**You don't want to miss this one!
Bring a friend – admission is free**

Monday, 12th February 2018, at 7 pm
Burlington Public Library, Central Branch

Our March speaker will be BHS member

Mike McDonnell
Topic – Canadians in the American Civil War

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President's Report *Ed Keenleyside*

At the outset of a new year and of a new Board of Directors of the BHS, I just want to thank the past Directors for their dedication to furthering the work of preserving and enhancing the history of our great city of Burlington.

I am not only your new President I am also a fairly new BHS member. As such I feel the responsibility of being your President a bit daunting. While I am new to the BHS, I am not new to the love of history. My university training and my years as a high school history teacher enhanced my interest in all aspects of history. It has also taught me just how little I actually know and want to learn. I have been amazed at the amount of knowledge each of you brings to the BHS.

I cannot promise to be the same as my Presidential predecessors, but I can promise my support and interest in any projects or topics you wish to talk about. In order to provide the high calibre of speakers and presentations you have been used to, I will need your input and suggestions. If you know of a potential speaker that you feel might be willing to share their knowledge with the BHS, please let me know.

In closing I leave you with this story of how Canada got its name. Long ago when our country was first settled, the early inhabitants realized the country needed a name, but they wanted to keep it short. They started by putting all of the letters of the alphabet in a hat. Three persons were selected to pull one letter each out and read each one out loud – the first person pulled a letter and in a loud voice read “C eh”; then the next person came forth and chose the next letter and in an equally loud voice read “N eh”; and finally, the third person stepped up and selected a letter from the hat and loudly read “D eh” ... and that’s how CANADA got its name.



Keep smiling - Ed



Thank you to our January Greeters

Liz Baldwin & Ed Keenleyside

Businessmen

By Dorothy Turcotte: Excerpts from Burlington - The Growing Years

Milne, Frank

"For 40 years, the Milne family carried on the coal business that was started around 1867 by George Allen. Fuel was only a part of Allen's enterprise. He owned a large hardware store at the corner of Brant and Pine Streets. The coal yard was behind the store at Pine and John Streets. Later, the coal business passed into the hands of Phil Patriarche, then F. W. Watson, before being bought by the Milnes in 1928.

When Frank Milne took over, there were only five employees, plus Mrs. Milne and his brother. They had four trucks which brought coal from a yard near Clarkson for \$10 a ton. The coal originated in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, and was delivered to homes within a ten mile radius of Burlington. Coal was also purchased by greenhouse operators, and local industries such as Canadian Cannerys.



As the coal business was seasonal, in summer, the Milnes provided another seasonal service, ice delivery. Frank Milne remembers that ice was cut on the Bay in winter, and stored in four ice houses. One of these was on the beach near the present Joseph Brant Museum, two were on Maple Avenue at the end of Elgin, and one was on John Street near James. The ice was sold in the summer to supply ice boxes in Burlington homes.

Mr. Milne's wife, Mae Holtby, also came from a distinguished family. She came from England with her parents in 1912. They settled first in Winona, moving to Burlington in 1918. Edmond Holtby was a farmer who became interested in local politics, and served as mayor of Burlington in 1929-30."

Newspaper photo of Mayor Edmond Holtby
ca 1930 Burlington Gazette



Happy Valentine's Day

Outreach Report *Jane Ann Newson*



Burlington's Beginnings at the Burlington Senior Centre

We are very pleased to announce that we have been invited to return in the fall of 2018 to present a repeat of our Burlington Beginnings session held in 2017. Our instructors will also be returning - **Joan Downey, Patricia Taylor and Chris Mallion-Moore. Peggy Armstrong** has also agreed to be our resource in all things history in Burlington. We appreciate this opportunity to showcase times gone by in our community!

Outreach activities -

As previously stated, we already have a speaking engagement scheduled for **May 14th** for the **Burlington Retired Teachers of Ontario Group**.

Our **2018 Outreach Plan** will concentrate on the completion of oral histories at Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence.

We also hope to contact other Retirement Homes in our area for the purpose of showing our Brant Inn video. With this invitation comes another chance to talk about early Burlington history and hand out our Gazette newsletter and maybe even gain another oral history prospect from these residents.

Heritage Burlington Update

Retaining Heritage Values in Downtown Burlington

As Burlington moves forward in planning the Downtown Urban Centre Area, many properties of some heritage value will require careful consideration. The question is, "How do we preserve Heritage?"

Burlington, in accordance with provincial legislation, has a Municipal Registry that includes two kinds of properties, both of which are found in the Downtown area.

- Officially designated properties that cannot be demolished or have their key features changed
- Other properties with possible designation value. These properties cannot be demolished without a 60-day waiting period during which the City can decide if it wishes to designate and thus protect

Many properties in the latter category need to be reviewed to determine whether they require action or protection. Heritage Burlington is refining its evaluation instrument and will be moving forward to make a thorough and objective review. Then, as plans for re-development come forward, Heritage Burlington will be prepared to offer advice on heritage elements that should be respected as the Downtown planning moves forward.

Freeman Station Update *Alan Harrington*

As restoration of the 1906 structure continues, our plans include building a 1/24 scale model of Burlington in the early 1900's and to permanently locate it in the basement of the building. Work has already begun on crafting the models which include rolling stock.

On Saturday February 3 - 2018 The Burlington Library, New Street branch, is holding a "Reading" Railroad day.

The Library and Friends of Freeman Station are teaming up to promote reading literacy and model railway fun combining "story times" with model trains and age-specific special activities.

10:30 – 11:30 – "Adventures on the Island of Sodor" will feature an operating Thomas the Tank Engine with Annie and Clarabelle along with exciting stories about Thomas and friends for preschoolers.

2:00 – 3:30 – "Burlington in the Golden Age of Steam" offers a nostalgic look at our grandparents' life around the Freeman Station.

(All ages.)

There is no cost to attend, but donations toward construction of the model railway diorama will be gratefully appreciated.



Photo Alan Harrington

Did you know??

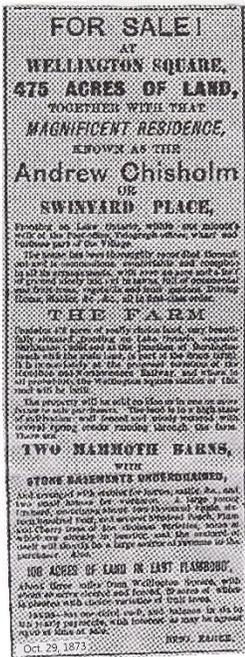


Doesn't look much like Burlington does it?

About the King Road Clay Pits? This photo popped up in the Filman Collection the other day with just the title, no explanation. If you have any more information, please email info@burlingtonhistorical.ca



From the Archives *Joan Downey*



The following article appeared in the October 29th, 1873 issue of the Burlington Gazette. Thanks to Scott Forsythe for forwarding a copy to us. Imagine, in today's marketplace, the value of this property.

FOR SALE at Wellington Square - 475 Acres of Land together with that magnificent residence known as the **Andrew Chisholm or Swinyard Place**

Fronting on Lake Ontario, within one minute's walk of the Post-office, Telegraph offices, wharf and business part of the village.

The house has been thoroughly remodeled through out and is commodious, comfortable and complete in all its arrangements, with over an acre and a half of ground nicely laid out in lawns, full of ornamental and fruit trees, vegetable and fruit gardens. Driving House, Stables &c, &c, all in first class order.

THE FARM contains 475 acres of really choice land, very beautifully situated, fronting on Lake Ontario, opposite Burlington Beach and at the junction of Burlington Canal and at the junction of Burlington Canal with the main land, (a part of the Brant farm). It is immediately at the proposed terminus of the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway, and where is all probability the Wellington Square station of this road will be built.

The property will be sold en bloc or in one or more forms to suit purchasers. The land is in a high state of cultivation: well farmed and nicely watered with several spring creeks running through the farm.

There are: **TWO MAMMOTH BARN** with **STONE BASEMENTS UNDERDRAINED** and arranged with stables for horses, cattle, &c, and two small cottages for workmen. A large young orchard containing about two thousand Apple, sixteen hundred Pear, and several hundred Peach, Plum and Cherry trees of the choicest varieties, some of which are already in bearing, and the orchard of itself will shortly be a large source of revenue to the purchaser. Also,

100 ACRES OF LAND IN EAST FLAMBORO about three miles from Wellington Square, with about 40 acres cleared and fruitful, 20 acres of which is planted with choice varieties of fruit trees.

TERMS—one third cash, and balance in six to ten yearly payments, with interest as may be agreed upon at time of sale.
BENJ. HAGER

With Spring on the way (we hope), Archives volunteer and BHS Secretary, **Pat Taylor** is street walking again. Having photographed just about every heritage home in Burlington, Pat is using her camera for a new project – recording Burlington's Art in Public Places. If you see Pat out and about with her camera, say Hi.



Mystery Photo *Joan Downey*

February Mystery Photo



This is another example of public art – out in the open for all to see. For this one you may have to look up a bit.

Photo by Pat Taylor

January Mystery Photo



There it is – right on the west façade of the Lakeshore Coffee House at 2007 Lakeshore Road.

At one time this building was home to the Hume Theatre (see January 2018 Gazette).

<http://burlingtonhistorical.ca/mystery-photos/>

Photo by Pat Taylor

Heritage Happenings in February

Burlington Heritage Month – Launch, February 1, 2018 at St. Luke’s Church Hall, Ontario Street



Reading Railroad Day – February 3, 2018 at Burlington Public Library, Central Branch, New Street

Go to www.bpl.on.ca for details of these events.

Burlington Historical Society Executive

Officers (Elected)		Directors (Appointed)		Convenors (Appointed)	
President	Ed Keenleyside	Programs	Tom Bochsler	Greeting Cards	Anne Wingfield
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Preserving Burlington's History for Today and Tomorrow

Membership - 2018

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Dues (check all categories that apply)

New Member Family: \$40.00 Senior: \$25.00

Renewal Adult: \$30.00

Yes, as a **new** BHS member I wish to receive the Gazette newsletter and other e-communications and understand I can unsubscribe at any time.

Volunteer

Join our volunteer team – please circle your interest(s)

RESEARCH - 50/50 DRAW - COFFEE - BYTES OF BURLINGTON - ARCHIVES - NEWSLETTER – OUTREACH -
MEMBERSHIP - SPECIAL PROJECTS – GENERAL MEETING GREETERS – EXECUTIVE – DIRECTOR -
TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Donation

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

A Tax Receipt will be issued for all donations totalling \$25.00 or more

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Mail completed form and remittance(s) to:

The Burlington Historical Society
Membership Convenor
PO Box 93164
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Burlington, Ontario L7M 4A3

OR

Leave it at the Membership table at any General Meeting

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