

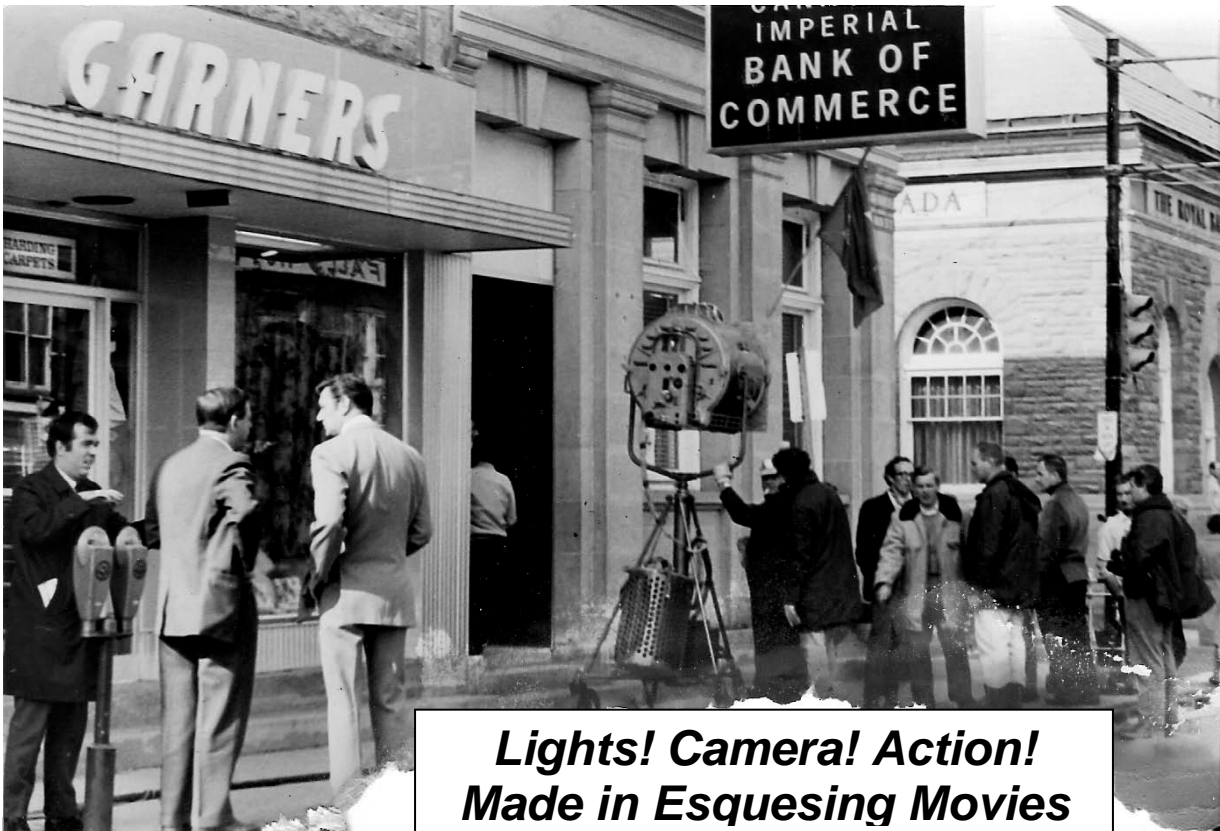


# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## ***Lights! Camera! Action! Made in Esquesing Movies***

### **Equus Familiar**

If you go to see the movie *Equus*, scenes of which were filmed in Georgetown and the offices of the *Herald*, almost a year ago, you may see more than some familiar places and faces.

*Equus* is the story of a psychiatrist played by Richard Burton trying to find out why a 16-year old boy played by Peter Firth blinded six horses....

Two key scenes were shot in Georgetown. One was in *The Herald* and the other on Main Street. One take that didn't end up on the cutting room floor was of a mounted policeman on Park Avenue with the old church, housing the Georgetown Library in the background.

*-The Herald, 26 October 1977*



## Running

A lean Michael Douglas led a cast and crew of more than 100 people into Georgetown September 8 to film segments of the feature-length movie *Running*. Douglas is the executive producer of the film and also its star....

Most of the filming took place on Main Street just north of Mill Street.

-*The Herald*, 13 Sept. 1978

## Teen Star Makes Waves Here

Teen star Corey Haim of *The Lost Boys* and *Licensed to Drive* fame was on location at the former Waterfalls Playground quarry on the Sixth Line last week filming a new feature film, *Comfort Creek*, produced by Norstar Entertainment Inc. of Toronto. The film, set in 1955, casts Haim as a 17-year old who learns about adulthood with a little help from the neighbour's wife. The film also stars Genevieve Bujold, Keir Dulles, Robbie Coltrane and Barbara Williams and is directed by Eric Till.



-*The Independent*, 21 August 1991



## Louisiana - Glen Style

The familiar Copper Kettle restaurant in Glen Williams took on a different look this week as the Showtime movie, *My Louisiana Sky* was filmed in the area, transforming the village into 1957 Louisiana.

-6 October 2000

## Small town

## Georgetown is Hollywood North This Summer



St. Nick Productions Inc. will begin shooting *The Boys Club* in and around Georgetown on July 31 and should wrap up here on August 13. Mark Logan, location manager for the film, said Georgetown will take on the role of the small town in the film... -*The Acton Fee Press*, 26 July 1995

## Al Pacino here Filming *The Farm* at Scotsdale

The feature film *The Farm*, starring Al Pacino, is being filmed by EIEIO Productions at Scotsdale Farm and on surrounding roads. *The Farm*, being produced for Spyglass Entertainment, follows a senior CIA training officer guiding a group of young CIA recruits through the psychological minefield of becoming CIA operatives. Scotsdale Farm is serving as the training facility for the new recruits.

-*The Independent*, 12 December 2001



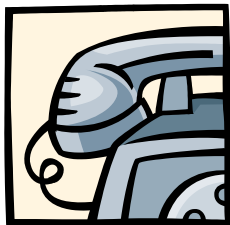
## **ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**2010**

- Wed. 08     **Georgetown Movie Night** – What do Keanu Reeves, Orson Welles and Richard  
Sept. 2010     Burton have in common? They have worked on movies in Georgetown, Ontario!  
Join the EHS movie aficionados to share their pictures and stories about films made  
in Halton Hills during the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main and Church Sts, Georgetown, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 13     **A Century of Scouting in Acton and Georgetown** – Former Scouters George  
Oct. 2010     Henderson and Mark Rowe will honour the centenary of Scouting in Acton and  
Georgetown with stories, pictures and memorabilia. Come out and see if you can  
still tie a clove hitch, send a semaphore message and light a fire with one match!  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main and Church Sts, Georgetown, 7:30p.m.
- Wed. 10     **Clay Products Industry in Halton and Peel** - Local geology in the form of  
Nov. 2010     extensive shale deposits throughout Halton and Peel has encouraged the  
development of a fairly extensive brick-making industry. Over a period of over 120  
years, pits and manufacturing sites have prospered and faded at about a dozen  
locations. The presentation by Dr. W.D. McIlveen will review the comings and  
goings of the industry in our area.  
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Main and Church Sts, Georgetown, 7:30p.m.
- December     No Public Meeting in December

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE!**

Refreshments served from 7:00 p.m.



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## *Society Notes*

### **INTERNET CONNECTIONS**

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### **EHS NEWSLETTER**

John Mark Rowe prepared this newsletter with assistance from Karen Hunter and Dawn Livingstone. Submissions welcome.

You may opt to receive your newsletter sent electronically to an e-mail address you provide.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you for renewing your 2010 membership. The individual membership rate is \$10. The family or institution rate is \$12. Cheques payable to the Society can be mailed to our post box. Membership runs until February. Marj Allen, membership secretary, will accept your 2010 fee at the meetings.

### **ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO**

[www.archives.gov.on.ca](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca)

### **ARCHIVES**

All of our newsletters since 1975 are now on-line, thanks to our summer student Brittany Prince-Cox. She was very useful to the Society who hasn't had a student in a couple of years. She also uploaded our Archives inventory, our oversized photographs and the Acton Women's Institute Tweedsmuir history. All of this required rescanning of many items, a time-consuming exercise. She also began the transfer of our digital image collection from CDs to DVDs. It was all quite technical and was very much appreciated.

### **HALTON-PEEL OGS**

Four Corners Branch Library, 65 Queen St., Brampton @ 2p.m.

Call Ann Logan at 905-845-7755

Sept. 26 - Matthew Wilkinson, "*A River Runs Through It – the Villages of the Credit River Valley*" Oakville

Oct. 24 - Walter Lewis, "*From Immigration to Recreation – A Brief History of Passenger*

*Travel on the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes*" Oakville

### **STREETSVILLE HIST. SOCIETY**

PO box 598, Streetsville, ON L5M 2C1

Our General meetings are held, opposite the Leslie Log House, at the Specialty Care, 4350 Mississauga Rd. S. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of the month (Feb, Apr, Oct, Dec,) at 7:30

Contact: Ann Holmes Ph: (905) 826-3183 or e-mail [abholmes@sympatico.ca](mailto:abholmes@sympatico.ca)

### **BRAMPTON HIST. SOCIETY**

The Society meets at Heart Lake Presbyterian Church, 25 Ruth Ave. at 7:15 on the third Thursday of the month.

Sept. 16 – Lisa Samson Victorian Millinery.

Oct. 21 – Frank Lutka on Ontario Telephones

### **MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Society meets at the Waldie Blacksmith Shop at 16 James Street at 8p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Sept. 11 – Dairy Creamery exhibit at Milton Fair.

Sept. 16 – Mike Curry leads a hands-on blacksmithing class

Oct. 21 – Jim Dills on Samuel Pantene

### **NASAGIWEYA HIST. SOCIETY**

The Nasagiweya Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church in Haltonville at 7 p.m. President Audrey Allison 905-854-2378

September 15: Barbecue at John Bridges' home, 5pm, \$10 p.p. Osney Manor Farm, 10359 4th Line, Campbellville

October 12: History of local Barns, by past NHS president Eli Daigle.

### **OAKVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

For a list of walking tours and ghost tours of Oakville visit [www.oakvillehistory.org](http://www.oakvillehistory.org) and click on EVENTS or phone 905-844-2695.

Sept. 25 & 26 – Doors Open Oakville

Oct. 20 – Mississauga Disaster Revisited

### **TRAFALGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Sept. 25 – 5<sup>th</sup> Trafalgar Heritage Fair

Nov. 30 – Built Heritage – When Buildings are Bridges with Elaine Eigl.

<http://www.trafalgartownshiphistory.ca>

### **LIMEHOUSE KILN SOCIETY**

In July beautiful new interpretive signage was installed by the Limehouse Kiln Society.

Oct. 23 – Kiln Society Annual General Meeting 10 a.m. to noon

### **HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM**

Be sure to check out their website at [www.hhsm.ca](http://www.hhsm.ca)

### **HERITAGE ACTON**

Heritage Acton presented Phase 2 of their Acton Town Hall Project – Citizens' Hall and Accessibility on August 12. Funding was delivered by The Trillium Foundation and the Town of Halton Hills.

### **FALLBROOK FARM**

The designation of Fallbrook Farm on 27 Sideroad has been delayed by the Town of Halton Hills once again. A reorganized and refocused group want time to develop a new plan for the site which is owned by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

### **EHS PHOTOS FEATURED**

Have you noticed the historical photos mounted in the faux windows of the new Shoppers Drug Mart at the corner of Guelph and Sinclair Streets in Georgetown?

Heritage Halton Hills selected several photos from the EHS collection and they chose the ones which they liked. The impetus for the photos actually came from the Town itself, so be sure to comment on them to the store management!

### **THE WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL**

If you have Esquesing ancestors who participated in the War of 1812, drop a line to Mark Rowe who is preparing our local contribution to the big anniversary.

### **P.L. ROBERTSON HONOURED**

Halton District School Board has honoured the inventor of the Robertson screw by naming a Milton school after the former resident. The elementary school opened on

21<sup>st</sup> May and three members of the Milton Historical Society were in attendance. –from Milton H.S. Newsletter

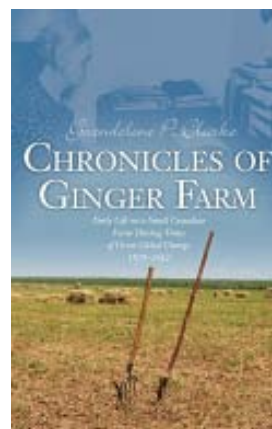
### **YEAR OF THE HOME CHILD**

Canada has designated 2010 as the Year of the Home Child and this October, Canada Post is issuing a stamp honouring these children.

Home Children are the Forgotten Children not only in Britain but Canada and other Commonwealth countries. Very few people have heard of Home Children, which is an important part of Canada's past history and should be included in the school curriculum for our future generations. –from OHS Bulletin April 2010

### **GINGER FARM REMEMBERED**

During the 1950s, Gwen Clarke of Milton wrote a column in the *Acton Free Press*



which recalled local history stories throughout Halton County. It was published by Dills Printing and Publishing in 1955 as *Halton's Pages of the Past*. Mrs. Clarke also wrote another long running column *Chronicles of Ginger*

*Farm*. These columns have now been reprinted by her family in a new volume in her honour. Reading this volume will certainly be a trip down memory lane. Even Mrs. Clarke's home is a memory. Her farm now serves as the Maplehurst Detention Centre.

### **GIRL GUIDES CENTENARY**

Canada Post has issued a new stamp to commemorate the centenary of the Girl Guides of Canada. They were started in 1910 by Sir Robert Baden-Powell after girls demanded a female version of the Boy Scouts.

## Mississauga of the New Credit Accept Federal Land Claim Settlement

*The Mississauga Nation history was discussed at the February 2010 meeting of the Esquesing Historical Society. Members will recall the Federal offer of \$145 million to the Mississauga of the New Credit to settle their land claim. The community voted on the matter in May 2010. "The measure to redress the historical wrong was passed overwhelmingly with 856 votes in favour, 41 against and seven spoiled ballots. The Mississaugas of New Credit, who once lived along the Credit River, signed away the land that covers much of the GTA in two treaties written 200 years ago, before agreeing in the 1840s to move to their current 2,900-hectare reserve in Hagersville, near the Six Nations.*

Historians suggest the Mississaugas were not properly apprised of what they were agreeing to in the so-called Toronto Purchase of 1787 — later clarified in an 1805 treaty — whereby land stretching from Etobicoke Creek to Ashbridges Bay and 28 miles north was turned over for just 10 shillings, about \$60 in today's terms. A similar stretch encompassing present-day Mississauga [and Esquesing] went for the same amount.

The \$145 million settlement is based roughly on estimates of proper land values at the time of the original agreement, extrapolated to today's dollars.

-excerpt from The Toronto Star, 8 June 2010

### ***Devereaux House***

October - *Timeless Textiles*

An exhibition of traditional home crafts, both antique and modern. Handwoven blankets, quilts, hooked rugs, linens, baskets and more created by our foremothers and our local artisans. Thursday afternoons throughout October. Free entry.

October 30/31 - *Pumpkin Parade*

Pumpkin carving display, contest and outdoor candle light parade to be enjoyed by the whole family.

Harvest refreshments from Mrs. Devereaux's kitchen.

Devereaux House is a restored, 19th century home owned by the Town of Halton Hills and managed by the non-profit Friends of Devereaux House. It is located at 11494 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, just north of Maple Avenue. The house is open at no charge to the public on Thursday afternoons. Call 905-877-1861 or visit [devereauxhouse.ca](http://devereauxhouse.ca).

### **The Canadian Champion**

#### **Dissolution of Partnership**

The co-partnership heretofore existing between HUSBAND and SNIDER having been dissolved by mutual consent, the Public are respectfully informed that

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**Husband & McMaster**

Georgetown, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1864

## A Century of Scouting in Esquesing

Sir Robert Baden Powell came to Canada in 1910 and toured from west to east, inspecting Boy Scout Troops wherever he went. There was a great push in Ontario to organize a troop before the Founder arrived in Toronto in time for the Canadian National Exhibition. It was quite a mass demonstration of Scouting skills that were played out before our distinguished visitor. The local paper gives us evidence that a Georgetown Troop of boys were organized in time to attend the CNE on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Who actually attended has not been discovered.



The editor of the *Acton Free Press*, lamented in the September 8<sup>th</sup> issue that Acton did not have a Boy Scout Troop. It seems as if his call was answered before the month was out and the Acton Boy Scout Troop marched to their first church parade on October 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

Both the Acton and Georgetown Troops had an on again, off again first few years, before they were established permanently and other sections were added. The Esquesing Historical Society will salute the centenary of Scouting in Esquesing at our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in Georgetown. Former Scouters George Henderson and Mark Rowe will share the history of the groups in Esquesing since 1910 to the present. Perhaps you might have a Scouting (or Guiding) picture you could share at the meeting. We'd love to see them. Here are a few to enjoy!

### 1st GEORGETOWN -ORGANIZED 1910

The Local Committee has secured the services of Mr. Halnan as Scoutmaster. He is an athlete of irreproachable character. He is formerly a member of Georgetown High School staff.

Georgetown Boy Scouts were at the Exhibition on September 6<sup>th</sup>. —HERALD 28 Sept. 1910



1st Georgetown Scouts camped out in 1952. Left to right are J. Doherty, P. Prust, B. Hardman and J. Windfield.

### BOY SCOUTS FIRST PARADE

The first church parade of the Acton Company Boy Scouts was held on Sunday evening to St. Alban's Church. There are 40 members on the roll and 35 responded to the call. The company marched to the church under the command of their leader, W. H. Stock. The church was decorated with flags under the direction of W. Gimson. —AFP 13 Oct. 1910

**1ST ACTON**

-ORGANIZED 1910

**1<sup>st</sup> NORVAL**

-ORGANIZED 1921

**2nd**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1956

**3rd**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1957

**1st GLEN**

**WILLIAMS**

-ORGANIZED 1957

**1<sup>st</sup> LIMEHOUSE**

-ORGANIZED 1958

**4th**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1959

**1<sup>st</sup> HORNBY**

-ORGANIZED 1959



George Lee of the Acton Library Board accepts a tree from the Acton Wolf Cubs to plant on the lawn of Acton's brand new Library in 1967! Ehs18222



**1st ASHGROVE**

-ORGANIZED 1961

**1st BALLINAFAD**

-ORGANIZED 1961

**5th**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1961

**6th**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1961

**7th**

**GEORGETOWN**

-ORGANIZED 1962

Dave Shrubsole and three Wolf Cubs of the third pack run by the 1<sup>st</sup> Georgetown group in 1963. Ehs18220

# 1<sup>st</sup> SCOTCH BLOCK

-ORGANIZED 1962

# 8th GEORGETOWN

-ORGANIZED 1966

# 9th GEORGETOWN

-ORGANIZED 1968

# 2nd ACTON

-ORGANIZED 1978

# 3rd ACTON

-ORGANIZED 1983



John Lambden demonstrates scuba equipment for the Acton Beavers at the Scout Hall in 1975. Ehs18207



Tommy Hammond and Gary Murray of 1<sup>st</sup> Norval prepare for Apple Day in 1963. Ehs18219

**The Boy Scouts** – The Boy Scouts met for re-organization on Wednesday evening last when 36 boys reported. The troop will be registered in a few weeks. The Boy Scout movement is purely one for the upbuilding of boys and is not in any way a military scheme. Attention is, however paid to the military features of discipline, obedience, neatness, correct carriage and order. –AFP 27 April 1911

**Notice to Boy Scouts** – uniforms carried by Adams & Co., Georgetown –HERALD 20 March 1912

Did you notice the Beaver with Orson Wells on page 3?

Acton Scouts gathered at the Methodist Church to have awards presented. Awards went to R. Watson, Robert McArthur, Arthur Henderson, Arthur Lawson, Alfred Bishop, Joseph Woods, E. Patrick, S. Malcolm, W. Babcock, George Mason and Harold Reid. –AFP 17 May 1925