

History of Street Names

These special features on the history of certain street names in Milton and surrounding areas, were provided courtesy of local historians John Challinor II and Jim Dills.



Alliance Road

Alliance Road, in Old Milton Neighbourhood, was named for the Alliance Building Group, which bought and developed the Harrop Farm that this street now runs through. Local lawyer Peter McWilliams purchased the barn on the property and donated it to the Ontario Agricultural Museum (now Country Heritage Park).

Amos Drive

Amos Drive, in the hamlet of Brookville, was named for George Amos and his son Thomas, prominent farming families who lived just north of Moffat and were breeders of Scotch Shorthorns and Holstein cattle. This street services Brookville Estates.

Anderson Avenue

Anderson Avenue, in Timberlea Neighbourhood, was named in 1978 for Dr. Robert K. Anderson (1860 - 1950), a local medical doctor who served as Mayor of Milton in 1904 and again between 1907 and 1909. He also served as the Member of Parliament for Halton from 1917 to 1935.

Britannia Road

Britannia Road, in Trafalgar Neighbourhood, had its name applied by the Township of Trafalgar as an extension of the road emanating from the Township of Toronto. Named for Britannia, a hamlet located at the intersection of what is now Britannia Road and Hurontario Street, it was originally founded as Gardner's Corners by Joseph and Robert Gardner, who owned the lands. It was renamed Britannia in 1863, in honour of Great Britain, and coinciding with the opening of a post office there.

Cartmer Way

Cartmer Way, in Dempsey Neighbourhood, was named in 2002 for Isaac Cartmer (1841 - 1896), a local grocer who served as a Town Councillor on Milton Council in 1876 as well as Postmaster of Milton from 1892 to 1896. He was the first Secretary-Treasurer of the non-profit board that established the present Milton Evergreen Cemetery.

Chris Hadfield Way

Chris Hadfield Way, in Old Milton Neighbourhood, was named in 1997 in honour of Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Colonel Chris A. Hadfield, a resident of Milton and the first Canadian Mission Specialist (STS-74 - November 1996), the first Canadian to ever leave a spacecraft and float free in space (STS-100 - April 2001), the first Canadian to operate the Canadarm in orbit (STS-74 - November 1996), and the first and only Canadian to board Space Station Mir (STS 74 - November 1996).

Crewson's Line

Crewson's Line. In Nassagaweya Neighbourhood, was named in 1998 for Crewson's Corners, a hamlet once located nearby in Halton Hills. Founded by William Crewson, a school teacher and, later, a Disciple minister, Crewson's Corners serves as a north-south boundary road between the Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills.

Dolby Crescent

Dolby Crescent, in Beaty Neighbourhood, was named in 2000 for Pilot Officer Earle George Dolby DFC (1922 - 1943), a Milton resident who served with the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II and was killed in action on September 1, 1943. He was 21 and had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his military accomplishments.

Field Drive

Field Drive, in Clarke Neighbourhood, was named in 2002 for Myrtle B. Field (1883 - 1970), who was Deputy Registrar and, later, only the second woman in the province of Ontario to be named Registrar of Deeds for Halton County from 1902 to 1955. She retired after 50 years service.

Freeman Trail

Freeman Trail, in Beaty Neighbourhood, was named in 2001 for Dr. Clarkson Freeman (1827 - 1895), a local teacher and medical doctor, who served as Mayor of Milton from 1870 to 1872. He also served as a surgeon with the Union Army under General Ulysses S. Grant, Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army, during the American Civil War.

Heslop Road

Heslop Road, in Fallingbrook Neighbourhood, was named in 1954 for Dr. Cecil Hartley Heslop (1896 - 1982), a local veterinarian who served as Mayor of Milton from 1948 to 1951 and again in 1954 and 1955. He also served as a Town Councillor on Milton Council in 1920 and 1939 and as a Reeve from 1940 to 1945. He was Warden of Halton County in 1945.

James Snow Parkway

James Snow Parkway was named for The Honourable James Snow (1929 -), Member of Provincial Parliament for Halton and, later, Oakville, from 1967 to 1986 and Ontario's longest serving Minister of Transportation. The road runs partially through what were once Snow family-owned lands.

Kean Hill Drive

Kean Hill Drive, in the hamlet of Moffatt, was named in 2002 for Benjamin H. Kean, a farmer and early settler in the Nassagaweya area who served as a Councillor on the township council from 1866 to 1872. The street now services Tuscan Ridge, a rural estate subdivision near the hamlet of Moffat.

Kearns Drive

Kearns Drive, in Clarke Neighbourhood, was named in 2000 for Private William Kenneth Atkinson Kerns (1893 - 1919), a Milton resident who served with the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force during World War I. Private Kerns died on March 9, 1919, at 26 years of age, in a British hospital following emergency surgery to relieve an intestinal obstruction.

Kennedy Circle

Kennedy Circle, in Beaty Neighbourhood, was named in 2001 for Thomas Laird Kennedy (1878 - 1959), who served as the 15th Premier (Conservative) of Ontario between 1948 and 1949. He is also the grandfather of Ted Chudleigh, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Halton North from 1995 to present.

Louis St. Laurent Avenue

Louis St. Laurent Avenue, in both Beaty and Coates Neighbourhoods, was named in 2001 for Louis St. Laurent (1882 - 1973), who served as the 12th Prime Minister (Liberal) of Canada between 1948 and 1957.

Mansewood

Mansewood, in Esquesing Neighbourhood, was named for the former village of Mansewood, which was located just east of Campbellville Sideroad and Regional Road 25 on the Canadian National Railway line, and served as a railway flag stop. The Mansewood Post Office was established in 1878 and continued until 1914. The name reflects the presence of two manses in the area that were surrounded by a wooded area. Ministers from the United Presbyterian Church and Boston Presbyterian Church lived in the manses.

Matheson Gate

Matheson Gate, in Dempsey Neighbourhood, was named in 2000 for John D. Matheson (1846 - 1916), a local lawyer and publisher of The Canadian Champion who served as Mayor of Milton in 1881 and later emigrated to Montana, where he served as a judge.

McCrae Court

McCrae Court, in Dorset Park Neighbourhood, was named in 1973 for John McCrae (1872 - 1918), a doctor and poet who authored "In Flanders Fields" in 1915, the poem from World War 1 that is recited each year around the world on Remembrance Day.

McCutcheon Crescent

McCutcheon Crescent, in Beaty Neighbourhood, was named in 2003 for Dr. John Wallace McCutcheon (1905 - 1992), a prominent local medical doctor who was also prominent provincially as one of the five founders of Blue Cross (Ontario) on April 1, 1941. He established his practice in Milton in 1946. Dr. McCutcheon served the community as a member of the Milton Public School Board in 1958 and 1959. He later founded the Wallace McCutcheon Music Award, given annually to those with musical ability.

Norrington Place

Norrington Place, in Dempsey Neighbourhood, was named in 2000 for Walter John "Bus" Norrington (1915 - 1988), a local farmer and businessman who served as a Town Councillor on Milton Council in 1947. In 1979, while farming, he was named "World Rye King" at the Royal Winter Fair for his Rye seed. He was also an active volunteer, serving as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Milton in 1947.

Reid Sideroad

Reid Sideroad, in Campbellville, was named for Duncan Reid, a farmer and early settler in the Campbellville area. Mr. Reid was married to Nancy Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, who founded the village of Campbellville.

Robertson Crescent

Robertson Crescent, in Timberlea Neighbourhood, was named in 1978 for Peter Lymburner Robertson (1879 - 1951), local inventor of the socket head screw, who founded P.L. Robertson Co., the town's major manufacturing employer for more than 50 years.

Santa Maria Boulevard

Santa Maria Boulevard, in Willmott Neighbourhood, was named in 2001 in honour of the municipal mentoring relationship established in 1999 between the Town of Milton and the community of Santa Maria, Philippines. This street services Milton Tennis Club and the Milton Sports Centre.

Woodward Avenue

Woodward Avenue, stretches through the neighbourhoods of Old Milton, Mountain View and Dempsey. At its instigation, as part of the Bousfield Survey, it was the last street before the north boundary of the original town site. It supposedly received this name because it simply had a pleasant sound.