



## EBENEZER, TORONTO GORE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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### Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for  
Ebenezer, Toronto Gore Historical Foundation

will be held at

Ebenezer Chapel

8999 The Gore Road and Ebenezer Road

Brampton, Ontario

Saturday, March 7, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Kyle Neill  
PAMA - Archivist

### **Membership**

A reminder that we are always happy to accept applications for new members to the Foundation. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to:

Ebenezer, Toronto Gore  
Historical Foundation  
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A reminder to current members to renew your 2015

**Book Committee** ( Two Hundred Years in the Gore) The Toronto Gore Book Committee is looking for photographs taken in 1962 of the closings of the Tullamore, Ebenezer, Castlemore and Claireville schools. If you have pictures taken at any of these closings, please contact:

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The book committee is writing and coordinating articles. Below is an excerpt from the book.

### ***Margaret Louise Black, 1889 – 1963***

***by Jean (Black) Stewart***

*Margaret Louise Black, called Maggie in her youth, was born on January 7, 1889, on her parent's farm on Lot 15, Concession 12, Toronto Gore Township. She was the 5th daughter in a row; two more were born after her before the final and 8th family child, a son Norman, was born in 1897. Maggie joined the increasingly crowded log house where her grandparents John and Flora Cameron lived as well as her parents John and Margaret Ann McCallum Black.*

*Like her sisters, Maggie attended Coleraine School (which, since its district covered parts of both townships, was known both as S.S. #7 Toronto Gore, and S.S. # 16, Vaughan Township) and the Knox Vaughan and later Nashville Presbyterian Churches. Ambitious for a career, in her teens Margaret went on to school and trained as a nurse in Hamilton, working in hospitals there.*

*When World War I broke out in 1914, twenty-five year old Margaret decided that she should volunteer as a Nursing Sister with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. She sailed with many other nurses to Britain, where she was assigned to the Aldershot Military Hospital in Southern England. Most of the troops who survived the brutal trenches of France and Flanders were shipped back to England for medical care, and Margaret nursed a stream of wounded Canadian boys from the battles. She recalled her worst experience was actually after the Armistice [Remembrance] Day on November 11, 1918 in the winter of 1919 during the terrible influenza epidemic that swept the world. Short-staffed one night because so many nurses were ill, she was the only Nursing Sister on a ward of 30 Canadian soldiers who had survived their wounds but now were wracked with fever. Four young men died in her arms during that one long night.*

*On her return from overseas, she nursed for a while in Detroit, and later took up her long career as a Veterans' Nursing Sister at the Christie Street Hospital in Toronto, and then at the "new" Sunnybrook Hospital on Bayview (then out in the country!) caring for "her boys" from World War I, and later the younger Veterans from World War II. She died in 1963 and is buried in Nashville Cemetery, Vaughan Township, York County, Ontario.*

*Always the "different" one of the seven Black sisters...*

...To read more of the interesting life of Margaret Black, you will have to purchase the book which is about life in the Toronto Gore from 1818 to 2018 and will be available in the summer of 2018.

## **Upcoming Events**

Highlights on Heritage Saturday, Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bramalea City Centre. Please come and have a visit with us and check out our display.

## **Looking for Space for a Special Event?**

If you are planning a special celebration such as a wedding, birthday, anniversary or reunion, contact us at 905-867-3101 or [old.ebenezer.chapel@gmail.com](mailto:old.ebenezer.chapel@gmail.com).



Our Ebenezer Chapel was rented for a baby shower in November. The sanctuary was transformed with interesting decorations and we thought you might like to see the results. Curtains were hung in front of the stained glass windows similar to a wedding backdrop with tiny lights placed behind the curtains

## **Changes in the Gore**

**by James Johnston**

Several changes to the farm community in Toronto Gore took place in the fall of 2014.

November 6<sup>th</sup> was the date of Murray and Lee Peters machinery sale and a large gathering of “Gore alumni” and several hundred auction goers. The sale was a great success and in the months afterward the sheds, grain bins and silos came down. They were sold in the sale and dismantled to be moved to new locations, or recycled for scrap. The farm house is to be moved across to the west side of Coleraine Drive and to the north side of the property. The wooden barn was also sold in the auction but the Brampton Heritage Board requested that it be saved too so the buyer had his payment refunded.

The rural landscape of the area is changing rapidly. The barn at Wilfred Brooks farm, Coleraine and Countryside Dr., was taken down this fall as well as the hip roofed barn at Charlie Fines and the larger sheds at Gore Ridge, Paul Livingston’s farm which are all on Clarkway Drive. Paul’s herd of Holsteins and Jerseys moved to a temporary home at Dixie and Mayfield Roads, and the machinery etc. to neighbouring farms. He is waiting for permits for his new barn in King Township near Schomberg that will feature a milking robot and a bedding pack instead of stalls for the cows.



**There was a huge crowd of “farmers” at the auction sale of Murray and Lee Peters on Highway #50.**

## **Winter Damage**

Winter and snowplows continue to wreak havoc on our fence. A sidewalk snow plough hit the corner post of the fence at the east side of the parking lot. The city of Brampton will repair damage to the fence but are not sure when. The tree does not appear to have suffered any damage.



**This is a picture of the fence after being hit by a snow plough. This is the third time there has been fence damage since last Fall.**

*Congratulations to Olive (nee Clark) and Carman Piercy who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 16th at the Wishbone Restaurant. This was an extra memorable occasion as it was also the 60th anniversary of Hurricane Hazel when after the wedding rehearsal, several people were forced to stay over at the Clark farm because the hurricane had flooded roads and washed out bridges leaving them stranded.*

**Thank you to Anna, Cecil, Fred and James for your hard work maintaining the yard and the gardens during the spring, summer and fall months. Thanks also to Frances who is in charge of rentals and makes many trips to the chapel every week.**

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