



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Jill Hogan, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: November 3, 2025

Report No: DS-055-25

Subject: Recommendation Report - Notice of Intention to Designate -11625 Sixth Line_ Thomas Storey House

Recommendation: **THAT** Staff Report DS-055-25 entitled: "Notice of Intention to Designate - 11625 Sixth Line" be received and;

THAT Milton Council recognizes the historic house at 11625 Sixth Line in the Town of Milton as being of heritage significance;

THAT Milton Council designate the property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 for the reasons outlined in the Reasons for Designation attached as Appendix 1 to this Report;

AND THAT the Town Clerk provides the Notice of Intention to Designate as outlined in Section 29 (4) of the Ontario Heritage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT once the thirty-day objection period has expired and if there are no objections, a designation by-law will be brought forward for Council adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This property has significant contextual value as one of the remaining farmhouses built in Nassagaweya Township. Its presence is a testament to the area's historical and architectural heritage. Historically, the Storey family were pioneering settlers in Nassagaweya. Over the years, they owned several lots in Nassagaweya and occupied this property for a span of 79 years from 1840 to 1919.
- The property's current owner has voluntarily responded to the heritage designation program and desires that their property be designated.
- Staff has evaluated this historic home as a significant built heritage resource for the Town of Milton and should be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. (See
- This significant heritage resource fulfils more than two of the evaluation and criteria set out in Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (R.S.O. 1990), Ontario Regulation 9/06 (See

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Appendix 2). As such, it is worthy of designation under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

REPORT

Background

This heritage house, steeped in history, was built by Thomas Storey Senior around 1885. The property remained with the Storey family for seventy-nine years until 1919. Physically, it is a representative one and a half-storey brick Victorian style house with a medium gable roof. Historically, it was the home of the Storey family, who were pioneer settlers in the Township of Nassagaweya. Contextually, this property is one of the few remaining farmhouses in the former Nassagaweya Township, a testament to the rich history of the area

Discussion

Historically, the 100-acre Lot was granted by the Crown to Christopher Henry in 1829. It was sold to George Storey in 1840. He emigrated from his native home in Randalstown near Ballymena in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, in 1834. George sold the east half, 50 acres, to Thomas Bell in 1852, who in turn sold it to George's son, Thomas Storey Senior in 1855. George sold the western half to Thomas Storey Senior in 1855. Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth, had seven children and resided at this house until they died in 1887. They are buried at the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The property was sold to Thomas Storey Junior and his wife, Eliza, in 1883. Mr. Storey was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Sodom and worked at Acton Tannery. They had a family of eight. In 1907, he sold his farm to his nephew David H. Storey and moved to Acton. The property was with the Storey family for a span of 79 years before David sold it to George Finney in 1919.

Mr. Finney came to Canada in 1907 from Derby, England. He and his wife, Mary, farmed the land from 1919 to 1944. The 1931 census recorded that they were living in a single-storey 9-room brick home and operated a mixed farm. He served as secretary-treasurer of School Section 8 for 9 years and as a councillor for 6 years from 1930 to 1935. He had a great interest in reforestation and the conservation of timber. Mr. Finney was very experienced in municipal life and served his community and church well. He was elected Reeve of Nassagaweya for the years 1936, 1940 and 1941 and became the Warden of Halton.

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Horace was a man of principle, modest, quiet, and faithful, as evident in his relationships with his wife, family, church and community. His faith was not just a belief, but a guiding force in his life, shaping his actions and decisions. His participation at Ebenezer United Church included being a Presbytery representative, Sunday School Teacher, and Lay preacher. He was a well-respected leader and inspired many. Between 1950 and 1960, he served as Chair of the School Board for Nassagaweya. He was also a trustee of Area 1 S.S. # 7(1938). Horace retired and sold the property to Rachel Bruce and her husband, Neil Bruce (Senior), in 1981.

Rachel Bruce, nee Jacuzzi, who worked for Air Canada, passed away in 2024. However, her legacy and passion for preserving family unity through the celebration of Italian cuisine will soon be memorialized in a book entitled "The Jacuzzi Family Cookbook."

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Rachel was a lifetime farmer with roots going back to her ancestral farms in Italy, southern California, and Milton. John took up farming upon their retirement. They have two sons, Neil and Shawn Bruce, who are the current owners of this property.

The Bruce family are instrumental in preserving the historical legacy of this property and its connection to the past and the people who have shaped it over the years.

Physically, the one-and-a-half-storey brick house with a stone foundation is in good condition. It has a medium-sloped gable roof with a centre gable adorned with gingerbread bargeboards. A dated stone at the centre gable suggests that the house was rebuilt in 1902. The exterior red bricks are laid in a running bond pattern. Windows are plain one-over-one double hung with flat trims, segmented arch brick voussoirs and stone lug sills. The once-open front porch is now enclosed and clad with aluminum siding.

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Character Defining Elements/Heritage Attributes

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Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the optimal conservation and protection measures for this heritage property are the designation of the property.



Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hogan
Commissioner, Development Services

For questions, please contact: Anthony Wong, Senior Policy Planner Phone: Ext. 2565

Attachments

- Appendix '1'_Reasons for Designation for 11625 Sixth Line
- Appendix '2'_CHVI Evaluation_ 11625 Sixth Line
- Appendix '3'_Photographic Record Heritage Attributes_ 11625 Sixth Line

Approved by CAO
Andrew M. Siltala
Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.

Reasons for Designation

11625 Sixth Line _ Thomas Storey Farmhouse



Legal Description

CON 7 PT LOT 20

Description of Property

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Cultural Heritage Value or Interest Evaluation

Ontario Regulation 9/06 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* establishes the criteria for determining Cultural Heritage Value of Heritage Resources. A property must have the potential to meet at least two of the criteria to be considered to have heritage significance. These criteria fall into three categories: design or physical value, historical or associative value and contextual value. The following table considers and evaluates the subject property against these criteria.

Table 6: Evaluation of the Cultural Heritage Value of 11625 Sixth Line

The property has design value or physical value because it,		
	Criteria	Evaluation
i	is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method	Yes, this house is a good representative of a one-and-a-half-storey brick Victorian-style farmhouse with a medium gable roof.
ii	displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit	No, this house does not display a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.
iii	demonstrates a high degree of technical or scientific achievement	No, the property does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or scientific achievement.
The property has historical value or associative value because it,		
i	has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community,	Yes, it is the historical home of the Storey family, who lived on this property for 79 years. It is also the home of George Finner, Reeve of Nassagaweya for the years 1936, 1940 and 1941 and Warden of Halton. Horace Blyth, a veteran, took many children in crisis into this home in the early 50s through 80s.
ii	Yields or has the potential to yield, information that contributes to an understanding of a community or culture	Yes, it provides historical information on the settlement history of Nassagaweya as shown in the 1877 Historical Atlas of Halton County.
iii	demonstrates or reflects the work or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer or	No, the subject property is not associated with an architect, artist, builder, designer or

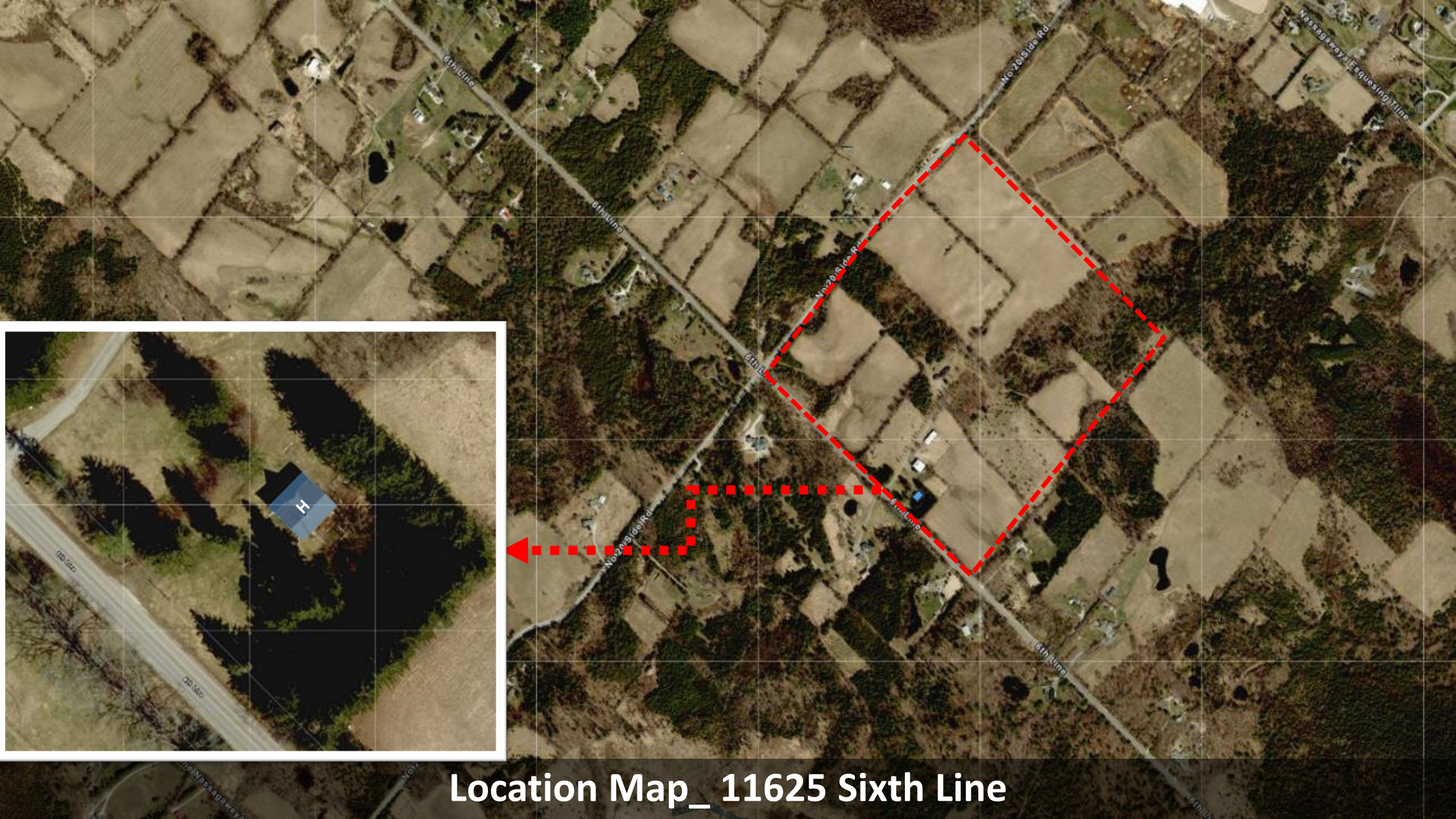
	theorist who is significant to a community	theorist who is significant to a community.
The property has contextual value because it,		
i	is important in defining, maintaining or supporting the character of an area	Yes, this property is one of the last remaining farmhouses in Nassagaweya.
ii	is physically, functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings	No, this property is not functionally, visually or historically linked to its surroundings.
iii	is a landmark	No, the property is not a landmark.

Based on the above criteria, the subject property has significant cultural heritage value based on both design and contextual criteria. These attributes are sufficient to warrant Heritage Designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. However, designation may not be necessary at this time as the property is current listed on the Municipal Heritage Register, which offers it some protection from demolition.

Appendix 3

Photographic Record Heritage Attributes 11625 Sixth Line





Location Map_ 11625 Sixth Line

Historical Book Record

PRE-PRODUCTION

MICROFILMING SUMMARY SHEET

Land Registry Office I.D.: # 20

Registration Type: R

Municipality: HALTON

Township: NASSAGAWEYA

Book #: 7

Concession: 7

LOT FROM: LOT TO:

Filmed: JUNE 1999

Extract from Halton County (LRO 20) , Con 7. Lot 20, Nassagaweya Pages 161 - 164								
No	Instrument	Dated	Registered	From	To	Considerations	Description	Acres
	Patent	26 Oct 1829		Crown	Christopher Henry		W 1/2	100 acres
348 I	B & Sale	11 July 1840	9 March 1855	Chrostopher Henry Wife	George Storey		W 1/2	100 acres
379 I	B & Sale	24 July 1852	9 March 1855	George Storey	Thomas Storey		W 1/2 of W 1/2	50 Acres
380 I	B & Sale	24 July 1852	9 March 1855	George Storey	Thomas Bell		E 1/2 of W 1/2	50 Acres
381 I	B & Sale	9 March 1855	10 March 1855	Thomas Bell	Thomas Storey		E 1/2 of W 1/2	50 Acres
2053	B & Sale	9 July 1883	6 March 1883	Thomas Storey the Elder & Wife	Thomas Storey the Younger	With certain conditions & ... or subject to certain ...	SW 1/2	\$1
5072 N	B & Sale	May 22, 1907	June 4, 1907	Thomas Storey & Wife	David Storey	\$ 3,800.00	SW 1/2	100 acres
6841 Q	B & Sale	April 1, 1919	April 20, 1919	David H. Storey & Wife	George H. Finney	\$6,500.00	W 1/2	100 acres
	Grant	November 14, 1944	December 14, 1944		Mary Howard, married woman & Cecil Edward Howard as joint tenants		W 1/2 subj to mortgage	100 acres
9267 R		October 1, 1945	October 19, 1945	George H. Finney & Wife	Mary Howard, married woman & Cecil Edward Howard	Love & \$1	W 1/2	100 acres
9355 R	Grant	July 10, 1946	May 29, 1947	Mary Howard Married Woman	The Director V.L.A.	\$6,800.00	W 1/2	100 acres
249697	Grant	April 11, 1968	June 25, 1968		The Corporation of the Township of Nassagaweya	\$393.00	Pt. AW 1/2 See Plan Attached	1,310 ac
540616	Deed		May 29, 1981	The Director, The Veterans Land Act	Horace Blyth	\$1 & C	W 1/2 with exception	100 acres
540617	Deed		May 29, 1981	Horace Blyth & Spouse	Rachel J. Bruce	\$2 & C	Part SW1/2 Commencing W angle thence 1980' NE 2200' NW 1880' SW 209.60' SW 830.25' SW 1009.13' to p.o.c.	

Historical Attributes

Thomas Storey was the
owner of the 100 acres
property in the 1877
Halton Atlas
Con 7 Lot 20



LOT 20



George Storey

12 November 1833 – 17 June 1904 • KHLX-QMS

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George Storey bough the property in 1840

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Brief Life History of George

When George Storey was born on 12 November 1833, in County Antrim, Ireland, his father, Thomas Storey, was 28 and his mother, Elizabeth Hannah, was 24. He married Mary Maine Adrain on 27 November 1857, in Guelph, Wellington, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 3 sons and 8 daughters. He lived in Nassagaweya Township, Halton, Canada West, British North America in 1871 and Halton, Ontario, Canada for about 20 years. He died on 17 June 1904, in Acton, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 70, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Acton, Halton, Ontario, Canada.

MORE

This life history was computer-generated. It is based on the information on the Details tab. To change it, edit the data on the [Details](#) tab. [Learn more](#)

Photos and Memories (3)



Do you know George? Do you have a story about him that you would like to share? [Write a story](#)

Spouse and Children

George Storey
1833-1904

Mary Maine Adrain
1839-1926

Marriage
27 NOV 1857
Guelph, Wellington, Ontario, Canada

Time Line

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There are no events to display on the time line. Either add an event or include more events using Show.

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Sources (25)

- George Storey, "Canada Census, 1871"
- George Storey, "Canada, Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Deaths, 1939-1947"
- George Storey in entry for Robert Storey and Lucile Hughes, "Ohio, County Marriages,..."

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Parents and Siblings

- Thomas Storey**
1805-1887
- Elizabeth Hannah**
1809-1887

Siblings (7)

- George Storey**
1833-1904
- Mary Storey**
1836-1900
- Robert Storey**
1840-1934
- David Storey**
1842-1919
- Margaret Ann Storey**
1844-1884

+2 More Children

Storey, George, News appeared in *Acton Free Press*, 23 Jun 1904, page 3, column 2 **Death of George Storey.**

After a tedious illness death ended the sufferings of George Storey, Main Street, last Friday evening. A couple of years ago Mr. Storey met with an accident while teaming wood from the bush and he never regained his former strength and vigor. Mr. Storey was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1833, and came to Canada with his parents six years later. In 1817[sic] he married Mary Adrain, of Peterboro, who, with nine children survive him. After marriage he settled in Nassagaweya, but at the end of a year he returned to Peterboro and remained there for twelve years. In 1870 he returned to Nassagaweya and for nearly 30 years resided on lot 20, con. 7, which farm he owned until his death. Seven years ago Mr. Storey retired from farming and took up his residence in Acton. He was an honest, upright man, a good husband and indulgent father. His family are Mrs. Arthur Stewart, Nassagaweya; Mrs. James Bell; Robert and Hannah, Cleveland; Thomas and Hugh, Manitoba; Elizabeth, Bella and Martha at home. The funeral on Monday afternoon was conducted by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., and was largely attended.

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Historical Attributes

George Storey Family Tree

Family Members



Spouse

- George Storey**
1833-1904
- Mary Maine Adrain**
1839-1926

Marriage

27 NOV 1857
Guelph, Wellington, Ontario, Canada

Children (11)

- Elizabeth Storey**
1859-1926
- Margaret Storey**
1860-1939
- Mary Storey**
1862-1959
- Hugh Storey**
1866-1958
- Jane Storey**
1869-1958
- Robert Storey**
1871-1947
- Thomas Storey Senior**
1874-1969
- Isabella Storey**
1879-
- Hannah Storey**
1881-1975
- Martha Storey**
1886-1930
- Hannah Storey**
1888-

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1842-1919
- Margaret Ann Storey**
1844-1884
- Thomas Storey Junior**
1847-1923
- Elizabeth Storey**
1850-1919

Historical Attributes

Thomas Storey Senior

- 1804 - Born County of Antrim Northern Ireland
- 1887 – Died Nassagaweya – County of Halton
- Bought property in 1855

Elizabeth Hannah

- 1809 – Born
- 1887 – Died
- 7 children



Sunday School was held on Sunday afternoons during the summer at No. 8 between 1890 and 1905. Thomas Storey Sr. was superintendent and James Henderson was one of the teachers. Each Christmas there was a concert, and on one occasion H.P. Moore, publisher of *The Acton Free Press*, addressed the gathering.

- SS# 8

Death of a Nassagaweya Pioneer.
Last Friday death claimed for its victim one of the early settlers of the township of Nassagaweya, in the person of Mr. Thomas Storey, at the advanced age of 83 years. For the past twelve years Mr. Storey has been ailing and at times was a great sufferer. In the year 1837 he emigrated from his native home in the County Antrim, Ireland, and settled with his family on lot 20, con.7, Nassagaweya, about four miles from Acton. Here he resided until his death. A large family grew up around him, and they are all in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Storey was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Sodom, and his remains were followed to the cemetery at that church on Monday morning by a large number of friends and neighbors.

<https://news.ourontario.ca/127908/data>

**Thomas Storey Senior**
1805–1887 • MJNQ-H89

**Elizabeth Hannah**
1809–1887 • MJNQ-H86

No Marriage Events 

Children (7) 

**George Storey**
1833–1904 • KHLX-QM5 

**Mary Storey**
1836–1900 • GHMG-L33 

**Robert Storey**
1840–1934 • L52P-PQL 

**David Storey**
1842–1919 • K4P6-1TC 

**Margaret Ann Storey**
1844–1884 • K8X8-M3W 

**Thomas Storey**
1847–1923 • 9W7X-W12 

**Elizabeth Storey**
1850–1919 • LZDP-CFT 

- Research by Audrey Allison, Nassagaweya Historical Society

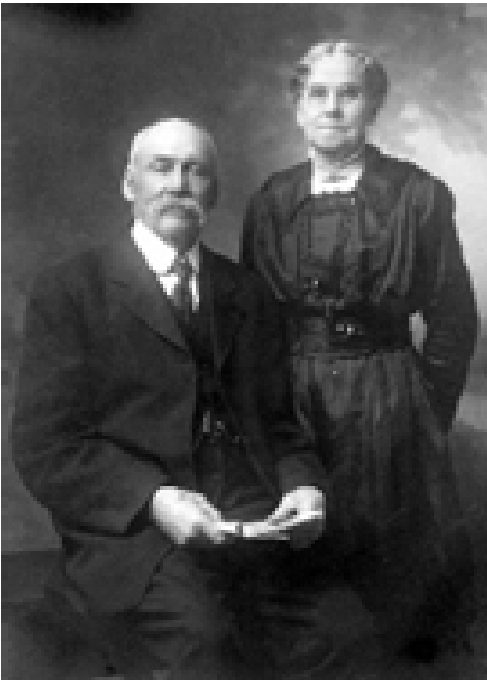
Historical Attributes

Thomas Storey Junior

- 1847 – 1923
- Bought the property in 1883

Eliza (Elizabeth) McCurdy

- 1847- 1929
- Eight Children



Thomas Storey Jr. and his wife Eliza (Elizabeth) McCurdy bought the home farm of 100 acres, Lot 20 Con 7 from his father about 1870. They had a family of eight – most of whom went west to farm. In 1907, he sold his farm to his nephew David H. Storey, son of David. Thomas and his wife Eliza moved to Acton and lived on Maria Street. He worked at Acton Tannery.

Storey Farms in Nassagaweya

It is interesting to note that for several years, about 1875-1908, all seven of Thomas Sr's family were living on farms in Nassagaweya. Six of them were farming on the 6th line.

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**Thomas Storey**
1847-1923 • 9W7X-W12

**Elizabeth McCurdy**
1847-1929 • LT9X-W8X

Marriage
9 March 1870
Halton, Ontario, Canada

Children (8)

**Elizabeth Jane Storey**
1870-1945 • LTSQ-QGK

**George Storey**
1872-Deceased • LTSQ-QGW

**Thomas Hannah Storey**
1876-1953 • GQDK-Q3G

**John Alexander Storey**
1878-1948 • LT9F-S79

**Mary Storey**
1879-1970 • 9W7D-SYZ

**Robert Benjamin Storey**
1881-1953 • L56M-KB2

**David Wesley Storey**
1886-1930 • LTSQ-H9C

**Sophia Storey**
1886-Deceased • 9W7X-W13

Thomas Storey Junior

Nassagaweya Farmer Victim of Assault

Stranger Stole \$19.00 After Abusing Tom Storey, Aged 71

Georgetown Herald January 4th, 1940

Victim of a brutal assault by a man who demanded money from Tom Storey, 70-year-old farmer of the Nassagaweya district was found in a semi-conscious condition on the floor of his home on Thursday last by Edward Watts, a neighbour.

Watts, failing to notice Storey out for his usual morning walk, decided to call over at his house and investigate. He found Storey in an exhausted state on the kitchen floor with a large bruise on his forehead. Watts summoned George Pinney, his employer and the two men removed Storey to Finney's Home, a mile away. Provincial constables G.E. Coolray and A. J. Oliver were then summoned.

The victims told the officers that he was working in his barn at about 8:30 Wednesday evening when he heard his dog bark at the House. Thinking that something was wrong, he approached the building where he was confronted by a stranger who demanded money. Storey said that he had none, but his assailant retorted that he knew differently, adding that Storey had got some a few days ago.

The man then struck the farmer and a fight ensued. Storey put up a good fight and it was some time before he was over-powered and dragged into his house.

As they entered the kitchen, the man Storey said picked up a stick of wood and struck him on the forehead knocking him unconscious. When he recovered, he found himself bound hand and foot with binder twine. His attacker was apparently searching his house but soon returned to question him.

When Storey refused to divulge the hiding place of his money, the tug placed a soldering in the stove and threatened to torture his victim with it if he did not reveal the whereabouts of the money. However, he never carried out his threat but again searched the premises, this time finding about \$19.00. Storey believes that the man spent about an hour at the farm alternately threatening him and ransacking the building.

Before leaving the robber dismantles the telephone and blew out the oil lamp leaving the bound man no way of obtaining help.

Storey told police how he struggled throughout the night trying to release himself. He finally loosen his leg bonds but was too exhausted to rise and go for help. His plight was discovered when he failed to make his usual trip to the bush the next morning. When discovered, Storey's hands, wrist and legs were terribly lacerated and swollen in his all-night struggle.

He had been tightly bound and nearly unconscious for 16 hours. To add to his discomfort his stove has burned out. He is in a weakened condition at the home of Mr. Finney, Hiltons', Warden.

Storey, a bachelor, lived on the 7th Line of Nassagaweya Township. So isolated is the spot that police had to have their car towed to the vicinity by horses.

It had not been ascertained whether the perpetrator of the crime walked or drove to the district, but footprints were found heading from the 7th Line to the house. The man had made a wide circle of the building to approach the house from the rear.

Historical Attributes

Dave H. Storey

- 1882-1973
- Bought the property in 1907

Ann Rebecca Elliot

- 1855 -

Thomas Bell according to the 1877 map in Halton Atlas owned this east half as well as west half. Thomas Bell was a son of John Bell. John Bell built a sawmill in 1842, and when he died he left the farm and sawmill to Thomas Bell that is on east half. Thomas Bell built a stone house. The stone house was still on the farm until about five or so years ago when it was torn down. Later Alexander, a brother of William and a son of Thomas, bought the northeast half from his father and later sold it to his nephew Jeremiah, son of William. Alexander ran the sawmill there as long as he lived on the place. Alexander moved to Acton and bought Brown's sawmill and he ran it for a number of years. Jeremiah worked the farm a short time, sold it, moved to Acton, and was a carpenter. Dave Storey worked the place a short time and J.J. Henderson bought it. He owned it until his death in 1952 when it was left to his son Joseph, who has sold the southeast half to Murray Hayward. There was a good maple bush on the north corner that a good many gal-

Spouse and Children

 **David Hannah Storey**
1882-1973

 **Ann Rebecca Elliott**
1885-

Marriage
26 April 1911
Wellington, Ontario, Canada

Children (3)

 **Marion Taphena Storey**
1911-2016

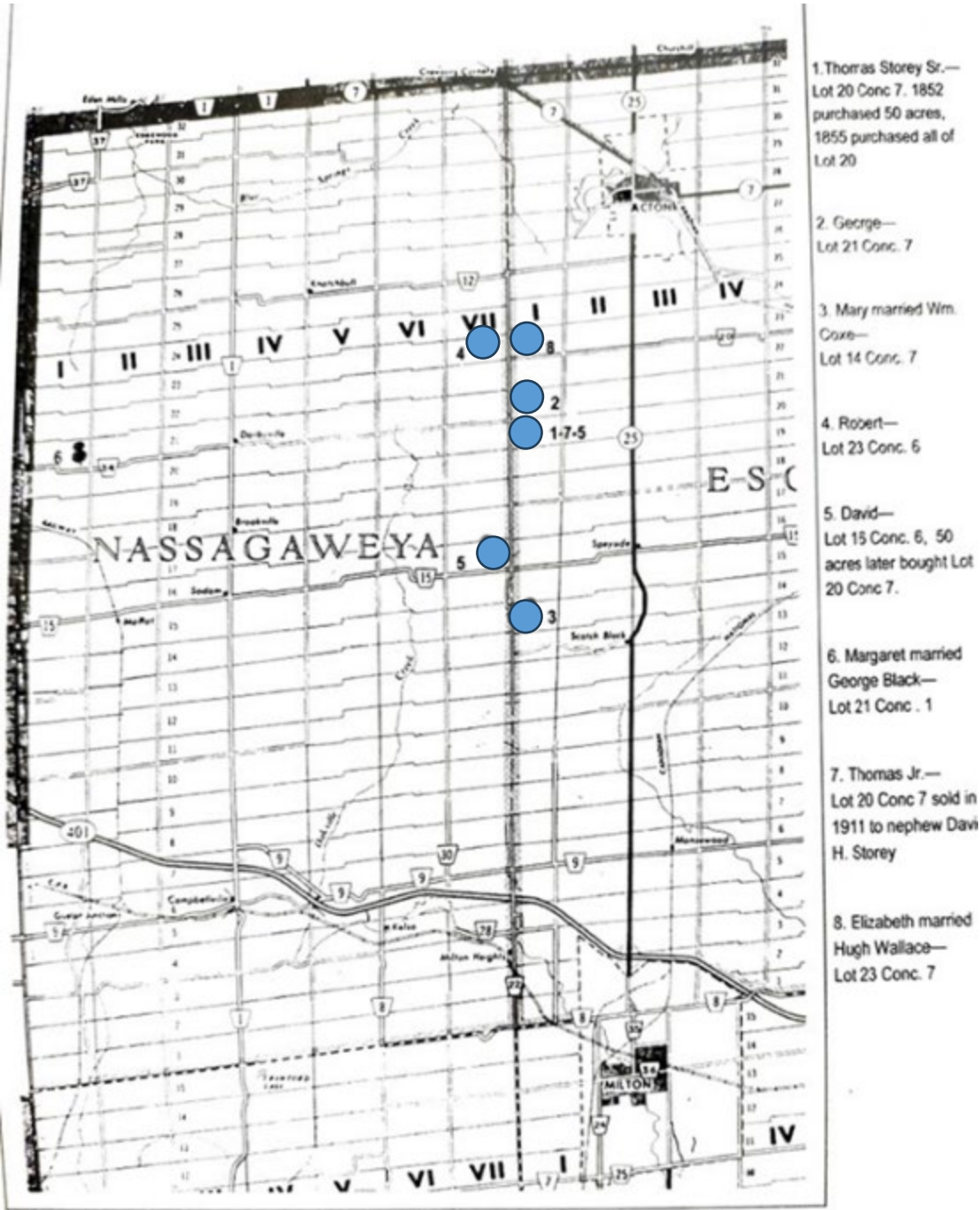
 **Mildred Storey**
1915-

 **George Storey**
1919-

- Research by Audrey Allison,
Nassagaweya Historical Society

Historical Attributes

- The Storey Family own this property 79 years in Nassagaweya Township
- The extended family also own other properties in the Township



Re	Name	LOT	CON	Date	Date
1	David Storey married Francis Cox	16	6		
2	Thomas A Storey	19	6		
3	Elizabeth Storey married George Marshal	20	6		
4	Margaret Storey married George Black	21	6		
5	Robert Sotrey married Mary Whitley	23	6		
6	Mary Storey married William Coxe	14	7		
7	George Storey	20	7	1840	1852
8	Thomas Storey Sr	20	7	1852	1870
9	Thomas Jr	20	7	1870	1907
10	David H Storey	20	7	1907	1919

Historical Attributes

George Finney bought the property in 1919



Concession 6, Lot 18, East Half, February 1959

Alexander McNaughton, who came to Canada in 1820 drew the east half of this lot but did not think it was worth settling on. In 1821 or 1822 he gave this lot to a young man named William Chisholm (later Captain Chisholm). In return Chisholm would chop wood on 13 acres on lot 7, concession 7 where McNaughton lived. Chisholm boarded with the McNaughtons and gave an extra day's work a week for his board. We have not much record of this place, but find the last half divided into two parts and in 1923 on the assessment roll William Service owned one part and George Finney the other part. A lot of this land had never been cleared, only timber cut off and a portion of it has been reforested. The reforested portion has been taken over by Halton County.

Concession 7, Lot 20, West Half, January 1960

It is believed Robert Ritchie owned this west half of lot 20. Mr. John Henderson Sr. talked several times of cutting white pine on this place. He also said this was the only place where white pine was found in this part of the country. These pine logs were hauled by oxen to Bell's Mill on lot 19, concession 6, east half. This was after 1860.

In later years Thomas Storey, who retired to Acton in 1907 or 1908, owned this farm and he sold the land to his nephew David Storey. In the early 1920s it was again sold by David Storey to

Mr. George Finney.

Mr. Finney farmed there until 1944. He was reeve of Township for a number of years and served his community and church well. He sold to Mr. Horace Blythe who at the time of writing is a successful farmer on this lot.

Source: Book, North of the 15th_A Nassagaweya History

Horace Blyth 1913 – 1977

Horace bought the property in 1981

Cpl. Horace Blyth

Home, after nearly three years overseas, to greet his wife, and a little daughter, Sharon, whom he saw for the first time, is **Cpl. Horace Blyth**, of the Lorne Scots. Horace returned to Canada on the Queen Elizabeth, arriving in Georgetown last Thursday morning.

Cpl. Blyth enlisted with the Toronto Scottish Regiment on July 20, 1942, but after reaching England he was transferred to the Lorne Scots, and has served with them ever since. Cpl. Blyth saw service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Veteran

BLYTH, Horace -- Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, Tuesday, September 2, 1997. Horace Blyth in his 84th year, of Guelph. Loving father of Sharon and her husband Keith Anderson of Campbellville, Sandra and her husband David Boles of Burlington, Peggy and her husband John Benvie of Guelph, Rob Blyth and wife Brenda of Rockwood and Rae Blyth of Georgetown. Beloved grandfather of two. Dear brother of George Blyth and wife Elaine of Waterloo. Predeceased by sisters Elsie Gibbs, Phyllis Bell, and Marjorie Blyth. The family of Horace Blyth will receive friends at the Wall-Custance Runeral Home & Chapel, Guelph.

Obituary



Horace Blyth

BIRTH	22 Sep 1913 South Dumfries, Brant County Municipality, Ontario, Canada
DEATH	2 Sep 1997 (aged 83) Guelph, Wellington County, Ontario, Canada
BURIAL	Ebenezer United Church Cemetery Campbellville, Halton Regional Municipality, Ontario, Canada

Family Members

Parents



Robert William Blyth
1889–1947



Selina Zenobia *Armstrong*
Blyth
1886–1955

Siblings



Marjorie Eva Eileen Blyth
1931–1931

Spouse



Anne Mary *Ronald* Blyth
1921–2002

Children

- Sharon
- Shandra
- Peggy
- Rae

Family Tree

Historical Attributes

Bruce Family

Rachel Joanne Bruce (nee Jacuzzi)

Born: March 19, 1939,
California, USA

Death: June 24, 2024,
Pasadena, California,
USA

John Neil Bruce

Born: April 7, 1926,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada

Death: April 15, 2017,
Milton, Ontario,
Canada

John Bruce



FUNERAL HOME
McKersie & Early Funeral Home
114 Main Street East
Milton, Ontario

John Bruce Obituary

John Neil BRUCE

J. Neil Bruce of Milton passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, April 15, 2017 after a courageous and hard-fought battle with Alzheimer's and Cancer. He was 91. Neil was born in Toronto on April 7, 1926. During WWII he forged his birth certificate to enlist early in the Royal Canadian Navy. Though he didn't personally see combat he lost his dear uncle and many close friends. After the war and learning that his uncle's plane had crashed in a marsh in Holland, Neil rode his bike to the docks, boarded a ship and journeyed overseas. Once there he hired a crane to retrieve his uncle's body for a proper burial. Neil returned and saved up to buy a small plane and earn his pilot's license. He then began his career as a pilot for Trans-Canada Air Lines which became Air Canada. In 1963 he led a group to save the HMCS Haida. Neil lobbied defense officials in Ottawa and the Toronto mayor to bring the ship to Toronto and find it a permanent home. Within a year he had negotiated the deal to buy the ship, formed Haida, Inc., became its President and started converting the ship into a floating museum. In 1970 HMCS Haida, which is now a national monument, was turned over to the province of Ontario for one dollar. In retirement Neil took up farming and connected with his Scottish roots by tending to a flock of sheep. In the summer he could be found baling and working the fields with children and grandchildren. Always a joker and affable host, friends could expect a cup of tea and warm welcome at the farm. Neil is preceded in death by his brother Ron, his first wife Joan and his eldest son Haddo. He is survived by his loving wife Rachel and four children Bonnie (Greg) of Mississauga, Dana (Kathy) of Streetsville, Neil (Linda) of San Francisco and Shawn (Lindsay) of Pasadena. He was also grandfather to many adoring grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family would like to thank Luis Valdez, Alberto Tamayo and Jayson Valdez who were Neil's caregivers throughout his illness and the many, many PSWs from Acclaim Health. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer Society of Canada or Duff's Presbyterian Church in Guelph. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 20th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home, 114 Main Street East, Milton. A memorial service will be held on Friday the 21st at 11 a.m.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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Source:

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/thestar/name/john-bruce-obituary?id=42198985>



RACHEL JOANNE BRUCE

Obituary

Events

RACHEL JOANNE BRUCE Obituary

BRUCE, RACHEL JOANNE (nee JACUZZI) Rachel Joanne Bruce was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, farmer, baker, seamstress, gardener, driver, domino aficionado, and all-around amazing woman. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on June 24, 2024. Rachel was born to Valeriano and Giuseppina Jacuzzi in Antioch, California, on March 19, 1939. After traveling the world and working for Air Canada, she met her husband, John Neil Bruce. Together they had two children, Neil and Shawn, who in turn gave her grandchildren, Asher, Miles, Iona, and Indie. She was stepmother to Haddo, Bonnie, and Dana; and grandmother to Carlie, Shane, Christie, Jeff, Jara, and Tyler, as well as many great-grandchildren. The youngest of eight, Rachel quickly became the dessert master of her family, baking incredible cookies and pies, and always boiling a kettle of water to make tea the moment she saw someone driving up the long road of her farm outside Toronto, Canada. She never allowed anyone to leave without giving them a warm smile and a full belly. A funeral service is scheduled for 10 a.m., on July 9th, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, in Pasadena, California. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association on her behalf.

Published on July 7, 2024

Source:

<https://obituaries.thestar.com/obituary/rachel-bruce-1090096595>

Historical Attributes: Bruce Family

Canada 150 Celebrating Halton Region
Thursday, May 18, 2017

SECOND WORLD WAR VET'S LEGACY

SAVING CANADA'S 'FIGHTINGEST' NAVAL SHIP



be a "navy" recalled Bruce's son Shawn — the youngest of four surviving children. "He (Ron) knew my dad wasn't someone to take something like that lightly. He took the ball and ran with it."

Determined to preserve this piece of Canadian history, Bruce — who enlisted in the navy at 18, after a failed attempt to join the war effort as an under-ager (busted for forging his birth certificate by a neighbour who happened to be working at the recruiting station) — quickly began lobbying Defence officials in Ottawa and Toronto mayor to bring Haida to Toronto.

By then, he'd purchased his own airplane and earned his pilot's licence — leading to a 32-year career with Trans-Canada Airlines-turned Air Canada, with whom he retired as the number one pilot — making all those meetings a lot easier to get to.

Bruce would eventually find four like-minded individuals with equal resolve, and together they'd successfully negotiate the purchase of the ship for \$20,000 — with homes mortgaged and life-savings dipped into.

What followed was a lengthy and painstaking campaign to get Haida into peak condition and tow her from Halifax to Toronto and later to Hamilton waterfront, where she now resides as a well-stated floating museum — and a monument to Bruce's perseverance.

Ownership of the ship — the last of the Tribal Class destroyers, stretching 115 metres and requiring, in its active days, a crew of 18 officers and 230 men — was eventually turned over to the Ontario government for \$1.

"What Neil Bruce did in saving HMCS Haida from the scrapyard was akin to stopping a highway from being built over Vinny Ridge," wrote Patrick White, founder and executive director of Project Naval Disposition, in a recent letter to the editor to the Toronto Star. "Canadians owe him a debt of gratitude. Sir, thank-you for your gift to Canada and future generations of Canadians. We will not forget."

While not seeing any combat in the war, Bruce lost a beloved uncle and some close friends on the battlefield.

After a lengthy and illustrious career as a pilot, he'd retire to rural Milton, where he embraced his Scottish roots as a sheep farmer.

John Neil Bruce made his living in the air and embraced the land in retirement.

But his legacy — an indelible mark left on this country's military forces — is all about the sea.

For those unfamiliar with Royal Canadian Navy history, Bruce — who recently passed away at 91, after a hard-fought battle with both Alzheimer's and cancer — was the driving force behind saving the country's "fightingest" ship from the scrapyard.

That was an inevitable fate for many naval vessels in the 1960s, and the HMCS Haida — which sank three destroyers and nine German ships overall during the Second World War — seemed poised to be among them.

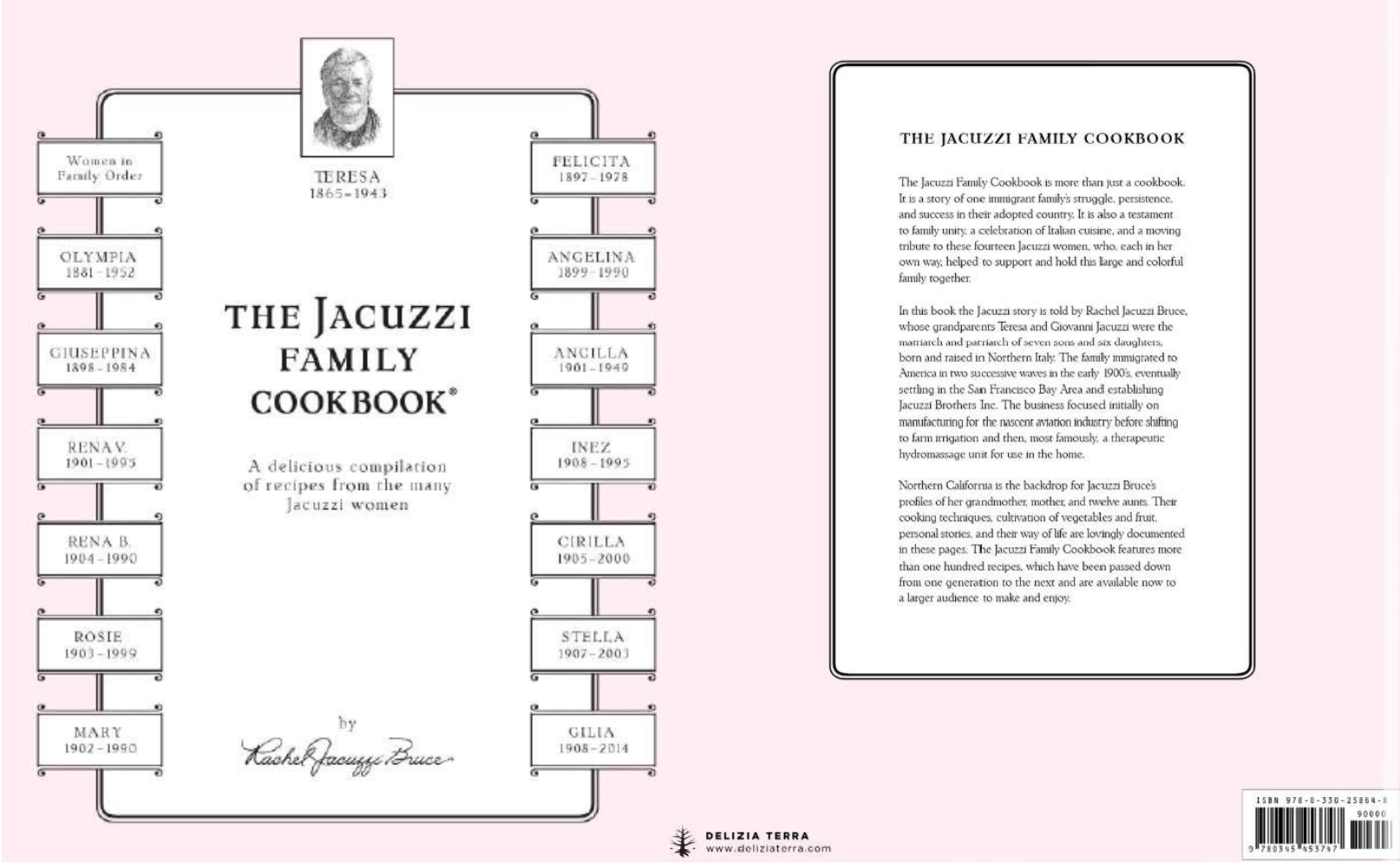
That is, until Bruce caught wind of what he and many others considered to be a potential injustice.

"His older brother Ron, who according to my mom was transferred to the Haida for a short time, told him about it (illegally scrapping) and said this would

BY STEVE LEBLANC



Article on John Neil Bruce



THE JACUZZI FAMILY COOKBOOK*

A delicious compilation of recipes from the many Jacuzzi women

by Rachel Jacuzzi Bruce

TERESA
1865-1943

Women in Family Order

OLYMPIA
1881-1952

GIUSEPPINA
1898-1984

RENAVY
1901-1995

RENA B.
1904-1990

ROSIE
1903-1999

MARY
1902-1990

FELICITA
1897-1978

ANGELINA
1899-1990

ANGILLA
1901-1940

INEZ
1908-1995

CIRILLA
1905-2000

STELLA
1907-2003

GILIA
1908-2014

THE JACUZZI FAMILY COOKBOOK

The Jacuzzi Family Cookbook is more than just a cookbook. It is a story of one immigrant family's struggle, persistence, and success in their adopted country. It is also a testament to family unity, a celebration of Italian cuisine, and a moving tribute to these fourteen Jacuzzi women, who, each in her own way, helped to support and hold this large and colorful family together.

In this book the Jacuzzi story is told by Rachel Jacuzzi Bruce, whose grandparents Teresa and Giovanni Jacuzzi were the matriarch and patriarch of seven sons and six daughters, born and raised in Northern Italy. The family immigrated to America in two successive waves in the early 1900's, eventually settling in the San Francisco Bay Area and establishing Jacuzzi Brothers Inc. The business focused initially on manufacturing for the nascent aviation industry before shifting to farm irrigation and then, most famously, a therapeutic hydromassage unit for use in the home.

Northern California is the backdrop for Jacuzzi Bruce's profiles of her grandmother, mother, and twelve aunts. Their cooking techniques, cultivation of vegetables and fruit, personal stories, and their way of life are lovingly documented in these pages. The Jacuzzi Family Cookbook features more than one hundred recipes, which have been passed down from one generation to the next and are available now to a larger audience to make and enjoy.

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The Jacuzzi Family Cookbook by Rachel Bruce

Source: Courtesy of Shawn Bruce

Physical Attributes

- This property was listed but not designated in the Heritage Register since 2009

MILTON L.A.C.A.C. HERITAGE INVENTORY	
BUILDING TYPE: Rural Residential	INVENTORY #:
ADDRESS: 11625 6th Line (Nassagaweya)	
BUILDING NAME:	
ORIGINAL USE: Residential	CONSTRUCTED:
PRESENT USE: Residential	
DESIGNATION:	DATE:
HISTORY	
This brick structure is estimated to have been built around 1885. Thomas Storey, the younger, received the land from his father in 1882. The land remained in the Storey family from 1855 until 1919.	
ARCHITECTURAL COMMENTS	
WALLS: A storey and a half house of red stretcher brick with three bays, an interior side chimney and rear extension. ROOF: A medium gable roof with plain verges, a centre gable, moulded projecting eaves and asphalt shingle. WINDOWS: Plain double hung windows with flat wood trim, brick voussoirs and stone lug sills. DOORWAYS: A centre doorway on the facade with a single leaf of panels and glass, flat trim and a plain shape. PORCHES: An enclosed front porch of aluminum siding. OTHERS:	
	



11625 Sixth Line

- 1995 Photo

2025 Photos



2025 Photos



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Physical Attributes

- Massing of the one and a half storey brick house with a medium sloped gable roof and a centre gable adorned with gingerbread bargeboards.



Physical Attributes

- Gingerbread bargeboards
- **'1902'** datestone
- A semi-circular four panel window with embossed brick voussoirs and stone lug sill at the centre gable



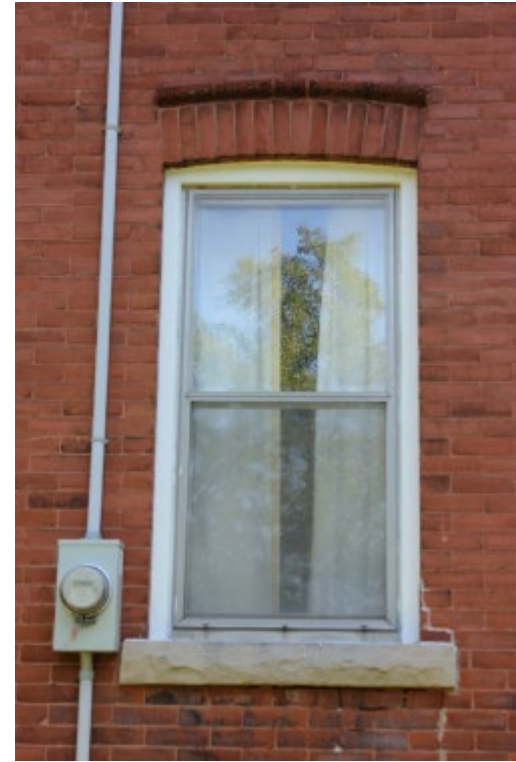
Physical Attributes

- Plain double hung windows with flat wood trim, segmented arch brick voussoirs and stone lug sills.



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- Plain double hung windows with flat wood trim, segmented arch brick voussoirs and stone lug sills.





Physical Attributes

- Running bond smooth red bricks on stone foundation
- Decorative diamond brickwork details
- Segmented arch brick voussoirs and decorative extrados above doors and windows

Physical Attributes

- A centre doorway on the Northwest facade with a single leaf two panel wooden door with glass insert.
 - A single leaf five panel wooden door with middle panel glass insert.



Exterior view of entrance door at Northwest elevation



Interior View of door



Exterior Porch Entry Door



Interior Porch entry Door

Non-Physical Attributes

- There are no windows on the Southeast elevation

Middle section is constructed of board and batten suggesting the materials of the original house construction

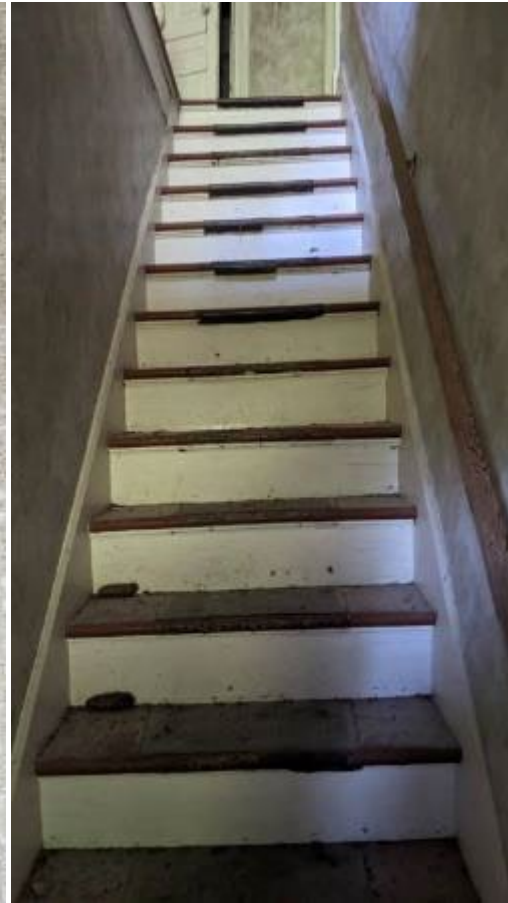


Non-Physical Attributes

- An enclosed porch cladded with aluminum siding.



Non-Physical Attributes Interior Elements



Non-Physical Attributes

Remains of foundation where a former addition to the original house that was demolished.

