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Ebenezer Toronto Gore Historical Foundation

**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, Mar. 14, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker: Lynne Genova

Air Canada, "Flight 621."

"Castlemore, A Remembrance"

Refreshments to Follow

## *Spring 2020 Newsletter*

### *Historic Wildfield Home Slated for Demolition*



With the exception of St. Patrick's Church, the yellow brick house at 11962 The Gore Road in Wildfield is, or was the hamlet's only remaining historic dwelling. By the time ETGHF members receive this newsletter, or shortly afterwards, it will have been demolished

In early January Peel Regional Council was told that extensive efforts by both regional and Heritage Brampton officials to find a new site for the building had come up empty handed and that demolition was the only option.

Located across the road from St. Patrick's Church at the southwest intersection of Mayfield and Gore Roads, the house stands-or stood- right in the way of the planned expansion of the Gore Road and either had to be torn down or demolished to avoid impacting St. Patrick's Church on the east side of that road.

Last summer the Region, which purchased and boarded up the house several years ago, in anticipation of the road expansion put the house up to sale and placed two small nondescript "Move This House" signs on the property.

No Expressions of Interest were received, which is not surprising, considering the short timeline and the challenges a private investor would have in finding a suitable replacement lot and bearing the not insignificant costs of moving the house.

Last October the Brampton Heritage Board approved a request by the Region to demolish the building, even though it was on the City of Brampton's Municipal Register of Cultural Resources.

In a last ditch effort to save the building, the writer contacted Candevcon Limited Consulting Engineers and Planners to determine if there was a possibility the house could be relocated to a lot in Wildfield's Vales of the Humber subdivision. I also requested the Region to assume the entire relocation costs as incentive for a buyer to conclude a lot purchase agreement with the developer.

Unfortunately, while there was initially some tentative interest, the consultant was not able to find a suitable lot. And requests by parish priest Rev. Vito Marziliano to have the house moved on to church property were vetoed by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Media coverage of this issue by the CBC elicited extensive interest and both the Brampton Guardian and the Toronto Star published articles with a photo (see below) of several concerned citizens demonstrating in front of the house just before Christmas



Demonstration of Concerned Citizens

Once the site of a blacksmith shop, the house was the home of veteran Toronto Gore Township clerk, Nicholas Harrison from 1924 to his death in 1933. He had held that position for 50 years.

*Photos and article submitted by Dan O'Reilly.*

### **Upcoming Events**

*ETGHF will once again be participating in Highlights on Heritage at Bramalea City Centre on Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The focus for our display will be the crash of Air Canada Flight 621 which occurred 50 years ago. All volunteers are welcome that day.*

### **ETGHF Website**

Any questions and or suggestions around our website should be directed to Sandra Cation at [sandracation@gmail.com](mailto:sandracation@gmail.com). Sandra is doing an outstanding job at keeping the website up to date. Thanks Sandra!

## World War II Memories

As 2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WWII, a look back at how the homefront contributed to the war seemed appropriate.



This line-up of bags drying on the fence at Claireville School is part of the harvest of milkweed pods the school's pupils have gathered. The silk from the pods is used for making seamen's vests for winter use. Left to right, the harvesters are Leslie Wilson, Ken Livingstone, Doug Wilson, Arthur Dobson, Douglas Westlake, Ralph Langford and Fred Dalziel.

Source Unknown.

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