



NORTH YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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From the President:

These have been trying times for everyone in North York. It is unfortunate that we were not able to have our June outing this year and we do not know when we will be able to resume our monthly meetings. We are looking at Zoom meetings in the future and we will keep you posted. Keep looking at our website as it is updated on a regular basis.

The North York Central Library has partially reopened but is only providing very limited service and only parts of the first floor are open.

I do have something interesting to report. The Society recently received a donation of an album of photographs taken at a reenactment of the Battle of Montgomery's Tavern, which took place on December 4, 1971 near Don Mills Road and the 401. The reenactment was staged to raise money for the Moatfield Farm Foundation which was involved in the successful campaign to save the Duncan House, which is now a restaurant.

The original battle took place in December of 1837 at the Inn, which stood on Yonge Street just north of Eglinton Avenue. The rebels were decisively defeated by troops under the command of Lieutenant Governor Francis Bond Head and the inn was burned. During the reenactment a replica of the inn was burned. Around 6,000 people attended the event.

The album and additional material were donated to the Society by Nicholas Jennings whose father Cedric Jennings was editor of the North Mirror and also was founder of the Moatfield Farm Foundation.

I hope that in the near future I will be able to bring this album to a meeting for the members to see.

Glenn Bonnetta

No Programs are organized at this time - we will keep you posted

Meetings are co-sponsored by the North York Historical Society and the North York Central Library
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What has the North York Historical Society been up to

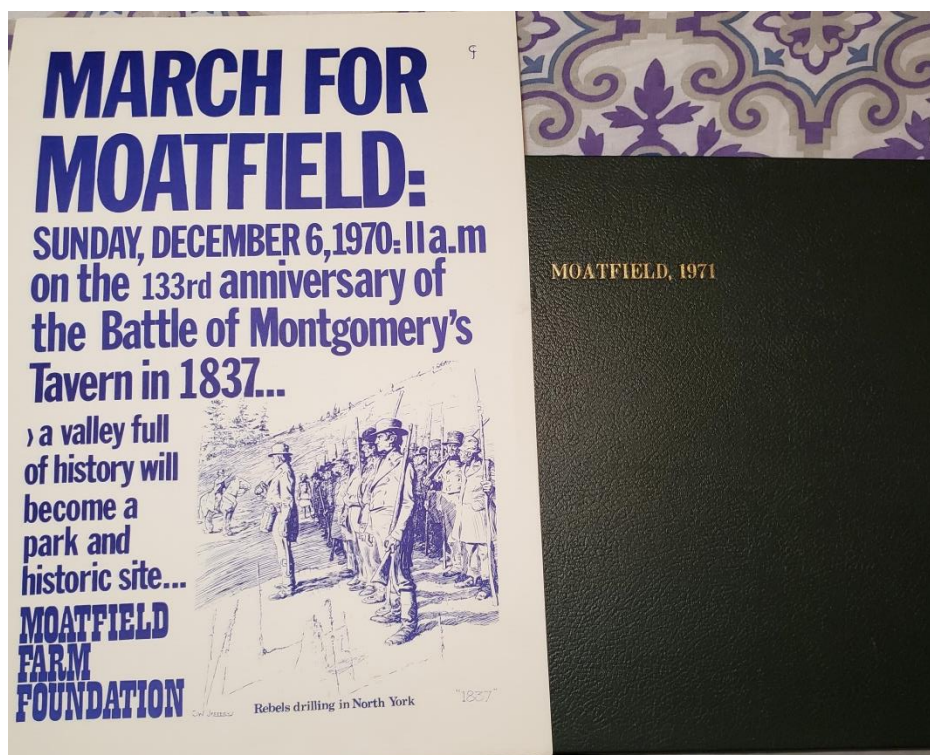
- The website has been revamped by our webmaster Sarah McCabe. Check it regularly
Follow us on Instagram and Twitter:
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/northyorkhs/>
Twitter <https://twitter.com/NorthYorkHS>
- Membership fee is now \$20.00 beginning September 2020
- Check out the Golden Lion Story on our website in his own words (here is a tidbit) ... *"The other day I heard something that disturbed me very much. Some of the York Pioneers were here in the Temple at Sharon and happened to mention that they are thinking of getting rid of me. That I take up too much space. I was downcast to think that they could regard me as so much old lumber. But if they are determined that I must go, I shall go with my head high"* --- continue on the NYHS website
- Susan Goldenberg, membership coordinator, has continued to write stories in the North York Mirror and can be found on the NYHS website. Below are some titles:
 - North York's Fairview Mall Celebrates Half a Century in Business
 - North York General Hospital's Phillips House had Long Line of Rich Owners
 - North York's Edwards Gardens Named after Millionaire who Cut City Good Deal
- Bill Aird (Vice-President/Past President and Archives Committee) is available for presentations on Early History of North York, Memories of North York and the History of Education in North York for your organization.
- Marla Weingarten (Board Member and Secretary) is available for presentations on the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada for your organization
- We encourage you to send us pictures/photos of North York – places, people, events from 1960 and earlier. We will return the photos/pictures to you. We just ask that you give us permission to put them in our newsletter and/or website.
- We also invite members to submit suggestion on what you would like added or improved to the newsletter, programs, etc. Please feel free to email the board member or to our email address.

More to come in the future keep checking our website for up to date news about us and other interesting information about Toronto's history



Album and Flyer -- Battle of Montgomery's Tavern
(more pictures can be found on the NYHS website - link is below)

<https://nyhs.ca/announcing-new-acquisition-1971-battle-of-montgomerys-tavern-1837-re-enactment-scrapbook/>



Gibson House Museum: 5172 Yonge Street (entrance off Park Home Avenue, west of Yonge Street) 416-395-7432
Walking Tour: Exterior walking tours have begun from Wednesday through Sunday---11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 each lasting about an hour.

Time-ticketed HistoricTO walking tours at Gibson House Museum is pay-what-you-can, with a suggested donation of \$10.

More information on the Gibson House and other Toronto History Museums events can be found on the following website: <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/history-art-culture/museums/>

Other Association Events:

Culinary Historians of Canada – Monthly Newsletter -- Digestible Bits and Bites

<http://www.culinaryhistorians.ca/wordpress/>

An example of an online activity:

Tavola Mediterranea is presenting "The Old School Kitchen Online Summer Camp": online classes in foods of the ancient world. August 1: Magna Graecia. August 8: Roman Republic. August 12 & 29: Vegetarian Dishes. August 15: Roman Banquet. August 22: Medieval Rome. August 26: Romans: Panem et polentam, Fees are \$149 (USD) per class.

The Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common summer edition of The Fife and Drum is now available.

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Fort York National Historic Site is now open



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