



THE PRINTS OF OAKVILLE: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

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There is something very special about Oakville, a community nestled on the shores of Lake Ontario, a community which was incorporated in 1857, but with roots going back long before then. It's also a community in transition, one which incorporated many smaller communities over the years so that today, while it experiences phenomenal growth, Oakville has retained its quaint charm of another era.

It is an area rich in history, honoring not only its founding father, but recognizing that history is an important element of its vision for the future.

Residents of Oakville are fiercely proud of their heritage, and that is no more evident in and around the original townsite, where links with the past are marked with plaques, and with old homes being renovated to maintain the charm of a long ago era.

The Prints of Oakville is but a snapshot of this community, a fascinating look back in time through the eyes of photographers who captured images of the town in a way words cannot describe.

There is a lot of nostalgia within these pages. The photographs show a different sort of community as it has evolved over the years.

There is a series of photographs taken on Colborne Street - better known today as Lakeshore Road - showing retail establishments long gone as well as other shots of historic houses, the harbors in transition, and Rebecca Street of long, long ago. A series of aerial photographs, some dating back more than 40 years, provide a different glimpse of Oakville, offering a unique perspective of the downtown core. Then marvel at the old schools, the Middle Road and the bustling community of Palermo, and even an antique car display at the Ford plant.

As you leaf through these pages, an Oakville of another era will come alive, one rich in tradition, one as seen through the eyes of photographers.

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