

## Historical Walking Tours

- **Heritage Houses** in Old Oakville starts at 110 King St.
- **Lakeshore Road** walk starts at 110 King St.
- **Trafalgar Road** walk starts at St. John's United Church, 262 Randall St.

All tours are 2 hours long. Except for the Trafalgar Rd walk, light refreshments are offered after the tour, when there is an opportunity for discussion and viewing of our office displays. Groups may book a private tour and guides are available for bus tours and private talks. Call 905 844-2695



Thomas House Museum

# Oakville Historical Society

*Since 1953*

## Preserving Oakville's History



## Ghost Walks

Ghost Walks provide an eerie spine-tingling sensation with a dash of old Oakville History. The hour-long walks start at 110 King St. on October evenings. Refreshments and cookies are served after the walks. See our website for times and dates. Reservations required. Call 905 844-2695. Groups may book a private tour and guides are available for bus tours. Private Ghost Tours Contact Wendy Belcher at 905 844-4194 wendypan@usa.net

## Thomas House Museum

Operated by the Society and located in Lakeside Park, the house is furnished and presented as an 1850 pioneer farm. Open 1:30 – 4:00 pm

- **May** – Last two Weekends & Victoria Day
- **June** – Weekends
- **July and August** – Weekends, Holiday Mondays & Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
- **September** – Weekends & Labour Day



St. John's  
United Church  
262 Randall St.

Thomas House  
Museum  
Lakeside Park

Oakville Historical  
Society  
110 King St.

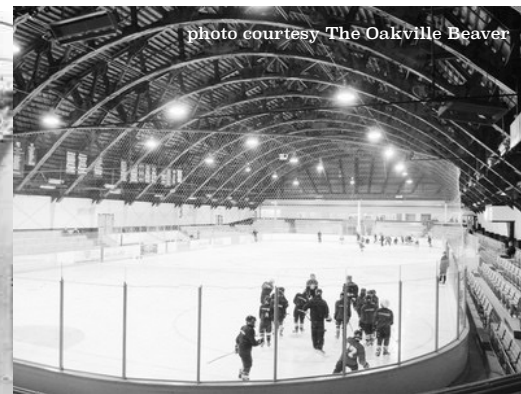
## Oakville Historical Society

110 King St. Oakville ON L6J 1B1  
Open Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm  
Third Sunday every month 12:30 – 4:00 pm  
905 844-2695

[www.oakvillehistory.org](http://www.oakvillehistory.org)



Woman at Tennis Club



1200 YRS AGO  
ONTARIO  
SETTLED

c1760  
BRONTE  
WHITE OAK  
GERMINATED

1827  
OAKVILLE  
FOUNDED

1843  
OAKVILLE BECOMES  
PORT OF ENTRY

1843  
TEMPERANCE  
HALL BUILT

1855  
RAILWAY  
ARRIVES

1867  
CONFEDERATION

1916  
LAKESHORE  
ROAD PAVED

### *Society Offices*

The OHS offices contain exhibit rooms, climatically-controlled archival storage, library, board room and office space for on-site research. Persons wishing to do historical or family research are welcome and assistance is available from Society volunteers.

### *Financial Support*

OHS depends largely on community support in the form of memberships and donations. Grants which support the operations of the Society are received from the Town of Oakville and Province of Ontario.

### *Donations to the Collection*

OHS continues to expand its collection through donations. If you have papers or photographs of local historical interest please consider donating to OHS where they will be preserved for all to study.

### *Books and Prints*

We stock for sale titles covering Oakville history, harbours, ghosts, street names and sell a selection of Hitchcox prints.

### *Archival Collection*

The Society has an extensive archival collection covering various aspects of Oakville history (including Trafalgar Township). The collection includes original documents, photographs, newspapers, maps, albums, ephemera, letters, diaries and reference books.

Particularly noteworthy are

- A collection of over 7,000 photos of buildings, community life and families dating from the mid-nineteenth century.
- Forty diaries kept by George Sumner from 1867 to 1909 that provide insight into everyday happenings of the period.
- The R.W. Davis Memorial Library, a wide-ranging collection covering Canadian & world history and technical matters of ships and sailing.

### *Oakville Memories*

#### *Old and New: Let's Reminisce*

Volume One, compiled from memories of Oakville residents is available for sale and Volume Two will be published soon. Please send us your memories whether from 100 years ago or yesterday.

### *Speakers' Nights*

All presentations are at St. John's United Church, Dunn and Randall Sts., Oakville at 7:30pm. They are generally of an historical nature concerning Oakville and surrounding area. They are offered free of charge with donations welcome. See our website for topics and dates.

### *March*

OHS Annual General Meeting. St. John's United Church. OHS Members invited. A pot luck supper precedes the meeting. 6:00 pm.

### *May*

Yard Sale at OHS office, 110 King St. 9 am – 2 pm.

### *June*

Second Sunday. Mayor's Picnic at Lakeside Park. Bring a lunch and a lawnchair. Fun for the whole family. Noon – 4:30 pm

### *December*

First Friday. Members' Christmas Party at OHS office, 110 King St. 6:00 – 9:00 pm