



Rumours have placed William Lyon Mackenzie at many locations throughout his flight from authorities. We have been able, in part, to determine his route (red line above) through the three known places where he found shelter in his efforts to evade capture. On the evening of December 8th, 1837, he found shelter with Rebel sympathizer, Absalom Wilcox, whose house stood on the north side of Dundas Street, west of Dixie Road. The second night, December 9th, 1837, he found shelter with William Comfort, where modern Barbertown Road crosses the Credit River, north of modern Eglinton Avenue. It is surmised that Mackenzie took a route that followed modern Hurontario Street to Burnhamthorpe Road, and then north on Old Creditview Road (now known as Perivale Road and Rathkeale Road), and likely forded the Credit River near here. On the morning of December 10th, Mackenzie narrowly avoided capture as he fled south on Mississauga Road (William Comfort and his wife were not as lucky), and then south on Hammond Road and Clarkson Road, possibly finding shelter in a barn on Warren Clarkson's property that evening. On December 11th, 1837, Mackenzie likely travelled north on the old Town Line (modern Winston Churchill Boulevard), and returned west on historic Dundas Street and headed into Oakville.