

Mississauga Our History

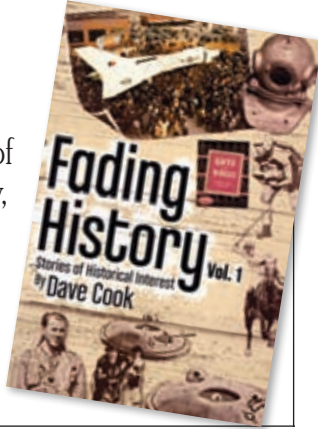
The City of Mississauga, established in 1974, is considered relatively young but the history of the area and its communities goes back thousands of years. Here's a booklist of Mississauga Library System materials of interest to local history buffs:

🌈 Cook, Dave.

Fading History. Vol. 1: Stories of Historical Interest.

David L. Cook, 2008. 971.3535 COOV.01

Author Dave Cook has researched many old stories of interest to local residents, including the Avro Arrow, Toronto Argonaut Teddy Morris, and golfing pros Bobby Cunningham and Bobby Cunningham, Jr.



🌈 Foxman, Stuart.

Mississauga: Building on Excellence.

Community Communications, 2001. 971.3535 FOX

Discover the diversity, vitality and potential of one of Canada's newest cities.



🌈 De la Roche, Mazo.

Whiteoaks of Jalna novels.

London: Macmillan, 1927. F DEL

Benares Historic House on Clarkson Road North in Mississauga is said by some to be the inspiration for Mazo de la Roche's famed Whiteoaks of Jalna novels. The author lived in a nearby residence known as Trail Cottage while she was writing several of her books.

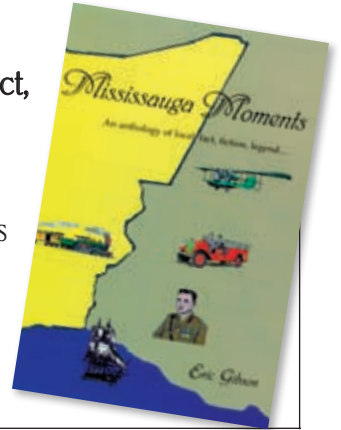


🌈 Gibson, Eric.

Mississauga Moments: An Anthology of Local Fact, Fiction, Legend.

Mississauga South Historical Society / Onaway Associates, 1999. 971.3535 GIB

Acquaint yourself with local legends and happenings in this unique collection of stories from Mississauga's past.



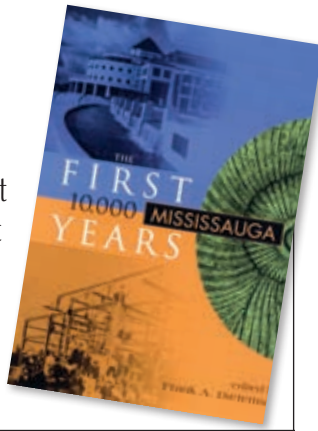
🌈 Dieterman, Frank A.

Mississauga: The First 10,000 Years.

Mississauga: Eastend Books /

Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 2002. 971.3535 MIS

Travel back 10,000 years and learn about glaciers that formed the Credit River valley. Travel with ancient peoples and follow nineteenth-century immigrants before arriving finally at today's modern city. Features the work of subject experts.



🌈 Hicks, Kathleen A.

Kathleen Hicks' VIPs of Mississauga.

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 1998. 971.3535 HIC

Meet some of Mississauga's most interesting and successful people. Learn about their careers and enjoy the anecdotes they share in interviews with the author.



The Mississauga Library System has selected this as its theme for the coming year to recognize the completion of its local histories series. With the publication of the history of the Erindale community this year, the Our Heritage Series of nine books by local historian and author Kathleen Hicks comes to an end. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library group and several donors, over 5000 copies of the nine titles have been sold making the series a revenue generating project. That's impressive by any standard.

The past has to be cherished or it will disappear. Your Library acquires the history of our community, preserves it and promotes it — but more is needed. Make a few resolutions for 2009 like:



1. Visit Mississauga's two museums.
 2. Join the Friends of the Library group.
 3. Make a donation to Heritage Mississauga (you can do this easily through the United Way of Peel).
 4. Buy some local history books — there are lots to choose from — and give them as gifts thereby supporting our local authors and historians too!
 5. Read a local history book a month and learn enough to brag about our fascinating history to others.
 6. Think about any personal possessions or records you could give to local historical agencies to make our history richer for future generations.
- Celebrating Our Past can start today and will last forever.

 Pope, John Henry.
Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Peel.
Wilson's Publishing Company, 2000.
Originally published in 1877. 911.71353 POP

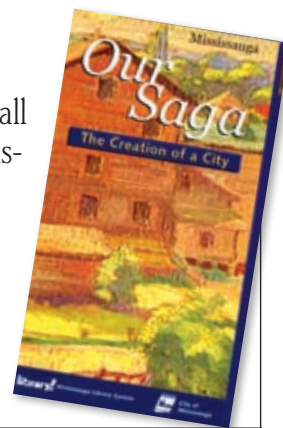
One of a series of Ontario county atlases consisting of historical text, township and town maps, portraits, views and patrons' directory / business cards. Names of residents are also marked on the lots of the township maps—a boon to anybody researching their Peel family history.



 **Our Saga: The Creation of a City [video].**

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 2002. 971.3535 OUR

Discover Mississauga's rich history of native lands, small villages, and hamlets and see how the automobile transformed the region following World War II.



 Riendeau, Roger E.
Mississauga: An Illustrated History.

Burlington, ON: Windsor Publications, 1985. 971.3535 RIE

Mississauga has been described as “a city of small communities.” Discover the roots of these towns and villages and how they came to be part of an autonomous city. Learn of the Native Mississaugas, for whom the city is named.




 Gibson, Marian M.
In the Footsteps of the Mississaugas.

Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 2006. 970.00497 MIS

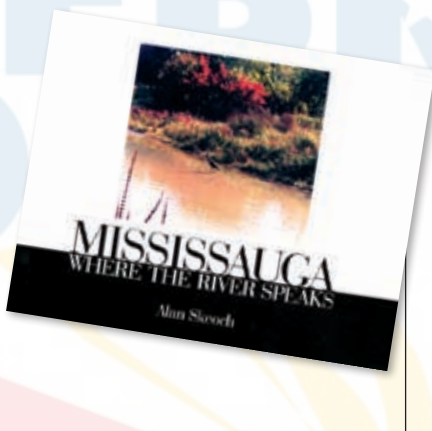
Discover the heritage of the Native Mississaugas, beginning at the Ice Age, through the Beaver Wars with the Iroquois, to trade with the French and treaty negotiations with the British. Immigration from Europe and the United States ultimately led the Mississaugas to establish the New Credit Reserve near Hagersville. Introduced by Chief Bryan LaForme.




 Skeoch, Alan.
Mississauga: Where the River Speaks.

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 2001. 971.3535 SKE

Revisit Mississauga's past by examining fossilized rocks 400 to 600 years old. Continue your journey to the arrival of the Native Peoples and early Loyalist and European settlers until you reach the years of suburban growth, immigration, and the creation of a City. Immigrant profiles are featured.



 Smith, Donald B.
Sacred Feathers: The Reverend Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonaby) & the Mississauga Indians.

Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1987. 970.004970924 JONES

He was known to the English as Peter Jones and to the Native Mississaugas as Kahkewaquonaby. Learn how this unique individual struggled to improve conditions for First Nations people in the early 1800s.



 Toth, Mike.
Birth to Millennium: Mississauga's Sport Heritage.

Mississauga: M. Toth and the Mississauga News, 2006. 796.09713 TOT

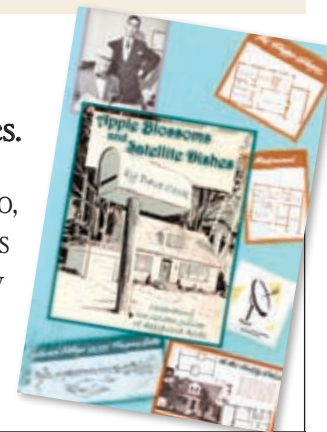
A look at early sports history is followed by a year-by-year review from 1974 to 2000, profiles from the Mississauga Sports Hall of Fame, and accounts of good sports, big and small.



 Cook, Dave.
Apple Blossoms and Satellite Dishes: Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Applewood Acres.

Mississauga: David L. Cook, 2004. 971.3535 COO

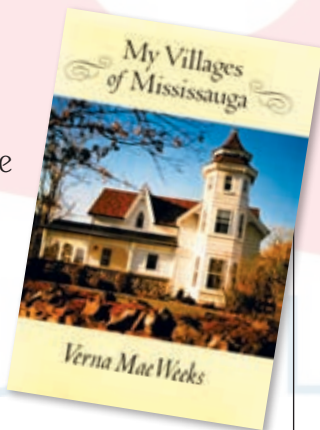
Discover the first major subdivision west of Toronto, Applewood Acres, as the community celebrates its golden jubilee. Includes a look at the area's early settlement.



 Weeks, Verna Mae.
My Villages of Mississauga: 1924-1938.

Chesley, ON: V.M. Weeks, 1986. 971.35350 3092 WEEKS

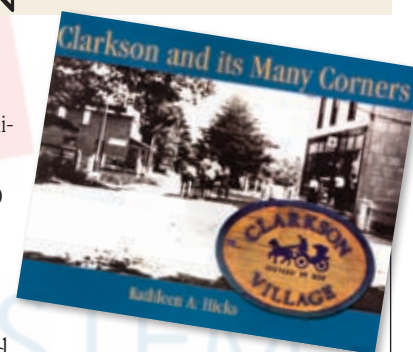
Reminisce with the author about the unforgettable years between World War I and World War II.



 Hicks, Kathleen A.
Clarkson and Its Many Corners.

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 2003. Anniversary edition, 2008. 971.3535 HIC

Learn about Warren Clarkson, the early settler who gave his name to this area. Visit two homes which still stand today and are heritage museums, Benares and the Bradley House. Find out about local industries such as St. Lawrence Cement, Canada's second largest cement manufacturer. The community of Lorne Park is also introduced.



 Duquette, Ron.
Hurricane Warning! The Life & Times of Hazel McCallion [video].

Mississauga: Ad-Venture Sight & Sound, 2001. 971.3535 MCCAL

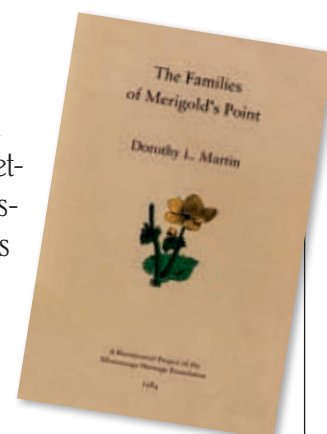
Learn more about the life and accomplishments of “Hurricane Hazel,” Mississauga's popular mayor. Find out why she has been such a dominant force in the city.



 Martin, Dorothy L.
The Families of Merigold's Point.

Mississauga: Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 1984. 929.2 09713 535 MAR

These early settlers came from New Brunswick to better their lives in Upper Canada. Learn their family histories and read fascinating accounts of their progress on the shores of Lake Ontario.



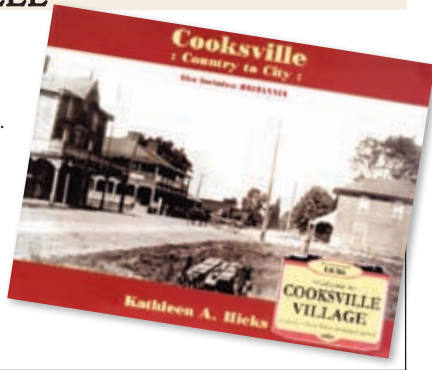
COOKSVILLE

Hicks, Kathleen A.

Cooksville: Country to City.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2005. 971.3535 HIC

Trace the development of this community from early settlement to post-war growth, the incorporation of the town of Mississauga in 1968, and the formation of the City of Mississauga in 1974. Learn more about the old village of Britannia.

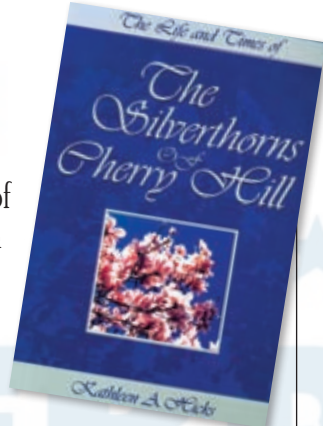


Hicks, Kathleen A.

The Life and Times of the Silverthorns of Cherry Hill.

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 1999. 971.3535 HIC

Glimpse early settler life through the experiences of Jane and Joseph Silverthorn, who came to the area in 1807 and built the well-known home, Cherry Hill. Trace the history of the family and community until 1973 when Cherry Hill was moved to its present location.

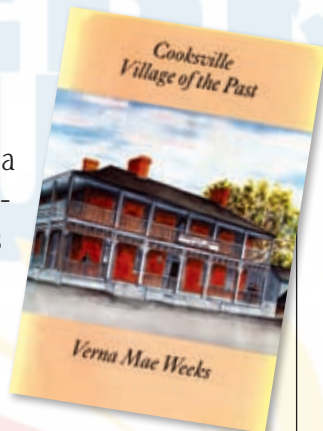


Weeks, Verna Mae.

Cooksville: Village of the Past.

Mississauga: V.M. Weeks, 1995. 971.3535 WEE

Located on the Dundas highway, Cooksville was a centre of activity between Toronto and Hamilton. Author Verna Mae Weeks brings to life its people, places and activities, including Johann Schiller and Canada's first commercial winery.

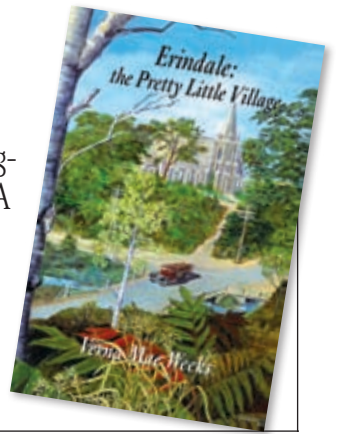


Weeks, Verna Mae.

Erindale: The Pretty Little Village.

Mississauga: V.M. Weeks, 1999. 971.3535 WEE

Step back into a village that was once named Springfield and learn how it came to be called Erindale. A wealth of local information is included.



LAKEVIEW

Hicks, Kathleen A.

Lakeview: Journey from Yesterday.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2005. 971.3535 HIC

Due to its location on Lake Ontario, the Lakeview area was an ideal place for settlement. Meet the Cawthra, Shaw, Odgen, Caven and Duck families. Visit local landmarks such as the Lakeview Golf and Country Club and the Adamson Estate.

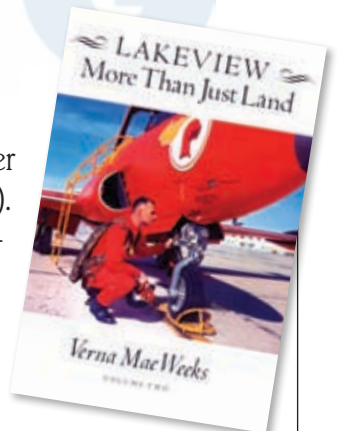


Weeks, Verna Mae.

Lakeview: More than Just Land.

Chesley, Ontario: V.M. Weeks, 1990. 971.3535 WEE

Research everyday life in Lakeview from pioneer days to the end of the Great Depression (volume one). Lakeview featured prominently in Toronto Township's war effort. Learn more about the small arms factory and see how the area evolved after World War II (volume two).



DIXIE

Cook, Dave.

From Frozen Ponds to Beehive Glory: The Story of Dixie Arena Gardens.

Mississauga: David L. Cook, 2006. 971.3535 COO

Dixie Arena Gardens hosted hockey and lacrosse leagues, auto auctions, figure skating, and teen dances. Memorable moments are recounted by the author.



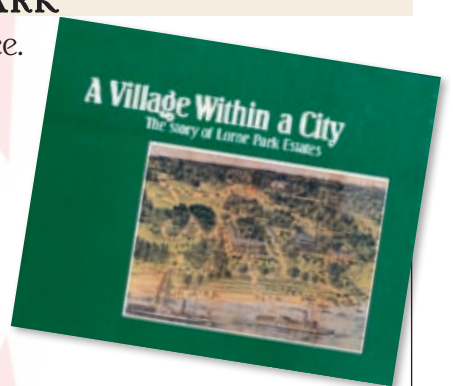
LORNE PARK

Lorne Park Estates Historical Committee.

A Village Within a City: the Story of Lorne Park Estates.

Cheltenham, ON: Boston Mills Press, 1980. 971.3535 LOR

Visit a community that began as a public resort and evolved into one of Mississauga's most unique neighbourhoods.

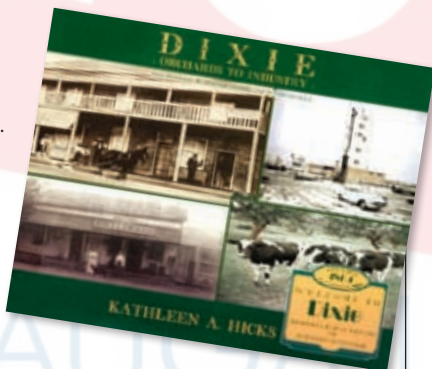


Hicks, Kathleen A.

Dixie: Orchards to Industry.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2006. 971.3535 HIC

"Welcome to Dixie, the Horticulture Centre of Toronto Township." One of a series of ten collage type books the author has researched and written about the villages which grew into the city of Mississauga.



Weeks, Verna Mae.

Lorne Park, Dreams of Long Ago.

Chesley, ON: V.M. Weeks, 1993. 971.3535 WEE

Learn the story of Glen Leven, the first cultivated area of Lorne Park. See the changes that accompanied the Great Western Railway between Hamilton and Toronto. Find out about early settlers, the McGills, the Denisons and the Burns.



ERINDALE

Adamson, Jean.

Erindale at the Crook of the Credit.

Cheltenham, ON: Boston Mills Press, 1978. 971.3535 ADA

From a newsy letter by the local doctor in 1833 to photographs of the Erindale dam in 1909, the author introduces one of Mississauga's earliest villages.



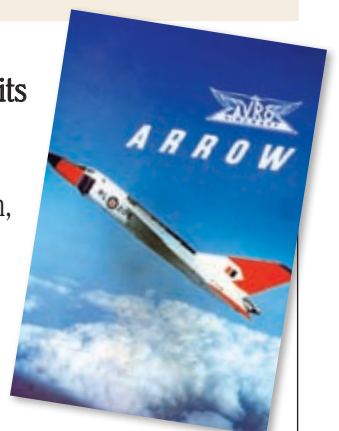
MALTON

Arrowheads.

Avro Arrow: The Story of the Avro Arrow from its Evolution to its Extinction.

Toronto: Stoddart, 1992. 623.7464 ARR

Trace the dramatic story of the Avro Arrow, its design, manufacture, test flights, and cancellation.



Hicks, Kathleen

Malton: Farms to Flying.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2006. 971.3535 HIC

Although the village of Malton was established in 1820, there was very little written documentation until local author and historian Kathleen Hicks compiled this book with the help of various businesses and organizations. Many interesting photographs are included.



STREETSVILLE

Hicks, Kathleen A.

Streetsville: From Timothy to Hazel.

Mississauga: Mississauga Library System, 2008. 971.3535 HIC

Enter into the spirit of Streetsville, "The Village in the City," as you trace the history of this proud Mississauga community. Includes information about Barberton and Harris' Corners.



MEADOWVALE

Hicks, Kathleen A.

Meadowvale: Mills to Millennium.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2004. 971.3535 HIC

Learn about the Silverthorn, Beatty and Simpson families who pioneered in the Meadowvale area beginning in 1819. Read about major developments such as the Credit Valley Railway. Neighbouring communities of Churchville, Derry West, Hanlan's Corners, Palestine and Whaley's Corners are also explored.



Manning, Mary E.

Street: The Man, the Family, the Village.

Streetsville, ON: Streetsville Historical Society, 1996. 971.3535 STREE

Timothy Street came to Toronto Township in 1819. Learn about his life, family, and business interests, especially his influence on the development of Streetsville, the community named in his honour.



PORT CREDIT

Clarkson, Betty.

Credit Valley Gateway: The History of Port Credit.

Mississauga: Port Credit Public Library Board, 1967. 971.3535 CLA

A small natural harbour at the mouth of the Credit River attracted trade, development, and the beginnings of a village. Follow local history until the village acquires town status in 1961.

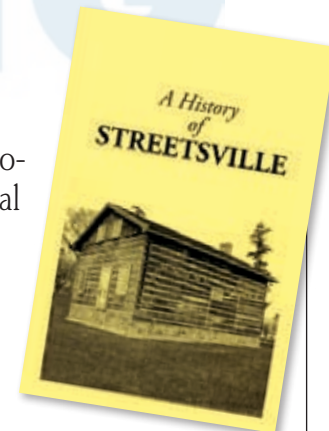


Manning, Mary E.

A History of Streetsville.

3rd revised edition. Mississauga: Streetsville Historical Society, 2008.

Published for the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of Streetsville, this edition features additional material by Tom Urbaniak.



Hicks, Kathleen A.

Port Credit: Past to Present.

Mississauga: Friends of the Mississauga Library System, 2007. 971.3535 HIC

Local author Kathleen Hicks has pulled together the 200 year old history of an area of Mississauga still referred to as Port Credit. Includes many old photographs, especially of local businesses and families.

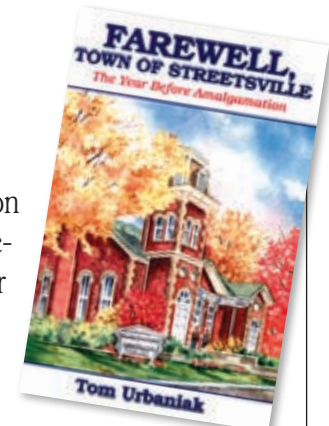


Urbaniak, Tom.

Farewell, Town of Streetsville: The Year before the Amalgamation.

Epic Press, 2002. 971.3535 URB

Find out about Streetsville before its amalgamation with the City of Mississauga in 1974. Includes a detailed account of the early political career of Mayor Hazel McCallion.

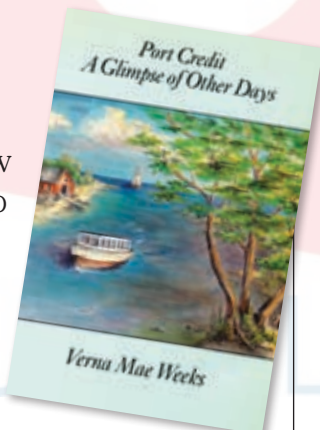


Weeks, Verna Mae.

Port Credit: A Glimpse of Other Days.

Mississauga: V.M. Weeks, 1995. 971.3535 WEE

Among the stories researched by the author is how the Credit River divided Port Credit into two parts, so much so that generations of children grew up without really knowing the other side of the village.



Urbaniak, Tom

Her Worship: Hazel McCallion and the Development of Mississauga.

Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009.

Hazel McCallion has been Mississauga's mayor since 1978. Tom Urbaniak examines McCallion's politics and points to a number of historical and geographical factors that have contributed to her dominant and pre-emptive position in the city. This is a fascinating account of both a remarkable political figure and an area that is emblematic of suburban development in North America.



Mississauga Train Derailment

On the night of November 10, 1979 at 11:53 p.m., a 106 car Canadian Pacific freight train derailed at Mavis Road, north of Dundas Street. As a result of the subsequent explosion, when one of the tank cars carrying propane exploded, and because other tanks were carrying chlorine, the decision was made to evacuate nearby residents in one of the largest peace time evacuations in history. Police evacuated 218,384



residents and most of Mississauga became a ghost town. Box cars, flat cars and tankers were overturned and strewn about the area.

The "Miracle of Mississauga" led to legislative changes regarding the safe transportation of dangerous goods and provide an example for the development of emergency planning by communities around the world.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Mississauga Train Derailment. For more information, visit the Library web site at www.mississauga.ca/library