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Photographic Record \_ Heritage Attributes \_ 7781 Old Tremaine Road



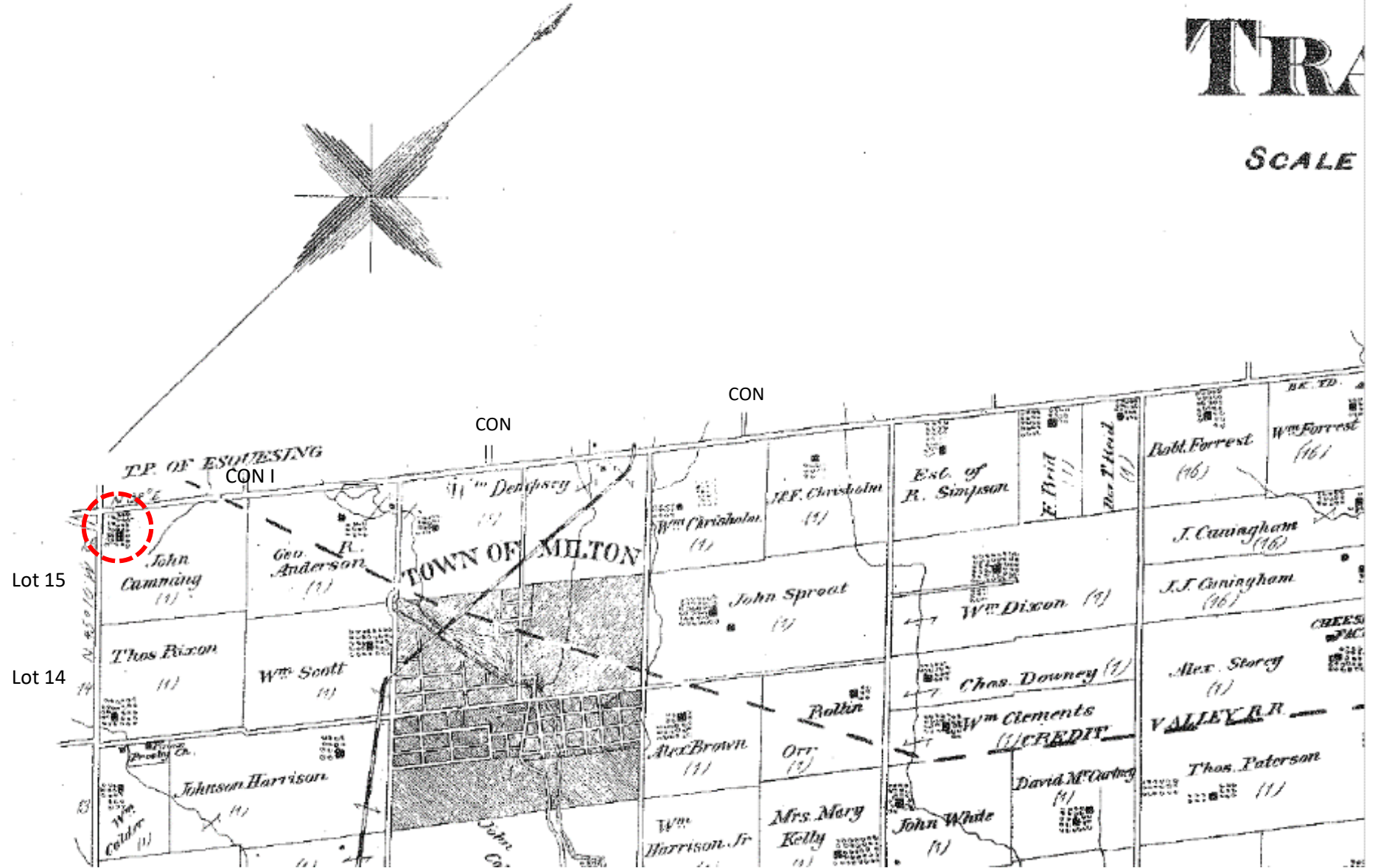


Location Map\_ 7781 Old Tremaine Road



# Trafalgar

- TRAFALGAR
- Concession 1
- New Survey
- Part Lot 15
- RP 20R733 PT
- PARTS 3 AND 4
- IRREG 7.63AC
- 732.70FR

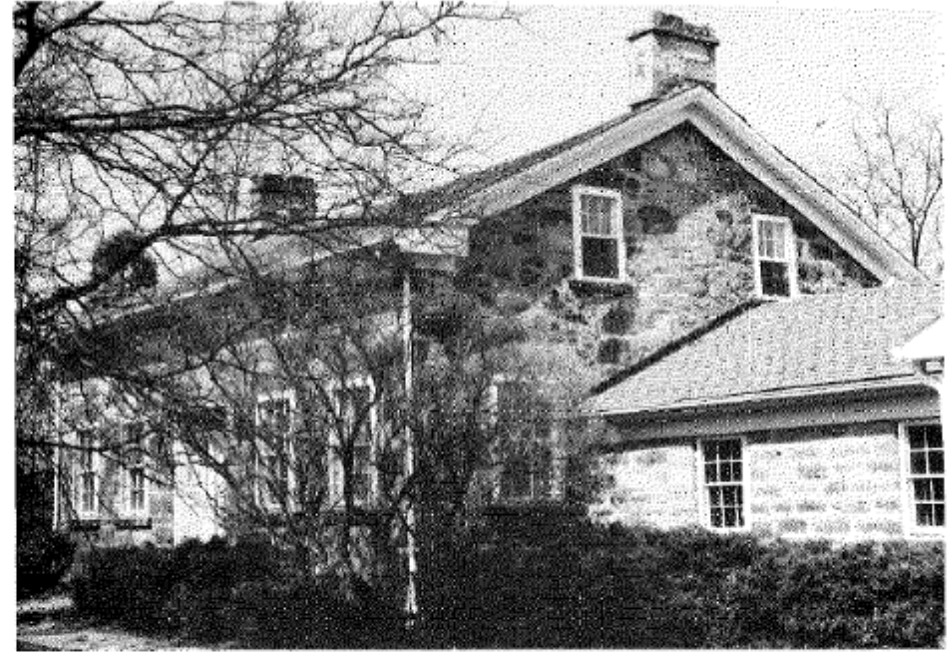


# Historical Homes of Milton

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**7781 TREMAINE ROAD**  
Lot 1, Concession 1, New Survey,  
Trafalgar Township  
Built about 1851



The one and a half storey stone dwelling on the southeast corner of Tremaine Road and Steeles Ave. appears to have been built in 1851 for William Cumming.

Wm. Cumming obtained the west half of Lot 15 from the Crown December 31, 1840. The Canada Census for 1851, under the column "dwelling" describes it as a log dwelling, but under a column "building" is indicated "stone" which may have been the stone building under construction.

John Cumming continued to farm the land following in his father's ownership until March 10, 1881 when the property was sold to Elijah Dixon.

August 18, 1898 William Reid purchased the property and later Duncan, a brother of Wil-

liam, continued the Reid involvement with the land until his death when the land was sold by the Reid family.

On May 14, 1974 Valerie and John Grimshaw discovered this property and purchased a small acreage containing the house. It had been severely damaged by fire in the early 1970s and had been left exposed to the elements. Virtually raising it from the ashes, the Grimshaws re-established the old stone dwelling naming it "Stonefield."

Megan Pallett and Nick Collins and their family live here.



Research by Valerie Grimshaw  
Courtesy of Milton Historical society

7781 Tremaine Rd., Milton - "Stonefield" - home of Mr. and Mrs.  
John Grimshaw

When William Cumming, farmer, purchased S.W. half of lot 15, Cong. 1,  
in 1840, from the Crown, he also commissioned Scottish stone masons  
to build his farmhouse. *that same year.*

On Aug. 18, 1898, William Reid Acquired the property and sold it  
to Duncan Reid, a brother, for \$6500, on Dec. 20, 1915. In 1943  
Duncan Reid acquired additional land from Morley Smith and the farm was  
enlarged to 123½ acres.

In 1953, Martha Reid, widow of Duncan Reid, sold 23½ acres to  
the Town of Milton in an annexation order and in 1955 the property  
was purchased by Anthony Carroll McIlhargey and his wife Dorothy.

On April 30, 1974, the property was divided into three sections  
with 7.6 acres remaining with the farmhouse and the barn. That same  
year the front-end style barn burnt, it was the same age as the house.

Between the years of 1953 to 1974, the house was vacant and  
exposed to the elements. Early in 1970 the house suffered a serious  
fire. When the Grimshaw's purchased the property it had to be  
restored completely, inside and out, but care was taken not to lose  
the style of the 1840's.

The front parlor and a downstairs adjoining bedroom were connected  
to make one large livingroom. A sunroom was added accessing from the  
kitchen and the old woodshed and summer kitchen were combined to  
make one large family room with concealed laundry and washroom facilities  
This room is panelled in a board-and-batten style with one-inch thick  
cedar planks. A fireplace was created in the same space once occupied  
by a brick oven. There are two other original fireplaces in the house.  
Upstairs there are three bedrooms and a bathroom, which once was also  
a bedroom. The master bedroom was enlarge and the ceiling raised, and  
a sitting deck built over the downstairs sunroom with a walkout through  
this bedroom.

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*Story By Valerie Grimshaw*

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About 1930, the upstairs hall <sup>door</sup> was added to bring  
space and light into the upstairs hall. Two hallways were created,  
each flanking the central staircase. This was done to eliminate  
having to walk through rooms.

Having been in a deplorable state, the farmhouse and its  
grounds have been landscaped to enhance the property which is now  
called "Stonefield".

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Date Sept 10/83

President,  
Milton Historical Society,  
P.O. Box 85,  
Milton, Ontario. L9T 2Y3

Dear Sirs:

We are pleased that you have chosen our property  
to be dated for posterity by the Milton Historical  
Society. My family will be happy to assist your  
research with whatever knowledge and papers we possess.

We also accept the cost of placing a plaque on our  
building and we would appreciate a discussion about  
this prior to its installation. Our cheque to cover  
the cost of the plaque will be made available to you  
at the time of installation.

We look forward to this historic experience.

Sincerely yours,

*V. A. Grimshaw*

Registered Property Owner

*SW 1/2 lot 15  
Cons. 1  
Township of Oakville.*

# Research by Valerie Grimshaw

Courtesy of Milton Historical society



Stonefield is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grimshaw at Steeles Ave. and Tremaine Rd.

## Back from the ashes

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William Cumming came from Scotland to York, (Toronto, Ontario).

John Stewart and James Stewart of Scotch Block (in Esquesing Township) were leaders who signed up Scottish immigrants in York (Toronto) for grants of land in the Scotch Block. William Cumming received his land grant through these men.

Lot #15 Concession #1 Trafalgar Township Halton County.

Patent December 31, 1840 Crown to William Cumming 100 acres W. 1/2.

B & S June 1, 1868 William Cumming to John Cumming 100 Acres W. 1/2.

In the 1877 Halton County Atlas the owner of the above Lot was John Cumming, Son of William.

Following is the 1851 Census of Trafalgar Township.

Name	Occupation	Origin	Religion	Age
William Cumming	Farmer	Scot.	Free Presbyterian	61
Margaret Cumming		Ireland	"	52
Sarah "		Canada	"	22
Rebecca "		"	"	19
James "	Labourer	"	"	18
Isabella "		"	"	16
William "		"	"	14
Jacob "	1848 Married	"	"	13
	Eleanor			
Margaret "		"	"	9
David "		"	"	8
John "		"	"	6

Name	Occupation	Origin	Religion	Age
Francis Cumming	Farmer	Scot.	Church of Scotland	55
Catherine "		"	"	37
Charlotte "		Canada	"	18
William "		"	"	15
Elizabeth "		"	"	12
Mary J. "		"	"	11
Francis "		"	"	5

William Cumming late of said Township of Trafalgar departed life on the 20th day of April 1878, having first made and published his last will and testament whereby he bequeathed his personal estate (which consisted of a mortgage of \$3,000.00 on the W 1/2 of Lot #15 Concession #1 of Trafalgar Twp.) to the said assignors and others to be divided among them according to his said will.

There was shown a Rebecca McGowan of the Twp. of East Wawandsh, County of Huron, wife of Walter McGowen. She could have been a daughter of William Cumming, Sr.

William and Jacob Cumming (sons of William Cumming, Sr.) lived at Saugatuck, in county of Allegan in the State of Michigan.

A. Cooke

# Historical Books Record

## HALTON COUNTY (LRO 20)

### Plan 153

### Pg 20-21

Extract from Halton County (LRO 20) , Township of Trafalgar Lot 15, Concession 1, New Survey, Pages 257-294								
No	Instrument	Dated	Registered	From	To	Acres	Description	Amount
	Patent	31 Dec 1840		Crown	William Cumming	100	W1/2	
432F	Bill of Sale	1 June 1868	2 July 1868	William Cumming Wife	John Cumming	100	W1/2	
2354	Bill of Sale	8 Nov 1877	17 Nov 1877	John Cumming Wife	Wiliam Johnson	100	W1/2	\$1,000
2355	Bill of Sale	8 Nov 1877	17 Nov 1877	William Johnson Wife	Frances Maria Cumming wife of John Cumming	100	W1/2	\$1,000
3205N	Bill of Sale	25 July 1881	10 March 1881	Frances Maria Cumming and John Cumming her husband	Elijah Dixon	100	SW1/2 excepting that portion conveyed to the C.C. Rail Co. and also portion added to one David Robertson	\$6,000
7108	Bill of Sale	18 Aug 1898	18 Aug 1898	Elijah Dixon	William Reid		Illegible	
11888	Grant	December 20, 1915	December 20, 1915	William Reid Widower	Duncan Reid	100	SW1/2 with Exception	\$6,500
27616 NT	Grant	December 30, 1952	February 17, 1953	Martha Reid and Walter Duncan Campbell Reid Executors of Duncan Reid deceased and Colin J. Reid, Martha Reid Stokes and Laura Woodcock	Martha Reid aforesaid during life then to Walter Duncan Campbell Reid		SW1/2 except lands of C.P.Rg. Co. and portion lying to N of Railway Land (100 acres)	
43046	Grant	June 30, 1955	October 20, 1955	Martha Reid, widow +Louise McDougall Reid, widow + Lloyd Chisholm, last 2 being Executors of Walter Duncan Campbell Reid and Louise McDougall Reid of 3rd Part	Anthony Carroll Mcelhangey + Dorothy McIlhangey his wife as joint tenants	\$99,000 + \$6,000 vc	SW 1/2 except Railway portion North. See Recitals (100 acres)	
389865	Grant	April 30, 1974	May 14, 1974	Anthony Carroll Mclhangey and Dorothy Mclhangey	Valeria Anne Grimshaw married woman	\$65,000	Part SW 1/2 designated as Parts 3 and 4 on 21 R-733	
671591	Grant		July 15, 1987	Grimshaw. Valeria Anne	Pallett, Megan Jane		Pt of SW1/2 of lot des as pts 3 & 4 on 20R-733	\$430,000



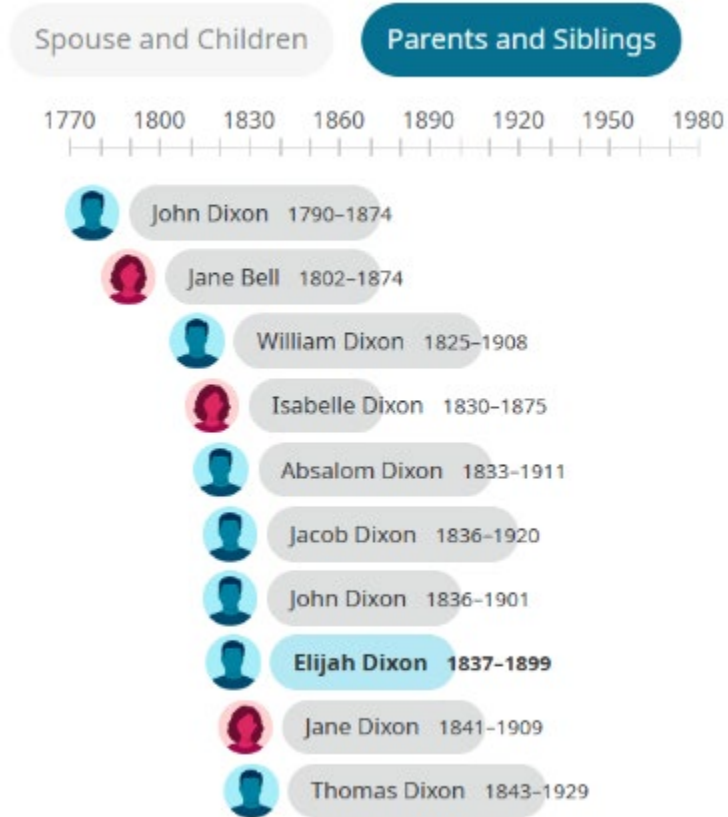
# Elijah Dixon

1837–19 October 1899 • LKVZ-1WY

## Brief Life History of Elijah

When Elijah Dixon was born in 1837, in Trafalgar, Halton, Ontario, Canada, his father, John Dixon, was 47 and his mother, Jane Bell, was 35. He lived in Oakville, Halton, Ontario, Canada in 1871. He died on 19 October 1899, in Trafalgar, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 62, and was buried in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada.

## Family Time Line



## Sources (3)



Elijah Dixon in household of John Dixon, "Canada Census, 1871"



Elijah Dixon, "Ontario Deaths, 1869-1937 and Overseas Death..."



Elijah Dixon, "Find A Grave Index"





## William Reid

29 September 1838–5 March 1922 • 9W63-5X3

### Brief Life History of William

William Reid was born on 29 September 1838, in Nassagaweya Township, Halton, Upper Canada, British Colonial America. He had at least 4 sons and 3 daughters with Margaret Gillies. He lived in Halton, Ontario, Canada for about 20 years. He died on 5 March 1922, in Campbellville, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 83.

### Family Time Line

Spouse and Children

Parents and Siblings

1820 1840 1860 1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000



William Reid 1838–1922



Margaret Gillies 1844–1905



Duncan Reid 1870–1952



Annie Christina Reid 1871–1938



William John Reid 1873–1953



Alexander Reid 1874–Deceased



Mary Alexina Reid 1876–1968



Isabella Jane Reid 1878–1959

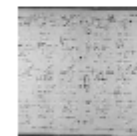


Colin Wesley Reid 1882–1884

### Sources (16)



William Reid, "Canada Census, 1901"



William Reid in entry for Alexander Reid, "Ontario Births..."



William Reid, "Canada Census, 1881"

## Brief Life History of Duncan

When Duncan Reid was born on 1 March 1870, in Nassagaweya Township, Halton, Canada West, British North America, his father, William Reid, was 31 and his mother, Margaret Gillies, was 26. He married Martha Agnew on 26 June 1907, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 1 daughter. He lived in Halton, Ontario, Canada in 1881. He died on 14 July 1952, in Campbellville, Halton, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 82.

## Brief Life History of Martha

When Martha Agnew was born on 6 November 1879, in Nelson, Burlington, Halton, Ontario, Canada, her father, Johnson Agnew, was 35 and her mother, Martha Readhead, was 34. She married Duncan Reid on 26 June 1907, in Milton, Halton, Ontario, Canada. They were the parents of at least 1 son and 1 daughter. She died on 16 November 1960, in Acton Township, Algoma, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 81.



## Duncan Reid

1 March 1870–14 July 1952 • LRTX-KT2

### Family Time Line

Spouse and Children

Parents and Siblings

1820 1840 1860 1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000



William Reid 1838–1922



Margaret Gillies 1844–1905



Duncan Reid 1870–1952



Annie Christina Reid 1871–1938



William John Reid 1873–1953



Alexander Reid 1874–Deceased



Mary Alexina Reid 1876–1968



Isabella Jane Reid 1878–1959



Colin Wesley Reid 1882–1884

### Family Time Line

Spouse and Children

Parents and Siblings

1860 1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000 2020 2040



Duncan Reid 1870–1952



Martha Agnew 1879–1960



Marriage: 26 June 1907



Charles Campbell Reid 1909–1909



Laura Reid 1914–2003



# Anthony Carroll McIlhargey

July 17, 1898 – Sept 13, 1978

## Anthony Carroll McIlhargey

**BIRTH** 17 Jul 1898  
Stratford, Perth County, Ontario, Canada

**DEATH** 13 Sep 1978 (aged 80)  
Ontario, Canada

**BURIAL** [Avondale Cemetery](#)  
Stratford, Perth County, Ontario, Canada [Show Map](#)

**PLOT** Section St. John, Lot 52, SubLot 1

**MEMORIAL ID** 148126204 · [View Source](#)

### Inscription

McILHARGEY / Anthony Carroll McIlhargey / July 17, 1898 - Sept. 13, 1978 / Beloved Husband of / ...


### Gravesite Details

Interment Date 9/16/1978. Grey granite

### Family Members

#### Parents

 [Clement McIlhargey](#)  
1859–1930

 [Margaret Carroll McIlhargey](#)  
1855–1945

#### Spouse

 [Dorothy McIlhargey](#)  
1905–1991

#### Siblings

 [Mary Lucille McIlhargey](#)  
1900–1986

 [Margaret Ruth McIlhargey](#)  
1900–1900

 [Theodore Clement McIlhargey](#)  
1902–1903

ENGINEER DEPOT  
BROCKVILLE, ONT.  
4-2  
ATTESTATION PAPER  
Canadian Engineers - C. E. E.  
CANADIAN OVER SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

TRIPlicate  
Canadian  
No. 2009266  
Polic.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your surname? McILHARGEY.

2a. What are your Christian names? Anthony Carroll.

2b. What is your present address? 16 Norma St., Stratford, Ont.,

3. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Stratford, Ont., Canada.

4. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Margaret McIlhargey.

5. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 16 Norma St., Stratford Ont., Canada

6a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother.

6. What is the date of your birth? July 17th, 1898.

7. What is your Trade or Calling? Bank Clerk.

8. Are you married? Single.

9. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes.

10. Do you now belong to the Army Yes No None

11. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No

12. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes.

13. Are you willing to be attached to serve in the Canadian Over Seas Expeditionary Force? Yes.

14. Have you ever been discharged from any Branch of His Majesty's Forces as medically unfit? No.

15. If so, what was the nature of the disability? No.

16. Have you ever offered to serve in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces and been rejected? No.

17. If so, what was the cause? No.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Anthony Carroll McIlhargey do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

A. C. McIlhargey (Signature of Recruit)

Date May 21st 1918 118 (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Anthony Carroll McIlhargey do make Oath, that I will be faithful and true unto His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Rights, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

A. C. McIlhargey (Signature of Recruit)

Date May 21st 1918 101 (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above named was examined by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken note that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered against his name. The Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Stratford this 21st day of May 1918.

Wm. J. McIlhargey (Signature of Justice)

M. P. W. 21.  
100-10-10-11. No. ATTESTATION IS MADE TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

# John Grimshaw ( 1924 - 1999) and Valeria Anne Grimshaw (1928 – 2013)

GRIMSHAW, John of Oakville, Ontario, died Tuesday, January 19, 1999, after a brave two-year battle with cancer. He was 75. His passing leaves a huge void in the lives of his wife of 46 years, Valeria Anne; his daughter, Jane Christmas, of Hamilton, Ontario; son, Peter of Salt Lake City, Utah; a team of spirited grandchildren to whom he was devoted: Adam, Matthew, Zoe, Russell, David, Dianne, and Alyson; his brother, Roy, of London, Ontario; many nieces and nephews; and a legion of dear friends and colleagues. He is predeceased by his sisters, Marjorie Goldberg, of Edmonton, and Joan Clark, of Mount Brydges, Ontario. Born February 23, 1923, in Toronto, John was schooled at Jesse Ketchum and Jarvis Collegiate. After serving in the Second World War as a gunner in the RCAF, John continued his education at McMaster University in Hamilton. He began a career in journalism at Quill and Quire, moving on to The Toronto Telegram, and The Canadian Press, before joining the Ontario Editorial Bureau, a newly formed public relations firm, in 1952. He served as its consultant, president, CEO, and chairman of the board. With his help and guidance, the company flourished into a network of affiliates across Canada, the United States, and Europe. After retiring from OEB in 1987, John was invited to teach the third-year public relations program at Humber College in Toronto. Our family extends its heartfelt thanks to the priests and congregation of St. John's Nassagaweya, in Campbellville, Ontario, for their continued strength, prayers, and friendship. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be held at St. George's, Lowville, south of Highway 401 on the Guelph Line at Derry Road, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1999. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in John's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to the J. Scott Early Funeral Home in Milton, Ontario (905) 878-2669.

GRIMSHAW, Valerie Anne - 1928 - 2013 After an active and well-lived life, Val passed away on January 1, 2013 in Guelph, Ontario. Born in Somosköüjfalú, Hungary, Val (nee Romhanyi) arrived in Canada where the family settled in Oshawa. In the late 1940s, she took off for Toronto to carve out a career in journalism. At The Canadian Press she fell for a fellow reporter, John Grimshaw and in 1952 they married and began a family. Val defied the stay-at-home life and became a columnist for the Don Mills Mirror. The job gave her a measure of celebrity and a platform for one of her passions - early Ontario architecture. Many buildings in and around Toronto owe their preservation to Val's advocacy efforts. In the early 1960s, she and John practically pioneered the concept of home renovation by restoring forgotten century homes. When John died in 1999, Val faced a succession of health issues, which she blithely dismissed with an air of indomitable optimism. She attended church (her faith in God was steadfast), played bridge, maintained a large circle of friends, volunteered (Canadian Cancer Society, Goodwill, Homewood Rehab Hospital) and always kept her eyes alert for potential reno projects. Spirited and talented, Val will be missed by her children Jane (Colin Braithwaite) and Peter; grandchildren Adam, Matthew, Zoë, Dianne, Alyson, Russell and David, her brother Lou (Nellie) and extended family and friends. Val's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 7th at St. John's (Nassagaweya) Anglican Church, Guelph Line, Campbellville.



Milton Historical Society's Past President, Val Grimshaw, presented framed photos of Milton's past Mayors to the Town of Milton in 1982. Pictured left to right are Don Gordon, Mike Ledwith, Gordon Krantz, Dr. Carl Martin, Val Grimshaw and Anne McArthur.

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# 2023 Photos



North West Elevation



North West Elevation



West Elevation



North West Elevation



North West Elevation



North Elevation



# 2023 Photos



South West Elevation



South West Elevation



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South West Elevation



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South West Elevation



# 2023 Photos



East Elevation



South East Elevation



South East Elevation



East Elevation



South East Elevation



North Elevation



## Interior Pictures





## Interior Pictures



## Physical Attributes

- A one-and-a-half-storey stone building on course rubble stone foundation with a medium gable roof with projecting eaves and plain soffit





# Physical Attributes

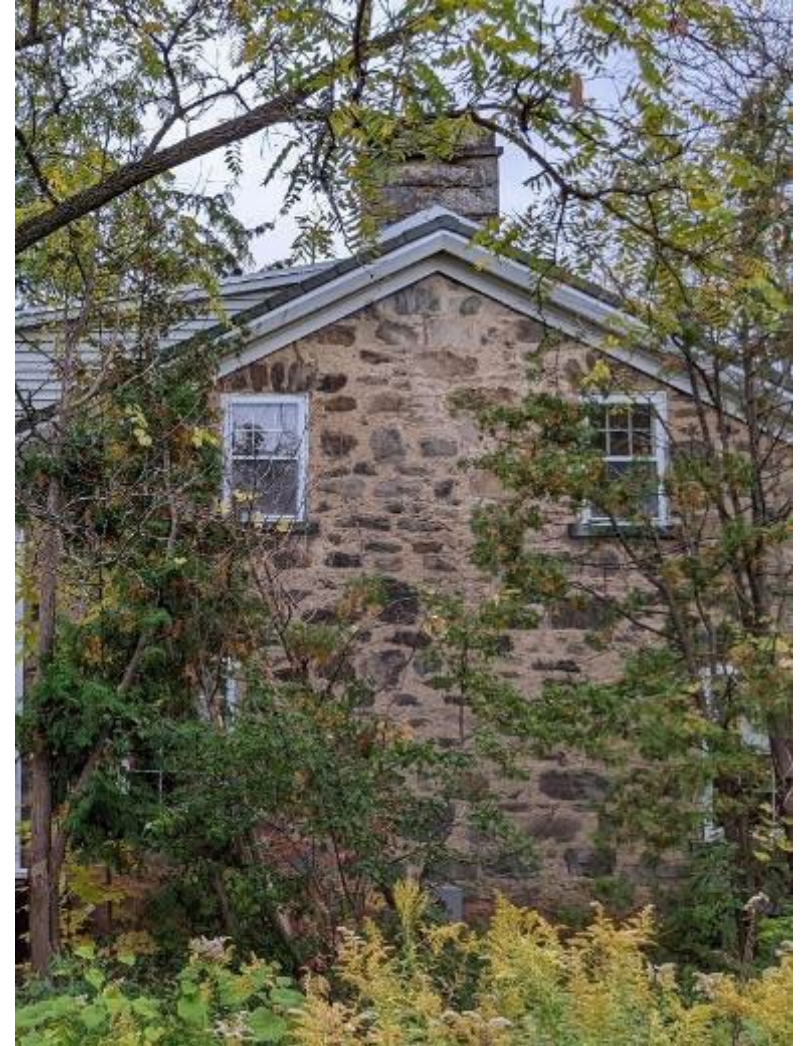
Course stone works at West Elevation and random stone works at North, South and East Elevation



West Elevation



South East Elevation



North Elevation



# Physical Attributes

Two stone chimneys at gable ends





## Physical Attributes

Six over six windows with plain mouldings, stone lintels and lug sills





## Physical Attributes

- Four-panel front door with moulded trims, side lite and rectangular transom



Exterior



Interior



Details



## Physical Attributes

Dated stone on Silo 1914 Duncan and John Reid





## Non-Physical Attributes

Additions to the Side and Rear are non heritage attribute





## Non-Physical Attributes

Additions to the Rear is non heritage attribute

