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It is unknown how Osaca got it's name. Some say it is taken from the city of Osaka in Japan and others believe it was created from an old sign that read **Old Style Alexander Chopping Axe**.

The first settler in the village was James Elliott and family around 1830. James erected the Osaca Flouring Mill. The mill was later run by E.J. Baker and was located north of the village on Bells Hill Road.

A post office was established by David Gordon. At this point the village population was about one hundred residents. There was also a general store and the Alex Carruthers blacksmith shop. A sawmill was located north of the village on County Road 65 beside the Ganaraska River. Samuel Parsons was the proprietor.

In 1873 a school house was built on the North west corner of the village. Students who attended the school came from Decker Hollow to the west, Forest Green to the east, Eden to the north and Prouse's Hill to the south.

The Canadian Northern Railway made it's first run through the village in 1911. There was great potential for the village at the time, but the closure of the railway line in the 1940's destroyed any future plans.

Special Thanks and Congratulations

Port Hope and District Historical Society would like to thank the past owners of the Railside Restaurant, Gould Shoes and Holton Flowers for all their years of support.

Chris, Sharon and Maria of Railside Restaurant, we offer our congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

Julia of Gould Shoes, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Eileen and Blake of Holton Flowers we also wish you the best on retirement.

Corrections to May 2021 Newsletter

Pg. 1- The family name Collander should read Callendar. Thanks to P. Whitefield.

Pg. 4- The family name Conn should read Cann. Thanks to P. Cann.

"The most powerful warriors are patience and time." (Leo Tolstoy)



President's Report

Welcome to the winter 2021 edition of the Port Hope and District Historical Society Newsletter.

In 2021, Dorothy's House Museum celebrated it's 40th anniversary.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with this years yard sale and the Monarch Tag and Release. It was decided after much consideration to hold these two events after the provincial government's decision to lessen the Covid 19 restrictions.

Dorothy's House Museum remained closed for the second year but some much needed repairs were accomplished. A big thank you to member Bruce Gill (Woodlawn) for his assistance in accomplishing the repairs. A special thanks to board members Donald Davis (Toronto) and Joan Ashby Parrott (Port Hope) for their weekly yard and garden work and maintenance of the museum.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and in great spirits knowing that we will be able to get together with our families during the upcoming holiday season.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Tim Austin,
President

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12th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release



“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” (Aesop)



Yard Sale 2021



Museum Repairs 2021



Events Calendar 2022

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7 p.m.
AGM Meeting. Location to be announced.

Fri, Sat, Sun, July 8, 9, 10, 2022
Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale at Dorothy's House Museum, Garden Hill, ON from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July & August 2022
Dorothy's House Museum opens for summer months. Saturdays and Sundays from July 16th to August 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday August 27, 2022
13th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release at Dorothy's House Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road, Garden Hill, ON. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Port Hope Fall Fair (To Be Announced).

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"Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving." (Albert Einstein)