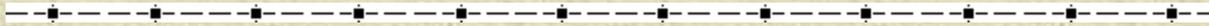


Burlington's History



Early History



✦ Native Canadians first lived in this area and hunted and fished.

✦ Experience the way these first inhabitants lived by visiting Iroquois village at Crawford Lake.

First Explorers

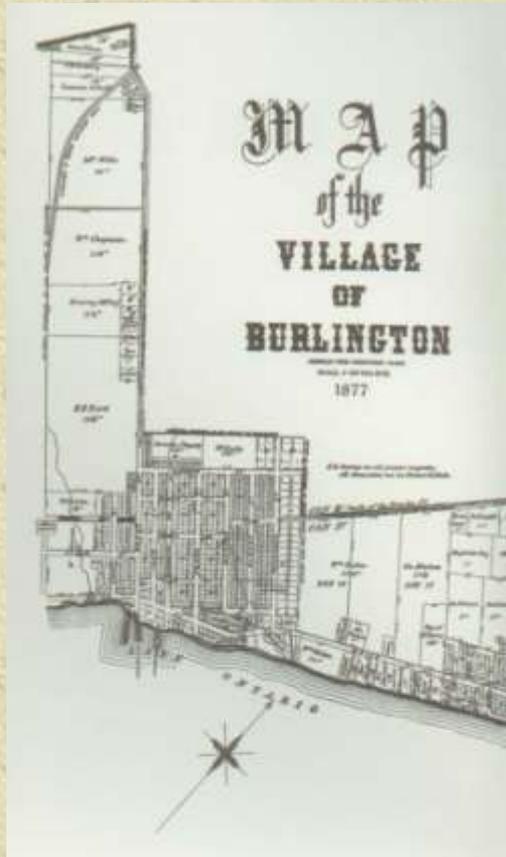


✠ In 1669 the 1st white explorer was Rene-Robert Cavelier or Sieur de LaSalle who landed in Burlington at the site of LaSalle Park.

✠ A historic plaque is located at the site.



First Settlements



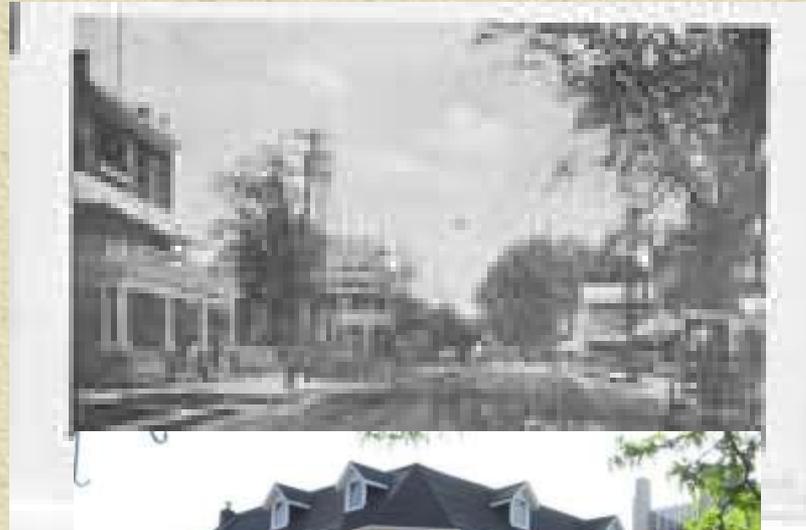
- ✦ Settlements began after American War of Independence in 1784.
- ✦ Those loyal to crown such as Joseph Brant were given land grants.

Wellington Square

- ✦ Burlington was originally named Wellington Square.
- ✦ In 1810 James Gage cleared land fronting Brant street and Rambo Creek & built a wharf and laid-out the town site.
- ✦ Built a flour & saw mill, as wheat and lumber were base of local economy.



Early Architecture



- ✦ Buildings from about the 1850s to 1870s still exist.
- ✦ Queen's Hotel built in 1870s at corner of Brant and Elgin

Historic Downtown

- ✦ 1860 Wadie's store was built at the corner of Lakeshore and John St.
- ✦ John and Elizabeth Streets were named after two of Joseph Brant's children.
- ✦ Downtown also has interesting, historic homes.



Historic Homes



Burlington Farming Roots



- ✦ The soil in area was well suited for growing fruit and wheat.
- ✦ Burlington's farming history has been wonderfully preserved.
- ✦ The actual homes of two well-known local farming families are open for the public to see.

Ireland and Spruce Lane Farm

✦ Ireland House contains all of the actual furnishings of the Ireland family.

✦ Spruce Lane Farm is one of the attractions at Bronte Provincial Park.



Paletta Lakefront Park

- ✦ This property represents a more recent time in history.
- ✦ Land was first deeded to Canadian heroine, Laura Secord.
- ✦ The 1930's building and grounds have been beautifully restored with walking trails, waterfront views gatehouse and dollhouse.



Brant Inn 1930-1960's



✦ This night-spot featured almost every big name entertainer. All of the big bands played here, plus well known entertainers such as Lena Horne, Eartha Kitt, Andy Williams & Liberace.

✦ It was like a piece of Hollywood or Broadway.

Brant Inn Sky Club

- ✦ Club could accommodate over 1500 patrons on a warm summer evening
- ✦ Closed in 1969
- ✦ When landmark was torn down a unique piece of Burlington's history went with it.

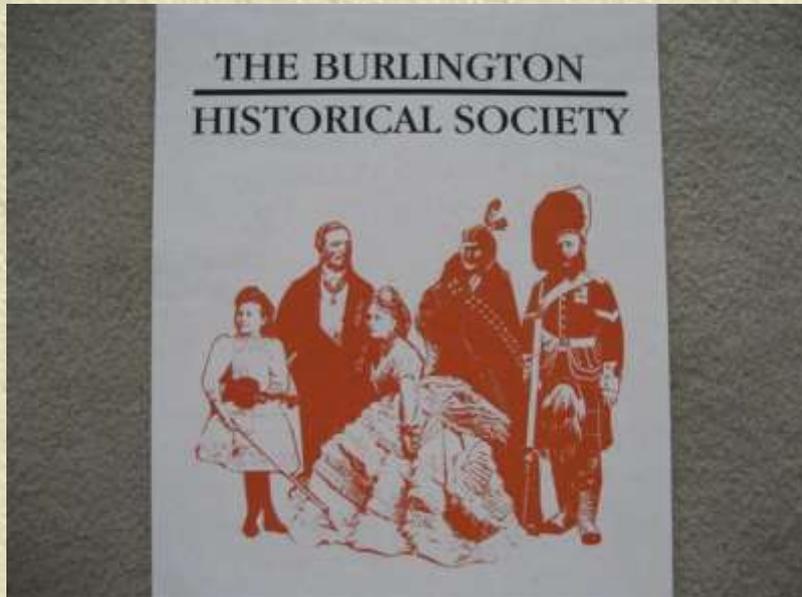


Royal Canadian Naval Monument



- ✦ Dedicated to all Canadian naval and merchant marine ships that served during World War 2.
- ✦ Commemorates the ships and seamen who were lost during the decisive Battle of the Atlantic.

Burlington Rich in History

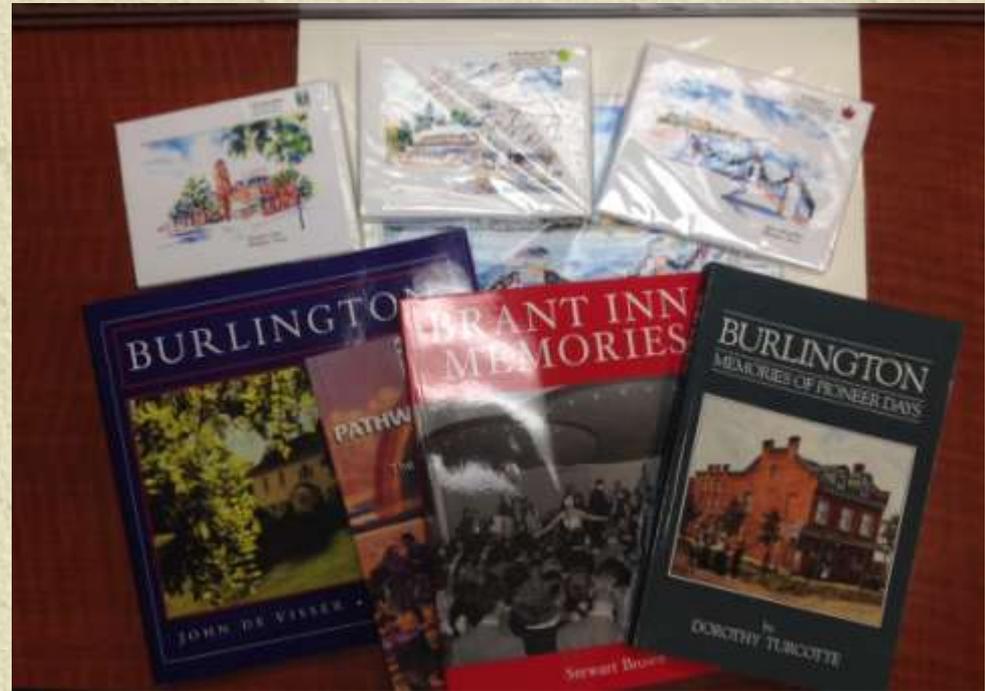


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Questions??

✦ Thanks for your interest.

✦ Enjoy being Burlington's ambassadors!

