



NEWSLETTER

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Photo: John Bottrill

One of Stittsville's most important historic buildings was devastated by fire on September 9th, 2013. Built as a hotel in 1875, it was located next to the former railway line that once ran through Stittsville. The walls are still standing but the decision on whether the building will be restored has not yet been made at time of publication.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2013

Mark these important dates on your calendar! We encourage everyone to come out throughout the year to enjoy the many events that Georgia Derrick and her team have arranged for the GTHS. If you can provide some baking or help with the set-up for the events, please contact Fran McCarthy at 613-831-1036 or email her at: francath39@sympatico.ca. She will be delighted to receive your assistance because as you know many hands, make light work.

February 16 – Heritage Program, Stittsville Library
March 16 – Voices of Goulbourn with Linda Preston and Cheryl McCoy, Stittsville Legion
April 20 – Antique Time Pieces – Presentation and Appraisals with Grant Perry, Stittsville Legion
May 18 – History of the Rotary Club, Stittsville Library
June 15 – History of Firefighting, Stittsville Library plus Firehall visit - CANCELLED
August 17 - Mapledene Camp Commemorative Plaque Unveiling - Alexander Grove, Stittsville
October 19 – The Masons at Goodwood Masonic Lodge, Richmond
November 16 – Military Men with Dave Brown, Stittsville Legion
December 15 – Traditions of the Season

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Fred Bradley's General Store

On Monday September 9th, the township of Goulbourn and the community of Stittsville lost a very distinctive historical landmark. The red brick building at 1518 Main Street in Stittsville which had housed so many important businesses in the village's history was consumed by a fast-moving fire, aided by a strong wind on that day. The walls are still standing but the roof is half gone and the water damage sustained is tremendous. At this writing it is not known whether the building will be able to be restored or whether it will be demolished. But your Historical Society is making enquiries as to whether the building can be saved and whether the heritage designation that it has, will affect what happens to the building.

We have so little built heritage to protect that it is worth trying to preserve what we do have. This building was built in 1875 by William Alexander as a hotel and it was well-situated right beside the new railway track that had just come through in 1870. It was purchased by Fred Bradley in 1919 who moved his grocery business from another building across the street, and it stayed as a grocery and general store as well as a post office for many years – the place where people went to get all the local news and gossip. More recently the building housed the popular Royal Albert Tea Room, followed by Louisiannie's Restaurant and then the Nola Eatery. A new restaurant called "The Alexander" was slated to open later this fall.

Stittsville, Richmond, Munster and Ashton all have precious historical buildings that add a great deal of character to their communities. We can't prevent disasters such as fires; but we can appreciate the value of these historic buildings and make sure we document and preserve them photographically and with proper histories of each one of them.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Summer at the Campgrounds

On August 17th we were blessed with excellent weather as we dedicated a bronze plaque to the Stittsville Campgrounds where both the Holiness Movement held their religious meetings and summer camps for many years, followed by the Mapledene Youth Camp, an outgrowth of both the Holiness Movement and the Free Methodist Church.

Acting on a suggestion by Lillian Hobbs made at our AGM back in January, the Historical Society went ahead with planning the production of a bronze plaque and worked on identifying as many as possible of those who had attended any of the camps, finding their addresses and inviting them to come to the plaque unveiling on August 17th. Marge Gillick became the registrar, collecting names and stories over several months by telephone and email. Reta and John Desmarais took on the research not only of the Holiness Movement and its Camps plus Mapledene Youth Camp, but also met with people who had attended the camps or been part of the Holiness Movement, and they visited Wesley Acres in Bloomfield, Ontario where Mapledene was relocated and spoke to people there as well. John delved into the Land Registry documents as well as the Free Methodist Church Archives and early records of the Holiness Movement. They also collected photographs and items such as pennants which were displayed at the plaque unveiling on Aug. 17th. John also wrote the souvenir booklet we gave out at the event. Lillian Hobbs added interesting items to the Holiness Movement display.

Others in the Historical Society planned the actual event with refreshments, tents, tables and music. The Community Bible Church lent us two of their large tents, Helene Rivest provided us with her smaller tent, St. Thomas Anglican Church lent us four of their 6' tables, and Theresa Qadri arranged to get us three youth volunteers, Tori, Connor and Caroline, who were really helpful in setting up and taking down the tents. Robin Derrick arranged the set-up and take-down of the tents, Mike Bryan acted as greeter on the day, Debbie Proulx and Lynne Blenk looked after the lemonade and refreshments and yours truly arranged the production of the plaque and pulled all the pieces of the project together. The City of Ottawa, via Shad Qadri, provided permission to use the site, with City staff person Paul Donnelly doing the actual installation. Ninety-five people came to the event and all seemed to enjoy themselves meeting old friends, and walking to the "Big Rock" and into the nearby woods where they had spent many happy hours at the Stittsville Camp. The story of the Holiness Movement and of the Mapledene Youth Camp is a fascinating part of Goulbourn's history for the camps attracted thousands of people over the years, from a wide area, and not just Stittsville. There is a photo essay elsewhere in the newsletter of the event on August 17th and we hope to compile a collection of people's memories to publish next year.

Please note our upcoming events in October and November and if you have any suggestions on projects you would like the Historical Society to undertake, please either call me at 613-836-2305 or email your ideas to goulbournhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Barbara Bottriell

*A PICTORIAL GALLERY OF THE PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR
THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT AND THE MAPLEDENE BIBLE
CAMP, AUGUST 2013*

Plaque Text

**Stittsville Campgrounds
1898-1974**

You are standing on the former 30-acre site of one of Canada's largest and most widely known religious meeting grounds which between 1898 and 1974, became a memorable part of the lives of thousands of people and impacted the development of evangelical Christianity throughout Canada.

The Holiness Movement

In 1898, four Stittsville residents bought land from Andrew Alexander between Manchester Street and Poole Creek in trust for the Holiness Movement Church to be used for its outdoor religious meetings and for its Annual and General Meetings. Delegates came from across Canada and from the mission field in China, Ireland and Egypt.

By 1918, the Stittsville site was the largest camp in the Holiness Movement Church, drawing hundreds every summer. Most stayed in tents among the trees at the campgrounds. Singing filled the air on summer evenings. Gradually some permanent buildings were erected such as a house of worship and a dining hall. Some families built their own cottages and stayed all summer.

Mapledene Youth Camp

A Holiness youth camp started by Rev. Charles McFarlane and Rev. Alton Gould in Brockville, moved to the Stittsville campgrounds in 1948. The Mapledene Youth Camp flourished in Stittsville, drawing young people from Western Quebec, Upper New York State, Ottawa, Richmond, Stittsville, North Gower, the Ottawa Valley and other areas of Ontario.

In 1959 the Holiness Movement Church merged with the Free Methodist Church and in 1961 new washrooms, showers and an outdoor swimming pool were built at the camp. The pool was opened to Stittsville residents in 1967. The camp finally closed in 1974 when it was moved to Wesley Acres Methodist camp in Bloomfield, Ontario.

Erected by the Goulbourn Township Historical Society 2013

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Setting up the first tent for the event with Robin, Reta and Barb, along with three youth volunteers, Tory, Connor and Caroline



Tents all ready to go before first guests arrive



Plaque unveilers with Lillian Hobbs who suggested having a plaque



Plaque unveiled by Historical Society President Barb Bottriel, Councillor Shad Qadri, Councillor Scott Moffatt and the last President of the Stittsville Camp Association, Jim Wallace



Visitors viewing Mapledene Youth Camp display



GTHS Board members Debbie Proulx and Lynne Blenk having a good time at the refreshment table offering cookies, squares and lemonade

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Guests looking at the Holiness Movement displays



Two guests registering at the event



Guests visiting tent dedicated to Holiness Movement displays



Historical Society members John and Reta Desmarais in front of one of the displays they created for the event



Some of the approximately 100 people who attended the plaque unveiling of the former Stittsville Campgrounds

THE TRAGIC TALE OF TILLY AND TOM – AN ASHTON LEGACY

(Submitted by Rev. Jim Kirkpatrick)

Our story begins on Saturday, 15 January, 1879 – just over a decade after Confederation – when Matilda Florence (Tilly) Garland and her twin brother, Albert Edward Garland, were born in Ashton to Andrew John Garland (1833-1903) and Jemima Hall (1839-1924). Tilly's grandfather, Thomas Garland was one of the founding fathers when the first Christ Church, Ashton was built in 1845. The Garland farm was located on Concession 7, Lot 5, East ½ (now the southwest corner of Fallowfield Road and Dwyer Hill Road in Goulbourn Township. Tilly and Albert had 7 older siblings and 1 younger. The 1901 census shows Andrew Garland (67, general labourer, employed), Jemima (60, wife), Matilda Florence (22, daughter, dressmaker, working on own account) and Harold H (15, son), all living in Ashton.



Christ Church, Ashton, Ontario

Tilly married Tom (Thomas Miller) Savage (born 5 May 1877, son of John Savage and Ann Hand) on 10 February, 1904. Tom's mother died one month after giving birth to twin boys, Thomas (originally registered as James) and John. The cause of death is listed as "Shock after Child Births". In the 1881 census Tom is living with



his grandparents, John and Elizabeth Savage in March Township (and still in 1891) while his brother John is living with his father in Cumberland Township. John married again to Sarah Ann Smith in 1882 and had 3 more children, remaining in Cumberland (1891, 1901, 1911 censuses). John and Sarah died in 1930 and 1929, respectively. Tom does not seem to be living in the area in the 1901 census.

Tom and Tilly were married in Ashton on 10 February, 1904. Their first son, Albert Oliver was born 4 months later on 1 June (the date of marriage was listed as 1903 in the birth register, to avoid embarrassment no doubt) so their married life was complicated right from the beginning. A female child was born 15 February 1907 but died 3 days later (listed as Miss Savage, congenital debility, not baptized, Private burial) and was buried in Christ Church Ashton Cemetery. In the 1911 census Tom, Matilda and Albert were living in Ashton village with Jemima Garland and Beatrice Eynouf (adopted, age 5 months – infant daughter of Tilly's sister Julia who had married Charles Eynouf). Charles and Julia already had 9 children when Beatrice (1911 census) was born so when Julia became ill it was natural for the baby to be raised by Tom and Tilly for a while.

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Things seemed to be going relatively well for a while. Their family grew to include 4 more children – Thomas Weldon (1911), John 'Jack' Edwin (1913), Florence Anna (1915), and James Harold (1919). Tom enlisted in 1917 but doesn't appear to have gone overseas.

However – all this would come crashing down around Tom and Tilly in August 1920. In the space of 11 days they would bury their 4 youngest children – all from Scarlet Fever – Weldon on August 11, Anna on August 13, Jack on August 17, and baby Harold on August 22. Their bodies, wrapped in blankets, were passed through a window to limit the spread of the disease and quickly buried in Christ Church Cemetery, just down the road. It is impossible to imagine the effect that losing these children would have had on Tilly especially but also on Tom and Jemima. They now had only Albert Oliver "Ollie" still alive out of 6 children. If it wasn't for bad luck Tom and Tilly would have no luck at all!

The next incident of interest is the pending arrival of another child in 1922. Francis Herbert 'Herb' Savage would be born on 1 September 1922 and would be the joy of Tilly's life. However all was still not rosy for the Savage family. On 5 January 1922 Tom Savage and Herb Stanzel were working on the widening and paving of Highway 15 when they were both seriously injured when working with some dynamite. Both were taken to Dr. Worley's office in Ashton to wait an ambulance from Ottawa. The ambulance overturned in a snow bank on its way from Ottawa and it was not until the next day that the two victims were put aboard a freight train at Ashton Station and taken to hospital in Ottawa. Tom died the next day but Herb would survive and return home after a lengthy stay in hospital. Tilly would have been about 1 month pregnant at the time and neither she nor Tom may have been aware that another child was 'on the way'.



HMCS St. Croix

A few years later Jemima Garland died in December 1924 and in July 1925 Albert "Ollie" Savage married Florence Elsie Drummond (d/o Ed and Annie Drummond of Ashton Station) in Toronto. Ollie died in 1961 and Elsie married Wayne Daniels. Tilly was now truly a single parent at the age of 45 with a small child of 3 to raise on her own. It is no wonder that she held on to Herbie so tightly. She is said to have been very frightened as Herbie enlisted in the Navy in 1942. Her worst fears would be realized on the 20th September 1943, just 3 weeks after his 21st birthday, when Able Seaman Francis Herbert Savage died in action. The destroyer on which he was serving, the HMCS St. Croix, was sunk by a U-boat in the Bay of Biscay (off the coast of France and Spain) and was 'lost at sea'. Some 82 of the ship's complement of 120 officers and enlisted men were rescued only to be sunk again 2 days later with only 1 from the St. Croix rescued a second time. Herb's only memorial is his name on Panel 27 of the Halifax Memorial. Tilly is remembered as walking up and down the street in Ashton holding a large portrait of Herbie and crying repeatedly "My poor Herbie".

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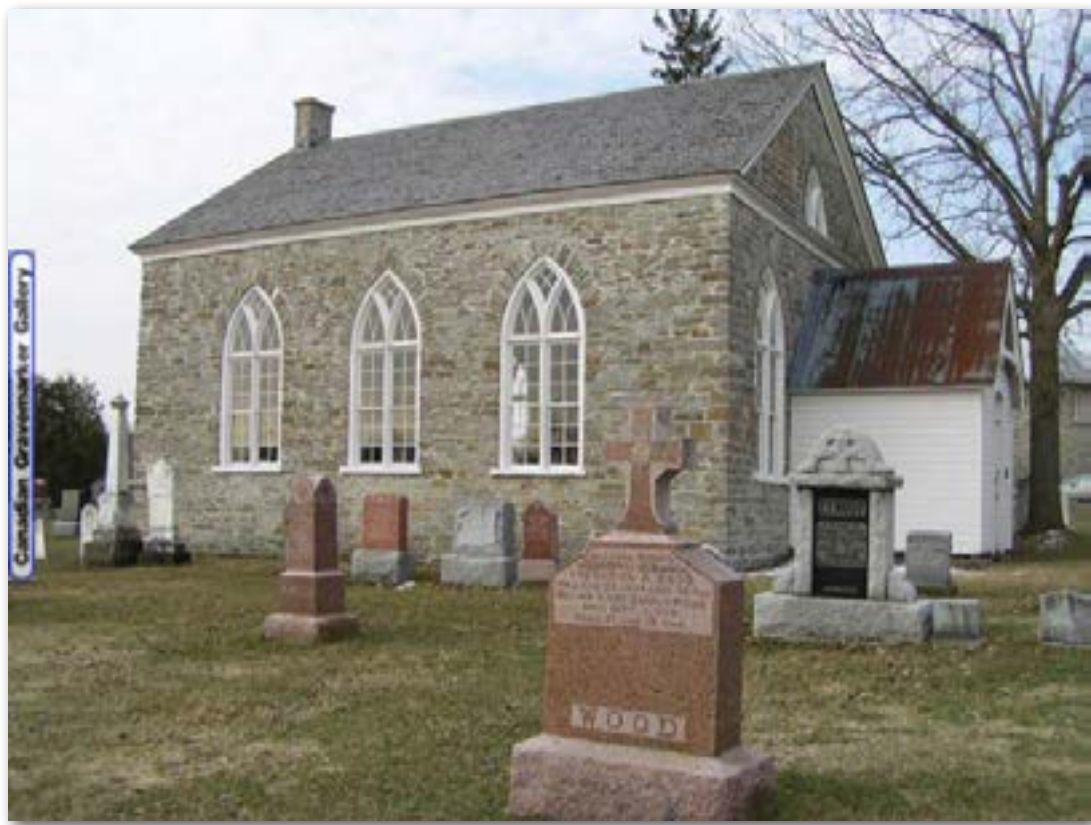
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Toronto Daily Star – Friday, October 1, 1943

Tilly would continue to live in Ashton until her death at the age of 72 at the end of August, 1950 following a stroke. She is listed as Mrs. Matilda Florence Savage of Ashton, a former member of Christ Church, Ashton. The Savage family is buried in a row of unmarked graves in the cemetery in Ashton on the east side of the original church building. They were specially remembered at the Annual Cemetery Service in August 2013.



Christ Church Cemetery

OCTOBER EVENT...

The Freemasons of Richmond, Ontario



Goodwood Masonic Lodge, Richmond, Ontario

In 1820, the first Masonic Lodge for Upper Canada was created in Richmond, Ontario. The first Master of the Lodge was Rev. C.B. Pettit of the Rector of St. John's Anglican Church in Richmond.

One of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations, Freemasonry is a society of men concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its principles (moral lessons and self-knowledge) by a series of ritual dramas – a progression of allegorical two-part plays which are learnt by heart and performed within each Lodge – which follow ancient forms, and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides.

You are invited to join us at Goodwood Masonic Lodge, in Richmond, to learn about a very old organization and to tour a true heritage building.

We hope to see you on **Saturday, October 19, 1:30 p.m.**, at the Lodge which is located at 3494 McBean Street in Richmond.

As well as the tour, there will be a presentation by members of the Lodge, followed by refreshments.

See you there.

2013 GOULBOURN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO CONTEST

It's that time of year again – the annual Goulbourn Township Historical Society's photo contest entitled "A Snapshot in Time" is taking place.

It is open to everyone – GTHS members, friends and neighbours, anyone who is interested in photography. There is no entry fee!

This year there are 5 categories as follows:

1. Heritage Homes in Goulbourn
2. The Richmond Fair 2013 - Tomorrow's History
3. Goulbourn Swamps
4. Links to the Past
5. Heritage Tombstones

All photos must be taken within the boundaries of the former Goulbourn Township and should be taken in 2013.

The prints are not to exceed 8" X 10" and can be in colour or black & white. Your entries can be dropped off at the Ottawa Branch Libraries in Munster, Richmond or Stittsville.

**The deadline for entries is
September 30, 2013.**

Feel free to share this information with your family and friends, as well as checking out our website at goulbournhistoricalsociety.org or by calling Lee at **613-836-1491** for more details.

And new this year – a Youth Section:

Youth categories and rules will be the same as for adults, but entries may be submitted electronically to the following address:

YouthPhotoContest@goulbournhistoricalsociety.org (size not to exceed 1mb).

Good luck and we look forward to receiving your photos.

NEWS AND VIEWS

New Index now available

The Ontario Historical Society has recently completed an electronic index of all the articles and book reviews that have been published in their scholarly journal Ontario History since 1899. The index provides instant and universal access to a treasure of diverse scholarship on Ontario's history. It's available online at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/index.

Sad News - We would like to pass on our condolences to member Mike Bryan whose sister passed away in September.

1921 Canadian Census - Statistics Canada recently released the 1921 census of Canada data and it is now available for browsing on Ancestry.ca. You can view Ancestry.ca for free at your local library or you can get a personal free membership in Ancestry.ca

Interesting Books –

Another Country, Another Life: Calumny, Love and the Secrets of Isaac Jelfs by J. Patrick Boyer, Dundurn, 2013. Paper \$25 dundurn.com

Reluctant Pioneer: How I Survived Five Years in the Canadian Bush by Thomas Osborne. \$24.99/40 b&w illustrations dundurn.com

Us Versus Them Survival of the Male in a Retirement Home by GTHS member **Bernie Shaw**. \$10.00 – available as an ebook from major book-sellers or from General Store Publishing House at 1-800-265-6072 or gsph.com



SPECIAL REQUESTS ...

Family Histories of present or former Goulbourn residents are wanted for our Family History Archives. If you have any information either anecdotal or a Family Tree, or memories you would like to share, please send them to Barbara at goulbournhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Carole and Jerome Doutriaux are trying to ensure that the stone house they lived in for over 30 years, built in 1887 and located at 173 Huntmar Drive, will receive a heritage designation from the City of Ottawa rather than being demolished. If anyone has any information about the Boyd family who lived and farmed there for nearly 100 years, they would be pleased to get it. If you would like to work with Carole and Jerome to preserve this house, they would also like to hear from you. They can be reached at 613-230-9279 or by email at doutriaux@sympatico.ca.

PEARLS OF WISDOM ...

(Taken from Phrases, Cliches, Expressions and Sayings)

As the frostier days approach and the golf season is coming to a close, I thought this appropriate. Where does the phrase “**Golf**” come from and what does it mean?

A ball game in which competing players (golfers), using many types of clubs, attempt to hit balls into each hole on a golf course while employing the fewest number of strokes. For those not so serious it is also known as a game of “cow pasture pool”.

The word golf probably comes from its original abbreviation for the words “Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden.” In 1457, Scotland (where golf was invented), the Scottish parliament banned the playing of the game - too many men were playing the game, and it was taking them away from archery practice and threatening country security.



Alternative: Golf derives linguistically from the Dutch word “kolf” or “kolve,” meaning “club.” In the Scottish dialect of the late 14th or early 15th century, the Dutch term became “goff” or “gouff,” and only later in the 16th century “golf.” The linguistic connections between the Dutch and Scottish terms are but one reflection of what was a very active trade industry between the Dutch ports and the ports on the east coast of Scotland from the 14th through 17th centuries. Some scholars suggest that the Dutch game of “kolf,” played with a stick and ball on frozen canals in the wintertime, was brought by the Dutch sailors to the east coast of Scotland, where it was transferred on to the public linkslands and eventually became the game we know today. In Scottish, golf is “gowf”.

***And remember
“Do not go where the path may lead,
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”
Ralph Waldo Emerson***

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

The Autumnal colours, smells and flavours have arrived and here are a couple of hearty recipes to enjoy during one of our most beautiful seasons. (Taken from the Heritage Collection of Remus Recipes, July 1972, Pembroke, Ontario)

Vegetable Soup



2 tbsp vegetable oil
2 tbsp butter
1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced potatoes
1 cup garden peas
1 cup green beans
1 cup diced turnips
1 cup chopped celery
¼ cup parsley
2 tsp salt
½ tsp coarse black pepper
2 cans (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 soup bone

Sauté the onions and garlic in the oil and butter. Add other ingredients. Combine with 6 cups water and soup bone and simmer for 2 hours. Serve with fresh crusty bread.

Pumpkin Cake with Butterscotch Icing and Chopped Walnuts



¼ cup Crisco or butter 1¼ cups brown sugar
2 eggs 2 cups flour
3 tsp baking powder 1 cup cooked pumpkin
¾ cup milk ¼ tsp salt
½ tsp each – ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon

Mix butter and sugar well - add well beaten eggs. Blend in pumpkin, milk, salt and spices. Blend in flour and baking soda – the batter will be stiff. Mix well and bake in a 10 X 12 square pan for 40 minutes at 350F.

Icing – In a saucepan combine:

3 tbsp milk
3 tbsp butter
½ cup brown sugar
Heat until sugar is dissolved – do not boil.
Beat in until smooth the following:
1¼ cups icing sugar
½ tsp vanilla

Spread icing on the warm cake and sprinkle with chopped walnuts.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

GOULBOURN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
Second Family Member (if applicable): _____
Second e-Mail address (if applicable): _____

Is this application for a **SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** (\$15/yr) _____
or a **Family Membership** (\$20/yr) _____ (two family members at the same address)?

Is this a **membership renewal** _____ or a **new membership** request _____
Do you wish to make a donation to the GTHS: _____
Would you be interested in volunteering with the GTHS: _____

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Receipts for Income Tax purposes will be sent shortly after your application is received.

For GTHS Membership Office Only

Date Received: _____

Membership dues are for the period: April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Amended: February 2013