

WHAT'S IN A STREET NAME? PART 1



Tavistock & District Historical Society **By Sherrill Calder**

Why is the main thoroughfare through Tavistock called Woodstock Street?

Is Wettlaufer Street named for an ancestor of one of the many Wettlaufer families in town? What street was nicknamed "Incubator Alley" in the 1950s and 60s?

All good questions. Let's start with Woodstock Street. In the early 1850s a new road was built from Shakespeare (then called Bell's Corners) south through Tavistock (then called Freiburg) to Woodstock. It was called the Woodstock Plank & Gravel Road. Our village had few buildings at that time. With no pressing need for a new name, the main thoroughfare

became known as Woodstock Street. In 1924 the Chamber of Commerce didn't think it was in Tavistock's best interests to advertise the City of Woodstock. They petitioned the Village Council to change the name to Main Street. Council was lukewarm to the idea and months later determined it would be too expensive.

One wonders what expenses factored into their decision. At the time there were very few street signs. Mail, which everyone picked up at the Post Office, was simply addressed to a person or business with Tavistock, Ontario as the only other identifier. No need for the local businesses or organizations to change their letterhead or printed envelopes. Council obviously had their reasons, stated or

otherwise. In 2008 the main thoroughfare was given the commemorative name Veteran's Way. Woodstock Street remains the official designation. How many people named Wettlaufer do you know? For most people in our community, the answer is "lots". Back in 1902 Wilhelmina Wettlaufer, the wife of John C. Wettlaufer, hired a surveyor to measure part of their land for a new little subdivision in Tavistock. That survey covered the area bordered by William and Woodstock Streets and two new streets, Wilton and Wettlaufer. Wilhelmina and John C. had two children, Alfred and Albert. What are the chances that neither Alfred nor Albert had any children of their own and, as such, no one named Wettlaufer

in our community today is directly connected to Wettlaufer Street. Strange but true. Now on to Incubator Alley. Big families used to be the norm. In the 1950s and 60s one street had more children living on it than seemingly any other and there were always more on the way. Fuhr Street earned the nickname Incubator Alley. Long before that nickname it had another, Coldwater Street, thanks to the many springs in the vicinity. Officially, it's always been Fuhr Street named after Adam Fuhr who owned the land. Do you know of any other streets with nicknames? Check an upcoming edition to see if your street is featured. If you would like to know more about our local history check out tavistockhistory.ca

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Is it Decew Street or DeCew Street? Did you spot the difference? Was Liebler Street really named after a hotel-keeper?

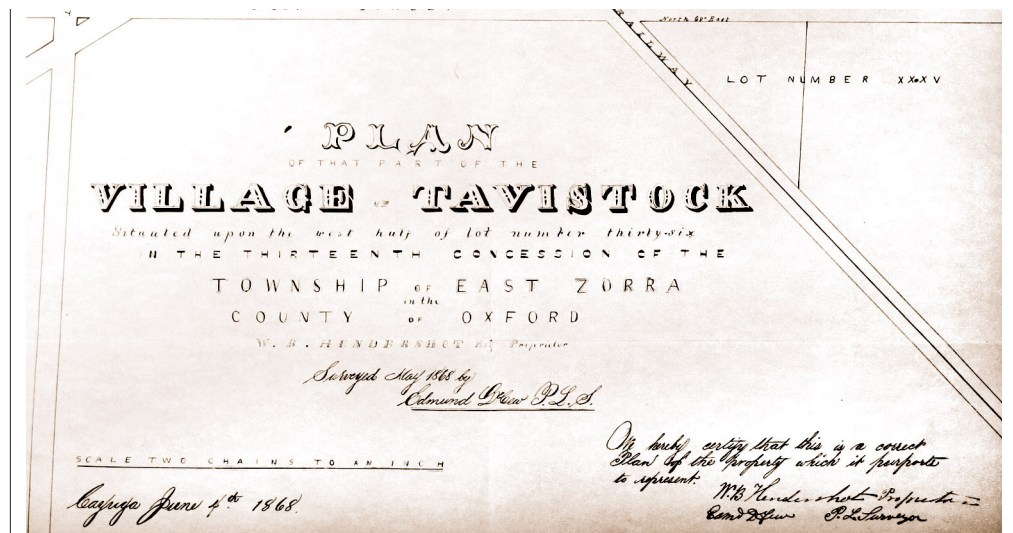
Decew or DeCew? Check any street map (Google included) or phone book or other reference and it's always Decew. That must be the correct answer. Right? Not so fast. Way back in 1868 a survey that covered a small part of our village was approved as Plan 167. The surveyor who did the

legwork and drew up the plan was Edmund DeCew. The street is clearly shown as DeCew. The passage of time and popular usage resulted in the change to the present day spelling as Decew.

Liebler Street was not named after a hotelkeeper. It was named after a family of hotelkeepers ... Fred Liebler, wife Henrietta and son Art. Tavistock has always liked its beer. Fred Liebler purchased the Union Hotel in the village in 1897. Wanting something more substantial he built the Oxford Hotel (now the public library) in 1906. Fred died shortly

after and the hotel was run by his widow Henrietta, assisted by son Art. Art continued on with the help of his wife and daughters. The Oxford Hotel was a booming business and stories are told about Art carrying the proceeds to the bank ... coins filling a wooden fruit basket and bills stuffed in a cereal box. The Liebler family was in the hotel business for 61 years.

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The document above is part of the Village of Tavistock Plan 167 surveyed by Edmund DeCew, P.L.S. for Proprietor W. B. Hendershot, dated May 1868.

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The street sign at the corner of Henry Vogt Avenue and Rudy Avenue in Tavistock.

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Janelle Drive and Scott Court are connected in more ways than one. Any guesses? What did Henry Vogt do to have an avenue named after him?

Janelle Drive and Scott Court are, indeed, connected in more ways than one. There's a physical connection where Scott Court forms a little cul de sac off Janelle Drive. More importantly, there's a

family connection. Janelle and Scott are siblings, the children of Murray McTavish who developed this area. In 1979 lots on the new Janelle Drive and Scott Court were selling from \$19,500 to \$23,000. The streets were part of the new subdivision named Taylor Heights. Henry Vogt was Tavistock's first Reeve. Tavistock officially became a municipality in 1909. Within weeks the Village Council passed many new rules and

regulations including a by-law prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks and riding bicycles on them. Perhaps more interesting was the by-law regulating the public morals of the village. A jail was discussed but the \$45 price quoted by a Hamilton firm for a jail cell door was considered far too costly and a Tavistock carpenter was asked to see what could be made locally. The Henry Vogt Avenue street sign was erected in 1969.

WHAT'S IN A STREET NAME? PART 4



The street sign at the corner of Victoria and Queen Streets in Tavistock.

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It's not what you know but who you know. The "who you know" part of that statement is especially true in Tavistock.

Long-time residents and many newcomers know that the Ben-Der Subdivision in the east end was developed in the early 1970s by Clayton Bender and key members of the Bender family. It doesn't take a big leap of logic to determine that Bender Avenue was named after Clayton and his wife, Rosetta, whose maiden name was also Bender.

What about other street names in the subdivision? King Street? Queen? Victoria? There's not even a small clue in any

available documentation. Stumpers one and all. Just one call to a member of the large Bender family connected me to David Bender, the man with all the answers. It really is who you know. That same statement applies to Bender subdivision street names.

Clayton and Rosetta Bender farmed on the 16th Line south of the East Zorra Mennonite Church. Their neighbours, Fred and Lillian Stock, were more than just neighbours. They were good friends. The Stocks travelled to England on several occasions and, upon their return, would invite the Benders over on a Saturday night to see their slides. More often than not a tea party, served on the good china, was a fitting end to an enjoyable evening. Those

evenings were the Bender family's introduction to England and, more specifically, Tavistock in England.

When it came time for Clayton and David to propose names for streets in the new subdivision the very English names of King and Queen and Victoria were obvious choices. So was one more. Frederick Court honours their very good neighbour and friend, Fred Stock. Some friendships really do last forever.

A picture of Clayton and Fred as young schoolboys is found on tavistockhistory.ca in the Schools section. Download S.S. #7 - Facey's.

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It's all in the family ... the Wilker family. In 1836 Peter Wilker contracted a large swath of land that includes what is now the properties east of Woodstock Street and north of Hope Street. Peter moved on to found the village of Petersburg. The Tavistock land transferred several times within the big Wilker family. When it was formally surveyed in 1882 the street names Jacob, John and Elizabeth officially appeared on the map. In fact, these streets had been named

a few years before when houses were first built in the area. The landowner was Jacob Wilker. It was commonplace to name streets after the landowner or family members.

At that time there were two Jacob Wilkers living in the area. Each was married with a large family. What are the chances that each family included sons named Jacob and John and a daughter Elizabeth? If you know the Wilker family tree, the chances were very good indeed.

The family who owned this land and credited with the street names is Jacob Wilker (1835-1890)

who was married to Katherine Heinbuch. John Street is named for son John (1860-1941) who married Margaret Wittig. Elizabeth Street is named for daughter Elizabeth (1862-1931) who married George Schaefer. Jacob Street is named for son Jacob (1863-1941) who married Catherine Diehl.

Three streets, three children. The "three's" don't stop there. Jacob Street East has one set of three-of-a-kind houses. They are all in the "working man" style with simple lines. Elizabeth Street has another set. These three houses were all of cement block construction, identical

when built (but not now) right down to the front porch. On your next walk see if you can spot them.

What about Henry Street, also in the area. It was named after one of the very many Henry Wilkers. Right? A good thought but no. Henry Street was opened and named later, in 1922. The owner of the land at that time was Henry Feick. He had a son named, you guessed it, Henry.

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The street sign at the corner of Jacob Street East and Elizabeth Street in Tavistock.

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The street sign at the corner of Rudy and Holley Avenues in Tavistock.

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Rudy Avenue and Holley Avenue ... where pioneers, politics, railroads and romance converge. Yes, a truly eclectic mix!

The pioneers are the Rudy family, very well known in this area in a myriad of ways since the early 1860s. They are also the politicians. Bob Rudy Sr. is best remembered as the Reeve of Tavistock from 1948-1963. He was also a Village Councillor, Warden of Oxford County and Clerk-Treasurer of

Tavistock. Politics doesn't stop with Bob Sr. His father and grandfather were both Councillors for the Village of Tavistock. Son Bob Jr. served as an East Zorra- Tavistock Township Councillor.

For railroads we move to the Holley family. George Holley worked for the Canadian National Railways and for 32 years was the Stationmaster in Tavistock. Those were the years when several trains stopped in the village each and every day. The train station has long disappeared and these days an equally popular

business, Tim Hortons, occupies the site. The Stationmaster's house still stands just to the south.

Where does romance come into play? Doris Holley, daughter of George, married Bob Rudy Sr. in a lovely wedding at the Stationmaster's house.

Holley Avenue joined the Tavistock streetscape in 1966. Rudy Avenue followed a few years later in 1969.

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The street sign at the corner of Hendershot and Minerva Streets in Tavistock.

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Our story today begins with a man named Alexander Mitchell. Alex was an interesting character. On one hand he was Shakespeare's Postmaster and, for a brief time, served as the Reeve of South Easthope Township. On the other hand he was the man taken to court for missing money on land deals in Tavistock. By the time the court decision came down Alex was long gone and, when last heard

from, was far away in Texas. The court sold the land in question to the highest bidder, William B. Hendershot.

Hendershot commissioned a survey of his property in 1868. On that survey we find some new street names and a long-standing one. Hendershot Street is, of course, named after the land owner. Minerva Street was a mystery for a long long time. Minerva is the Roman goddess of wisdom and strategic warfare. It would be quite a stretch to find that applicable in Tavistock

in 1868. By the time lots were available for sale on Minerva Street the land was owned by L.M. Richardson. As records are becoming increasingly available on sites like Ancestry, more and more mysteries are solved, including this one. L.M. Richardson is Mrs. Louisa Minerva Richardson of Thorold, Ontario, the daughter of William B. Hendershot.

The long-standing street name mentioned earlier is Hope Street. By the time of the survey Hope Street had been in existence for 20 years. The

area to the north was then part of South Easthope Township, named after John Easthope who was a Director for the Canada Company, a British enterprise responsible for land sales and colonization in this area. It's believed that Hope Street was also named after Easthope.

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One of the shortest streets in Tavistock has a very long history. The story of Mogk Street starts in 1844 when Casper Mogk leased land in South Easthope Township. Casper's property began as farmland. Over time it was subdivided and sold to develop downtown Tavistock west of Woodstock Street and north of Hope Street ... prime locations for businesses, factories, mills and houses. The family homestead site where

Casper and wife Anna Elizabeth raised their 5 children is now part of The Ponds subdivision. Shortly before Casper's death son John acquired the Mogk property. It was John who opened up Mogk Street, selling lots starting in 1879. Houses were soon springing up on Mogk Street and Oxford Street. Beginning in 1926 and continuing for the next 20 years, Mogk was a "go to" street in the village. The Tavistock Tennis Club was established at the north end where the Missionary Church is today. With 3 lawn tennis courts and lights for evening play it

was a popular spot with young and old alike, both players and spectators. Tournaments were a regular occurrence, pitting local people against each other and against players from neighbouring communities.

The Mogk Street name is self explanatory. What about Oxford Street? Not so much. At the time both streets first appeared on a survey (1882), that part of Tavistock was in Perth County so no honouring of home county. Perhaps it was a recognition of the ever-growing British Empire and the desire to appear English. Perhaps it

was something else entirely. If anyone knows, please tell us.

Looking at the landowners when this area was developed, it is interesting to note how many surnames have disappeared over the years as families died out or moved away. The Mogk family, however, has grown and remain active figures in our community. Check a future edition of the Gazette to see if your street is named.

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The street sign at the corner of Mogk and Oxford Streets in Tavistock.

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Since its early days Tavistock has been a positive mix of old and new. We have always had old families that were amongst the first settlers, farming families that retired to Tavistock and newcomers from "away". The old and new mix shows up in our businesses, sports groups, service clubs, churches and neighbourhoods. We even see it in our street names. A classic example is in the Fiddlers Glen subdivision where we have Bauer Street (old) and Lunor Court (new).

Edward Bauer came to Tavistock by way of Bright and Sebastopol where he was recognized as an outstanding carriage maker. In 1878 he



The street signs for Bauer Street and Lunor Court in Tavistock.

purchased property just north of the railway tracks and soon thereafter established Bauer's Hotel. The building is still standing at 18 Woodstock

Street North. Hotels were different in Ed's day. Dances were held in them. Travelling salesman would set up shop to showcase their wares. An



1896 Gazette ad featured a steam feather renovator (cleaner) who promised to make your old feathers as nice as new. You could always get a tasty meal

and a good drink. The Mercantile Review of 1903 stated that Bauer's is "one of the best appointed hotels in the county and Mr. E. Bauer is one of the

best known and highly esteemed landlords. A good table and the best of wines, liquors and cigars". Ed Bauer managed his hotel for 31 years. Lunor Court is named after Lunor Group Inc., the land development company that purchased a 25 acre site on Woodstock Street South in 2005. Lunor's President called the acreage "a hidden gem". The Lunor Court street sign was erected in 2006. To their credit the Lunor Group asked the public to submit street names that reflected our heritage. Hence Bauer and Liebler and the extension of Wettlauffer Street.

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Here's a riddle. Name two streets, each having four letters in the name. The first street was once the home of pioneer families and prominent businessmen. Now no one lives there. The second street had no one living on it for a long time. Then a few houses were built. Recently the street grew and grew some more and now it's home to ever-so-many people. Any guesses?

The first street in the riddle is Jane Street. Did you know this without



looking at the street sign picture? Jane has always been just one block long. It was named in 1878 for Anna Jane, mother of the landowner William B. Hendershot. There were only two houses with a

Jane Street address. Both are now memories with the land currently used as the South Easthope Mutual Insurance Company parking lot.

Roth Street, the second in the riddle, was for



many years also just one block long. St. Paul's Lutheran Church cemetery was established on this street in 1882. In a series of transactions land north of the cemetery transferred from the Fuhr

family, who had owned it for generations, to the Roth family and ultimately to Edward A. Roth whose wife, Emilie, had been a Fuhr. Roth Street was officially on the map in 1909.

The Roth family took an active part in municipal affairs. Edward's father, John N. Roth, served as an East Zorra Township Councilman, Deputy Reeve and Reeve for 11 years. Edward A. Roth was, over the years, Secretary-Treasurer of the PUC and Clerk and Treasurer for the Village of Tavistock along with positions of note on the School Board, Library Board, Arena Company and more.

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Thank you, Adam Mohr. Thank you for the house lots on Adam Street (named after you) and on Decew and Maria Streets. Thank you for the block of land that became the Tavistock Milling Company. Most of all thank you for our Queen's Park, known in the early days as Exhibition Park.

Adam Mohr, one of our community's pioneers, was a farmer. In 1876 he sold part of his land for a new housing development in Tavistock. The majority of the lots on Adam Street were sold on the same day, presumably at a public auction sale. One of

the lots was recorded as sold to two different people but in those days such a thing was easily worked out. Years later, in 1910, a bit of a spat required a bit of due process and paperwork. Shortly after a new sidewalk was laid, a local man wrote to the Village Council stating that he had fallen on Adam Street due to defective workmanship. He claimed he was so badly injured that he was not able to work and he wanted compensation. After some discussion, the Village Council paid him \$10 for 8 days of lost wages.

Adam Street originally ran from Maria Street to Mill Street, the latter now a memory but at the



time connecting Adam to Decew. Mill Street got its name from the flax mill located on the southeast corner of Woodstock and William Streets. The

building of the Memorial Hall and the need for cars to have a few quick exits from the parking lot resulted in Adam Street being extended to William

Street in 1958.

In 1959 the Men's Club held their first Sauerkraut Supper at the Memorial Hall, attracting more than 600 diners and a bit of

unexpected excitement. Just as the meal got underway a fuse on the transformer pole on Adam Street blew and power to the Memorial Hall was cut. Pots of potatoes and sauerkraut and roasting pans of steaming pork were hurriedly taken to nearby homes to keep warm. After a 30-minute wait in the dark, the meal resumed.

If you would like to learn a bit more about Adam Street, specifically the story of the "magnolia tree house", check tavistockhistory.ca Click on the House Histories section and 20 Adam St.

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It was 1923. Tavistock was a bustling little village of about 1,200 people. Woodstock Street was paved for the first time and a brand new showpiece graced what was then called the Village Square and what we now call the five corners. Our fountain, then painted white, was installed in September of 1923 at a cost of \$328. Tavistock's Reeve at the time was Andrew Baechler. The year before Reeve Baechler had served as Warden of Oxford County and, as was the custom, hosted a grand Garden Party. Free admission and a long list of popular entertainment

was the draw for 5,000 people to attend. The proceeds of the refreshment booth were used to pay for the fountain.

Reeve Baechler was a prosperous businessman and a hard-working member of many municipal committees and community organizations. His obituary in 1945 stated that the fountain would stand as a memorial to his service to Tavistock. It still does. In the early 1970s, when the Bender subdivision was built, the Bender family chose the street names with one exception. They were asked by Council to name one street Baechler Avenue to remember and further honour our long-serving Reeve

Andrew Baechler.

An earlier Street Names story (April 22) talked about several of the Bender subdivision names with direct links to family and neighbours. The street names decisions didn't end there. David Bender recalls the family discussion that every subdivision should have a street named Homewood ... a name certain to evoke good times and good memories. That same rationale applies to the street just to the west named Westwood. Check an upcoming edition of the Gazette to see if your street is featured. If you would like to know more about our local history check tavistockhistory.ca

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Seven of Tavistock's streets are linked in a most unusual way. They were all named by the Mayor of Thorold, a city located south of St. Catharines.

In an earlier street names story (May 13) we learned the name William B. Hendershot, a man who bought land in Tavistock and commissioned a survey here in 1868. Now let's learn about the person. Hendershot was a grocery store owner in Thorold who parlayed his considerable skills to amass a fortune in businesses including general stores, flour mills and sawmills. He owned land in 10 towns and villages in 5 counties in southern Ontario and also in the USA. Hendershot's public life included terms as Niagara District Councillor and 5 terms as the Mayor of Thorold.

What streets do we attribute to William B. Hendershot? Hendershot Street, of course, which along with Minerva Street, named for daughter Louisa Minerva, was covered in the May 13th article. Jane Street was named for his mother, Anna Jane, as revealed in the June 10th story.

Maria Street was named for daughter Anna Maria. This street was once home to our Tavistock Public Library, a Carnegie Library (now 35 Maria) and the Tavistock Milling Company (now W-S Feed & Supplies). In its day the mill was a booming operation, shipping flour coast-to-coast in Canada along with an export business to Scotland.

William Street was named for son William Bradley Merritt Hendershot. Tavistock's first school house was constructed in 1879 on William Street. The building, enlarged over the years, still stands

today behind peopleCare. Henry Herbert Hendershot was just a little boy of 12 when his father was busy naming streets. Perhaps that explains why he got Herbert Alley, a short stretch between Jane and William Streets that is now incorporated into the parking lot at South Easthope Mutual Insurance Company. In the 1850s, before it was named, the alley was a temporary rail line facilitating transport of needed sand and gravel from pits where the Zehr Car Wash and parking area are today to the main railway line being built through Tavistock. When the building material was no longer needed, the temporary rail spur closed and the abandoned roadbed subsequently became Herbert Alley. Last but certainly not least, we have Wellington Street. By this point Hendershot had exhausted his children's



Street signs at the corner of Wellington and Hendershot Streets.

names. There is some possibility our street was named for Wellington Hendershot, son of a favourite nephew. However, there is also some belief the Hendershot family lived

on Wellington Street in Thorold. To be certain we need to wait until the St. Catherine's Public Library reopens after the COVID-19 closure to check their special collections material. Stay

tuned.

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Centennial Drive at the corner of Hope Street West in Tavistock.

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CA-NA-DA We love thee.
CA-NA-DA Proud and free.

Do you remember Bobby Gimby's song celebrating Canada's Centennial in 1967? If so, then you probably also remember when Centennial Drive arrived on the scene in Tavistock. Officially named in 1966 with most building occurring in centennial year, the street was quite the attention getter. Driving up the hill and

slowly circling at the top before heading down was a favourite pastime on many a Sunday afternoon.

The new street in the area, Halliday Drive, has a special meaning for those of us who are long-time Tavistock and area people. Bruce Halliday was our dedicated family doctor, our upstanding Member of Parliament and a tireless organizer, both locally and on the national stage, in far too many ways to list in this limited space. Best of all, he was our friend.

Bruce spent his whole life improving the well

being of people, taking every opportunity to offer his help and get involved. His attention to detail in creating fairness and equality for all was unprecedented. He is remembered in ever-so-many circles as a great and inspirational man.

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If you were given the task of naming a street next to a train station, what would you call it?

Perhaps something imaginative like Travellers Way or would you opt for something practical like Railroad Avenue? Whoever named Station Street just north of the Tavistock train station favoured functionality. That name left no room for doubt as to its location.

For decades upon decades one of the most important buildings in our village was the train station. Today Tim Hortons is on that site ... still important. Almost every person and every business relied on the railroad. Mail came on the rails and news came to the railway station on the telegraph. Store owners

received their merchandise by rail and finished goods and products from our factories and mills left Tavistock on the train. People travelled by train with the annual excursion train to Niagara Falls being the highlight of the year for some folks.

Practicality was also undoubtedly top of mind in naming 14th Street. Why wouldn't you simply rename the existing rural 14th Line to be 14th Street where it becomes part of the village. Almost too easy.

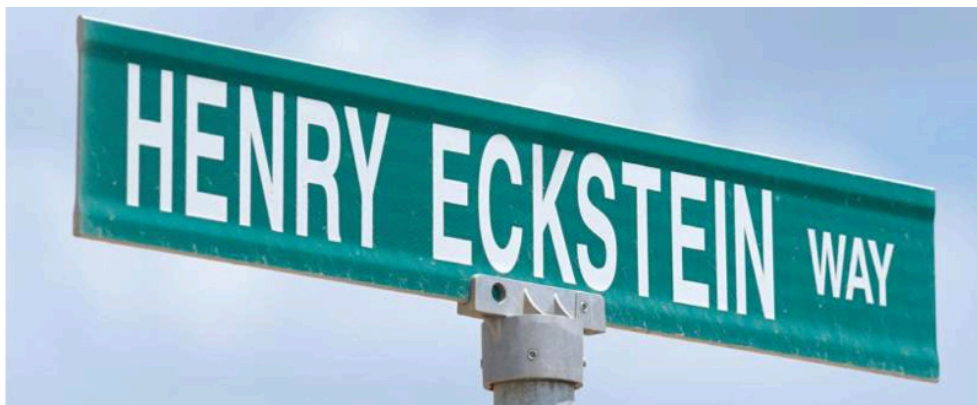
More often than not, street names in Tavistock honour individuals and prominent families. This is the case with Dietrich Road. The Dietrichs have been a well-known, successful farming family in this area since 1854. Over time their land holdings grew to include a 200-acre farm in

Sebastopol purchased in 1958 for \$25,000. Part of that farm, owned by Ray and Marilyn Dietrich, became housing lots on the north side of what was named Dietrich Road.

This week's article finishes with a request. The origin of Wilton Street has proven to be the mystery of all mysteries. Chasing countless possibilities has resulted in absolutely nothing, not even a small hint. If anyone knows how Wilton Street, named in 1902 by John C. and Wilhelmina Wettlaufer, got its name, please tell us. A prize awaits whoever has the story and the proof.

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In an interesting twist, Tavistock's two newest streets, Henry Eckstein Way and Fred Krug Avenue in The Orchards development, are named for Tavistock's two oldest powerhouses.

Captain Henry Eckstein (1818- 1903) is the founder of our village. He was a woodworker in Sebastopol when he heard a rumour that the railroad might be coming and might be laid one mile to the south. In 1848 he moved his family that same one mile and built a log house that doubled as a tavern on the northeast side of what we now call the five corners. Captain Eckstein named the place Freiburg after his home town in Germany. Time

marched on and in 1855 the name was changed to Inkerman after a battle in the Crimean War. Then the railway came and things started to come alive. With the advent of the Post Office in 1857 the village name changed yet again. The locals were given a list of possible choices and Tavistock was the winner. The next time you are at the Post Office check out the cairn.

Tavistock was still Inkerman when Fred Krug (1843-1925) first arrived on the scene, delivering newspapers on horseback from Waterloo. He moved here at age 17 to work in a general store and subsequently established his own general store called The Glasgow Warehouse. It still stands proudly in the center of town and today we know the building as

Home Hardware. Fred revolutionized how general stores were run; was a key player in the re-establishment of the Tavistock Milling Company; served as secretary-treasurer of Knox Presbyterian Church for 42 years; sat on the first Library Board; and served on the Board of Trustees of Exhibition Park (now Queen's Park). The stately Krug family home, The Maples, had its own private tennis court. The Maples still stands at 94 William Street South.

And now it's time to roll up the sidewalks and call it a day. This is the last of the street names series. Thanks for reading.

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