

Advance Publicity for “Historic Brampton”

Brampton started as a tiny backwoods settlement known as Buffy’s Corners, named after a popular tavern. Located far from the more prosperous communities along Lake Ontario and Dundas Street, Brampton didn’t become an important regional centre until the arrival of the railway in the 1850s and the day the town became Peel’s county seat in the 1860s. Then commerce and industry blossomed and Brampton was known as “Flowertown” due to its greenhouse and nursery business. This will be a tour of the town via dozens of vintage photos.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a town and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and how they lived.”

The plate below shows the Peel County Court House as it appeared in the 1877 Historical Atlas of Peel County. The court house still exists and is now part of the Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives.

