

Advance Publicity for “The Mighty Humber”

This is a tour (via vintage photographs) circling the Humber River between Dundas Street and Bloor. We will be visiting four mills, Toronto’s first shipyard, a Seneca village and some colourful taverns among other sites. We’ll talk about the millers’ two great enemies, fire and flood, as well as the massive destruction on the river caused by Hurricane Hazel in 1954. We’ll also visit the exclusive Kingsway and Baby Point neighbourhoods.

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 neighbourhood and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and how they lived.”

The photos below show some scenes on the mighty Humber River. Clockwise from the top left, the Howland and Elliott General Store and Mill Office at Lambton Mills, the Spring 1916 flood and ice jam near the Old Mill, the “new” Bloor Street bridge in 1924 and Toronto’s first shipyard, located on the east bank of Humber River near Bloor.

