

Advance Publicity for “The Villages of Dundas Street”

As Ontario’s oldest road, Dundas Street has many stories to tell, as do the communities it passes through in the old Township of Etobicoke. Come take a pleasant journey with us (via vintage photographs) to meet some interesting characters and see the sights as they were more than a century ago. We begin on the Humber River at Lambton Mills and travel west through the village of Islington, past the Six Points to the vanished hamlet of Summerville. Along the way we’ll talk about the people who lived and worked here, including some who left their mark on Canadian history.

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.”

Clockwise from the top left - The Howland and Elliott General Store and Mill Office at Lambton Mills, owned by Sir William Pearce Howland, the only American-born Father of Confederation; Montgomery’s Inn was a tavern, a farm and home to escaped slave Joshua Glover; the grand mansion of Samuel and Janet Wood at Six Points featured a wine cellar and a ballroom, and the old Summerville blacksmith shop which became the last survivor of a bygone era. (Photos courtesy of the Etobicoke Historical Society.)

