

# Origins of some local street names

DID you ever wonder why some Port Dover streets have the names they do? Many of the streets have names that honour people who were community builders, residents' places of origin, or things connected to this lakeside community. Here are a few local streets and how they got their names.

□ **Benson Street** in Woodhouse Acres connects Woodhouse Avenue and Lakeview Avenue. Mr. A. Benson Ivey was the father of Woodhouse Acres developer Don C. Ivey in the 1950s.

□ Which brings us to neighbouring **Mardon Avenue**, which is named for Don C. Ivey and his wife Marjorie, creating Mardon.

□ **Gamble Lane** in Dover Coast development recognizes generations of the Gamble family that made important contributions to this community's growth.

□ **Kandracs Crescent.** When the Globe and Mail Park fronting on Nelson Street West was sold to Bill Kandracs about 75 years ago, the single street in the park was named by the new property owner with his family's name.

□ **Saints: Andrew, George and Patrick Streets** were early choices for Port Dover core streets from the town's British emigrants.

□ **Market Street** was marked on original

street maps. It can be assumed Israel W. Powell named it that since it runs alongside the town square that was a farmers' market location.

□ **McQueen Street** is named after early settlers at the north end of what is now Port Dover. Daniel McQueen's family played a role in establishing a settlement referred to in history as Dover.

□ **Mergl Drive** is a long street that cuts through the subdivision that was developed on the farm property formerly owned by Joe Mergl.

□ **Old Hamilton Plank Road** is—just as the name implies—the road that connects this community to the city north of us. Originally built for horse and buggy traffic on what would have been a very bumpy plank road.

□ **Richardson Drive** is a residential street named after Douglas Richardson, a former town councillor and past mayor of Port Dover in the 1970s.

□ **Thompson Drive.** This residential street bears the name from the former Thompson farm on that property.

□ **Donjon Blvd** is another combined name for Donna and John Ivey. Mr. Ivey was the president of the large Iveys Inc. nursery (where Silver Lake Park is today) and the developer of the first homes on the street.



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