

Did You Know???

Charleswood Museum Quiz Initiative

One of the great things about talking to visitors to our Museum is the stories they tell us about their memories, family histories and many little known facts about ***“the way things were!”***

Can you help us save and share those memories? Please note them down so we can include them in our ***“Did You Know?”*** feature in our Museum, Schools Program and Website. We want to include comments on day-to-day life, both traditional history items, and more recent notes. Who lived where? What were the differences between then and now? What stories did your parents and grandparents tell you? What do **you** know that others may not?

Just to get started...**Did you know?**

- **Who settled here first?**
- **What is the famous Buffalo crossing?**
- **Where was the original Pembina Trail?**
- **Who is Roblin Blvd. named after?**
- **When did Lord Selkirk come to Charleswood?**
- **Where did Varsity View get its' name?**
- **Who had to chase tame buffalo out of their Uncles' garden?**
- **Why did you need to buy three bus tickets in Charleswood vs one?**
- **Is there a print called, “Charleswood, Land of a Thousand Urban Ditches”?**

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We want to share and preserve your memories. Students in our Schools Program love to hear about the way it was. Could you please note down your contributions to ***“Did You Know”*** and provide them to us, through our website www.charleswoodhistoricalsociety.ca for us to share?

You are also invited to visit our Charleswood Museum, 2-4 pm Saturdays at 5006 Roblin Blvd.

We want to...

- Give you recognition for your ideas
- Share them with others in our programs, and,
- Thank you very much for contributing to Charleswoods' history and heritage.

Here's my contribution, to “Did You Know”,

Name & contact information _____

Answers to Did You Know?

➤ **Who settled here first?**

Aboriginal peoples, 3-5,000 years ago along the Assiniboine, the later location of Kuypers' farm, also known as the Kuypers site, archeological dig. Arrowheads dating back 3,000 years were found there, indicating trade from farther afield.

Metis people later settled along the south side of the river in the 1800's and many of their descendants still live in Charleswood today.

➤ **What is the famous Buffalo crossing?**

The Passage, Historic Site-at the Northeast end of Berkley St. North, was a buffalo crossing for thousands of years, then used by Aboriginal people, the Metis, and Red River Settlers. It was the main crossing for the Spring and Fall buffalo hunts and for settlers traveling south on the original Pembina Trail for critical supplies.

➤ **Where was the original Pembina Trail through Charleswood?**

The original trail followed the buffalo trail past the south end of Charleswood Road and the swamp to the east, then south towards Pembina and the current Highway 75.

➤ **When did Lord Selkirk come to Charleswood?**

In 1817, the year after Seven Oaks, on his way to Pembina to negotiate supplies and support for the Red River Colony.

➤ **Who is Roblin Blvd. named after?**

Sir Rodmund Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, who was helpful in establishing Charleswood as a separate municipality. He was Duff Roblin's father.

➤ **Why do they call it Varsity View?**

Initially plans were being made to establish University of Manitoba on the land between Tuxedo and Charleswood. Thinking ahead, they named the town site Varsity View, in anticipation of the University being built nearby. For reasons we do not quite know, the Fort Garry site was chosen, but we still have the name.

➤ **Who had to chase tame buffalo out of their Uncle's garden?**

Tame buffalo from Lord Strathcona's farm in Silver Heights would cross the river for a feed, and the Chapman brothers had to chase them back across the river. Their Uncle's market garden was at the west end of present day Assiniboine Park.

➤ **Why did we need three bus tickets for trips from Charleswood to the City?**

A ticket was needed for each "zone" travelled through, so those traveling farther (e.g. past Ridgedale Drive), had to buy a more tickets. This practice continued into the 1950's.

➤ **Is there a print called, "Charleswood, Land of a Thousand Urban Ditches"?**

Apparently yes! Just Google it!