

Lane names in St Lawrence

In 2008 the SLNA, worked with Councillor McConnell's office to have what is now Taylor's Wharf Lane named by the City (By-law 893-2009) - this lane runs between Frederick Street and George Street South just south of Front Street. The name commemorates Taylor's Wharf that was at about this spot. The wharf itself was named after Captain Archibald Taylor who, in 1856 to at least 1865, had a coal and wood business and owned the wharf. Subsequently the wharf was used by the J & J Taylor Safe Works whose factory was at the corner of Frederick and Front Streets. (The two Taylor families were unrelated.)



Subsequently, with help and input from the community and Councillor McConnell's office, we have now had all but one of the other unnamed public lanes in our area named; all are now identified on city maps and with new street signs. The already named Lanes are identified with an *:

***ABBEY LANE.** runs between Sherbourne and Princess Streets immediately south of King Street East. It commemorates "Russel [sic] Abbey" the ancestral home of Peter Russell (1733-1808).

BARBED WIRE LANE. North of Lombard between Church and Victoria (L shaped) (This lane was adjacent to the Ontario Lead and Barb Wire Company in the late 19th century) By-law 310-2015

BOOTLEGGER LANE. This name was selected, with much local input, to maintain a link to a reputed local bootlegger. By-law 311-2015

BRIGDEN PLACE. Brigden Place to Richmond. This lane, which is L-shaped, is now all called Brigden Place – it is part of an upcoming development project. (245 Queen Street East)

CHING LANE North of Adelaide just east of Yonge. To commemorate the first person of Chinese origin to own a business in Toronto (a laundry) founded in 1877 at 9 Adelaide Street East. By-law 882-2012

CENTRAL FIRE STATION LANE Lombard to Richmond just west of Jarvis. To commemorate the old Central Fire Station that, along with Hook, Ladder and Hose Company #5, was adjacent to it. By-law 176-2013.

COLBORNE LANE. East of Leader Lane between Colborne and Wellington. This lane mainly runs behind and to the south of Colborne Street. By-law 173-2013

CONGER COAL LANE. Market Street to Church Street just north of parking garage (south of The Esplanade). To commemorate the Conger Coal Company whose yard and wharf was nearby. By-law 175-2013



***COURT SQUARE.** surrounds Courthouse Square Park on the north side of Court Street

DITTY LANE. Berti to Church and on the east side of Church Street, just south of Queen Street. To commemorate the Ditty Hotel at Church and Queen. By-law 882-2012

DUCHESS LANE. North of Richmond west of Parliament. To remember Duchess Street, the former name of Richmond Street. By-law 882-2012

DUKE MEWS. West of Princess between King and Adelaide. To remember Duke Street, the former name of Adelaide Street. By-law 882-2012.

***FARQUHARS LANE.** Runs between The Esplanade and Front Street East immediately east of Church Street. This lane, which was originally spelled Farquhar's Lane, appears to be named after John Farquhar who operated as a lime merchant at the southern end of the lane in the 1870s.

GENDRON LANE. West of Ontario between Adelaide and Richmond. The Gendron Manufacturing Company was immediately north of this lane (they built wheel chairs, baby carriages, hospital beds etc. By-law 312-2015



***LEADER LANE.** Runs between King Street East and Wellington Street west of Church Street. The name commemorates the *Toronto Leader*, a newspaper published in Toronto in the 19th century - their offices were nearby. Leader Lane is classified as a street.



***McFARRANS LANE.** Runs between Queen Street East and Richmond Street immediately east of Sherbourne Street and is named after Andrew McFarren who operated a grocery store at the Queen Street end of the lane from 1870. McFarren, who was born in Ireland in 1826, was "a Conservative and member of the Baptist Church".

This Lane was formerly called Walz Lane (or Walz's Lane) after John Walz who was an early and influential German immigrant who owned a brewery in the area and was, in the 1850s and 1860s, the first person to brew lager in Toronto.

NICHOLSON LANE. Berkeley to Princess - south of Front. To commemorate PJ Nicholson, one of the founders of the St Lawrence Community Recreation Centre and a former SLNA President. By-law 1166-2012.

OAK HALL LANE. Church south of King. East side just south of Sculpture Garden. To commemorate "Oak Hall Clothiers" which was the building/store on the site of the Sculpture Garden. By-law 178-2013. As of June 2018, this Lane is also called "**Barbara Turnbull Way**" as a 'ceremonial name' to celebrate a local resident and advocate for the disabled.

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OLD POST OFFICE LANE. Toronto to Victoria north of King. To commemorate the 4th post office that used to be at 10 Toronto Street. On old City maps the Lane had this name in the late 19th century. By-law 177-2013.



POMPADOUR LANE. South of Adelaide west of Berkeley. To commemorate Pompadour, a free black man, whose wife Peggy was a slave to Peter Russell the President of the Executive Council and Chief Administrator of York in the years between Governor Simcoe and Governor Hunter from 1796 to 1799. By-law 882-2012



RODEGA LANE. East of Leader Lane between King and Colborne. To commemorate the old Rodega Hotel that was in this area. By-law 882-2012. In June 2018 the City agreed to 'close' this Lane and sell the land to the developer of the surrounding land.

***SCOTT LANE.** Runs east off Scott Street immediately north of The Esplanade. This name commemorates Thomas Scott (1746-1824); he was Attorney-General of Upper Canada.

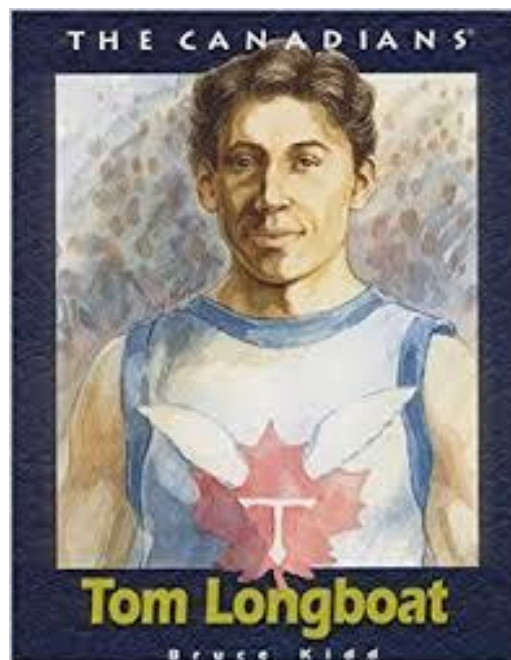
SPICE MILL LANE. Adelaide to Lombard between Church and Victoria. In the 19th century this lane was adjacent to the Todhunter, Mitchell Spice Mill; at one time the largest in Toronto. By-law 313-2015



***STONECUTTERS LANE.** Continuation of the already named Stonecutters Lane to south of Richmond. This lane, which is now on both sides of Adelaide Street, is all called Stonecutters Lane. By-law 882-2012.

TAYLOR'S WHARF LANE. as noted above was named in 2008 to celebrate Captain Archibald Taylor's wharf.

TOM LONGBOAT LANE. South of Longboat Avenue (north of rail tracks). To commemorate Tom Longboat. Thomas Charles Longboat (Cogwagee) (1887-1949) was an Onondaga distance runner from the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Indian reserve near Brantford, Ontario, and for much of his career the dominant long-distance runner of the time. By law 174-2013.



WORTS LANE. South of Richmond west of Parliament, L-shaped. To commemorate James Worts who died in 1834 and was a co-founder of the Gooderham and Worts Distillery. By-law 882-2012



The only Lane in the SLNA area which is not, yet, named is a dead-end one on the east of Berkeley between Queen and Richmond.

The SLNA ad-hoc Committee responsible for canvassing the neighbourhood and proposing the lane names to the SLNA and subsequently to the City comprised: Joyce Arnold, David Crawford (Chair), Denis Glasgow, Marcus Little and Suzanne Kavanagh (SLNA President). Bruce Bell and Tom Davidson of Councillor McConnell's office were important resource people.

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