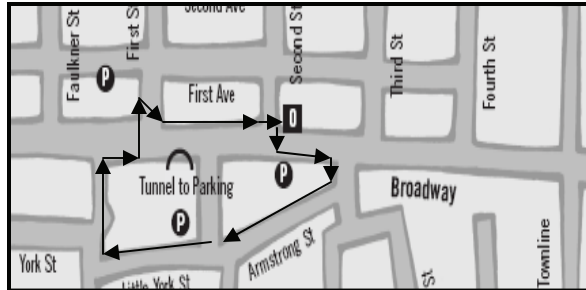


## Map of Pictorial Walking Tour

The walk will take approx. 30-45 minutes. Be sure to stop at shops along the way to browse and view the displays in the store front windows.



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# Historical Downtown Orangeville

## Pictorial Walking Tour



### The Birth of a Town

*c1829 - John Corbit arrived and settled on West Broadway*

*1840 - Abiathar Wilcox & Family arrived and settled North of Broadway/West of First Street.*

*Followed by James Griggs & Family in Mill Creek and William Newton who settle in a log home which is now Town Hall.*

*1844 - Orange Lawrence arrived and was named the "Founder"....the story is told that John Corbit climbed to the top of Orange Lawrence's' soon to be completed mill and christened it "Orangeville Mill".*

**O** Starting at Town Hall, cross south on Broadway at the lights to see;

1. "The Bluebird Café" and "Sportsmedic" 100 & 106 Broadway – photos on display in store fronts dating back to 1916 and 1955.

2. Glance across to the north side of Broadway to see "Broadway Convenience"/"Icarus Skate & Board"/"Dr. Nails" and "Café Uno"-85 Broadway.



3. Continue East to the corner of Broadway and Wellington and look to the Northeast corner to see Greystones Inn- 63 Broadway c 1850, which replaced a log structure, originally Graham's Tavern.

4. Walk south on Wellington Street to the corner of Armstrong and to the South to see "JST Printing"- 2 Wellington.



5. Continue West on Armstrong St to see the "Train Station Restaurant"- 35 Armstrong, on the north side. Site of the Canadian Pacific Railway Station, 1909. The line into Orangeville was built in 1871 with the station being built in 1909 (the current site of the Credit Valley Explorer train on Town Line). The station was moved to this location in 1989

6. Continue west on Armstrong St. to the corner of Armstrong and Mill St. to see a building on the northwest corner, "The Deck Pub"- 34 Mill St.

Originally built by a miller named Thomas Jull (husband of Orange Lawrence's' sister Mary) in 1870 as a wedding present for his son, Orange. Orange Jull's claim to fame was the invention of the rotary snow plough mounted on the front of the train to break through snowdrifts. The invention was patented in 1884 and used throughout North America.



7. Continue west past Mill St., to Little York St.. Immediately on the Southside you will see what is now "The Body Bar" - 1 Little York St. This was the original home of Thomas Jull when he and wife settled in Orangeville around 1857. The original property stretched back to Church St with the main entrance facing south.

8. Continue west past the "Orangeville Outlet Centre"- 5 Little York St. on the south, you will reach John St. North on John St to the corner of John/Broadway you will see the old Fire Hall, now "Aria On Broadway."-224 Broadway. The original building was erected in 1878 and was rebuilt after a fire in 1890. Look West up Broadway and you will see a building on the south side "Broadway Musical" - 232 Broadway. Originally built in 1855 by Alexander Lewis, pioneer minister who oversaw the construction of the Zion (in Alexandria Park).

9. Stroll east on Broadway passing the site of the original post office (1886, rebuilt in 1962) and one of the oldest commercial properties on Broadway, "Orangeville Monument Works"- 214 Broadway. est. 1894 and remains that today.

10. Glance to the north side of the street to see "Natural Choice" - 205 Broadway. built c.1875 as "Fead Block". Originally built by James Fead, a private banker and land developer. 1910-1925 became the Orangeville Business College and in 1926 was the location of the Orangeville Presbyterian Church.



11. Cross north at the lights at First Street (Originally Prince of Wales Rd) to see the **"CIBC Bank" - 2 First St.** and just north, the **"Orangeville Citizen" - 10 First St.** (1913).



12. Cross east at Broadway/First St. to see **"One99 Restaurant" - 199 Broadway.** The building was originally a clothing warehouse followed by an A&P store and more recently, Theatre Orangeville box office before it was turned into a dining establishment. Next to this you will see **"Habit" - 195 Broadway** originally the local meat market pre-1911, later Torries, men's clothing store



13. Follow East to **"Henning Salon" - 193 Broadway** and **"Dragonfly Art on Broadway" - 189 Broadway.** This block of buildings was constructed for Mary Ketchum by the same contractors who built Town Hall (see photos in window of Henning & Dragonfly.)

14. Look to the south side of Broadway to what is currently the **"John Howard Society" 184 Broadway** and **"Dundee Private Investors Group" - 180 Broadway.** Photo is pre 1912, at the time it was an undertaker. Not much room was needed for their office as funerals were held from the home of the deceased. (Enlarged photo can be seen in the window of the John Howard Society)



15. Continue east to **"Simpler Times"** and **"Mochaberry's" - both 177 Broadway,** to view the photo Simpler Times, c. 1883. Established originally as two businesses, Marshall's Drug Store and J.W Wild's shoe store. J.W.'s son, Ed, took over the business sometime in the 1920's The picture show's Ed in the doorway of the shop.

16. Directly across the street on the south side, you will see **"Magiolly Arts & Supplies," "The Altered Native" ,** and **"Citrus City Tattoos" - 158/172 & 178 Broadway.** Photo dated c.1920's



17. Continue to **The Scrapyard—169 Broadway** to the view a photo of the empty lot to the west of the TD Bank originally the site of The McMillan Clothing business est. 1899. **A.M. Korsten Jewellers—163 Broadway,** original owners and long time retail store on Broadway since 1960.



18. Continue walking east to the intersection of Broadway and Mill St. On the south west corner, you will see **"Mogul's in M'Ocean" - 148 Broadway .** Originally known as Jackson Block, and still engraved on the building, in 1874-5. Thomas Jackson was a saddler who moved to Orangeville in 1853. (enlarged photo on the side of the building).



19. Walk east to **"The White Truffle"- 139 Broadway** to the building built c.1883, The Grigg Co., operated c.1930's as a "five and dime" store. **"The Academy of Performing Arts" - 133 Broadway,** is "Your Jeaneration by Freedom" in the photo.



20. To the Southside of Broadway, you will see the **"Orangeville Public Library"**, originally the Bank of Commerce built in 1903. The building, east, now **"The Royal Bank of Canada"**, was previously the site of a hotel, followed by the Gordon House which burned down in 1903. The Mercer & Robinson business was est. in 1881 and dissolved in 1903. The middle building was where the Greenis family had a barbershop from 1895 for approx. 100 years.



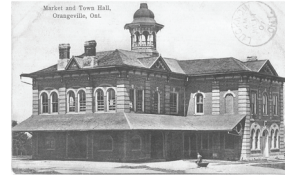
21. Continue east to **"As We Grow" - 113 Broadway.** Originally home of the Orangeville Sun, the first newspaper in Dufferin County c.1869. Restored in 1989 and still engraved with SUN OFFICE in the brick.

22. Walk to the corner of Broadway & Second St to the **"TD Bank"**, once Carload Groceries which began as the Superior Store in 1833. Carm Davidson operated the grocery part of the store and the butcher, Bill Stirton ran the meat department.

23. Cross Broadway at Second St. to arrive at **"Orangeville Town Hall"** and **"Opera House" - 87 Broadway.** Originally built in 1876 served as both Town Hall and market area for the farmers market The market was the only legal place in town to sell meat (1875-90). Renovated in 1993-94 it currently houses Orangeville's Council, municipal staff & Theatre Orangeville.



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