

## HERITAGE CORNER

### What's the Winston Churchill connection with Moore Museum?

Heritage St. Clair has come up with a curious poser for our readers. What's the connection between the former Moore Township, Winston Churchill, and Gordon Howard Murray?

The most obvious connection is that the portraits of these men, shown below, were both done by world-renowned Canadian photographer Yousuf Karsh (1908-2002) of Ottawa. Karsh's claim to fame was that he was said to have photographed 51 of the 100 most notable people in the world in the 20th century.

Gordon Howard Murray, left, was one of eight or nine children who grew up in the family home just north of Mooretown on the site formerly occupied by the first St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Moore Township, which was constructed in 1843. He was photographed by Karsh when he was working for the federal government in Ottawa. Mr. Murray enlisted during World War I and was training as a pilot when he crashed in a training plane at a military airfield near Port Burwell, Ont. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mining and



Gordon Howard Murray

Metallurgical Engineering in 1924 and, in the ensuing six years, he served on engineering staffs of mining firms in Canada, United States, and Mexico. In 1930, he joined the deputy minister's staff in the Department of Mines and he retired after 31 years, 12 of which he served as the chief of the Editorial and Information Division of Mines and Technical Surveys.

He moved back to Moore Township in 1967 with his second wife (his first died of cancer) and lived beside the original Murray home. That residence was eventually moved and still stands on the east side of the St. Clair Parkway today.

*Note of interest about Winston Churchill's photo shoot: When Karsh asked 'Winnie' to stop smoking his cigar during the photo shoot and the great man refused, Karsh waited until the split second before this shot was taken by his assistant, then reached over and snatched the cigar from his mouth.*

-from Heritage St. Clair files



Winston Churchill



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