



# O'Connor Irish Heritage House

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## Teach Oidhreacht Eireannach Ui Chonchubhari

\*Looking back to only a few short but wonderfully lively years, 1932-39.

at O'Connor Estate, otherwise known as Maryvale Farm, *do you know anyone who worked on the Farm*, in the House, or was any way otherwise employed by Frank O'Connor?

*Add your story  
416-745-2906  
speak to Mary*

*Photos: courtesy of a family Scrapbook*

\*Looking back to childhood days in Deseronto. Contact us if you or your family ancestors lived in Deseronto from 1890 to 1900. *Did you go to school and play with the O'Connor family?*

In Peterborough for the next decade or so, did you or family members work at Canadian General Electric? *Tell us your story of work in the factory at that time.* (talk to us via our email address below)

\*Looking back to the early days of the Laura Secord Candy company, founded in 1913 by Frank and Mary Ellen O'Connor, at 354 Yonge Street, Toronto. *Was your mother or father, aunt, uncle, or grandparents an employee at any Laura Secord store?* We would like to hear from you. We hear that employees were happy and gave years of service.

\*Looking back to the War Years, WWI. Did you know that the people donated their sugar ration to Frank O'Connor so that at Laura Secord candy studios he could continue to make chocolates & candy to send to Canada's troops...*What are your memories of good deeds done?*

In Toronto for the next two decades, Frank O'Connor was a generous benefactor and philanthropist. Thanks to his good deeds many people were assisted through the Toronto Star Fresh Air fund; Hospital for Sick children; Christie Street Military hospital; CNIB, to name but a few.

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(above) A Family of O'Connor Irish Heritage House Volunteers  
*Kathryn, Phil and Kallina Horgan*

O'Connor Irish Heritage House congratulates the Volunteers of the Irish Peace Garden for eight memorable years. It is located at Martyr's Shrine, Midland.

Donations slabs of stone one each for the Four Provinces of Ireland are emblazened with the Provincial Emblems.  
(Centre) Irish National Flag



The Peace Pole "Siochan" "Peace"



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