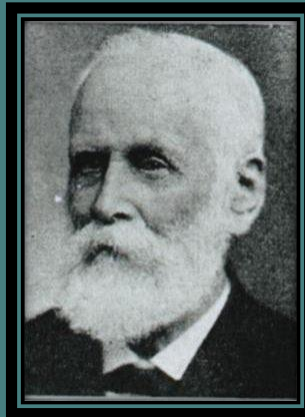
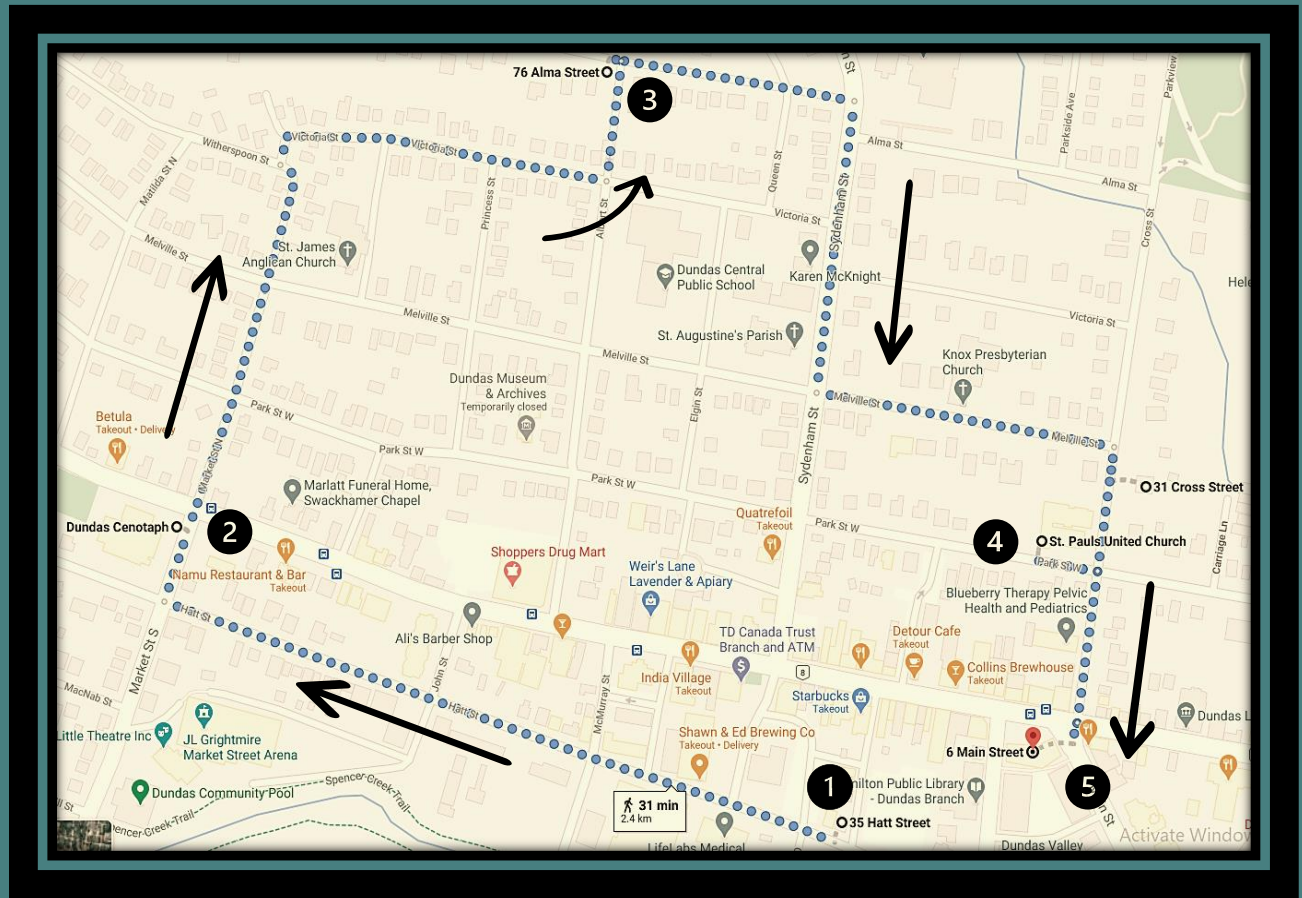




2021 HISTORIC DUNDAS WALKING TOURS: *AMAZING MEMBERS OF THE BERTRAM FAMILY*

Perhaps its most famous family, the **Bertram family** has had a huge impact on the city of **Dundas**. First moving to the region in 1852, generations of Bertram family members have left a unique mark on the town – some were **prominent businessmen**, some served in **political office**, and some helped **build Dundas** into the town it is today.

This self-guided tour of picturesque Dundas, Ontario will explore some of the amazing members and experiences of the Bertram family. During this tour, you will learn more about the **Bertram Family** and their deep connection with the town of Dundas, as well as a little bit of Canadian history!



John Bertram



Lennard Bertram

Who: Anyone interested learning more about the history of Dundas! (Recommended ages: 8+).

Where: This tour will take you throughout Dundas, including hilly areas and on the sidewalks of busy streets. Please plan accordingly.

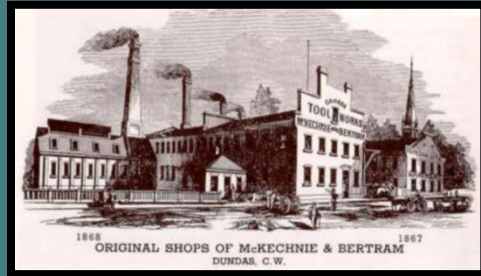
What will you need: Comfortable shoes and a water bottle!

Prior Knowledge: None needed - newcomers encouraged!

Duration: 40 – 50 minutes on foot.

1 50 Hatt Street – John Bertram and *Bertram & Sons Company Ltd.*

Born in Scotland in 1829, John Bertram first emigrated to Canada in 1852. After a short time in Toronto, a friend suggested that John move to Dundas to get a job at Gartshore's Shop. After he lost his job, John Bertram formed a partnership with Mr. McKechnie and established Canada Tool Works in 1836, a business which would later become John Bertram & Sons Company Ltd. These grounds are the location for the main offices and factories of Bertram & Sons. They made woodworking machine tools first but moved towards metalworking tools by 1888. John also served as Dundas's mayor from 1888 – 1890. John moved to Dundas because of its opportunities – in turn, John's success in manufacturing made Dundas a hub to Canada's small but growing manufacturing industry.



An illustration of Canada Tool Works.

2 4 Market Street South – Lennard Bertram and The Dundas Armory

Born in 1893, Lennard dreamed of becoming a farmer – however, his dream was delayed when World War One began. Like many young men, Lennard joined the Canadian military and fought in Europe from 1914 to 1918. During his time, Lennard participated in some of the largest battles of the war, including the Battle of Ypres, Vimy Ridge, and Passchendaele. By the end of the war, Lennard had been promoted to major and had received many medals for bravery. After the war, Lennard bought a 100-acre farm in Snelgrove, Ontario. In 1955, Lennard would return to the Dundas Armory to reunite with other Dundas boys who had fought in the First World War. His experiences stand as a testament to the bravery of Dundas citizens who volunteered to fight for Canadian freedom. **Do you think Lennard was scared to leave his home and fight in a different country?**

3 76 Alma Street – Henry Bertram

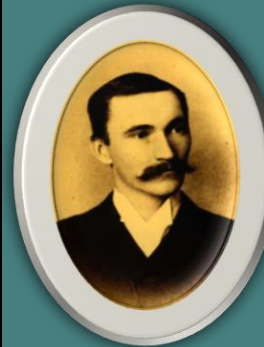
This house was built in 1856 by Henry Bertram, who is famous for helping Bertram & Sons Company survive through the First and Second World War. Born in 1856, Henry began his career by working 10-hour days for his father and taking night classes in mechanical drawing. After lots of hard work, Henry became a partner in 1901 with his other brothers – he also briefly served as the Mayor of Dundas in 1898. When World War One began, Henry oversaw the expansion of Bertram & Sons into a massive shell-producing factory, employing over 1,200 men. Henry also greatly improved the working conditions of the factory, becoming one of the first businesses in Canada to do so. Like his father, Henry was a smart businessman and led the family company through tough times. **If you were the Mayor of Dundas, what changes would you make?**

4 29 Park Street West – St. Paul's United Church and Henry Graham Bertram



An important figure in the community, Henry Graham Bertram (pictured left with his wife, Mabel) was born in Dundas in 1886 and lived at 32 Cross Street for much of his life. A smart man, Graham was the Councilor of Queen's University in 1946 and was General Manager of Bertram & Sons for multiple years. However, what makes Graham so important were his contribution to the community. When St. Paul's Church burned down in 1931 Graham donated \$110,000 to help rebuild, over \$1.6 million today. He also helped create the Dundas Historical Society Museum – if not for Graham, you might not be on this tour right now! Graham's contributions to Dundas's community makes him an exemplary member of the Bertram family.

5 6 Main Street – Dr. T. A. Bertram



Now the headquarters of the Dundas Police, this site was the building in which Thomas Aimers Bertram (pictured left) practiced medicine. Born in Dundas in 1864, T.A. spent his first professional years working overseas. After moving back to Dundas, Dr. T.A. Bertram opened his own medical service and became the town's Medical Officer of Health for over forty years. T.A. was also an excellent athlete and marksman, bringing home multiple international championships, including the Strathcona cup and the Hops Bitters Company Cup. Beloved by his community, Dr. T.A. Bertram represents the best of the Bertram family.