

Trent University

Report of the Committee on  
Names for University Buildings

1. The Committee on Names held its first meeting on December 31, 1963, with the following members present: Mr. Brook, Dean Sadleir, and Professor Smith (chairman).
2. The Committee agreed that it should meet again to discuss proposals for names for colleges and buildings on the Nassau campus, but that its immediate task was to recommend to the President and Vice-Chancellor suggested names for the three buildings in the City of Peterborough which would be the active centres of University life in its early years.
3. The Committee considered that there were a number of obvious categories from which names for University buildings might appropriately be chosen, including: local historical figures, Indian names, persons intimately associated with the founding of the University, and benefactors.
4. The Committee agreed that it would be difficult for the University to use the same name twice, and that it would therefore be desirable to save some significant names for use on major buildings at the campus, rather than using them at once on city buildings. The Committee felt that the names "Champlain" and "Faryon" especially, should be kept for use on some of the first permanent buildings at the campus.
5. The Committee considered that the first three University buildings should bear the names of prominent local historical figures, as a sign of the University's wish to identify itself with the community; that the two residential colleges should be designated as "Houses"; and that the present building should be designated as a "Hall."
6. The Committee recommends that the first men's college on George Street should be known as "Peter Robinson House"; that the first women's college on London Street should be known as "Catharine Parr Traill House"; and that the building presently occupied should be known as "Rubidge Hall." These names would honour, respectively, the leader of the first

substantial immigration to the community, Peter Robinson, for whom the City is named; the early settler and author, Catharine Parr Traill; and another early settler and local figure, Captain Josiah Rubidge.

Respectfully submitted,

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