

Life in the Benlamond Enclave in the 1960s

by Jeff Charles

Edited with additional information supplied by John Ellis and Barbara Myrvold

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INTRODUCTION

In June 2022, Jeff Charles, now residing near Bolton, Ontario, contacted John Ellis about his life in the enclave at the west end of Benlamond Avenue, where he lived in an apartment at no. 47 with his dad, Sid, and his mom, Alma, from 1960 to 1966. Presented here are Jeff's recollections, family photographs and a hand-drawn map, which were sent to The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society (TBETHS) in several emails. The editors have organized Jeff's story under four headings, and augmented it with additional photographs, notes and maps.

*The Benlamond enclave is comprised of the historic William Stewart Darling House (1873-6) as well as several other buildings that Alexander Macleod altered or constructed in the 1910s, including the one where Jeff lived at 47 Benlamond Avenue. For more information, see **Alexander Macleod, East Toronto Architect/Builder**; [Part 1 Biography](#) and [Part 2 Buildings](#); and [The Benlamond Panoramic Photo](#) at TBETHS.com.*

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Part I: Life in the Benlamond Enclave in the 1960s

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1. OUR APARTMENT AT 47 BENLAMOND AVENUE



City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 2043, Series 2523, File 137, Item 6

Photo 1: 47 Benlamond Avenue, north façade, 1990.

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Our family lived on the top floor of 47 Benlamond Avenue. In Photo 1, the windowed tower on top of the building is visible. It was the source for natural light into our dining room by means of a stained-glass ceiling, complemented by another ceiling window in the kitchen. As a kid, I would climb up the kitchen cabinet shelves, push the ceiling window open, scramble into that tower and have a 360-degree view of the ravine (where I spent many hours playing) and the surrounding area. There was also a small balcony off the southwest end of the 3rd floor apartment that could be accessed from the south-facing living room. I could go out on that balcony, scramble up onto the roof, and get that same view but from the actual rooftop. I guess I must have been a fearless kid.

I'm always fascinated by old photos – they're a memory captured in time. Following are two photos of my mother, father, and me in the living room of the third-floor Apartment 7a.



Photo 2: Jeff and his dad, Sid, in the living room at 47 Benlamond, Christmas c. 1965.
 Courtesy Jeff Charles

In Photo 2, the windows behind us are facing south looking over the ravine. That old box-shaped, black-and-white TV brought us the Saturday evening Maple Leaf games, with Foster Hewitt doing the play-by-play and Ward Cornell doing supporting commentary. The Leafs were winning Stanley Cup trophies then (so you know this was in a galaxy far, far, away!).

That old Marconi hi-fi with a built-in Garrard turntable (behind me to the right) was quite something. While it was not stereo to start with, my dad installed an additional amp in the back and fed the signal from that to the TV speakers. The turntable had to be modified to accommodate stereo, but it sure served us well. My father was into brass and military bands having served with the RAF during the Second World War.

I also see a bookcase in that photo which, believe it or not, I still have in my basement room – ‘retro’, like me! The Christmas tree does look rather threadbare compared to what seems the norm these days, but we thought it was bloody lovely. I can still remember us walking east on Benlamond along the snow-covered sidewalk to Calvary Baptist Church at the corner of Main and Benlamond to pick a tree from the selection being sold there. Then, of course, having to carry it back to 47. Christmas always seemed much better then. Certainly, a lot less commercial than now.



Photo 3: Jeff and his mom, Alma (and budgie Jim) in the living room at 47 Benlamond Avenue, Christmas c. 1965. Courtesy Jeff Charles

In Photo 3, if you pulled back the drapes covering what you would assume to be a window behind my mother, you'd find the door to that balcony I mentioned earlier. Our old budgie, Jim, is sitting on the base of the bird cage stand (Jim is the small blue spot to the right of my mother's left shoulder). He was quite a character indeed – a very smart bird, and my playmate. The cage was always open, and he would follow us around the apartment, sitting on our shoulders and chirping away, giving gentle nibbles to our ears. He was more like a dog than a bird. It was a sad day when he left us. By then we had moved from Benlamond into a house on 5 Beachview Crescent, just a short walk west.

Although we moved from Benlamond in 1966, we remained in the area due to my steadfast insistence. My parents had looked at a place around Warden and Gerrard, but I wanted to stay in the area, so they purchased the home on Beachview. I had attended the old Kimberley school on Main Street at Swanwick for grades 4 through 7, and then took grade 8 at Fairmount Park. I was in high school at Monarch Park from 1967 until 1971.



Photo 4: Alma and Sid Charles in the dining room at 47 Benlamond Avenue, c. 1965

Courtesy Jeff Charles

Photo 4 of my mother and father was taken in our dining room. The fridge (a Crosley) is in the dining room because the kitchen was just too small for a large appliance. That fridge would be in style now for some – ‘retro’ and all that. Note the swell oak and leaded glass cabinets.¹ Lots of nice touches. Unfortunately, the ceiling skylight is not in the photo, but it was a feature of the room.

This picture was taken facing north. There's a doorway to the left of the fridge leading to a hallway. The kitchen was to the right (directly behind the wall where the fridge is standing). My bedroom was just outside that doorway and to the left, with the windows facing west and under the eaves. To the right and just beyond the kitchen the hallway continued to the right. My parent's bedroom was on the left of that hallway facing north and just beyond that, also facing north, was the bathroom with an old-style clawfoot tub.

Some other personal things I recall about 47 Benlamond or, should I say, my time there. I had kept my bicycle in the basement storage area at 47 Benlamond and, boy, that basement was a bit of a scary place for a kid. Reminded me of a crypt from an old Vincent Price horror movie. It had a concrete/stone foundation, cold and a little damp.

Previously, a bicycle of mine was stolen from the front lawn of 47 Benlamond. It was an old one-speed bicycle my dad had won in a grocery store contest back in 1958. When we got it, my legs were too short to reach the pedals, so dad fashioned some wooden blocks to the pedals to accommodate the shortfall and that's the bike on which I learned to ride a two-wheeler. A day or so after the theft, the bike mysteriously reappeared on the front lawn. I never knew who took it but most likely it was a neighbour's kid who had second thoughts and returned it or, more than likely, was given a talking-to by his parental unit!

I eventually sold that bike to a good friend of mine and purchased a gold-coloured three-speed Supercycle with Sturmey Archer gears and hand brakes from the Canadian Tire location on Kingston Road. As luck would have it, that bike was stolen from the basement of 47, but this time it was not returned, despite me filing a report with the police at the Main and Swanwick police station.²

I did replace that stolen Supercycle bike with a three-speed Raleigh from Eaton's. This was a made-in-Canada bike and, believe it or not, I still have it! It's still in good shape although it hasn't been used in years and years. Yes, time to start selling off some of the old stuff.

2. SOME CHARLES FAMILY HISTORY

I was born in Splott, Cardiff, Wales in 1950 and lived in the same row house that my mother, Alma, came home to in 1918 after her birth. She was the second youngest of twelve children – six boys and six girls in a single bedroom! There were two beds, one for the boys and one for the girls, with them sleeping head to foot, in order to fit. Large families were quite common back then, though my father had only two brothers and a sister and his family had a bit more money than my mother's family, so every one of his family members had their own bed. My father, Sidney ("Sid"), was also from Cardiff. He was a drill instructor in the Royal Air Force and served in the far east during WWII. He avoided being captured by the Japanese when Singapore fell. He escaped into the jungle with other RAF fellows and, after a month, finally hooked up with allied troops, ended up in India, and then Sri Lanka (or Ceylon as it was then called).

We initially came to Canada in 1954 but my mom and I returned to Britain and lived in Ramsgate, England for about 18 months. Then my dad was finally able to find a decent paying job at the Toronto Star, where he remained until the Star moved from 80 King Street to 1 Yonge Street in 1971. So, by the time I started Grade One in Canada, I had crossed the Atlantic by ship three times, with the last crossing subjecting us to rough north Atlantic seas.

Between our initial arrival in 1954 and moving into the Benlamond location in the summer of 1960 we resided at ten different locations, and I had attended six different schools – one for only six weeks! Despite that I was able to make some friends along the way. But it wasn't until we moved into Benlamond that I established durable friendships - friendships that have lasted for over 60 years and are still going strong.

I discovered that during the 18 months my mother and I were in Ramsgate, England, my dad had considered taking a job in the U.S. if he had no success in the Toronto area. Lucky for him and me that the job at the Toronto Star came up and we remained in Canada. If we had moved to the States, I figure there's always the chance I might have been drafted in the late 60's or early 70's and ended up in Vietnam! Thank heavens for the Toronto Star.

3. THE BENLAMOND ENCLAVE

The outdoor photos that follow, unless credited otherwise, were all taken by me, I would guess snapped between 1962 and 1966 with either a Kodak Instamatic (which made its debut in 1963) or a Kodak Brownie (from the 1950s). I have sketched a map to show where photos 5, 6, 9, and 11 were taken. ³

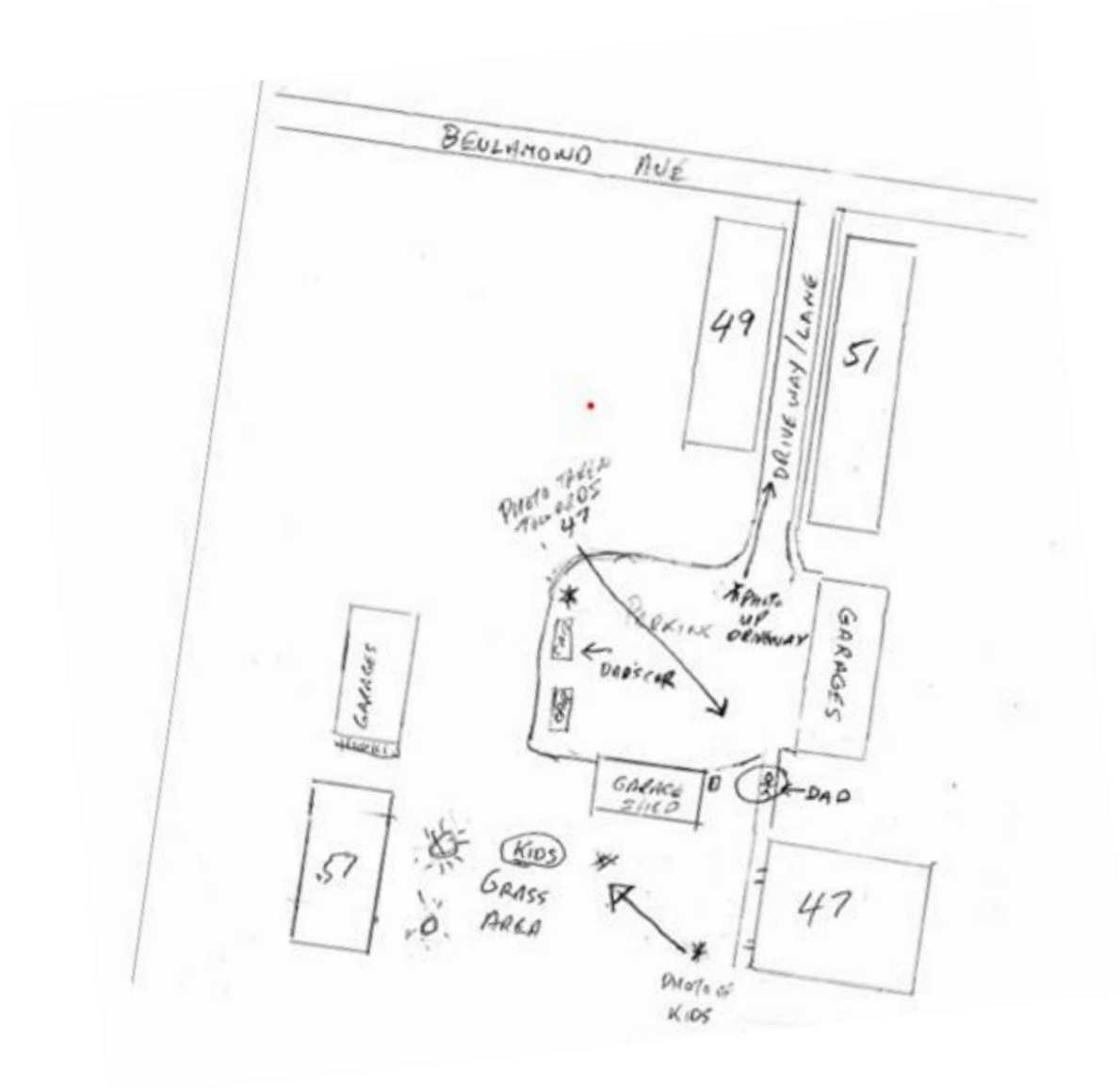




Photo 5: Grass area with kids, between 47 and 57 Benlamond Avenue and near garages, c. 1962
Photo by Jeff Charles

Photo 5 shows the grass and treed area between 49 and 57 Benlamond. I'm not sure who the kids are. The photo would have been taken from the west side of 47 Benlamond Avenue, the building I lived in, looking northwest. The buildings shown here were garages for 57 Benlamond venue, the William Stewart Darling House, which was to the left.



Photo 6: Jeff with his maternal aunt, 1962

Courtesy Jeff Charles

Photo 6 also was shot in the parking area from which I had taken the other outside photos. It appears to be towards the west looking slightly north. You can see part of the garage that belonged to 57 Benlamond Avenue, the William Stewart Darling House, as well as a concrete post with "57" on it. The lady in the picture with me beside my dad's old Studebaker is one of my mother's sisters who was visiting from Wales. The photo is stamped '1962'.

By the expression on my face, it looks as though I might have been thinking I would rather be hanging out with my friends that day! Of course, now I would give just about anything to be right there with mom and dad on a day out to do whatever it was we were about to do.



Photo 7: North-east wing of 57 Benlamond Avenue, c. 2010.
[Courtesy Bob Krawczyk/ TOBuilt](#)

Editors' note: By comparing photos 5, 6 and 7, you can see that the fence-type trellis work at the top of the garage is much like what now is on top of the east wing of the William Stewart Darling House.

We always wondered, while living there, about the history of those Benlamond buildings. That is why I occasionally do an Internet search on 47 Benlamond to see if I can find anything new. (I compliment TBETHS on the excellent stories about the panoramic photo of the neighbourhood taken about 1918 and about Alexander Macleod.)



Photo 8: 57 Benlamond Avenue, detail of panoramic photograph of Benlamond Avenue, c. 1918
[Toronto Public Library Digital Archive](#)

Editors' note: Photo 8 taken ca. 1918 shows that the area east, west, and north of the William Stewart Darling House at 57 Benlamond was parkland and contained a garden north of the house. By the mid-1990s the northern half of this garden had been converted into paved parking (as shown in the Jeff Charles' map and photos) and in the early 2000s the entire parkland was converted to paved parking and housing.



Photo 9: View from the parking lot looking south to 47 Benlamond Avenue, c. 1962.

Photo by Jeff Charles

Photo 9 shows the garages and the garage shed on the east side of the parking lot with 47 Benlamond in the background. That's my father in the middle getting home from work at the Toronto Star. In the foreground is his Studebaker⁴, located in the lot where he normally parked.

Another young kid (who I believe lived in one of the Benlamond buildings) and I were able to climb up into one of the storage areas at the top of the now demolished garages at the east side of the parking lot. Inside I recall seeing some old furniture, storage boxes, lighting fixtures and what-have-you. I do remember looking through some of the boxes and seeing what appeared to be either old stocks or documents related to land titles, or maybe the sale of the buildings. We left everything in place and climbed down out of there. We went back one more time but were afraid of getting caught so never did that again. If I had taken some of those things to keep, now of course, they would be interesting to look at.



Photo 10: 47 Benlamond Avenue, 2020

Photo by John Ellis.

Editor's note. By comparing Photo 9 (c. 1962) with Photo 10 (2020), note the replacement of lawn and gardens with paved parking since the 1960s.



Photo 11: Benlamond Laneway, looking north, showing apartments at 45 Benlamond Avenue, c. 1962.
Photo by Jeff Charles

Photo 11 shows the laneway between 47 and 51 Benlamond Avenue looking north. The buildings on the right are the apartments at 45 Benlamond Avenue. The building barely seen in the background is located on the opposite (north) side of Benlamond Avenue (no. 44) directly across from the end of the laneway. It has that distinctive Tudor styling in the upper part of the building.



Photo 12: Benlamond Laneway showing apartments at 45 and 49 Benlamond Avenue and Tudor-style house at 44 Benlamond Avenue, 20 April 2020
Photo by Barbara Myrvold



Photo 13: 44 Benlamond Avenue, 30 August 2022

Photo by Barbara Myrvold

In my time, the apartment building at 49 Benlamond Avenue housed a family named Bullock.⁵ Cathy Bullock went with me to Kimberley School on Main Street. I believe her father ran for a political office. I'm not sure if it was civic, provincial, or federal, but remember seeing election signs with the Bullock name.⁶

I do recall very vividly spontaneously foot-racing another kid up that laneway to the end and going so fast that I ran right into the roadway – narrowly missing being run down by an auto that was heading east on Benlamond Avenue. I never forgot that as it startled me and, even then, I knew how lucky that I wasn't hit.

One other thing has come to mind. One of my dad's workmates at the Star had been a bricklayer by trade back in Ireland before emigrating to Canada. For whatever reason, he was not able to get bricklaying work here. I remember him talking about his view that much of the construction business had been taken over by Italians and that was why he couldn't get work in his field. Whether that was valid or not I don't know, but I do know feelings like that weren't uncommon. As another example, while my dad was looking for work, he at times would see signs on factory/business doors that stated, "Limey's need not apply".

Why does this relate to Benlamond? Well, this Irish fellow my dad worked with was offered the job of repairing some brickwork on what I believe were the posts at the top end of the driveway/laneway leading from Benlamond Avenue down to 47. It would not have been a big job but in those days a buck was a buck, and you took what you could get.

Several years back I did see some documents online regarding the proposal to build those new houses or apartments between 47 and 57 and between 57 and 49 Benlamond Avenue. (In my opinion, it's unfortunate that they built them – they really spoil the view.)

I have been back to the area a few times over the years and have also found some photos of the refurbished apartment/condos inside 47. I did see a picture of the inside of my former bedroom, and it sure looked much the same.

4. THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Brazier family who owned Margaret's Donuts lived around the corner on Glen Oak⁷ as did Kim Cross⁸, who competed in the Montreal Olympics in sailing.

Apparently, there was also a movie theatre⁹ on the north-west side of Main Street just south of Norwood Terrace. It was gone before we moved into that area, but I have a feeling it may have been where the German Club¹⁰ on Main Street was located. The Vagabond motorcycle club hung out in that area as well and members could be found playing pool in the pool hall located on the north-west side of Main and Gerrard Streets.¹¹ Their clubhouse eventually ended up on the north side of Gerrard just east of Woodbine Avenue.

Years later I would end up volunteering to stand in a lineup at no. 10 Police Station at Main and Swanwick. A good friend and I had been playing billiards at the Main and Gerrard pool hall when the local detective dropped in looking for volunteers to stand in a lineup. I must say I was concerned that, somehow, I might be mistakenly picked out as the perpetrator of whatever was the crime in question but, of course, that didn't happen.

I have all sorts of great memories of my years in that area. As kids, Norwood Park was our hangout. We played ball hockey in the tennis courts and on the natural ice rinks that were flooded in the winter. Other favourite sports included baseball and football, interrupted by lots of time spent sitting on the park bench, spittin' sunflower seeds, and figuring out what we were going to do next.

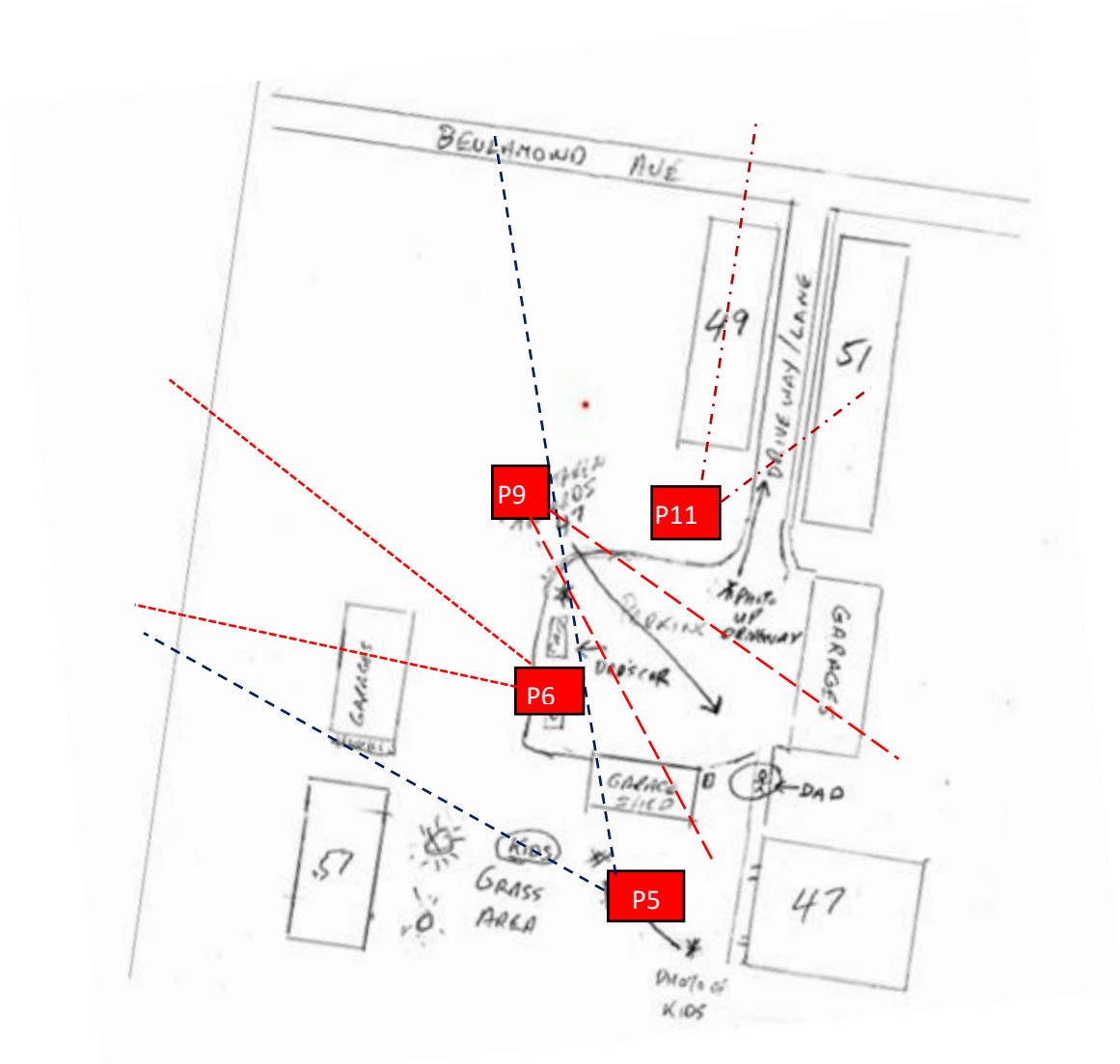
I recall one young boy who was struck and killed by a car on Norwood Road immediately across from Norwood Park. My friends and I were playing ball in the park at the time and heard the screeching of the tires and a thud. The young boy had run out from between parked cars and been struck. We learned later that evening via the news that he passed away.

That is something you never forget, much like the murder that took place on the south side of Gerrard between Norwood Road and Glenmount Avenue. For weeks a blood stain remained on the glass and screen door of the street-side entrance of the building. This is a stark reminder that even in those days, long before the daily shootings we seem to have now, that not everything was as rosy as it seemed. Though we never forgot experiences like that, we didn't let it stop us enjoying our daily lives. But for sure it's a very different city now – or at least it sure seems to be.

I've always been interested in the history of various places I have lived but Norwood-Benlamond and the surrounding area remains the closest to my heart and soul. It was indeed a great time to be a kid and I can't think of a better neighbourhood in which to grow up.

Soon I'll be meeting up with an old friend from the Norwood neighbourhood. He lived on Gerrard Street just west of Norwood Road during the 1960's and his mother remained in that house until just a few years ago. He moved from that house in 1971 and lived with his grandfather down on Elmer Avenue for a year or two – closer to Lake Ontario. He now lives in Pickering. It's about 'the ties that bind'.

Part 2: Maps of the Benlamond Enclave in the 1960s Compiled by John Ellis



The above map, also shown on page 7, was hand drawn by Jeff Charles to identify the locations of the outdoor photos that appear in his story. These locations are marked with the same keys as used in subsequent pages to analyse the views more precisely.

The Charles' map is very useful in helping to understand the layout of the property before re-development.

Note that the three townhouse-apartments numbered 45 on the maps are today numbered 51A, 52A and 52C. Not shown is the most recent infill development, created long after the Charles family had moved away, adding townhouses 53A, 53B, and 53C (between 47 and 57 Benlamond); and houses 55A and 55B (between 49 and 57 Benlamond).



The Benlamond Enclave

c. 1960's

Jeff Charles' **Photo 5**

Key:

White Nos.: Addresses on Benlamond Drive and Benlamond Avenue

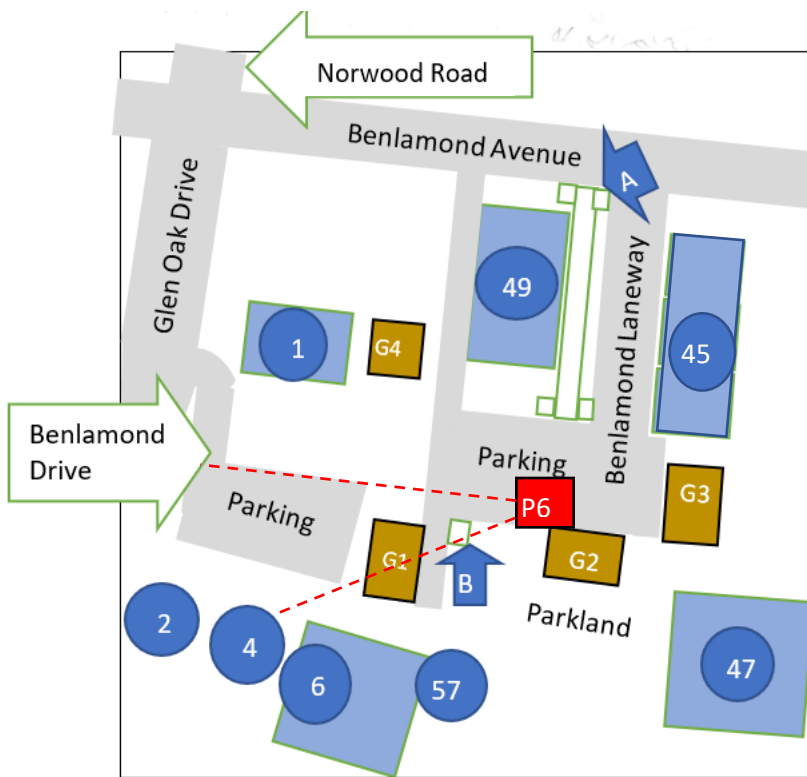
A: Sidewalk with Gateposts (extant)

B: Gatepost for 57 Benlamond Avenue

- 6 Benlamond Drive: Darling House
- 57 Benlamond Avenue: Darling House
- 47 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building
- 49 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building
- G Garage (All garages have subsequently been demolished)
- P Location of the photographer

Note: This Photo helpfully shows:

- The Darling House garage
- The parkland then retained between 47 and 57 Benlamond
- The Parking Lot (right middle)
- The side of the Emma Davis house at 1 Benlamond Drive (right distant)



The Benlamond Enclave

c. 1960's

Jeff Charles' **Photo 6**

Key:

White Nos.: Addresses on Benlamond Drive and Benlamond Avenue

A: Sidewalk with Gateposts (extant)

B: Gatepost for 57 Benlamond Avenue

6 Benlamond Drive: Darling House

57 Benlamond Avenue: Darling House

47 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building

49 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building

G Garage (All garages have subsequently been demolished)

P Location of the photographer

Note: This Photo helpfully shows:

- The north end of the Darling House garage
- A shed just beyond the garage (now demolished)
- The "57" Benlamond corner post



The Benlamond Enclave

c. 1960's

Jeff Charles **Photo 9**

Key:

White Nos.: Addresses on Benlamond Drive and Benlamond Avenue

A: Sidewalk with Gateposts (extant)

B: Gatepost for 57 Benlamond Avenue

6 Benlamond Drive: Darling House

57 Benlamond Avenue: Darling House

47 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building

49 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building

G Garage (All garages have subsequently been demolished)

P Location of the photographer

Note: This Photo helpfully shows:

- View from Parking to south-east
- Corners of Garages 2 and 3
- North-west corner and north side of 47 Benlamond Avenue
- Jeff's dad walking home after work (to 47 Benlamond Ave.)
- Jeff's dad's Studebaker in the Parking Area (right front)



The Benlamond Enclave

c. 1960's

Jeff Charles' **Photo 11**

Key:

White Nos.: Addresses on Benlamond Drive and Benlamond Avenue

A: Sidewalk with Gateposts (extant)

B: Gatepost for 57 Benlamond Avenue

Note

- 6 Benlamond Drive: Darling House
- 57 Benlamond Avenue: Darling House
- 47 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building
- 49 Benlamond Avenue: Alexander Macleod Apartment Building
- G Garage (All garages have subsequently been demolished)
- P Location of the photographer

Note: This photo helpfully shows:

- The Benlamond Lane from behind 49 to Benlamond Avenue
- The townhouses numbered 45 on the map are today numbered 51A, 51B, and 51C.
- This view is essentially identical to the present day

ADDITIONAL NOTES

¹ A similar cabinet to the one shown in Photo 4 is in the second-floor apartment at 57 Benlamond Avenue, pictured below, in the photo taken by Barbara Myrvold on 28 November 2022.



² Police Station No. 10, later named No. 55, at 97 Main Street, southeast corner Swanwick Avenue, was designed by Robert McCallum, City Architect, in 1911, when the image below was taken. It served the community for 65 years until 1973 when the police moved to larger quarters. Community Centre 55 was established in the old police station three years later.



Police Station No. 10, 1911. City of Toronto Archives

³ Jeff's map assigns the number 51 for the apartments on the east side of the so-called "Benlamond Laneway". However, the 1965 Toronto city directory, uses the numbers 45-47 for the "Glen Oak Apts" which included Jeff's building at no. 47 and the two buildings on the east side of the laneway at no. 45.

45-47 Glen Oaks Apts	
APARTMENTS—	
1	Caldwell Cecilia M 691-3155
2	Couch E Lulu OX 4-1032
3	Gibson Mary H OX 4-6802
4	MacFie Jessie M OX 4-7276
5	Armstrong Douglas R 699-1945
6	Wade Ina OX 4-4174
	Wade Bertha H
6A	Hughes Talbot 691-8405
7	Kienle Alfred OX 1-1719
7A	Charles Sidney OX 9-9096
8	Croney Douglas C OX 1-6658
9	Burke Lillian
10	Kennedy Margt Mrs OX 4-4978
11	Fujimoto Helen M Mrs
49 Benlamond Apts	
APARTMENTS—	
1	Bodmore Gordon J OX 1-1630
2	Freyborg Thos OX 1-1523
3	Rutledge Kenneth OX 4-6812
4	Lancaster Thomas 699-4019
5	Pulice Aldo
6	Bullock Stanley OX 9-7305
57	1 Dee Gordon OX 8-3557
	2 Lindsey Edwd A OX 4-2888
	3 Bickerton Doris Mrs 698-6173

The "Benlamond Enclave", Toronto City Directory, 1965

<https://archive.org/details/torontocitydirectory1965/page/78/mode/2up>

⁴ Studebaker of Canada Ltd. was the name given to the American Studebaker Corporation's Canadian manufacturing arm, where an automobile factory was established at Hamilton, Ontario in 1947. It manufactured automobiles until December 1963 as a satellite facility using engines produced in the United States https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Studebaker_Canada

⁵ The 1965 Toronto City Directory listed a Stanley T. Bullock, a lino operator at the [Toronto] Star, as living at 49 Benlamond Avenue, Apartment 6. See <https://archive.org/details/torontocitydirectory1965/page/n295/mode/2up>. An article in the Globe and Mail, 9 January 1962, p. 7, noted "Stanley T. Bullock, NDP, was born and raised in the east end of Toronto where he lives on Benlamond Avenue with his wife, Isobel, and their ten-year-old daughter, Cathy.

⁶ Stanley T. Bullock unsuccessfully ran for political office for the CCF/NDP several times during this period, as documented in the following advertisements and articles.

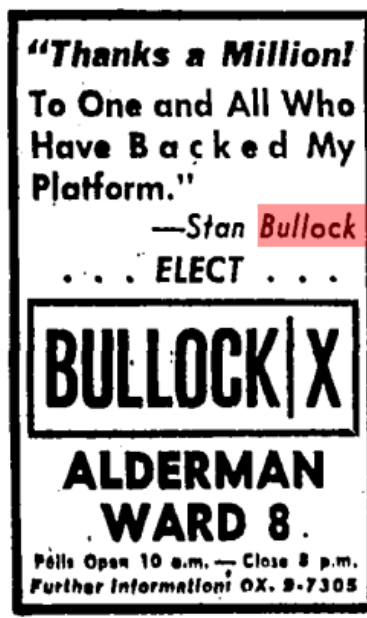
Provincial election, 1959

<p>PROVINCE OF ONTARIO GENERAL ELECTION JUNE 11TH, 1959 ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BEACHES The C.C.F. Candidate nominated is MR. STANLEY T. Bullock of the Township of Scarborough Printer Official Agent: MR. REID SCOTT 2336 Danforth Ave., Toronto OX. 9-8562 KATHLEEN C. GUEST Returning Officer</p>
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Advertisement for provincial election, 1959

The Globe and Mail, 29 May 1959, p. 18.

Municipal elections, 1959 and 1960



Advertisement for Stan Bullock's candidacy for alderman for Toronto Ward 8. He also ran in 1959.
The Globe and Mail, 05 Dec 1960, p. 35.

Provincial by-election, 1962



Mr. Douglas (Right) Congratulates S. T. Bullock, 40, New Party Candidate
The provincial seat was left vacant by the death of William Collings.
Tommy Douglas congratulates Stanley Bullock on his nomination by the Toronto-Beaches New Party – CCF
Association as its provincial candidate for Toronto Beaches
The Globe and Mail, 28 Apr 1961: 5.



NDP workers have been campaigning in the Beaches riding since last April. The NDP candidate, Stanley Bullock, 34, is a newspaper linotype operator. Here, he hands newspaper-style literature to Mrs. K. C. Tancock.


"Campaigners Confident as By-Elections Near," The Globe and Mail, 12 January 1962, p. 13.

Provincial election, 1963

Toronto-born and educated. Inherits a political tradition which goes back to H. R. Emmerson, his mother's father, who was premier of New Brunswick during 1891-96 and minister of railways and canals in the Laurier government from 1896 to 1907. Mr. Deacon attended University of Toronto Schools and Victoria College.

School, where he studied printing. He has worked as a linotype operator with the Toronto Star for 10 years, and is active in Local 91 of the International Typographical Union.

Stanley Bullock, NDP, 34, is making his third attempt to win in Beaches. He came second in 1959 as a CCF candidate and third in a tight three-way race in the 1962 by-election. He also lost a 1960 bid as Alderman for Ward 8. Born in Toronto, he attended Central Technical



Stanley Bullock

"Beaches," The Globe and Mail, 23 September 1963, p. 7.

⁷ Might's Greater Toronto city directory, 1964, p. 143 was the first to list the Braziers on Glen Oak Drive: "Brazier Sydney T pres Margaret's Fine Foods Ltd. h 33 Glen Oak dr".

<https://archive.org/details/torontocitydirectory1964/page/n257/mode/2up>. Page 821 of the same directory listed "Margaret's Fine Foods Ltd Sydney Brazier pres....214 Batley dr (NY) catering & banquet div 2318 Danforth avenue". <https://archive.org/details/torontocitydirectory1964/page/820/mode/2up>

⁸ The listing for Glen Oak Drive "west from 2 Benlamond dr, first south of Gerrard e" in Might's Greater Toronto city directory, 1964, p.310, showed Gordon F. Cross was the owner of 31 Glen Oak Drive.

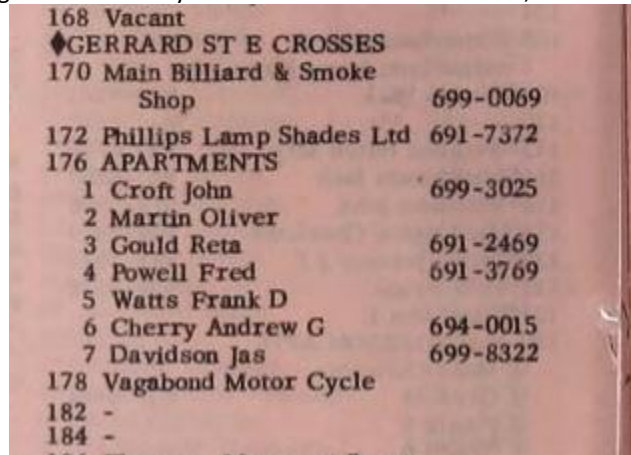
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⁹ The Ideal Theatre operated from 1914 to 1952. Its first proprietor and manager was Fred Ibson Taylor (1890-1976), who also operated a store and a confectionary in this section of Main Street. In addition to showing movies, the Ideal Theatre was used for religious services and recruiting drives in its early days. A fire in February 1948 partially destroyed the stage of the theatre and forced a family out of their apartment above it. The theatre continued to operate in the early 1950s, but its furnishings and equipment were sold at an auction held at the

theatre, 210 Main Street, on 29 December 1955. By 1956, the building was being used by Allied Electric, a manufacturer of lighting fixtures. The existence of the Ideal Theatre is largely unknown beyond the local area. It was not included in two histories about Toronto movie theatres published in 2001 and 2014. The old theatre still stands at 212 Main Street, south of Norwood Terrace, and is now used for a martial arts studio.

¹⁰ The "German Club" was at 214 Main Street, one door north of the Ideal Theatre. It was built in 1928 as Ulster Hall, later becoming Danube Swabian Club. It stood until about the 1990s.

¹¹ The 1969 Toronto city directory listed Main Billiard & Smoke Shop, at 170 Main Street, northwest corner of Gerrard Street East. The Vagabond Motor Cycle club was at 178 Main Street, a few doors north.



168	Vacant	
♦GERRARD ST E CROSSES		
170	Main Billiard & Smoke Shop	699-0069
172	Phillips Lamp Shades Ltd	691-7372
176	APARTMENTS	
1	Croft John	699-3025
2	Martin Oliver	
3	Gould Reta	691-2469
4	Powell Fred	691-3769
5	Watts Frank D	
6	Cherry Andrew G	694-0015
7	Davidson Jas	699-8322
178	Vagabond Motor Cycle	
182	-	
184	-	

Detail of entry for Main Street, Toronto city directory, 1969

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