

The Project includes a number of components:

- **“Welcome to Benares”**, a 13 minute introduction to Benares Historic House, which has been restored to reflect daily life in the World War One era. The introduction provides background on the Harris family of Benares and the local historical context. Shown to visitors prior to their personal tour of the home with a costumed interpreter. Available in English and French, with subtitles in English, Traditional Chinese Characters, Urdu, Polish and Japanese. (Also available on “Discover Benares Historic House” DVD for purchase in the gift shops)
- **Five thematic features** to provide additional background information related to curriculum-based educational programs or for special interest groups. (Also included on DVD). The five themes are: Benares and the Great War; Dora Sayers, Benares Own Star; Mazo de la Roche: The Clarkson Connection; Highlights of the History of Clarkson; The Museums of Mississauga Today.
- **“Benares Virtual Tour”**, an online, interactive tour of Benares Historic House that allows in-depth exploration of each room of the house, with a chance to discover the rich original artefact collection, letters, photographs and memories of the Harris family of Benares. Tour “hosted” by Barbara Sayers Larson (born 1920), with some footage of her brother, Geoffrey Harris Sayers (1907-1998). (Also included on DVD)
- **“Upstairs and Downstairs at Benares”**, film of a guided tour by a costumed interpreter of the basement and second floor of the house. Available for visitors to the house who have limited mobility – they take a guided personal tour of the main floor, then can watch this tour to personally experience the rest of the house.
- **Original filming, digitalization, and indexing of 14 hours of in-depth interviews** with Benares donor Barbara Sayers Larson as well as digitalizing and indexing of 1994 video tour of Benares by her brother Geoffrey Harris Sayers. This provided the raw material for the rest of the project, and provides a rich source for future Benares projects as well.
- **As a corollary to this project, the Museums refurbished the Summer Kitchen** at the back of Benares Historic House was refurbished, to create a more welcoming entrance to Benares Historic House and to provide a comfortable place for visitors to watch “Welcome to Benares”

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