

The Ontario Historical Society



2012 Annual Report

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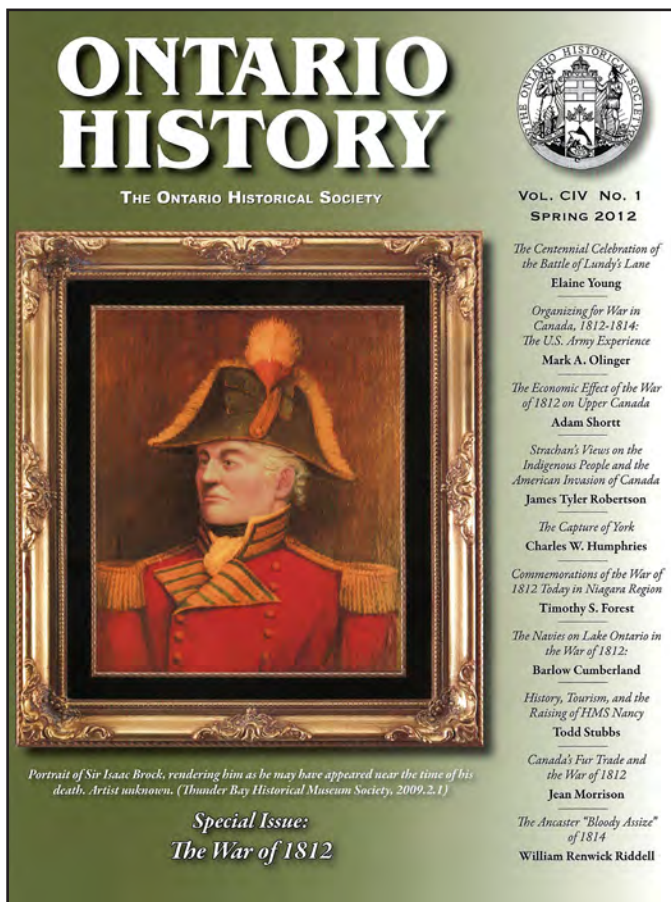
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In 2012, under the editorship of Dr. Thorold Tronrud, the Society's scholarly journal *Ontario History* prepared a special double issue on the War of 1812 in celebration of that conflict's bicentennial anniversary. Published in Spring 2012 (Vol. CIV, No. 1), the issue presents fresh new research and scholarship from both emerging and established scholars of the time period. Since the inception of the journal in 1899, there have been over 70 articles published on the topic, four of which have been selected and reprinted in this issue. To read more about the journal's efforts in 2012, please see page 10 of this report. For more information on the Society's educational programmes in 2012 please see page 6.



In 1992, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) successfully led a campaign to save from demolition the historic John McKenzie House, which was built in 1913 by a Willowdale pioneer and farmer. The OHS signed a 25-year lease with the City of Toronto and is responsible for all restoration and maintenance of the building and the adjacent stable, coach house and milk house - all designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Today, it serves as the OHS's provincial headquarters, and, in 2012, the house was a crucial part of the Society's programmes and events (see page 8). In addition, ongoing repairs and maintenance were completed this past year, ensuring better preservation for current and future generations.



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The Ontario Historical Society, established in 1888, is a non-profit educational corporation, registered charity, and publisher; a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds interested in preserving some aspect of Ontario's history.

President's Report

Dr. B.E.S. (Brad) Rudachyk President

The past year has been one of continuing growth and achievement for The Ontario Historical Society. Almost every category of measurement shows positive development: membership, *Ontario History* subscriptions, public outreach, services and programmes, and donations. Your Society now encompasses over 825 affiliated societies, member organizations, and member institutions throughout the province. Never has our scope been greater or of more importance. It is a time to feel good about, and be proud of, the Society and the fine work it is doing.

From the standpoint of finance, like last year, I am pleased to report that your Society is sound, debt-free, and continues to operate with a surplus. That said, your board and staff are keenly aware of the limits to service imposed by our current financial regime. Your Society is most fortunate in the team that shepherds our finances. Thank you to Treasurer Naresh Khosla, accountant Sheila Berzitis, and our independent auditing firm. Going forward, finding new ways of offering our services and developing new revenue streams are goals of utmost importance. *See also: Treasurer's Report, pg 5.*

As in recent years, our umbrella of affiliated societies continued to grow. This past year, OHS incorporated twelve more not-for-profit historical organizations; since 2007, your Society has incorporated 61 province-wide. We are pleased and excited by the opportunity to assist all of our affiliates – new and old. *See also: Affiliated Societies, pg 11.*

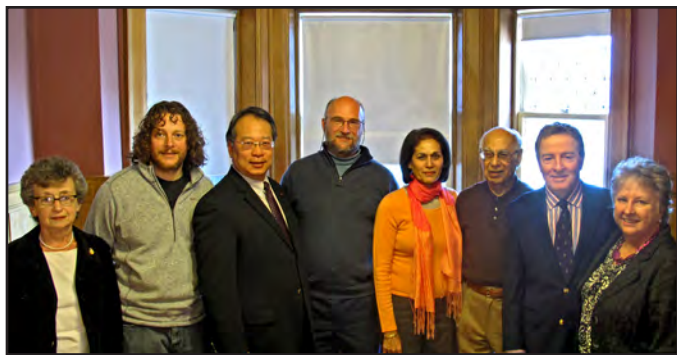


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In February 2012, OHS President Brad Rudachyk attended the official opening of the new expansion at the Simcoe County Archives. Pictured with Dr. Rudachyk is Ellen Millar, Assistant Archivist, County of Simcoe.

31 member organizations applied to the OHS insurance programme in 2012. As of December 31, 2012, a total 188 insurance policies have been underwritten for directors and officers liability, general liability, or contents and property insurance through this vital programme. In terms of what the OHS does, this is value-added of the first order.

Your Society continues its work in the preservation and promotion of our province's cemeteries. The "Cemetery News" column continues to be an important and well-received part of the *OHS Bulletin*. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, funds from the OHS Cemetery Defense Fund, and our partnership with the Ontario Genealogical Society, your Society continues to offer outreach and information on issues surrounding both registered and unregistered cemeteries in Ontario.



Every February, the Society hosts its annual Heritage and Family Day Reception in recognition of its donors, partners, and volunteers. Pictured above at the historic John McKenzie House are Willowdale MP Chungsen Leung (third from left) and MPP David Zimmer (second from right), joined by representatives of The Ontario Historical Society, North York Historical Society, and Dundurn.

The ongoing project, in partnership with the OGS, to list all unregistered cemeteries in the province continues to make solid progress. *See also: page 15.*

It was a banner year for our outstanding peer reviewed journal *Ontario History*. Congratulations to Editor Dr. Tory Tronrud and Book Review Editor Dr. Ron Stagg for a job exceptionally well done. *Ontario History* is and remains one of our Society's foremost flagships. *See also: page 10.*

Your Society continued to reach out to Ontario's youth through an expanded web presence, the "Youth Corner" in the *OHS Bulletin*, the outstanding Reading and Remembrance programme, and by supporting the Ontario Regional Heritage Fairs. In 2012, students participating in twenty regional Heritage Fairs received certificates, ribbons of excellence, and book prizes. Thanks to First Vice President Joe Stafford for his continuing leadership in this exciting area of growth. Going forward, our digitization initiatives will especially reach out to a new generation keenly interested in our province's great history and heritage. *See also: Youth, pg 13.*

Our 124th Annual General Meeting and Honours and Awards Ceremony were held in conjunction with the 2012 – A Year of History Conference. The day was as informative and enjoyable, as it was fast-paced. Our partners, the Waterloo Historical Society and Waterloo Region Museum, were genial and gracious hosts. Your Society was pleased to be able to share in and celebrate WHS's 100th anniversary



Representatives from the OHS, the Waterloo Historical Society, and Waterloo Region Museum are pictured with keynote speakers during the "2012 – A Year of History" Conference.

on the inspiring campus of Ontario's largest community museum. Thank you Waterloo.

As always, one of the day's highlights was the Honours and Awards Ceremony. It is right that your Society recognize and celebrate the achievements of those who work diligently in sharing and supporting the vibrant history and heritage of our province. Thanks to Dr. Ian Radforth for his fine work in coordinating this flagship endeavour. Thanks also to our nominators, nominees, and judges. Let's keep this great programme growing. *See also: Honours and Awards, pg 14.*

In closing, I would like to thank our outstanding board of directors and all of our indefatigable volunteers for their ongoing dedication to the preservation and appreciation of Ontario's history and heritage. I would also like to thank our staff Rob Leverty, Christina Perfetto, Andrea Izzo, Heather Anderson, and summer students Christopher Nitsopoulos and Elora Vink. Each of you goes the extra kilometre – and then some – each and every day. Your talents and enthusiasm do you and our Society proud. Well done.

I will end where I began – 2012 was a very good year for The Ontario Historical Society. It is a time to feel good about, and be proud of, the Society and the fine work it is doing. That said, as we mark our 125th anniversary in 2013, let us not rest on our laurels. There remains much for us to do. Let us be up and doing.

Executive Director's Report

Rob Leverty Executive Director

The following reports speak well for the diversity and significance of the Society's work, its fiscal health, and its programmes designed to preserve and promote Ontario's history.

Membership

In 2012, the Society celebrated its 124th year with unprecedented growth and diversification of its membership, resulting in both the expansion of the heritage community, and our services to it:

- Non-affiliate membership income rose 22%;
- 18% increase in subscriptions to *Ontario History*;
- OHS incorporated twelve new affiliated societies;

The Society continues to draw strength from the enthusiasm and support of its members.

Ontario History

2012 was an important year for *Ontario History*, OHS's peer reviewed scholarly journal. The Society was granted Institutional Eligibility by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to administer aid to a scholarly journal; OHS was subsequently awarded three-year funding to assist in publishing the journal.

Last year, the Society launched its War of 1812 webpage, (*see also: page 7*) and published a special double issue on the War of 1812 (*see also: page 10*).

Thanks to Editor Dr. Tory Tronrud and Book Review Editor Dr. Ron Stagg, in addition to all the authors who submitted their articles and the peer

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reviewers for their outstanding scholarly work.

Thank You

In 2012, three partners generously donated in-kind goods and services to the Society for a total value of \$21,110. These contributions supported major initiatives, including the bicentennial website and the "2012 – A Year of History" Conference.

The OHS appreciates the support and financial assistance of its government and corporate sponsors, including: The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, SSHRC, Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of Canadian Heritage, Ontario Power Generation, Dundurn, and Davis LLP.

It is my pleasure to thank our President, Dr. B.E.S. (Brad) Rudachyk and the entire board of directors for the many hours they have donated to ensure good governance of the Society.

I cannot thank enough all our highly skilled and dedicated volunteers. Our 2012 audited financial statements record that OHS volunteers donated over 9,100 hours of their time this year in support of the Society's activities.

Thanks to everyone who made it all happen in 2012! The Society will continue to build upon its tradition of service to the province's heritage community in order to ensure a future for Ontario's past.

Treasurer's Report

Naresh Khosla Treasurer

The Society's 2012 audited financial statements, prepared by Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP, demonstrate that The Ontario Historical Society is in good fiscal health and its finances continue to improve. 2012 was an active year and the operations show again a fiscal surplus with positive net assets.

Revenues increased to \$445,000 in 2012 from \$373,000 last year. The increases were in donations, membership including affiliated societies, and *Ontario History* revenue. Total expenses increased from \$372,000 to \$424,000. This increase in expenses was mainly in programmes, public outreach, and *Ontario History*. Administrative and general expenses are strongly controlled, and there has been no increase in staff for several years. The current staff is fully stretched to deal with the rapid and sustained growth in membership and services to it. Volunteers donated approximately 9,100 hours in support of the Society's activities (2011-8653 hours).

Ontario History showed a surplus of \$3,000 (2011-deficit of \$29,000). This occurred because of increased subscriptions to *Ontario History* and grants received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport.

The Society is very appreciative of the continued financial support of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport and of all government and corporate sponsors and individual members and donors.

Museums Committee

Serge Ducharme Chair, Museums Committee

The Ontario Historical Society's Museums Committee was established to support community museums by providing advice and direction, writing letters of support, producing resource material, and acting as a network between the different institutions across the province.

In 2012 the Committee:

- Found new committee members to improve provincial representation;
- Explored the role and complexities of social media in museums;
- Began compiling a list of museums operated by historical societies; and
- Began working on a new edition of *Past Reflections: Museum Clippings*.



Photo Rob Levery

Carolynn Wilson, Curator of Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum, stands beside a granite monument dedicated to Black marine history at their new location in Clarksburg, Ontario. This privately owned museum is a member of the OHS and focuses on local Black History. Visit www.sheffieldparkblackhistorymuseum.webs.com.

Public Outreach, Services, and Programmes

Not-for-Profit Members

Throughout 2012, the OHS continued to provide consultations and services to over 825 of its affiliated societies, member organizations, and member institutions to discuss strategic directions, solve problems, provide references for grant applications, explore heritage designations and easements, review and revise constitutions and by-laws, ensure good corporate governance, process insurance applications, incorporate non-profits through affiliation, write letters of good standing for affiliated societies, surrender charters, facilitate corporate name changes, and support member applications for federal charitable tax status.

In 2012, the OHS held incorporation meetings in the following twelve communities: Merrickville, Paris, Sudbury, Ayr, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Hamilton, Huntsville, Kensington Market (Toronto), Uxbridge, Willowdale, Windsor, and Wikwemikong First Nation.

Presentations, Workshops, and Events

The following list is a *sampling* of the events, presentations, and workshops the OHS was involved in during 2012:

The OHS made a presentation or held an exhibit at the following events in 2012:

- Prospectors and Developers Assoc. of Canada's International Convention, in partnership with Jack Munroe Historical Society of Elk City;

- Ontario Black History Society's Annual Brunch;
- OHS presented the Ontario Heritage Trust's Certificate of Achievement in Cultural Heritage at Heritage Community Church, Collingwood;
- SilverShoe Historical Society's Annual Memorial Candlelight Service at the Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in Clearview Township;
- OHS was a featured charity of the City of Toronto's Cultura Festival at Mel Lastman Square;
- OHS presented to the Ontario Museum Association a certificate in recognition of its 40th Anniversary at the OMA Conference in Niagara;
- Heritage Canada's 2012 National, Provincial, and Territorial Council Meeting in Montréal.

The OHS provided the following workshops or professional development opportunities in 2012:

- "Public Education Outreach" workshop at the national conference of the Italian-Canadian Archives Project;
- "The effects of the War of 1812 on Manitoulin Island," in partnership with the Voyageur Heritage Network at Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah;
- "War of 1812" workshop at Waterford Heritage and Agricultural Museum;
- "Peer Leaders" youth workshop, in partnership with Trinity Theatre;
- Public Lecture at the Craigleith Heritage Depot in Thornbury;
- Lecture and information table at the North-East Council Historical Archaeology Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland;



Pictured above are panelists of the “Archives in the Waterloo Region Roundtable: the first quarter century of the digital age,” a session offered during the “2012 – A Year of History” Conference, held in partnership with the Waterloo Historical Society and the Waterloo Region Museum.

- “Edibles in the Urban Landscape: Living and Eating Locally,” in partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden.

The OHS was a guest or keynote speaker at the following events in 2012:

- Niagara Escarpment Commission’s Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony for Lyn MacMillan at the University of Toronto;
- AGM of the Nasagieweya Historical Society (incorporated by the OHS in 1983) and the AGM of the Unionville Villagers’ Association (incorporated by the OHS in 2009);
- 125th Anniversary of the Lundy’s Lane Historical Society in Niagara Falls;
- War of 1812 lectures at meetings of the Oshawa Historical Society, the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society, and the Barrie Historical Society;
- Heritage Foods lecture at a meeting of the Dundas Historical Society;
- Meetings of the following organizations: Scugog Shores Historical Society, West Toronto Junction Historical Society, and Swansea Historical Society.

The OHS participated in and supported the following events in 2012:

- War of 1812 Bicentennial Symposium in Guelph, hosted by the Living History Conference;
- Provincial Heritage Fair of the Ontario Heritage Fairs Association;
- Memorial services of life member Hugh MacMillan in Glengarry County and of member Louis Badone in North York;



In 2012, the OHS continued to support the activities of its heritage sector partners. Pictured at an education outreach event hosted by WNED Buffalo-Toronto and the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) titled “Underground Railroad: The William Still Story” are WNED Vice President of Education and Outreach Dr. John Craig, OBHS President Rosemary Sadlier, and OHS Past President Dr. Bryan Walls.

- “Underground Railroad: The William Still Story,” presented by WNED and Ontario Black History Society, BME Christ Church St. James, Toronto;
- Student conference hosted by St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School’s history club, The Renaissance Society, Belleville. The theme of the conference was “The War of 1812 and Canada’s Military Tradition: Past, Present, and Future”;
- “Anishinaabe First Nations in the War of 1812,” held at the Native Canadian Centre;
- Annual Fall Meeting of the Voyageur Heritage Network in Sudbury including a workshop hosted by Science North;
- Dr. John Bacher’s presentation entitled “Two Billion Trees and Counting: The Legacy of Edmund Zavitz,” held at the South Grey Museum.

Many public and private museums are members of OHS. In 2012, the Society provided museological services to these members, including: The Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum in Clarksburg, and the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum in Puce.

Web Projects

The highly successful Reading and Remembrance Programme continued in 2012 with its theme “1812-2012: The Past Matters” (see page 13).

The Society expanded its web presence last year through an increase in social media publishing and through the launch of its War of 1812 webpage, which was funded by a Government of Ontario



The Voyageur Heritage Network, in partnership with the OHS hosted their Spring 2012 Workshop at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island. There, workshop speakers explored topics including First Nations history and the effects of the War of 1812 on Manitoulin Island. Pictured are representatives of the OHS, Wikwemikong First Nation, Laurentian University, and Assiginack Museum.

Museum and Technology Fund grant. In addition to a bicentennial news and events portal, the webpage gives subscribers to *Ontario History*, for the first time ever, electronic web access to scholarship published in that journal on the War of 1812 – over 70 articles and 24 book reviews, published as far back as 1905. The project has been successful in achieving its goal: connecting Ontarians electronically to both their scholarly and local history.

The Society's Ontario Heritage Directory Online continues to be a popular feature of the website, and the OHS encourages its member organizations and institutions to continue sending in updates!

Insurance Programme

The Society processed and approved 31 applications from member organizations across the province. As soon as the OHS approves an application for the insurance programme, Jones DesLauriers consults each historical organization to ensure that insurance policies are tailored to address specific needs and local circumstances. The OHS insurance programme



OHS volunteer John Rae (standing, left) and OHS staff led two professional development roundtables on accessibility issues facing heritage organizations and institutions, as part of the Ontario Museum Association's Accessibility Symposium, held in partnership with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario and the Royal Ontario Museum.

enables and protects volunteers across Ontario who serve on the boards of directors of the Society's member organizations. As of December 31, 2012, there are 73 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 80 organizations that have General Liability Insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million, and 35 organizations have purchased coverage for contents and property.

Accessibility

The OHS gave a presentation "Making Museums and Art Galleries More Inclusive" to students and staff at the Faculty of Information, University of Toronto. The Society led two roundtables at the OMA's Accessibility Symposium in partnership with the Royal Ontario Museum and the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO). As an EnAbling Change Partner, OHS was invited to participate in the ADO's EnAbling ExChange: Accessibility Networking Event.

OHS's volunteer accessibility workshop speaker John Rae contributed another feature article entitled "Inclusive Programming at Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum," his fifth installment in the "Access Beyond the Ramp" series of the *OHS Bulletin*.

John McKenzie House

In 1992, the former City of North York enacted by-law no. 31872 designating the John McKenzie

Online Connection ...

www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/accessibility



Read John Rae's article series
"Access Beyond the Ramp"

Commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812-14 and educating Ontarians about its impact on the formation of the Canadian nation was a 2012 priority. OHS offered a number of bicentennial-related programmes and services, including a new web expansion, lesson plans, a special double issue of *Ontario History*, and a number of workshops and presentations. Pictured above is a War of 1812 reenactor from the 41st Regiment of Foot Living Military History Group at the Bicentennial Presentations of the “2012 – A Year of History” Conference.



Photo Andrea Izzo



Design Mary Cook

OHS's Reading and Remembrance's 2012 theme, “1812-2012: The Past Matters,” provides teachers with bicentennial-themed lesson plans and activities. Educators are encouraged to take advantage of this free bilingual service. The website remains active year-round and also features lessons that can be related all year, including Women's History Month and Black History Month. Learn more at readingandremembrance.ca. Read more about this youth education programme on page 13.

House, milk house, and coach house for their provincially significant historical and architectural features (*Ontario Heritage Act*, Part IV).

On February 7, 2012, the City of Toronto enacted by-law no. 134-2012 to amend the heritage designation to now include the adjacent community garden and McKenzie Parkette. It also revised the Reasons for Designation to reflect the 2005 amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* by including a statement of the cultural heritage value of the property and a description of its heritage attributes. OHS worked vigorously in support of the enactment of both the original heritage designation by-law in 1992 and the amending by-law in 2012.

In May, the OHS participated in the 13th Annual Doors Open Toronto; over 900 guests visited the historic John McKenzie House. This successful event depended on OHS volunteers who donated their time to provide tours. The OHS has participated in every Doors Open Toronto since its inception in 1999.

Events hosted at the John McKenzie House last year included: OHS's Heritage and Family Day Reception in

recognition of its 2011 partners, donors, and volunteers; segments of The Ontario Women's History Network conference, “Women and the War of 1812”; the Society's board of directors meetings and finance and audit committee meetings; six community meetings; five special events; and twenty private rentals.

Parkview Neighbourhood Garden

The OHS enjoyed the fourth year of its partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG), a communal, organic market garden led by a volunteer steering committee. It is believed to be the first instance in Toronto of housing being reclaimed for local urban agriculture. The garden is situated on the site of the John McKenzie property's former vegetable patch adjacent to the milk house, stable and coach house. The stable is loaned by OHS to PNG's volunteers to store their tools and equipment.

PNG sold over 1,300 lbs. of organic herbs, berries and vegetables to the neighbourhood; \$550 was donated to a local “Out of the Cold” programme. The orchard was started with two pear and apple trees and one plum tree. A website was established which will help PNG interact with the local community and volunteers. Garden members teamed with the OHS in support of numerous community events including Doors Open and Cultura Festival 2012. Garden volunteers provided supervision to more than a dozen high school students working towards their community service credits.

Online Connection ...

www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/jmhouse



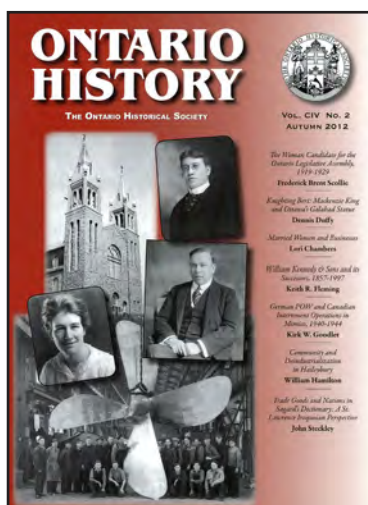
Read John McKenzie House's heritage designation document

Ontario History

Dr. Thorold Tronrud
Editor, *Ontario History*

The year 2012 featured two large issues of *Ontario History*. The first, of double size, commemorated the bicentennial of the beginning of the War of 1812. A full 230 pages in length, it contained articles both old and new. Seminal works from four past masters dealt with the economic impact of the war on Upper Canada (Adam Shortt, known as the father of professional economics in Canada), the capture of York (by a young Charles W. Humphries), the navies of Lake Ontario (by the renowned Barlow Cumberland – businessman, soldier, footballer and historian), and the Ancaster Bloody Assize of 1814 (by William Renwick Riddell of the Ontario Supreme Court). Three of these articles were published over 90 years ago by dedicated amateur historians, but they nevertheless set a high standard for today's scholars.

The modern historians didn't disappoint. Elaine Young, Timothy Forest and Todd Stubbs all wrote on ways the war has been commemorated – a century ago, in the 1920s and today – while Mark Olinger gave us an American perspective on the military aspects of the conflict. Jean Morrison made us



Ontario History,
in print since 1899

realize that the war was not limited to Upper and Lower Canada but was indeed a conflict that spread as far as the Pacific coast and involved combatants from all across the west. Finally, James Tyler Robinson brought a First Nations perspective to bear as seen through the unique lens of one of Upper Canada's most famous men, the Rev. John Strachan.

The autumn issue of *Ontario History* was also quite lengthy, with seven articles dealing with a wide variety of issues. These ranged from Brent Scollie's examination of female candidates for the legislature before 1929 and Dennis Duffy's fascinating look at the mind of Mackenzie King via his quest to commemorate his dear friend, Bert Harper, to three articles dealing with aspects of business – Keith Fleming's study of the industrial equipment manufacturer, William Kennedy & Sons; William Hamilton's article on deindustrialization in Haileybury; and Lori Chambers' examination of the challenges facing married women running businesses in the 19th century. Then there's John Steckley's challenging work on linguistic history in the 16th and 17th centuries, something completely different for most readers of the journal but certainly worth the effort.

As usual, I owe a debt of gratitude to Ron Stagg of Ryerson University for editing 17 excellent book reviews, to Arthur Silver for taking over the task of translating, and to the nine scholars on *Ontario History's* Editorial Advisory Committee for their wise counsel and eagerness to help.

Affiliated Societies

Linda Kelly
Chair, Affiliated Societies

An Act to incorporate The Ontario Historical Society, Assented to 1st April, 1899, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, authorizes the OHS to incorporate not-for-profit historical organizations as separate legal entities in the Province of Ontario.

Citizens dedicated to preserving and promoting some aspect of Ontario's history can apply to incorporate non-profit corporations through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society. Each applicant must satisfy OHS's incorporation criteria, which includes preparing a mission statement, forming a volunteer board of directors, establishing a constitution and by-laws, holding a public meeting, and paying an administration fee.

The Ontario Historical Society provides many services and programmes to its affiliated societies, including the popular insurance programme.

Since 2008, the OHS has incorporated 57 historical organizations across Ontario, 94% of which are based outside of the City of Toronto, and 22% of which serve communities in northern Ontario.

In 2012, the OHS incorporated twelve not-for-profit historical organizations. The Society is proud to welcome the following affiliated societies:

March 3, 2012

- Friends of the Merrickville Turbine
- Canadian Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills

June 8, 2012

- Society for the Preservation of Paris Architectural Heritage
- New Sudbury Historical Society/Historique du Nouveau Sudbury

October 13, 2012

- Friends of Auchmar
- Morgan Horse Heritage Centre
- John McNeely McCrea Pioneer Model and Educational Fund
- Paris Plains Cemetery Association
- Huntsville and Area Historical Society
- Wiikwe-aapkaak Gabizhiwebak Society

November 29, 2012

- Kensington Market Historical Society
- Southern Ontario Military Muster



Online Connection ... www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/incorporation
View a listing of the 57 historical organizations incorporated by OHS since 2008

Communications

Andrea Izzo Coordinator of Communications

The communications strategy for the Society in 2012 saw the organization continue to increase its interaction with the public through social media channels and with news media, while also preserving traditional methods. Communication between members, partners, the media, and the general public remains a high priority for the Society.

The OHS's Facebook page continues to be a growing success. As of June 2013, over 590 individuals with some interest in Ontario's heritage have followed the media releases of the Society and its partners on Facebook; over 100 have through its Twitter feed.

The Society also developed and launched a new War of 1812 bicentennial webpage, featuring a news and events portal that allows members to not only view community postings about the War of 1812, but also to add their own posts, including links, images, and text. The OHS will continue to increase its web presence and act as a communications hub that digitally connects Ontario's heritage sector.

OHS Bulletin saw another very busy and successful year, with issues 182 through 186 jam-packed with information to inform, educate, and entertain. Many thanks to the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make the *Bulletin* a success!



Photo Rob Levery

In 2012, the Society continued to maintain a high level of service for and communication with its over 350 affiliated societies across Ontario. OHS attended an historical play presented by the Jack Munroe Historical Society of Elk City (JMHEC). Pictured above (left to right) are two JMHEC members, the play's actor Wayne McKay, and local MPP John Vanthof (Timiskaming-Cochrane).



Photo Rob Levery

OHS Board Director Carolyn King is seen here with Alan Corbiere after his lecture "Anishinaabe First Nations in the War of 1812," held at the Native Canadian Centre in Toronto. Alan's presentation was one of Heritage Toronto's War of 1812 Bicentennial Fall Lectures.



Online Connection ...

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Youth Initiatives

Joe Stafford Chair, Youth Initiatives

The Ontario Historical Society continued, in 2012, to emphasize the need to target youth and encourage within them an interest in their local history. The Society achieved this goal through a number of avenues: by continuing to support and engage Ontario youth through the *OHS Bulletin's* "Youth Corner," Doors Open Toronto, by supporting Ontario Heritage Fairs, and of course, Reading and Remembrance. In July 2012, the OHS hosted its youth leadership workshop in partnership with Trinity Theatre (*see photo, right*) and in October it attended and supported St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School Renaissance Society's Annual Conference in Belleville.

Reading and Remembrance

This volunteer-developed free educational program continued to see leaps and bounds with respect to its growth and its reach. The 2012 theme "1812 to 2012, The Past Matters" saw ten new lesson plans published in both French and English. Each year, every school board across Ontario is contacted and invited to participate in Reading and Remembrance. The OHS extends many thanks to Angie Littlefield and Mary Cook for their invaluable contributions, and to Ontario Power Generation and Veterans



The Society, in partnership with Trinity Theatre's Summer 2012 "We're Here Now!" Youth Leadership Programme, hosted the Second Annual Peer Leaders workshop at the John McKenzie House. The workshop prepares students to return to their secondary schools with information to share with their peers about the importance of volunteerism and the challenges facing Ontario's heritage and non-profit sectors.

Affairs Canada for their financial support.

Ontario Heritage Fairs

The Society was proud to be involved once again in the 2012 Ontario Regional Heritage Fairs, hosted by OHS affiliated society OHFA. The OHS provided ribbons of excellence, certificates and book awards, and the OHS Reading and Remembrance Award to students at twenty regional youth fairs across Ontario. Visit www.ohfa.ca for more information.



Online Connection ... www.readingandremembrance.ca

Access hundreds of free bilingual lesson plans and activities focusing on Canada's Remembrance history

Honours and Awards

Dr. Ian Radforth Chair, Honours and Awards

In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society established an Awards programme to honour individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage. The 2012 awards were presented on June 22, 2013 at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation's Community Centre in Hagersville

Scadding Award of Excellence

Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee

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Joseph Brant Award

Allan Sherwin for *Bridging Two Peoples: Chief Peter E. Jones, 1843-1909*,
Wilfrid Laurier University Press

Alison Prentice Award

Katrina Srigley for *Breadwinning Daughters: Young*



Photo Yehezkel Lipinsky

In June 2012, OHS Past President Bob Leech (left) visited Toronto's Stashover-Slipia Congregation to present the Joseph Brant Award to Dr. Jack Lipinsky for his book, *Imposing their Will: An Organizational History of Jewish Toronto, 1933-1948*. The Joseph Brant Award honours the best book on Ontario's multicultural history. Learn more about OHS's heritage recognition programme at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards.

Working Women in a Depression-Era City, 1929-1939, University of Toronto Press

Fred Landon Award

Robert J. Sharpe for *The Lazier Murder: Prince Edward County, 1884*, University of Toronto Press

J. J. Talman Award

Stuart Henderson for *Making the Scene: Yorkville and Hip Toronto in the 1960s*,
University of Toronto Press

Riddell Award

Owen Temby for "Trouble in Smogville: The Politics of Toronto's Air Pollution during the 1950s," *Journal of Urban History* (May 2012)

Donald Grant Creighton Award

James FitzGerald for *What Disturbs Our Blood: A Son's Quest to Redeem the Past*, Random House

Huguenot Society of Canada Award

Jennifer Lanthier for *The Stamp Collector*,
Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Cemetery Preservation

Rob Leverty Executive Director

In 1995, the Society was forced to establish a trust fund to protect Ontario's cemeteries from inappropriate development. In 2012, the OHS achieved many accomplishments in the struggle to preserve and promote Ontario's cemeteries, thanks to generous financial contributions to the Cemetery Defense Fund and donated time and skills from dedicated volunteers.

The OHS was invited by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer Services to participate in its heritage stakeholder consultation concerning its Delegated Administrative Authority Proposal for a single regulator for the province's bereavement sector.

Since 2006, the OHS and OGS have collaborated to determine how many cemeteries are not registered with the Province of Ontario. The OHS has no appeal rights with regard to unregistered cemeteries and thus it is almost impossible in these cases for the Society to intervene effectively to protect the *public interest*.

On June 2, 2011, in a meeting with Hon. John Gerretsen, then Minister of Consumer Services, the OHS and OGS officially presented the Government of Ontario with a database of 1,535 unregistered cemeteries. The Province of Ontario subsequently requested that the two societies positively identify the exact location of all these



Photo Andrea Izzo

The joint OHS-OGS volunteer Unregistered Cemeteries Committee continued their public outreach activities by providing displays at both the "2012 - A Year of History" Conference at the Waterloo Region Museum (pictured above) and at the OGS conference in Kingston.

cemeteries in order to register them.

I am pleased to report that in 2012, the two societies officially submitted to the Ontario Government lists of unregistered cemeteries in the Districts and Counties of Algoma, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dundas, and Durham. OHS and OGS volunteers continue to work tirelessly on this historic initiative. It is in the *public interest* that all cemeteries be accorded the same legal status and be treated equally; the OHS, in partnership with OGS, will honour its public commitments on this important principle.

In 2012, the *OHS Bulletin's* "Cemetery News" column remained very popular, but the number of articles and pressing issues submitted far exceeded the space available for each publication. Throughout the year, the OHS also helped to research and answer questions and assist families and descendants across Ontario who had relatives buried in pioneer cemeteries threatened by development.

Membership

Christina Perfetto Membership Coordinator

As Membership Coordinator I would like to express my gratitude and say thanks to all our members for their support in 2012.

Many of you have donated funds to assist the Society, while others have donated their time and services by volunteering during special events. I would like to welcome our new members and subscribers. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy our newsletter and our journal *Ontario History*.

With your membership renewals and your donations, the Society can continue its great work across the province. I hope that you enjoy your membership benefits, and I look forward to assisting you throughout the coming year.

It is my pleasure to work with the OHS and continue to provide the best customer service to our loyal members, subscribers, and donors.



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2012 saw again a rise in membership income, thanks in part to a significant increase since 2007 in historical organizations that incorporated through affiliation with the OHS. Pictured above are members of Archives Lanark, which incorporated in December 2011.

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THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The foremost historical organization in the province, The Ontario Historical Society, originally called the Pioneer Association of Ontario, was established on September 4, 1888 largely through the efforts of the Reverend Henry Scadding. It initially operated as a federation of local groups and was primarily concerned with the promotion of British-Canadian nationalism through the study of history. Reorganized in 1898 and incorporated with an expanded mandate the following year, the Society became increasingly involved in the movement to preserve archival records and historic sites. It also assumed more scholarly pursuits, including a publication program, in addition to encouraging and co-ordinating the activities of local historical associations and museums. Today the Society continues its many efforts to preserve, interpret and publicize Ontario's multi-faceted heritage.

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