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The historic John McKenzie House in Willowdale is an Ontario heritage landmark. Since preventing its demolition in 1991, the Ontario Historical Society has worked to preserve, protect, and restore the home and its adjacent outbuildings. In 2016, the Society partnered with the City of Toronto to install a new slate roof, designed to match the original roof installed in 1913. The above image was referenced by architects and heritage experts during the planning and design stages.



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Established in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is a not-for-profit corporation, registered charity, and publisher. The OHS is 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.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Caroline Di Cocco, **PRESIDENT**

The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) enjoyed a busy and eventful year in 2016. Our network continues to grow across the province and we are proud to support the ever-expanding grassroots heritage community in Ontario. Since 2010 the Society has incorporated 70 not-for-profit historical organizations. This year the OHS incorporated seven new groups, including three in Northern Ontario.

The reports that follow speak well for the diversity and significance of the work done by the Society, its fiscal health and its programs and services designed to meet the needs of all the peoples of Ontario.

The OHS Board of Directors focused on a number of important governance issues in 2016, including the development of a new strategic plan and a revised human resources plan for the organization. The OHS 2016-2019 Strategic Direction states the Society's continued commitment to our overall goals, which include the promotion of our shared provincial history and heritage; support for Ontario's historical societies, heritage organizations and institutions; the incorporation of new historical societies from across Ontario; publication of our scholarly journal *Ontario History*, and our involvement in projects that encourage and develop the study, research, and writing of history in Ontario.

Our new strategic direction also calls for the development of a broader digital engagement, including educational programming and an expanded communications and marketing strategy. This approach will require a new online platform and more human resources to implement it.

The *Ontario History* Committee has been particularly busy in 2016 examining how to transform and modernize the delivery of our scholarly, peer-reviewed journal, *Ontario History*. After a great deal of research and planning, the OHS Board of Directors has decided that in 2017, new issues of *Ontario History* will be available both in print and online through Érudit, a digital publisher and scholarly disseminator. You can read more about the process on page 8.

I am pleased to announce that after years of investigation, research, and planning, the OHS partnered with the City of Toronto to install a new slate roof at the Society's headquarters, John McKenzie House. The roof has been restored according to the original design of the house. With a roof built to last over a century, the OHS is proud to continue working towards the preservation and maintenance of this historic property. You can read about this project in greater detail on page 7.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our affiliated societies, members, subscribers, donors and volunteers for the important work they do across the province. Your hard work and dedication ensure the protection of our provincial history. I want to also thank my colleagues on the OHS Board of Directors and our dedicated staff for guiding the Society through another successful year.



OHS President Caroline Di Cocco (right) poses for a photo with Margaret Sault of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation after her keynote speech at the 128th AGM of the Ontario Historical Society, June 11, 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert (Bob) Leech, **TREASURER**

The Society's 2016 financial statements, audited by Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landzberg LLP, show a modest loss with a balance sheet that is sound, healthy, and debt free. Revenues from grants, memberships, subscriptions to *Ontario History*, and donations amounted to \$496,562, up approximately \$39,000 from the year before.

Total expenses were \$535,971 for the year. This is an increase of approximately \$36,000 from the previous year. The largest cause for this increase was the expenditure to finance the slate roof restoration project for the historic John McKenzie House. Although there was a fiscal deficit of \$39,407, the OHS still maintains positive net assets representing an accumulated surplus for the Society.

In 2015, the Society received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for \$175,800 in support of the OHS Reach project. This project was successfully completed in 2016. All reporting requirements related to the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant were fulfilled and the Foundation's file on the grant was formally closed. During the last two years, the Society contributed approximately \$25,575 of in-kind contributions towards the project.

In 2016, the Society received \$6,955 of donated services and OHS volunteers also donated an estimated 11,300 hours in support of its activities, up from 10,750 in 2015.

The Society is very appreciative of the financial support of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport; the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; the Ontario Trillium Foundation; Canada Summer Jobs; Human Resources and Development Canada; Department of Canadian Heritage (Young Canada Works, through The Canadian Museums Association); Capital Assets, Museums & Heritage Services, City of Toronto; Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program/Avec l'appui du Programme d'infrastructure communautaire de Canada 150; Toronto Heritage Grant Program; Dundurn; York Pioneer & Historical Society; North York Historical Society; Waterloo Historical Society; Swank Designs; Westbury National, and all OHS members, subscribers to *Ontario History*, and our individual donors.

The Society remains committed to its policies of fiscal discipline, strict spending controls, no debt, and prudent financial management.

PUBLIC OUTREACH, SERVICES, PROGRAMS

Rob Leverty, **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBERS

Throughout 2016, the OHS provided the following consultations and services to its affiliated societies, member organizations, and member institutions: examine strategic directions, solve problems, provide references for grant applications, explore heritage designations and conservation easements, review and revise constitutions and by-laws, discuss good corporate governance, process insurance applications, incorporate not-for-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 2016, the OHS held incorporation meetings in the following communities: Brampton, Burlington, Markham, Milton, Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Wesleyville.



On July 12, 2016, OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (second from right) and OHS Summer Student/Membership and Public Outreach Assistant, Jessica Di Laurenzio (far right) met with members of St. Mark's Coptic Museum (SMCM) for an incorporation consultation meeting. The museum connects its visitors to the history of the Copts and Coptic civilizations through its collection of inspiring artwork and artifacts. The SMCM was incorporated as a not-for-profit heritage organization through affiliation with the OHS on February 28, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS

The following list is a *sample* of the events, presentations, workshops, and webinars that the OHS was involved with in 2016:

THE OHS HELD A TABLE OR GAVE A PRESENTATION AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- ~Ontario Black History Society's Black History Month Kickoff Brunch
- ~Collingwood Historical Society 30th Anniversary
- ~Cooley Hatt Cemetery Dedication Ceremony
- ~Friends of the South Grey Museum 150th Celebration of Grey & Simcoe Foresters
- ~Kanyen'keha Revitalization Society Meeting
- ~Ontario Genealogical Society/Ontario Historical Society Unregistered Cemeteries Committee Volunteers Appreciation Reception
- ~South Western Ontario Heritage Council Quarterly Meeting
- ~York Pioneer And Historical Society Annual General Meeting
- ~Friends of Auchmar Annual General Meeting

THE OHS DELIVERED A WORKSHOP OR PRESENTATION TO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- ~Avening Women's Institute
- ~Beaverton Historical Society

- ~Campbell House Museum
- ~Coldwater Canadiana Museum
- ~Durham Art Gallery
- ~Fellowship Church
- ~Grey Roots Museum & Archives
- ~Lang Pioneer Village
- ~North Grenville Historical Society
- ~Ontario Archaeological Society – Toronto Branch
- ~Orillia Museum of Art and History
- ~Silver Shoe Historical Society
- ~Stayner Heritage
- ~W.R. Best Memorial Elementary School
- ~Western University Special Libraries Association Student Group

THE OHS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS:

- ~Project Management for Digitization Programs; (Three-Part Webinar Series)
- ~The Secrets to Strategic Success: Strategic Planning for Small Organizations (Webinar)
- ~Ontario Archaeology 101 (Webinar)
- ~Technology Planning for Heritage Organizations: Lessons Learned and Resources from the OHS Reach Project (Webinar)
- ~The 1837 Rebellion; A Workshop
- ~Trinity Theatre Peer Leaders Youth Workshop

THE OHS PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- ~Doors Open Toronto
- ~Italian Canadian Archives Project Annual General Meeting and Conference
- ~Lucy and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre Opening
- ~National Council for Territorial and Provincial Heritage Organizations Annual Meeting
- ~Oro African Church Grand Reopening & Celebration
- ~National Trust for Canada Annual Heritage Conference
- ~Ontario Heritage Conference
- ~Ontario Library Association Superconference
- ~Ontario Museum Association's Museums at Queen's Park
- ~Black History Month Reception at Queen's Park
- ~Ontario Heritage Fairs Association - Regional Fair (East York)
- ~Heritage Toronto Awards
- ~George Brown House Plaque Unveiling
- ~Hubbard Park Plaque Unveiling
- ~Archives of Ontario 'Family Ties' Exhibit Grand Opening



On July 15, 2016, the Ontario Historical Society hosted Trinity Theatre's Peer Leaders Youth Workshop at John McKenzie House. The visit provides a great opportunity for students to learn more about not-for-profit organizations and how to discover their local history. The OHS staff also heard some great suggestions from the students on how to better engage youth in heritage programs and events.

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Established in 2008, the OHS Insurance Program remains very popular with the Society's membership. In 2016, the OHS held 37 insurance consultations with historical organizations and witnessed a 19.9% growth in the number of new insurance policies issued to member organizations across Ontario.

Once the OHS approves a new policy application, the Society's insurance broker, Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc., holds a thorough consultation with the applicant to ensure that each policy is tailored to the specific needs and local circumstances of the organization. The OHS Insurance Program provides protection for the volunteer board members of OHS member organizations across Ontario.

As of December 31, 2016, there are 138 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 133 organizations that have Commercial General Liability insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million, with some up to \$5 million. There are 53 organizations that have purchased coverage for contents and property.

PARKVIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

The OHS enjoyed the eighth year of its partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG), a communal, organic market garden led by a volunteer leadership group. It is believed to be the first instance in Toronto of residential real estate 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 OHS loans the stable to PNG's volunteers to store their tools and equipment.

In 2016, despite an extremely hot, dry summer, PNG sold nearly \$2,500 worth of organic herbs, berries, and vegetables. All \$2,500 of the proceeds were donated to local food-based charities, and PNG expects to make a sizable charitable donation again this year. Once again, PNG started many of its own seedlings in volunteers' homes, and also received kind donations of plants from local residents. Volunteers continued to enrich the poor soil in the newest part of the garden, with compost and manure supplied by the City of Toronto. Perennial

vegetables were planted and relocated in order to make the garden a little easier to maintain. In the early spring, one volunteer conducted a children's program for students from McKee Public School, who learned various gardening techniques. Garden members teamed up with the OHS for Doors Open once again this year. Volunteers also provided supervision to community members and several high school students working towards their community-service credits. At the end of the season, PNG renewed their partnership with the Community Share Food Bank, which picked up all surplus produce and distributed it to its food bank and community kitchen. Also, some produce was donated to the North York Harvest Food Bank. No edible food had to be composted.



OHS Executive Assistant Heather Anderson (pictured above, second from the left) guided local students on a tour of the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden.



In the new year, OHS Executive Director Rob Levery, Executive Assistant Heather Anderson, and Communications & Outreach Coordinator Daniel Dishaw travelled to Thunder Bay to host an OHS symposium and meet with members from across the region. Individuals from twenty-four organizations and institutions attended the symposium, hosted by the Thunder Bay Museum during Heritage Week 2017.

CEMETERY DEFENCE

In 1995, the Society was forced to establish a trust fund to protect Ontario's cemeteries from inappropriate development. In 2016, the OHS continued to struggle to preserve and promote Ontario's cemeteries. This on-going work was accomplished thanks to financial contributions to the OHS Cemetery Defence Fund and donated time and skills from generous volunteers.

Throughout 2016, the OHS helped to research and answer questions in order to assist families and descendants across Ontario who had relatives buried in pioneer cemeteries that were threatened by real estate development.

In 2016, the Cooley-Hatt Pioneer Cemetery (1786) in Ancaster was restored and rededicated. In the struggle to preserve our cemeteries in their original locations, this was a major accomplishment celebrated by the OHS and the Cooley-Hatt descendants. After a 20-year battle, the threat to relocate this historic, unregistered cemetery for real estate development finally ended.



At the October OHS Board meeting, Directors (left to right) Janie Cooper-Wilson and Carolyn King were appointed Co-Chairs of the OHS Cemeteries and Preservation Committee. Carolyn King is a former Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. In October 2016, Carolyn received Heritage Toronto's Special Achievement Award for her decades-long efforts to preserve the history of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and to celebrate and share First Nations heritage in the Greater Toronto Area. Janie Cooper-Wilson is the Executive Director of the Silver Shoe Historical Society, a non-profit heritage organization dedicated to the preservation of Bethel Union Cemetery in Clearview Township, Simcoe County. She was also a driving force behind the restoration of the Oro African Episcopal Church, which was reopened in August, 2016.

In September 2016, an OHS staff member was appointed to the Cemetery, Crematorium & Municipal Advisory Committee of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, a new not-for-profit corporation, delegated with the responsibility to administer provisions of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 on behalf of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. Meetings of the Advisory Committee began in early 2017, with the aim to represent the consumer interests of Ontarians as regards to Cemeteries and Crematoriums. The OHS is the only member representing heritage interests on this provincial stakeholder committee.

Since 2006, the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) have collaborated to determine which cemeteries are not registered with the Province of Ontario. The OHS has no notification or appeal rights with regard to unregistered cemeteries. It is almost impossible in these cases for the OHS to intervene effectively to protect the public interest.

On June 2, 2011, in a meeting with Hon. John Gerretsen, the 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 cemeteries in order to register them.

In 2016, the OHS and OGS submitted detailed records of the many unregistered cemeteries to the Ontario government, in the Districts and Counties of Manitoulin, Middlesex, Muskoka, Norfolk, and Northumberland. Since 2012, the two societies have also submitted lists of unregistered cemeteries in the Regions, Districts and Counties of Algoma, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac, Grey, Glengarry, Haldimand, Halton, Hastings, Huron, Kenora, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox and Addington, and Lincoln.

It is in the public interest that all cemeteries be accorded the same legal status and be treated equally. The OHS will continue to honour its public commitments on this important principle and will work tirelessly to complete this historic initiative, documenting as much information as possible on the remaining unregistered cemeteries across Ontario.

JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE

SLATE ROOF

Twenty-three years ago the Ontario Historical Society stepped in and rescued John McKenzie House from demolition. Since the initial restoration project began, the OHS has invested countless hours of staff time and over \$1.1 million of our own resources to help restore and maintain this valuable piece of Ontario's heritage. The Society signed a 25-year lease with the City of Toronto in 1993 to use the building as our offices.

In 2013, the OHS partnered with the City of Toronto and the Ontario Heritage Trust to secure a heritage conservation easement for the house and surrounding property, guaranteeing its protection for generations to come.

By 2016, the asphalt roof had decayed beyond repair. In an effort to further restore the house to its original condition, the OHS partnered with the City of Toronto to install a new slate roof designed to match the original, installed in 1913. After years of planning and negotiations, the OHS is pleased to announce the completion of this defining restoration process. Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time and resources to support this project. The roof project was completed in October, 2016. For more photos, please visit our website at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

LIMESTONE STEPS

With the roof complete, the Ontario Historical Society's built-heritage management staff turned their

attention to the front steps, composed of eleven solid limestone blocks. Although the limestone steps have not been worked on since their installation in 1913, they remain in excellent condition. The foundation needed to be repaired, but it was in surprisingly good shape. The quality of the craftsmanship at John McKenzie House continues to impress heritage restoration architects and tradespeople alike. The building was truly built to last and the Ontario Historical Society is working to ensure that it does!

The OHS thanks the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and the City of Toronto's Heritage Grants Program for their support of our limestone steps restoration project.



This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

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The OHS contracted Roof Tile Management to repair the front steps of historic John McKenzie House. The stones and their foundation required minimal repair, despite being over a century old. A small scaffolding frame was used to lift the stone steps for inspection and repair (pictured above).



OHS REACH PROJECT

The OHS has made great progress in its efforts to face strategic challenges and address the increasingly digital nature of the heritage community. In 2016, the OHS successfully completed the development stage of an initiative to transform how the Society interacts with members, subscribers, affiliated societies, and other stakeholders. The OHS also explored options for the expansion of its online services – particularly for the Society’s peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *Ontario History*. The Society’s initiative, called the OHS Reach project, was awarded a 2015 Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant, and a final report was submitted to OTF in September.

Extensive research was conducted to determine the best method of online delivery for *Ontario History*, and a legal opinion was obtained addressing copyright issues surrounding digital reproduction. The OHS is very pleased to announce that, in December, the Society partnered with scholarly digital publisher Érudit to make digital issues of *Ontario History* available on Érudit’s platform. While *Ontario History* will still continue to be published in print, the OHS is excited for the opportunity to increase the journal’s national and international reach, and improve ease of access for readers of Ontario’s premier history journal.

A notable accomplishment of the project was the production of a detailed new subject index for the last 25 years of *Ontario History*. The index covers 1993 to 2016, including 57 issues containing 278 articles, and features over 2,000 terms. Created by a professional indexer, the new index provides comprehensive access to the journal’s contents, to facilitate and encourage use of this significant body of provincial scholarship. Please explore the new subject index on the OHS website.

The OHS conducted a comprehensive review of its organizational and human resources strategies, culminating in the completion of a new strategic plan for 2016-2019, adopted by the Board of Directors in June. Reports were prepared for the Board, analyzing the results of the 2015 OHS membership survey and 2015-2016 community consultations. These reports summarized findings, noted challenges, and recommended areas of focus for programming and services.

The OHS Reach project produced four educational webinars in 2016: Loren Fantin and Jess Posgate of

OurDigitalWorld presented a three-part series on project management for digitization programs, Kim Pittaway discussed the secrets to strategic success for non-profit organizations, Paul Racher offered a primer on Ontario’s archaeological history and profession, and Sarah McCabe, OHS Reach Project Manager, presented on technology planning for heritage organizations. The recordings for each of these webinars are now available on the OHS website.

An assessment was completed of the Society’s information technology (IT) infrastructure, and recommendations were implemented based on the report, including hardware and software upgrades. In addition, an innovative IT build plan was developed for the Society’s proposed online platform (website), which will be crucial to strengthening the organization and allowing the Society to fulfil its mandate through technology. Securing adequate funding for the implementation of this platform, including a robust and updated membership management system, will be of primary importance in 2017.



On Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, the Ontario Historical Society participated in Doors Open Toronto 2016 at John McKenzie House. The OHS has participated in Doors Open Toronto every year since it began in 2000. Now, Doors Open events happen all over Ontario, and they are a great way to interest the public in local heritage sites! The OHS welcomed over 650 visitors. Many of our guests were members of the local Willowdale community who were interested in learning more about the history of John McKenzie House as well as our new slate roof project. Pictured here are OHS volunteers, Joy (far left) and Max (right) with OHS Summer Student/Membership and Public Outreach Assistant Jessica Di Laurenzio at John McKenzie House on Sunday, May 29.

ONTARIO HISTORY

Thorold (Tory) Tronrud

EDITOR, *Ontario History*

Eleven articles appeared in the pages of *Ontario History* in 2016. These covered a wide range of subjects and periods.

We continued a tradition of publishing material related to Upper Canada with four articles: Chris Raible's fascinating account of the journey undertaken by William Lyon Mackenzie as he fled pursuers in December 1837; James Forbes' analysis of evangelical dissent from 1829 to 1854; Laura J. Smith's study of the Ballygibblins and how Upper Canadians dealt with the issue of immigration, particularly from Ireland; and Erin Elizabeth Schuurs' examination of the journals of Mary O'Brien as a way to place the experiences of an Upper Canadian farm wife into the context of settlement, class, and labour.

The OHS has published its scholarly journal, *Ontario History*, since 1899.

The late nineteenth century was highlighted by three articles: Scott Belyea's work on grave robbing in Kingston; Laura Suchan's study of Demill Ladies' College in Oshawa; and Guylaine Petrin's interesting refutation of the many myths surrounding Mary Mink, a woman sold into slavery in the U.S. by her husband and later rescued in dramatic fashion.




As for scholarship on the early 20th century, we had George Warecki's study of J.R. Dymond and his work as an early conservationist. Also from the early 20th century, we featured an article by Gary M. Gibson on the case of the Lord Nelson, a Canadian ship commandeered by the U.S. during the War of 1812, spanned over a century of judicial history.

Thomas F. McIlwriath's work on the creation of Meadowvale Village in Mississauga and an article by Kevin Woodger and Elizabeth A. Stone on the establishment of the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph are both excellent studies of our 20th century history.



The year 2016 marked the advent of Alison Norman's term as Book Review Editor and Michael Zawada as our translator. Thanks to both of them for their excellent contributions. Thanks too to the members of our editorial board for their ongoing support and to the staff of the Ontario Historical Society for maintaining the journal's subscription database, and for making our journal accessible online in a form that will work for the Society and its membership, and for finalizing an electronic index of *Ontario History's* past issues. In 2016 a committee was established to help us maintain *Ontario History's* pre-eminent place among Canada's history journals. I appreciate their advice and support.

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AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Allan Macdonell, **DIRECTOR**
Chair, Affiliated Societies Committee

Citizens who organize to preserve and promote Ontario's history can apply to incorporate not-for-profit corporations through affiliation with the OHS. Each applicant must satisfy incorporation criteria, which includes preparing a mission statement, forming a volunteer board of directors, establishing a constitution and a set of by-laws, holding a public meeting, and paying a fee.

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

"From January, 2010 to December, 2016 the OHS incorporated 77 historical organizations across Ontario, 95% of which are based outside of Toronto, and 17% of which serve communities in Northern Ontario."

In 2016, the OHS incorporated seven not-for-profit historical organizations. The Society is proud to have served the following affiliated societies:

INCORPORATED MARCH 12, 2016

~The Friends of Wesleyville Village, Ontario

INCORPORATED APRIL 14, 2016

~Elgin Historical Society

INCORPORATED MAY 7, 2016

~Friends of Historic Bovaird House

INCORPORATED JUNE 11, 2016

~Lakehead Transportation Museum Society
~Green Machinery History and Heritage
~Friends of Grain Elevators

INCORPORATED JULY 29, 2016

~Halton Black History Awareness Society



In May 2016, the Cooley-Hatt Pioneer Cemetery was restored and rededicated. The OHS worked with descendants to stop proposed development on this site, and petitioned the government to register the cemetery.



As part of the OHS incorporation process, Executive Director Rob Levery met with the board of directors of the Halton Black History Awareness Society (HBHAS). On Friday, July 29, 2016, the OHS Board of Directors voted to incorporate HBHAS as a not-for-profit corporation through affiliation with the OHS.



On August 12, 2016, the Ontario Historical Society joined OHS affiliated member, the Streetsville Historical Society (SHS) to celebrate the history and the preservation of the Leslie Log House in Streetsville, Mississauga. The SHS also welcomed the Hon. Alexander Leslie, Chief of Clan Leslie.

HONOURS AND AWARDS 2016

Ian Radforth, **DIRECTOR**
Chair, Honours & Awards Committee

Established in 1967, the OHS Honours and Awards program recognizes excellence in Ontario's heritage community. Congratulations to the 2016 recipients.

AWARDS FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Township of Oro Medonte

SCADDING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Friends of Crysler's Farm Battlefield

DOROTHY DUNCAN AWARD

Thunder Bay Public Library

RUSSEL K. COOPER LIVING HISTORY SITE OR HERITAGE-BASED MUSEUM AWARD

Museum Windsor

AWARDS FOR SERVICE

CRUIKSHANK MEDAL

Edith & Geoff Geduld

CARNOCHAN AWARD

Paul Carroll

Maurice Smith

CEMETERY PRESERVATION AWARD

Don Weaver

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF CANADA AWARD

Mohamed Fahmy & Carol Shaben

The Marriott Cell: An Epic Journey from Cairo's Scorpion Prison to Freedom.

J. J. TALMAN AWARD

Sarah Bassnett

Picturing Toronto: Photography and the Making of a Modern City



Last year, Chair of the OHS Honours and Awards Committee Ian Radforth presented the 2015 Cruikshank Medal to John Rae (right). The award recognizes individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the OHS. For many years, John has worked tirelessly to promote best practices in accessibility and inclusion within Ontario's diverse heritage community. As an OHS volunteer, John has led a series of workshops, webinars, tours, and discussions to help keep our membership informed about the changing landscape in Ontario's accessibility services and programming.

JOSEPH BRANT AWARD

Keith Jamieson & Michelle A. Hamilton

Dr. Oronhyatekha: Security, Justice, and Equality

FRED LANDON AWARD

Richard White (WINNER)

Planning Toronto: The Planners, The Plans, Their Legacies, 1940-80

Jennifer Grainger (HONOURABLE MENTION)

Early London: A Photographic History from the Orr Collection, 1826-1914

DONALD GRANT CREIGHTON AWARD

Steve Paikin

Bill Davis: Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All

RIDDELL AWARD

Jeffrey McNairn

"'The common sympathies of our nature': Moral Sentiments, Emotional Economies, and Imprisonment for Debt in Upper Canada." *Histoire sociale / Social History* Vol. 49, No. 98.

ALISON PRENTICE AWARD

Deborah Gorham

Marion Dewar: A Life of Action

NEW MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS 2016

INDIVIDUALS

Alex McNaught	Alastair Neely
Glenn Steppler	Francis P. Vink
Rebecca Grieve	Nestor Prisco
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