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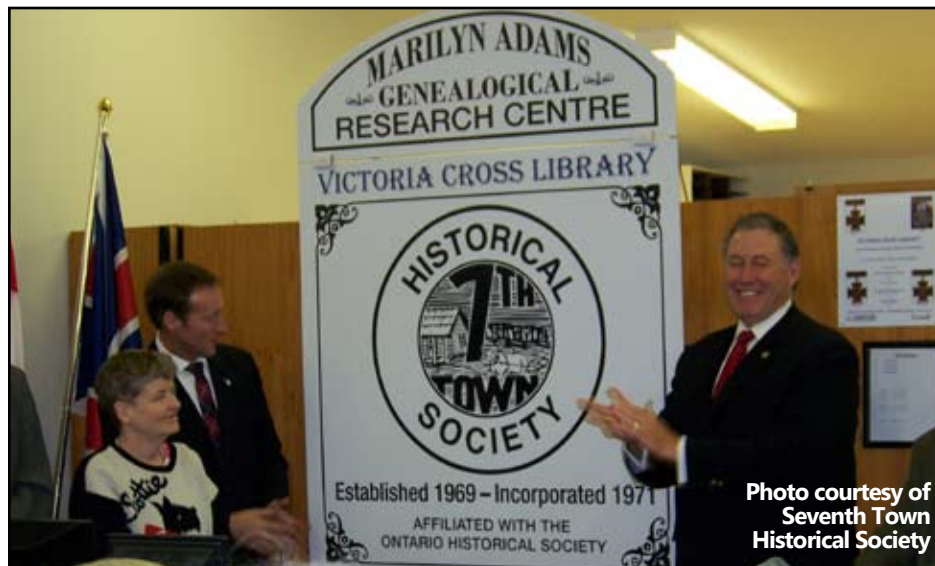
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On June 2nd, the OHS and OGS officially presented to the Government of Ontario a binder listing all the unregistered cemeteries in the province. Seen here (left to right) are: Rob Levery, OHS; Marjorie Stuart, OHS; the Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Consumer Services (responsible for cemeteries), MPP (Kingston and the Islands); Diane Clendenan, OGS; Jim Brownell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) and Bob Crawford, Secretary and Past President, OGS. Since 2005, with help from members of the two societies, Marjorie and Diane have donated countless hours to research, document and compile a listing of over 1,500 unregistered cemeteries across Ontario. For more information please see the Executive Director's Report (page 3) and Cemetery News (page 6).



On February 18, 2011, Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, Terry MacDonald of Calgary, and Daryl Kramp, M.P. (Prince Edward Hastings) were on-hand to unveil the Victoria Cross Library Transfer to the Seventh Town Historical Society and Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre in Ameliasburgh. Read the full story on this momentous occasion on page 9.

OHS Launches New Online Directory of Heritage Connections

In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Connection Society (OHCS) was established with the mandate to serve as a network for the exchange of information about Ontario's culture, history, built heritage, archaeology and natural environment. The OHCS, a not-for-profit organization, launched its website featuring a news section, an events calendar and a database of Ontario's heritage organizations, sites, museums, First Nations Councils and Municipal Heritage Committees. The Heritage Connection did an excellent job fulfilling its mandate and keeping Ontario's heritage community in touch and up-to-date.

On March 15, 2011, the two societies signed a mutual agreement legally transferring the assets of the OHCS to the OHS. The OHS will continue the efforts of the OHCS in keeping Ontario's heritage community connected, most notably through an expanded database of over 1,600 organizations and institutions online.

The Society is proud to announce that it has recently launched this database—the Ontario Heritage Directory Online on its website at

www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca. This directory is free to use and can be kept current through the use of an online update tool that is available to visitors of the database. Additionally, in preparation for the bicentennial of the War of 1812-14, this database will highlight organizations and institutions with bicentennial-related events, exhibits and programming.

The Society requests that its members and friends please use this tool to stay connected with the heritage community and to make new friends. If any records appear to be missing or outdated, users are invited to select the "Update this Record" link and provide the most current information to the OHS.

The OHS would like to recognize the outstanding contributions of the OHCS and thank its President Margaret McBurney and the Board of Directors. OHS would also like to give special thanks and recognition to OHCS' Secretary-Treasurer Edith Geduld and Director Geoff Geduld. The Society would also like to acknowledge the support of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture through the Museum and Technology Fund.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Ontario Historical Society, in partnership with the Waterloo Historical Society and Waterloo Region Museum, is pleased to announce its

2012 Conference and Honours and Awards Ceremony

in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Waterloo Historical Society and the inaugural season of Waterloo Region Museum

June 8 and 9, 2012 | Waterloo Region Museum
More information to follow!



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President's Report

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It is my honour and privilege to serve as your President over the next year. I pledge to do all in my power to further the objectives of the Society.

I would like to thank our immediate past president, Bob Leech, for his hard work and steady guidance over the past year.

The Ontario Historical Society—what are we on about? How are we doing? Where would we like to go?

According to our Constitution, the OHS has four objectives:

a) to promote among the citizens of the Province of Ontario the preservation and appreciation of its heritage;

b) to unite the various historical societies of the Province in one central organization, so as to promote communication, interchange of ideas and cooperation among them; and to encourage the formation of new historical societies that promote the history of Ontario, and to enhance and extend their influence in the Province;

c) to cooperate with individuals, societies, institutions and government agencies;

d) and to undertake projects of any nature to encourage and develop the study and preservation of that heritage.

To promote, to unite, to cooperate and to undertake—on the face of it, we are working to fulfill our principal objectives. The challenge is that the demands we place upon ourself and the demands being placed on us by others are growing more quickly than we have the capacity to respond to and to satisfy.

All of us in the not-for-profit history and heritage sector have a challenging job. We have to make sense of our respective communities and institutions, largely on a volunteer basis, without adequate resources, and without adequate funding. Yet we are inspired to do this important work. We know that if we don't do it, nobody will. So, carry on we must.

But we cannot do it alone. We need to continue to do our own

work locally. But we also need to work even more cooperatively across the province. We need to make our voices heard in the media and at all levels of government.

How do we do that?

Well, a little verse that I learned in elementary school comes to mind: "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."

Did you know that if every member of OHS and every member of each of our 339 affiliated societies got together at the same time, we could fill Toronto's Rogers Centre two times over and then some. Imagine more than 100,000 fervent Ontario history fans cheering in unison "Heritage Matters! History Matters!"

That is a lot of friends. But we need to make more and we need to turn up the volume.

The past is something that we all share. The past – warts and all – is how we make sense of ourselves, our communities, our province, our country, and our world.

To further our work at OHS, we need your help. Do you have an idea, a project, a dream? Tell us about it. Ask us how we can help.

That said, friendship works two ways. We need your help too. Can you offer your time, treasure and talent? Can you volunteer? Can you promote the OHS? Can you make a financial donation today or remember the Society tomorrow through planned giving?

As the bicentennial of the War of 1812 approaches, we are entering a unique window of opportunity for history and heritage in this province. For the next while, our citizens, the media, and our politicians will all be inclined to pay attention to heritage matters at the same time. How can we take advantage of this historic conjunction? How can we parlay that into more media exposure, more public interest, and most importantly, more awareness and support on the part of our municipal, provincial and federal politicians?

Everybody likes history. Nobody wants to pay for it. The more resources we at the OHS have to hand, the better job we can do in fulfilling our mandate: to pro-



Photo
Andrea Izzo

On July 23, 2011, the OHS was on hand at the Ontario Heritage Trust's announcement of "Parliament", a new interpretive centre slated to open in February 2012 on the site of Ontario's first parliament buildings. Located in a former car dealership at the corners of Front and Parliament Streets in Toronto, the site provides a unique opportunity to celebrate and interpret the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Pictured above beside the visual concept of the building's exterior are the Hon. Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture (left) and Dr. Brad Rudachyk, President, Ontario Historical Society. For more information, please see page 5.

mote, to unite, to cooperate, and to undertake.

In closing, I would like to recall a remark made by Simcoe County native and long-time secretary of the Society, Andrew Hunter. In 1923, he wrote: "Make the Society creditable, and it will have many friends."

He was correct. However, the obverse is also true: "Make many friends, and the Society will be creditable."

So here, my friends, is to making even more new friends. The larger the choir, the louder the chorus, the more resonant the refrain: "Heritage matters! History matters!"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Photo Rob
Leverty

On Sunday, June 2nd, the OHS participated in celebrating the 140th Anniversary of Heritage Community Church, Collingwood (HCCC). Congratulations to Sylvia Wilson, Chair, Board of Directors, HCCC and all the volunteers for organizing such a memorable event. Seen here are (left to right): Dr. Afua Cooper, Poet and Author; Her Worship Mayor Sandra Cooper, Town of Collingwood; Carolyn Wilson, Director, HCCC; Dr. Jean Augustine, Ontario Fairness Commissioner and Mrs. Elise Harding-Davis, Curator Emeritus, The North American Black Historical Museum, Amherstburg.

Executive Director's Report

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I am pleased to report that on Saturday, June 4, 2011, the OHS Board of Directors incorporated four more historical organizations as not-for-profit corporations in the Province of Ontario. Congratulations and welcome to our new affiliated societies: Dalkeith Historical Society, Simcoe County's Cultural Network, Ramara Historical Society and New Credit Cultural Heritage Society.

Since the OHS AGM in June 2010, the Society has incorporated 17 non-profit corporations, which in a twelve month period is a new record for incorporating historical organizations through affiliation with the OHS. Since January 2011, the OHS has incorporated nine non-profit corporations dedicated to preserving and promoting Ontario's history.

In this issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, we are featuring three historical organizations that the OHS has incorporated, two of which are located in Northern Ontario: Bruce Mines & District Historical Society, Algoma 1812 and Friends of Freeman Station.

The OHS had a very successful 2011 AGM and Honours and Awards Ceremony. I would like to thank Dr. Ross Fair, Ryerson University, for his excellent keynote address "Improving Upper Canada: Farming the Colonial Frontier." Special thanks also to Dorothy Duncan for providing delicious "tastes and treats from an Upper Canadian kitchen" at our reception.

At the AGM, Ken Turner (2005) and Dr. Sharon Jaeger (2008) retired from the OHS Board of Directors. On behalf of the OHS staff, I would like to thank both Ken and Sharon for all their contributions and dedicated volunteer service to the OHS. The OHS Board has appointed Sharon as a non-voting member to represent the Society for its 2012 Conference in Waterloo. I would like to welcome Dr. Ian Radforth and Dr. John C. Carter who were elected to the OHS Board of Directors.

I would like to congratulate and thank all our award winners and everyone who was nominated for an award for their contributions

towards preserving and promoting Ontario's history. Thanks also to Sharon Jaeger, Chair, Honours and Awards Committee and all the judges for their outstanding contributions and countless hours of volunteer service.

In April, the OHS was invited by the Halton Heritage Network to participate in the First Annual Halton Heritage Conference at the



In the spring, OHS and Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site (ECNHS) presented "Garden to Table 1812-1912". Seen here after the last workshop at the Superintendent's House, Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site are (left to right): Kathy Fisher, Curator, ECNHS; Myril Lynn Brason-Lediett, Vice Chair, Friends of ECNHS; Judy McGonigal, Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Historic Sites Board and a Past President of the OHS; workshop leaders and OHS volunteers Dennis Pollock and Dorothy Duncan, and Rob Leverty, OHS. Friends of ECNHS incorporated November 27, 2010 through affiliation with OHS. We appreciated the support of the Voyageur Heritage Network (VHN), holding for the first time a Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie and sponsoring one of the workshops. Special thanks to Kathy Fisher, her wonderful staff and volunteers, the Friends of ECNHS, Parks Canada and the Art Gallery of Algoma for hosting us and making this special event so enjoyable and successful!

Halton Region Museum. I would like to thank OHS volunteer Dr. Gabriele Scardellato who gave an oral history presentation entitled "Tell Us Your Story!" Please see the photo at the bottom of this page.

From April 29 to May 1, OHS in partnership with the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site (ECNHS) presented a series of six workshops in Sault Ste. Marie entitled "Garden to Table 1812-1912: a heritage journey from seed to sustenance." I would like to especially thank Kathy Fisher, Curator, ECNHS and all of her staff and volunteers for being wonderful hosts and helping us to organize such a successful event. "Dinner by the Hearth," an authentic three-course meal prepared in ECNHS'

Summer Kitchen and served by costumed staff was both delicious and memorable. All of us appreciated very much the Art Gallery of Algoma's lovely reception. Thank you to OHS volunteers Dorothy Duncan and Dennis Pollock for all their excellent workshop presentations and to the Voyageur Heritage Network for their partnership and participation in this special event.

On May 28 and 29, the OHS participated in the 12th Annual Doors Open Toronto. During the weekend OHS staff and volunteers welcomed and gave tours to over 750 visitors to the John McKenzie

right to appeal any decision by the Province of Ontario to the Licence Appeal Tribunal ensuring a full and fair public hearing.

Regrettably, Mr. Brownell's Private Members Bill—*The Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2010*, was not passed by the Legislative Assembly. This historic legislation was designed to legally protect all cemeteries, including unregistered ones. This is why, until strong legislation to protect Ontario's cemeteries is enacted, it is imperative to register all known cemeteries, whether active or inactive.

Minister Gerretsen questioned us extensively and we felt that our presentation and answers to any questions were taken very seriously. I believe that we had the best ministerial meeting on cemetery preservation in over twenty years, and hopefully in the next issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, we can report encouraging news on adding unregistered cemeteries to the government's official list.

I would like to thank Jim Brownell for helping to organize this important meeting. Jim will not seek re-election in the upcoming provincial election. Since his election in 2003, Jim has been a dedicated, outstanding champion for our cemetery preservation work in the Legislative Assembly. We send Jim and his family our warmest regards and best wishes.

OHS and OGS are sister organizations and have a close provincial partnership. On behalf of our membership, I would like to welcome Sarah Newitt, M.L.I.S. as the new Executor Director of the OGS. Since 2009, Sarah has worked as OGS' Provincial Librarian. Over the past year, while continuing in that role, she assumed the position of Assistant Executive Director, working alongside her predecessor, Dr. Fraser Dunford. Congratulations Sarah! I would also like to thank Fraser for his many years of dedicated service. Our best wishes and warmest regards to both of you.

On June 26, I was deeply honoured to speak at the 140th Anniversary of the Heritage Community Church in Collingwood. I also presented a special OHS certificate "in recognition of the men and women of African descent who built this historic church for the Collingwood settlement and all the sacrifices that these early Black pioneers made for past, present and future generations." Please see photo on page 2.

Hope all of you have a wonderful summer!



In April, OHS volunteer and former Editor of *Ontario History* Dr. Gabriele Scardellato gave an oral history presentation entitled "Tell Us Your Story!"; these sessions were a part of the First Annual Halton Heritage Conference, presented by the Halton Heritage Network and hosted at the Halton Region Museum. Dr. Scardellato teaches Italian-Canadian studies in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics at York University.

House. Guests came from the local community, Toronto and the GTA, various parts of Ontario and Canada, New York State, California, Taiwan, Scotland, England, Iran, Argentina, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Belgium.

On June 2, the OHS and OGS had an historic one hour meeting with the Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Consumer Services and MPP (Kingston and the Islands) and his Parliamentary Assistant Jim Brownell, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) to discuss why the Government of Ontario should register immediately the over 1,535 unregistered cemeteries across the province.

Regular readers of the *OHS Bulletin* will be familiar with our struggle since 2005 to prevent the digging up and moving of the Cool-ey-Hatt Cemetery (c. 1786) for real estate development. This historic cemetery is unregistered and therefore, unlike a registered cemetery, OHS has no legal right to notification of an application for relocation; no statutory right to comment on the public interest and no

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Across the Province

Congratulations to Dickson Hill Cemetery, celebrating its 200th anniversary on Sunday, June 24, 2012. There are many graves of interest in this Markham cemetery including one named Vanhouven, buried in 1806, before the grounds were authorized as a cemetery, as well as that of Lieutenant Ludwig Wideman, who served in the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837, when he was killed at the confrontation at Montgomery's Tavern on Yonge Street.

On March 4, 1811 the Township of Pickering was formally separated from Whitby and the first township meeting was held. The City of Pickering has prepared a souvenir publication to commemorate the Pickering bicentennial. We are reminded of the rich history of this area as we read about the Pickering Museum Village, as it celebrates 50 years, and Doors Open Pickering to be held on October 1. For more information: 905.683.5110.

Parks Canada has been celebrating its 100th anniversary in many locations and on many dates throughout 2011, and continues with Mad Hatter Parties at Woodside National Historic Site in Kitchener in August and the Pioneers Memorial Tower Open House in Waterloo on September 17: 519.571.5684.

The Uxbridge Public School is also celebrating 100 years this year, and the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society will celebrate its founding forty years ago at Heritage Days "Hands on History," August 27 and 28 at the Uxbridge Historical Centre: 905.852.5854.

The Meaford Museum is celebrating fifty years of service to the community with a very busy schedule of events: 519.538.5974.

Progress has been made for the new Visitor/Community Centre at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. The construction—which kicked off with a groundbreaking celebration attended by the local MP, MPP, Mayor and several Councillors—will soon give the museum a new barrier-free accessible building that will connect the Vandorf Public School and Bogartown Schoolhouse buildings on the museum grounds. The centre will include a Main Hall reception area, a dedicated Research Room for the archives, a temporary exhibition gallery, a hands-on discovery room, collections storage, a new kitchen and more. Check out the museum's website at www.townofws.com/Visitor_Community_Centre.asp for images and updates on the building's progress. Best of luck to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum during construction!

Lanark County Genealogical Society is honouring thirty years

of service, milestones and accomplishments in 2011, by recognizing charter members Alice Hughes and Walter Brown as well as the 20 volunteers who continue to serve the public. Thank you!

Congratulations to two well known members of the heritage community: Stephen Otto, former OHS Board member, who recently



On June 27, OHS Communications Coordinator Andrea Izzo and OHS summer students Ryan Bradley and Heather Anderson, along with Armenian National Committee of Toronto member Zohrab Sarkissian, attended the unveiling ceremony at the Armenian Youth Centre in Toronto. This provincial plaque commemorates The Armenian Boys' Farm Home in Georgetown. Present to unveil the plaque were The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture; Richard Moorhouse, Executive Director, Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT); Bill Buchanan, Board Member, OHT; Jacob Mksyartinian, Armenian Community Centre; and Peter Adourian, descendant of an Armenian Georgetown boy. This provincial plaque reads: "The 'Georgetown Boys,' as they came to be known, arrived in Canada between 1923 and 1927—109 boys in all...were survivors of the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923)." It continues: "By providing assistance to non-British Commonwealth refugees, The Armenian Boys' Farm Home was the first humanitarian effort of its kind in Canada."

received his Doctor of Sacred Letters from Trinity College, University of Toronto, and Rollo Myers, Manager, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, on being made an Honorary Member of the Ontario Association of Architects. They have both served on the Toronto Historical Board and were founding members of the Friends of Fort York. Well done gentlemen!

We regret to report the passing of Albert Wellington Wigle of Kingsville, well known in the heritage community of southwestern Ontario, and a strong supporter of the United Empire Loyalists.

The Aylmer and District Museum is searching for information or photographs, names of owners, locations of mills or folks with knowledge of local mills for a new exhibit coming to the museum this fall "The Mills of Malahide and Aylmer": 519.773.9723.

Are you looking for interesting exhibits for your museum or heritage centre next year? You may want to consider "Gifts of the North," a collection of anthropomorphic figures depicting the best facets of Northwestern Ontario, created by Janet Hannam: veraandmable@yahoo.ca.

Local historical organizations have launched or announced many new publications in the past months including *Archives Lanark: Rural Schools of North Elmsley Township*: 613.267.2232; while Glengarry Historical Society announced that author Rosemary Rutley has written *Of Curds and Whey: A History of the Cheese Factories in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry*: 613.528.4488 and that

the Glengarry District Women's Institute has reprinted a History of Maxville and the Community: 613.347.2935.

Are you travelling this summer and looking for a new spot to visit? Watch for the Walpole Antique Farm Machinery Association site on Highway #6, south of Jarvis, adjoining the Jarvis Lions Park. This is a 25-acre site where the members can be found on Saturdays in the summer working on the early agricultural artifacts that they have collected and preserved from the local area.

of 1812 at 9 p.m. on October 10. Watch for the website and the companion book as well. We must also remember that 2012 marks another historical anniversary that should not be forgotten, the 175th anniversary of the Rebellion of Upper Canada.

Speaking of war and rebellious acts, the Society of Colonial Wars is planning to form an Ontario Society of Colonial Wars, with membership open to males, 18 years of age or older who are lineally descended from someone who served in a military or civil capacity in the colonies that became the United States from 1607 to 1775. Information: Adam Gaines UE, Sir Guy Carleton Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association: 613.225.6377.

As always there are many interesting programmes, projects and events planned across the province in the coming weeks and months. Here is just a sample of what we can all enjoy:

August 3 and every Wednesday afternoon in August: Coldwater Canadiana Museum will host a Devon Cream Tea: 705.955.1930.

August 6, 7: John R. Park Homestead will host The Lost Arts Festival with demonstrations and sales of creative arts from the past with a Locavore

Brunch on Sunday, August 7th (advance tickets only). Hours: Saturday; noon to 4 p.m.; Sunday: 1 to 4 p.m.: Information and tickets: 519.738.2029.

August 19, 20, 21: Bruce County Heritage Association Steam & Antique Show: Information: 519.368.7405.

September 17: Kawartha Heritage hosts Dorothy Duncan at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Fenelon Falls with the topic "Some Funny Things Have Happened on the Way to Preserving Ontario's History": 705.454.2078.

September 27: Scarborough Historical Society hosts John Barton at the Bendale Library with the topic "Archives in Your Attic: Preserving Family Treasures" and on **October 25** paranormal investigator Robin Bellamy will present "Spirit Paths": 416.282.2710.

October 11: German Pioneers Day will be celebrated at the Town of Markham Civic Centre. The Markham Berczy Settlers Association, York Chapter of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario, The Reesor Family in Canada, Bethesda Lutheran Church and other residents of German ancestry will display artifacts and skills to make this a day to remember: 905.640.3906.

Contact your local museum, historical society or heritage organization to learn more about the events, programmes, lectures, meetings and workshops in your area.

Have you ever followed an ice cream trail? The Huron-Kinloss Ice Cream Trail is a photo scavenger hunt that will have participants travelling to all the locations in the municipality that serve scooped ice cream, as well as new and fun destinations. Call: 519.395.3735 for further information.

The Collingwood Museum launched "All Rails Lead to Collingwood" in June with Charles Garrad as guest speaker. Don't miss this new exhibit on Collingwood railway history: 705.445.4811.

There is much discussion and



planning for the commemoration of the War of 1812-1814 beginning in 2012, including the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum exhibit "Mills and Marauders—The Rumour Wheels of War": 905.834.7604; and PBS is planning to broadcast *The War*

Across the Province

War of 1812 Interpretive Centre Planned on Site of Ontario's First Parliament

The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture, and Dr. Thomas H.B. Symons, Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Trust, announced that a temporary interpretive centre would be established at the corner of Front Street and Berkeley Street, commemorating Ontario's first parliament buildings and celebrating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. On hand to share remarks were the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Research and Innovation; Rollo Myers, Co-Founder of Citizens for the Old Town; Richard Moorhouse, Executive Director of the Ontario Heritage Trust; and Toronto City Councillor Pam McConnell.

In June 1797, two single-storey brick structures were opened to serve as Ontario's first parliament buildings; these were later burned by American invaders during the War of 1812. Today, at the site where democratic government was born in Ontario stands an existing structure—a former car dealer-

ship. This building will be reused and adapted to house exhibits and displays, educational activities and special events. The exterior façade of the building will feature large wrap-around bilingual signage reading "Parliament/Parlement." Located at 265 Front Street East, Toronto, "Parliament" is slated to open on February 17, 2012, kicking off the Ontario Heritage Trust's Heritage Week activities.

On hand to help present this announcement were representatives of the UEL community in historic costume, as well as representatives from the Summer Guard at Historic Fort York, a costumed soldier demonstration corps employing students, stationed at Fort York N.H.S.

To learn more about the historical significance of this site and to read details about the planned interpretive centre, please visit www.heritagetrust.on.ca or contact Catrina Colme, Ontario Heritage Trust: 416.325.5074 or catrina.colme@heritagetrust.on.ca.



Photo
Andrea Izzo

The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture (right) and Dr. Thomas H.B. Symons, Chairman, Ontario Heritage Trust unveil the concept design of "Parliament".



Photo
Andrea Izzo

On hand to help present the announcement of the opening of "Parliament" were representatives from the Summer Guard at Historic Fort York. To learn more about the Birthplace of Toronto, visit www.fortyork.ca.

Burlington Citizens Form Group to Save Historic Train Station

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Heritage advocates, train enthusiasts and other concerned citizens of Burlington have incorporated as the Friends of Freeman Station (FOFS) through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society on February 26, 2011.

The group's aim is to raise funds to preserve, relocate and restore the 1906 Grand Trunk Railway (GTR) station, formerly located near Brant Street and Plains Road in Burlington, and find a sustainable use for the building.

Previous rescue attempts have been stalled by differences of opinion over proposed locations, but few would argue that the station is not historically and architecturally significant. Reports by Heritage Burlington, the Ontario Ministry of Culture and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada have found plenty of evidence of its importance.

According to Heritage Burlington's report: "The station replaces



one burnt down in 1904. The Freeman Station was convenient for shipping freight, such as farm produce from Maple Avenue and the Davis farm, but not entirely convenient for passengers because of its northerly location... This is the last remaining Grand Trunk Railway station in Burlington. The Aldershot station and the Downtown station have been demolished."

Further, the station "exhibits many stylistic features characteristic of GTR stations constructed in that decade. The walls of the Bur-

lington West [Freeman] Station are a rare combination of granite base (black logan block with white mortar) and upper frame walls. The roof structure is supported by a hammer-beam truss system.

Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring, two local city Councillors and over 100 participants. This event raised \$20,000, including a \$5,000 contribution each from Smith's Funeral Home and Focus Environmental Group.

"We are very pleased that so many corporations and individuals have pledged their support already," said Sheila Gnish, Chair of Fundraising. "We have a good start and with the launch of the website, I am confident we will see even more interest in the campaign from the community."

Annual memberships start at \$10 and donations of \$25 or more will receive a tax receipt. Cheques should be made payable to City of Burlington and sent

to Georgie Gartside, 426 Brant Street, Box 5013, Burlington, ON L7R 3Z6. Please provide a name and return address to receive a tax receipt.

To enquire about sponsorship, please contact Sheila Gnish at sheila@burlingtonautoworks.com or 905.332.9966.

Supporters can also purchase a limited edition print of the station by artist William Biddle of Biddle Art Gallery for \$225.00. A portion of the proceeds will support Friends of the Freeman Station.

The Ministry of Culture and Communication report states that many interior features are intact: wood dado, door and window trim, and the entire baggage room."

FOFS has already incorporated, launched a website (www.freemanstation.ca), and obtained corporate sponsorship from companies such as SWD Hosting, Cogeco Cable, Branthaven Homes, Utter Morris Insurance Brokers, Burlington Auto Works, RFB Construction and Carstar. Recently, FOFS held a successful fundraiser attended by

Cemetery News

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE OHS CEMETERY DEFENCE FUND!

The resources of the OHS are constantly challenged as we try to defend threatened cemeteries across the province. We can't do it alone. Donors will receive a tax receipt.

The Society has good news to report! Representatives of the OHS and Ontario Genealogical Society met with the Minister of Consumer Services, Hon. John Gerretsen on June 2nd. He was presented with a listing of 1535 unregistered cemeteries that have been identified by OHS and OGS volunteers. Discussed with Mr. Gerretsen were concerns relating to the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Act*. The Legislature had prorogued the day before and the second Private Members Bill sponsored by Jim Brownell, Bill 126, *Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2010*, died. However the meeting was encouraging, and possibly, in time, unregistered cemeteries in Ontario can be better protected.

The Unregistered Cemetery Project is still in progress. As unregistered cemeteries are discovered their names will be added to the listing. I would like to remind Ontarians to be vigilant! Cemetery closure notices appear in local newspapers and on notices posted in cemeteries, and this is information that easily eludes us. Your input is very important.

I would like to thank the hundreds of concerned Ontarians who have supported this initiative over the past few years—writing letters that have been sent to members of the Legislature and signing petitions, these helped to keep the issue before the Legislature. It is hoped that Mr. Gerretsen and his staff will make the necessary changes that will mean that all burial places in Ontario will be treated with dignity and respect, not just those that have been registered.

While this news is encouraging, the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery issue has not been resolved. Because this cemetery is unregistered, the property owners and representatives of the descendants still have to agree to and sign a site disposition agreement.

In October we reported that the Steele Cemetery in Port Colborne had been officially renamed the Doan Cemetery on July 13, 2010. Since then we have been advised that the person who made all this possible was Jerry Fisher, U.E. The renaming process required years of tireless research and negotiations with the Port Colborne Heritage Committee and local politicians. Mr. Fisher was a proud descendant of Aaron Doan who had settled on the site in the early 1800s. The Col. John Butler (Niagara) Branch, United Empire Loyalists had previously placed a plaque at the cemetery. The Doan cemetery has been designated as a heritage site. Mr. Fisher published his research on the Doan family and hosted a Doan family reunion last July. Sadly Jerry Fisher, U.E. died shortly after the Doan family events. He left behind a lasting legacy for Doan descendants.

A special memorial service was held recently at St James Cemetery & Crematorium in Toronto. This was in memory of 172 people who willed their bodies to the University of Toronto for medical research. Once a year their families and medical students gather to pay their respects and to give thanks for their gift to medical science.

Members of the Niagara Region Branch OGS noted that the few remaining stones in the Clark Family Burial Ground in Thorold were in danger of being destroyed when a nearby tree was damaged in a wind storm. Prompt action by the City of Thorold preserved these stones. We have also been advised that a major wind storm struck the Niagara Peninsula in April causing much damage including St. David's United Church Cemetery. Vigilance, particularly in the case of smaller isolated cemeteries, is extremely important.

David Brown of Renfrew has formed a group to make Russell Martin Cemetery more presentable. Volunteers should contact arvidann@gmail.com.

Private Thomas Lawless died in France during World War I. His remains were found at a construction site near Vimy Ridge along with the remains of Private Herbert Peterson of Berry Creek, Alberta. They were interred at the Canadian Military Cemetery at La Chaudière in Vimy, France.

Stephen Cameron and his family are greatly concerned over the condition of the John Cameron Family Cemetery in Stormont County. The burial ground dates to the early 1800s. The Camerons were United Empire Loyalists. The rose which grows at Upper Canada Village, Maiden's Blush, was brought to Canada by Stephen's ancestors.

Recently we were contacted by a descendant of the Neil and Blackwell families. She had returned to Ontario to live after an absence of 25 years and began to search her roots. The Neil/Blackwell Cemetery is in Biddulph Township. The photos showed that the cemetery, which is adjacent to a quarry, is overgrown and many tombstones are broken and none are standing. There is the possibility that there are buried stones. This is an unregistered cemetery.

2012 marks 200 years since American forces invaded Toronto and recently the Fort York Foundation has been formed. There were at least two known burial grounds and undoubtedly some unknown sites within the original 43 acres of the Fort. The Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery was consecrated c. 1864 and the remains of an



In June the OHS participated in the SilverShoe Historical Society's (SSHS) Annual Memorial Candlelight Service at Bethel-Union Pioneer Cemetery in Clearview Township. Family members from as far away as Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia and Ireland attended this very special event. The SSHS incorporated through affiliation with the OHS on September 22, 2007. After the ceremony, Janie Cooper-Wilson, Executive Director, SSHS, presented OHS with a copy of her most recent publication *Echoes in the Hills: My Eighteen Month Search for John Brown's Legacy*. For more information or to order a copy of her book, please contact Janie: e-mail: janiew100@yahoo.ca or phone 705.293.0657.

earlier cemetery were interred at the site.

The City of Toronto has recently declared Victoria Memorial Square a "no off-leash" area for dogs. This recently restored National Historic Site and park commemorates the burials of soldiers and their families who were connected with Fort York between 1794 and 1862.

There have been and will be many cemetery events this summer. The organizers and their committees are to be congratulated for all their hard work and dedication.

Warner Cemetery in the Niagara area is the oldest active cemetery west of the Bay of Quinte. Descendants of the original founders are actively involved. The cemetery is run by a voluntary board and does not receive government funding. The perpetual care fund does not even provide sufficient funds to cover grass cutting. The cemetery seeks donations and will provide tax deductible receipts.

Canton Cemetery in Hope Township recently celebrated its 200th anniversary. Susan Hawkins, wife of James Hawkins, was the first burial. Descendants of Susan and James Hawkins participated in the 200th anniversary celebrations. This is a very interesting and well-maintained burial ground.

Gravestones of black residents of the Chatham area will be restored during the summer. The Promised Land Monuments Restoration Project will partner with high school students, historians and restoration experts to preserve and uncover neglected headstones. Over 30 students signed up to participate at the Maple Leaf Cemetery site in Chatham.

Members of the Greater Harvey Historical Society hosted a tour "Cemetery Cruising: North". Stops were made at Silver Lake Cemetery, Galway Road Cemetery (Mt. Irwin), and Kinmount Cemetery.

Members of the Ontario Genealogical Society as well as other heritage groups record

the inscriptions on tombstones during the summer months. They welcome all the help they can get—anyone with an interest in cemeteries is welcome! Contact your nearest branch of the OGS.

The Puslinch Historical Society hosted a Spirit Walk in Crown Cemetery. The life stories and words of five people buried there were presented.

Doors Open visitors in May had the opportunity to tour St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery and Union Burying Grounds in Burlington, Maple Leaf/St. Anthony's Cemetery in Chatham, Christ Church Cemetery, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel at Tyendinaga and the former Jail Yard in Haileybury.

Moir Cemetery in Hastings County held a Memorial Declaration Day and Dedication of Fence Sections in June.

Committee members of the Lakeshore Asylum Cemetery in Etobicoke held a Spring Visit and Clean-up. This dedicated and hard working group has done an amazing job of cleaning and maintaining this burial ground. The 1,511 people buried in this cemetery are remembered with honour and dignity.

Doors Open in June featured Essonville Cemetery and Gooderham Pioneer Cemetery* in Highlands East, Copeland Hill Cemetery* in Tiny Township and St. James-on-the-Lines Cemetery, Penetanguishene. There were two cemeteries in Gravenhurst: Lakeview Cemetery and Mickle Memorial Cemetery. Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound, St. Mary's Anglican Church Cemetery* and Temperanceville United Church Cemetery in Richmond Hill. The Wood Mausoleum near Smith's Falls was open as well as the Wesley United Church Cemetery in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

*Denotes cemetery is unregistered.

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See Upcoming Doors Open events in Ontario Cemeteries
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Red Lake Heritage Centre Opens New Multimedia Exhibits



Photo courtesy of the
Red Lake Heritage Centre

In the main gallery of the Red Lake Heritage Centre, visitors can listen to descendants of Naamiwan (who was also known as Fairwind) as they tell the extraordinary and inspiring story, in English and Ojibway, of a very special drum displayed in a recreated dance pavilion.

On June 3, the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre opened a series of new multimedia exhibits that help to put the spotlight on the area's fascinating history. The exhibits focus on the role aviation, prospecting and mining, immigration and First Nations had in creating the tapestry that reflects the history of modern day Red Lake.

The Red Lake Centre collaborated with Science North in Sudbury and the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre in Sault Ste. Marie to produce a new visitor attraction for each venue, in a project made possible through joint Federal and Provincial stimulus funding, as well as an investment by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Science North administered the project and completed installation of the experiences at the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre, in cooperation with staff from the other two centres. The exhibits use new multimedia equipment and original high-definition videos to tell the story of Red Lake in four vignettes called *History of Aviation*, *Visit Hell's Acres*, *Meet a Legendary Prospector*, and *Naamiwan's Dream and the Legend of Red Lake*.

The new exhibits will work to expand on the tourism potential of Northern Ontario and, together with the new attractions at Science North and the Bushplane Centre, are projected to create 7.87 million dollars in direct benefits and another 4.65 million dollars in value-added benefits to the North and are expected to generate 155 full-time jobs throughout Northern Ontario.

The Red Lake Heritage Centre is located in the Northwestern Ontario Municipality of Red Lake, two hours north of the Trans-Canada and Highway 105 junction in Vermilion Bay. The centre was first opened in 2005 as a cultural and historic hub for the region, working in partnership with the community, the municipality and key stakeholders, and is a leader in the preservation, promotion and celebration of the region's natural and cultural heritage.

For more information about Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre, visit www.redlakemuseum.com or phone Michele Alderton, Director/Curator at 807.727.3006. To find out more about Science North visit www.sciencenorth.ca and the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre in Sault Ste. Marie www.bushplane.com.



Photo courtesy of the
Red Lake Heritage Centre

In the *Meet a Legendary Prospector* exhibit, young museum-goers discover Red Lake's gold mining history with a HD video experience.

OHS Welcomes New Affiliate: Bruce Mines & District Historical Society



Photo courtesy of the
Bruce Mines Museum

Exchange Hotel, Bruce Mines

In the 1860s Bruce Mines was a large town with a population of approximately 1,500. Sault Ste. Marie was still a small village, about the size of a trading post. The copper mines were booming and Bruce Mines was a major destination in Northern Ontario for travellers arriving by steamship. These travellers would find accommodation in one of Bruce Mines' hotels, or one of several in the surrounding area. The Exchange Hotel was the largest and finest in Bruce Mines, consisting of three stories and a basement. Meals cost 25¢ and an average of 72 meals were served each day, mainly to farmers. Rooms went for 25¢ per night or \$3.50/week including board. This hotel was built in 1899, but was destroyed in the fire of 1910. Behind the hotel is the "Church on the Rock", currently known as the Bruce Mines & District Museum.

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A group of local residents formed the Bruce Mines & District Historical Society (BMDHS) in mid-2008. With help of The Ontario Historical Society, the group was incorporated on November 22nd of that same year. Following incorporation came the task of attaining status as a registered charity, which occurred in July 2009. During the interim period between incorporation and gaining charitable status the BMDHS initiated discussions with the town of Bruce Mines to acquire ownership of the local museum. The museum had been closed to visitors for a number of years and there was a growing concern among local families that artifacts from their forefathers would be lost due to water damage.

The growing community interest to preserve the museum created a supportive environment for the town to sell the museum and its contents to the Society for a nominal fee. By the end of the summer of 2009 the BMDHS found itself in possession of a building that was in dire need of roof repair. Donations from the community were as encouraging as finding a contractor willing to install roofing in November in Northern Ontario. By the end of November, a new steel roof was in place and paid for.

The "Church on the Rock" was erected in 1894 as a Presbyterian Church. The building served the community in a variety of roles over the years and, as spring 2010 arrived, the volunteers began the interior clean-up. Moving, cleaning, painting and moving again was the routine for many days.

On June 1st the doors of the Museum opened officially for the

2010 tourist season. With a terrific group of volunteers combined with summer students the interior work at the museum continued as visitors began arriving. The museum's location on the Trans-Canada Highway brought visitors from near and far to its door. Visitor comments and enthusiasm for the museum's collection made the effort of the BMDHS and its volunteers worthwhile—whether it is the McLaughlin Carriage, the Detachable Row Boat Motor, the Edison Amberola or the treadle-powered dental drill, there is something to fascinate each visitor. The technology of today is amazing, however, the technology of yesteryear is equally impressive! The museum preserves the heritage of the Bruce Mines and District community to share and enjoy!

Funding for all restoration completed to this point has been from the generous donations of the local citizens and businesses. So, BMDHS was pleased to learn the Ontario Trillium Foundation will provide funding assistance for a portion of the museum restoration. The Grant comes as a huge encouragement to this community and in particular to the volunteers as the work continues on this stately local landmark.

Volunteer support has been and continues to be an essential component to the success of the BMDHS. The effort to renew the landmark sitting atop "the rock" is powered by the volunteers who have supported the historical society's efforts from the beginning.

Should you have questions, wish to join the Society, or would like to contribute financially you may contact BMDHS at bmd.historicalsociety@gmail.com or at P.O. Box 188, Bruce Mines, ON P0R 1C0. Better still—come for a visit!



Photo
Andrea Izzo

Some of this year's Honours and Award recipients gather for a photograph at the OHS AGM at the North York Memorial Hall in June.



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On hand to present Dr. John Carter (middle) with the 2010 OHS Cruikshank Medal is MPP Michael Prue (Beaches–East York) and Dr. Sharon Jaeger, Chair, OHS Honours and Awards Committee.

Honours and Awards

Congratulations to the 2010 OHS Honours and Awards Recipients!

Dr. Sharon Jaeger, Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee of The Ontario Historical Society, is pleased to announce the recipients for 2010:

The Scadding Award of Excellence, awarded to a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history, is awarded to the Ontario Jewish Archives (Toronto) for their exhibit *Ontario's Small Jewish Communities*.

The Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming, awarded to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community involvement and programming, is awarded to the Lake of the Woods Museum (Kenora).

The Russell K. Cooper Living History Site or Heritage-Based Museum Award, awarded to a living history museum, or a museum that delivers heritage-based programming, showing excellence in

programming, ingenious problem solving or site development, is awarded to the Wellington County Museum and Archives (Fergus).

The President's Award, honouring a corporation, business, or executive that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past, is awarded to Ontario Power Generation.

The Cruikshank Medal, presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of The Ontario Historical Society, is awarded to Dr. John C. Carter.

The J. J. Talman Award, honouring the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years, is awarded to James E. Elliott for *Strange Fatality: The Battle of Stoney Creek, 1813*, Robin Brass Studio.

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Youth Corner

Archives and Local History in Ontario Classrooms

To teach high school students about the ways in which local history has shaped their lives, Rose Fine-Meyer of OISE has developed a course called "Archives and Local History/Learning about Local History" for the Ontario Ministry of Education. This course hopes to fill a gap in current school curriculum by providing more opportunities for students to develop a greater understanding of themselves as members of their communities, their province, and also as human beings tied to a global world.

The course begins with an examination of the history of the students' school, its land and people, then broadens to a study of the local community, and ultimately links to their national place in Canada. Students are linked to professionals in the field: archivists, librarians, educators, elders, academics, genealogists, artists and historians who demonstrate their role in maintaining and preserving our culture and history. The course is designed as a senior-level secondary school credit, and uses an interdisciplinary approach to teach advanced research and analysis skills that will allow students to pursue post-secondary work with greater expertise and confidence. Each unit gives students the opportunity to discover their past by exploring their community through research

projects in libraries and archives, local historical societies, museums, and also by actively connecting with community members, both professional and non-professional alike.

The units for this course are: Theory and Foundation of Local History and Archival Studies; History and Geography of the School Community; Connecting to Local History Societies; Understanding the Larger Community; Using Technology in Archival and Preservation Work; In-Depth Local Field Studies; Uncovering Aboriginal and Local History; In-Depth Study of the Broader Community; Using Archaeological Studies in Local History; Culminating Activity: Local Archaeological Dig and Creation of an Ideal Archive.

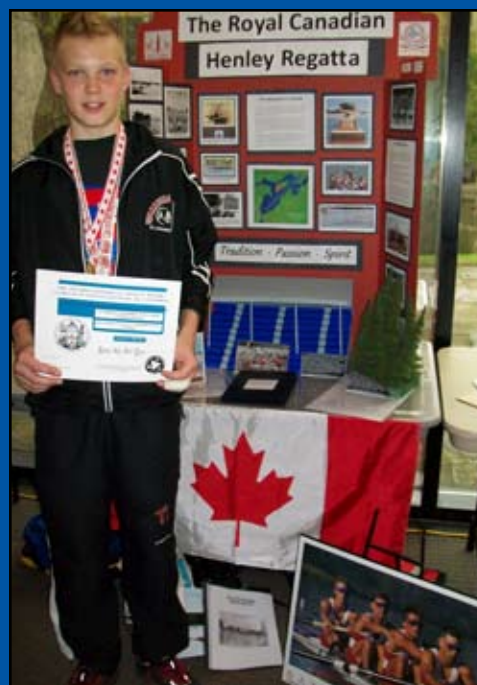
Helping students develop a stronger link to their community has many benefits, allowing young people to feel less disenfranchised from their surroundings and more connected as vital members of their community. Through the study of local history, they will develop a greater insight into the role of public memory in the preservation of the national narrative, and on the implications our past has on future Canadian concerns and policies about Canadian identity and unity.

For more information, please e-mail rosefinemeyer@gmail.com.



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Andrea Izzo

In June, the John McKenzie House hosted an event on behalf of Herstories Cafe titled "Late Victorian and Edwardian Society Teas in Toronto," featuring a lecture by Dr. Keith Walden, History Department, Trent University. Pictured above are Jimmy Zhang and Luke Chang, music students of nearby Earl Haig Secondary School, treating guests to some wonderful music. Herstories Cafe offers free lecture events in historic venues, celebrating Canadian women's history. Their next free event will be August 18th at 6:00 p.m. and will feature an outdoor lecture by Steve Brearton and Evalyn Parry about the history of women and bicycles in Toronto. Participants will meet at Trinity Bellwoods Park at 155 Crawford Street in Toronto. Future venues include the Archives of Ontario, Christie Mansion and the Gladstone Hotel. For more information, please visit www.herstoriescafe.blogspot.com or e-mail rosefinemeyer@gmail.com.



Every year the OHS sponsors a number of 'OHS Awards', presented to students participating in the Ontario Heritage Fairs. Pictured here is Kevin Van Der Kooi, who had this to say: "I am a grade 8 student at Assumption school in St.Catharines. I recently participated in the Niagara Catholic Regional Heritage Fair at Brock University. My project was on the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta and I won the Ontario Historical Society Award." Congratulations Kevin! The Ontario Heritage Fairs Association incorporated through affiliation with the OHS in March 2007.

Photo Jackie Van Der Kooi

Affiliated Societies

Seventh Town Historical Society Receives Victoria Cross Library

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On February 18, 2011, the Seventh Town Historical Society of Ameliasburgh, Ontario, became the home of the Victoria Cross Library "The Facts Behind The Men, Behind The Medals." This Library is a record of the 1,359 Victoria Crosses awarded since its inception in 1856. Ian E. Reilly, U.E., President of Seventh Town states: "The first time in print format...it has been compiled in the UK by Historian Tom Johnson."

"The aim of Mr. Johnson, when he started some 25 years ago, was to collect as much accurate history about these men, whose acts of valour have been recognized by many tributes, monuments, pictures and in other ways that remind us of their actions. This record also, where possible, sets out their genealogy and that of their families."

On hand to accept the Library, The Hon. Peter MacKay, National Defence Minister said, "this is a

historic day for this community and there is much living history here, which is why I am so grateful for the work you are doing to preserve, to promote, to educate, not only about military history of this community, but the entire country as well."

An editorial comment, on February 19th in *The Intelligencer* newspaper of Belleville, in 37 point type, stated "Quinte's rich history just got richer."

CFB Trenton Base Commander Col. Dave Cochrane praised the work of Seventh Town Historical Society in acquiring this historic record for Canada. Local MP Daryl Kramp worked very hard to help the Society make February 18th a day to be remembered in the history of Canada and of Ameliasburgh. Also joining Seventh Town at the transfer were over 70 people from as far away as Calgary, including: three Mayors; six Royal Canadian Legion Branch Presidents; family representatives of four Victoria Cross Recipients; the President and the Chairman of the Board, Loyalist College; Rob Levery, Executive Director, The Ontario Historical Society; Curator of the National Air Force Museum; and Volunteers, Directors, and three Past Presidents of The Seventh Town Historical Society.

Padre Sid Horne, CD, lead those assembled in the Act of Remembrance, assisted by Lt. K.S. Begg and P/M Beth Cleaton.

In summing up the ceremonies Ian E. Reilly U.E. stated that Seventh Town Historical Society, with its local and international members from as far away as New Zealand, wish to thank Tom Johnson from the United Kingdom for making it all possible.

The Seventh Township Historical Society incorporated through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society in June 1971 and owns and operates the Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre, the only free standing centre of its kind in Canada. To learn more, visit www.quinte-kin.com or phone 613.967.6291.



Bruce Bedell Town Crier and 7th Town Member, receiving Certified Copy of the Plaque unveiled by National Defence Minister, Hon. Peter Mackay during the Victoria Cross Library Transfer Ceremony. The plaque is presented by Jim Chambers, 7th Town Director.

Photo courtesy of Seventh Town Historical Society

New OHS Affiliated Society Algoma 1812 Opens Commemoration Office



Pictured (from left) are: Tamara Vandyk, Parks Canada; Elia Marini, Events Coordinator, Algoma 1812; Louise McAuliffe, Administrative Services, Algoma 1812; and Rob Levery, Executive Director, OHS in front of the new Algoma 1812 Commemoration Office at 65 Foster Drive in Sault Ste Marie.

Algoma 1812 was incorporated in the Province of Ontario through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society on February 26, 2011. Located in Sault Ste. Marie and founded in 2007, Algoma 1812 was initiated by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture as a region with historical significance to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Planning is now fully engaged in seven regions across Ontario, including Southern Georgian Bay, Toronto, Southwestern Ontario, Hamilton, Niagara and Windsor. Algoma is the only region in Northern Ontario.

The mission of Algoma 1812 as a not-for-profit corporation is to plan and conduct signature events and encourage other activities that commemorate the role of Algoma in the War of 1812 in order to increase regional awareness about the War of 1812, foster pride of place and multicultural relationships, and increase tourism to and provincial and national awareness of the Algoma region.

The 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 is an important one, the war helped to define Canada as a country. People from the Algoma region created alliances and together they participated in the first war manoeuvre at Michilimackinac in July 1812. The actions of these alliances made a difference;

their stories need to be told. We encourage everyone to come and relive this moment in time.

Governments, agencies and organizations across Ontario, Canada and the United States are planning to commemorate and celebrate the bicentennial over a three-year period. Under the guidance of the Co-chairs Kathy Fisher and Carol Caputo an Executive Committee was formed leading to community engagement with the creation of committees dedicated to Education, Historical Research, Marketing, Legacy and Events. Currently, there are 1.5 support staff and more than 50 volunteers and. The Ermatinger Clergue National Historic Site had been the home of Algoma 1812, and now with less than one year until the beginning of the commemorations for the War of 1812 bicentennial it was time to find a place of their own.

We are looking forward to the Kick-Off Events July 17-21, 2012 on St. Joseph Island and Sault Ste. Marie, ON a proposed Tall Ships visit will be the focal point of many regional activities in the summer of 2013 and an Indigenous Peace Festivals is in the works for the summer of 2014.

For further information, please visit www.algoma1812.com, call 705.949.1812 or e-mail algoma1812@gmail.com.

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The Riddell Award, honouring the best article on Ontario's history published during the Award year, is awarded to James W. Paxton for "Merrymaking and Militia Musters: Mohawks, Loyalists, and the (Re)Construction of Community and Identity in Upper Canada", *Ontario History* Vol. CII, No. 2 (Autumn 2010), The Ontario Historical Society.

The Fred Landon Award, honouring the best book on regional

history in Ontario published within the past three years, is awarded to: Heather Robertson for *Walking into Wilderness: The Toronto Carrying Place and Nine Mile Portage*, Heartland Associates and John S. Long for *Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905*, McGill-Queen's University Press.

The Donald Grant Creighton Award, honouring the best book of biography or autobiography highlighting life in Ontario, past or present, published within the past three years, is awarded to Dave

Mullington for *Charlotte: The Last Suffragette*, General Store Publishing House.

The Huguenot Society of Canada Award, honouring the best book or substantial article published in Ontario in the past three years that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought, is awarded to L. D. Cross, for *The Underground Railroad: The Long Journey to Freedom in Canada*, James Lorimer & Company.

In 1967, the OHS established an Awards Programme to honour

individuals, organizations, corporations and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's ceremonies: nominators, recipients, presenters and judges!



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Exhibits, Events and Notices

AUGUST 4

Settling in the City: Walking Tour
The Ontario Heritage Trust invites you to tour the homes, factories, churches and business of Corktown, Toronto. Tour starts at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity Street, Toronto at 7:30 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. Space is limited, call 416.327.6997 to reserve a spot.

AUGUST 13

Clark House Museum Heritage Day
Enjoy food, tea and music while visiting antiques, watching demonstrations of 'old time' skills, and shopping! Event is between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and also includes a local artist showcase. Clark House Museum is off Highway 11, 9 Fairview Lane in Powassan. Admission by donation.

AUGUST 14

38th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show

Join the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum as exhibitors from across

southern Ontario display their prized antique & classic cars. Food available in the Tea Room or hot off the BBQ. Historic buildings open with heritage demonstrations, children's activities and live entertainment. Rain date: August 21st. 14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley. 905.727.8954.

AUGUST 28

Annual Pilgrimage Service

Pilgrimage Service at Old Hay Bay Church National Historic Site in Napanee, starting at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is author and storyteller, Janet Kellough. For more information e-mail william.lamb@rogers.com.

OCTOBER 16

Weston Village Heritage House Tour

Tour and tea event between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Afternoon tea at the Weston Masonic Hall, 2040 Weston Rd., \$5 ea. For tickets e-mail bobbackland@ica.net or call 416.241.9322.

Williamstown Fair and Glengarry's Military Heritage

Celebrate the 200th Williamstown Fair (Aug 5-7) and Glengarry's Military Heritage (Aug 13-14) over the first two weekends in August this summer.

Upper Canada's—now Ontario's—first Agricultural Fair and its first regular Military Regiment, the Glengarry Fencibles, began here in the St Lawrence Valley in 1811. Both of these social institutions remain part of the fabric of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry today, 200 years later. Both the Fair and the Fencibles serve as major expressions of and witnesses to the building of the communities of eastern Ontario by means of mutual aid and community cooperation. The Fair began in Williamstown under the banner of the Saint Lawrence Valley Agricultural Society (patent 1808) and it is held on lands given to the community by Loyalist leader, Sir John Johnson for an annual fair. Sir John's Manor House is a National Historic Site in Williamstown.

The Fencibles were named after the Scottish Glengarry Highland Regiment which served in the Napoleonic War (1794-1802). The regiment was reformed in 1811, this time not as a British force but as a Canadian force, in the Eastern District of Upper Canada. Beginning with the Loyalists, Eastern Ontario has a long military tradition. There is a natural pride in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of The Glengarry Light Infantry Fencibles who were formed to be ready for an impending war. The regiment served as a part of the British regular forces in the War of 1812—one of only five such Canadian regular regiments and was the only regiment of this period to bear the name of a county of Upper Canada. Today the cap badge of the Fencibles is part of the uniform of the

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. There is extensive pride in the historic Militia units of Glengarry, Stormont and Dundas of this period.

Battle Re-enactments at the Williamstown Fairgrounds (part of Glengarry's 1812 history) are scheduled at 2:00 pm both Saturday, Aug 13th and Sunday, Aug 14th. The daily admission to the Fairgrounds will be \$5 for adults and free for children. The public is encouraged to visit the 1812 "Military Encampment" at the Sir John Johnson Manor House, see special exhibitions at the Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum, and experience period entertainment, food, artisans and Williamstown's historic sites. Also, a special Saturday evening re-enactment of the "Skirmish at Hoople's Creek" is planned at 8:30 pm on the riverbanks adjacent to the Manor House grounds.

These re-enactments, featuring historic American and British War of 1812 regiments, will be presented by members of the Canadian Regiment of Infantry Fencibles, by Fort Wellington National Historic Site and by local historical presenters. This Williamstown event is a prelude to the many events planned for Eastern Ontario during the 3 year bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Plan now to put Williamstown on your August calendar and enjoy history at its best. For more information, please contact Allan Macdonell at aln@sympatico.ca 613.525.5410, and David Smith, Canadian Fencibles at canadian-fencible@hotmail.com. See www.celebrate1812.com for further info provided by St Lawrence War of 1812 Bicentennial Alliance.

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Local Historian Recognized at 35th Anniversary Celebration

A record crowd of nearly 100 members, special guests and enthusiasts attended the 35th Anniversary Celebration of the Collingwood and District Historical Society (CDHS) on April 4th, 2011.

A feature of the evening was the giving of a Life Membership Award to one of the Society's long-time members, Eileen Crysler. Eileen Crysler has continuously served the Society since 1977, holding the position of president in 1982-83 and in 2000 as well as being chair person of the semi-annual House Tours that are held by the CDHS.

The evening started with a presentation by noted Collingwood author Christine Cowley, who created a vivid insight into the history of the Collingwood Grain Terminals - the subject of a book that she is currently working on.

A panel consisting of members of the original Collingwood and District Historical Society, John Sneyd, Peter Perry, Eileen Crysler and Muriel Poste, whose husband, the late Jack Poste, was the first chairman of the Society, was

chaired by Penny Skelton. Penny was Co-Editor of the Society's first newsletter named "Historically Speaking." This panel held the audience's attention by narrating their experiences and memories of events that took place during their time serving on the society's executive.

A preservation committee, led by John and Ralph Sneyd, was instrumental in designating the first three Heritage Homes in Collingwood in 1980. Pictures of these homes and other memorabilia were attractively displayed and drew the attention of the enthusiastic audience. The CDHS incorporated in the Province of Ontario through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society in September 1987.

As much as the Society has celebrated 35 years of history, the objective in the years to come, will be to create interest for young historians to look through "a window on the past—to enrich the future!" which has been the motto of the historical organization since its inception in 1976.

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Hewton and Griffin Bursaries for Archival Research in 2012

The Friends of the Archives at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH, Toronto), devoted to the history of Canadian psychiatry, mental health and addictions, have established two endowment funds. These funds annually provide bursaries in memory of their late colleagues, Ms. E.M. (Lil) Hewton and Dr. J.D.M. (Jack) Griffin, O.C.

The main purpose of the bursaries is to provide financial assistance to students, and others not necessarily associated with an academic institution, who propose to undertake archival research on an aspect of the history of mental health or addictions in Canada. The FOA board at its discretion may approve bursaries to a maximum of \$2,500.

There is no application form. Candidates are invited to submit a letter of intent not exceeding 300 words, together with a budget and résumé, not later than November 30, 2011. These awards are conditional on the bursary holders agreeing to submit progress reports within one year, and a final report including a financial synopsis within two years of receiving the bursary.

Please submit an application for the year 2012 by the November 30th, 2011, deadline to:

Vivienne Gibbs, President, Friends of the Archives
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From The Bookshelf

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You will recognize that this issue's From the Bookshelf is a little different. Our normal pattern is to review a dozen or so new books, pretty much in the order in which they are received. But in the last few months there has been a veritable flood of books for our bookshelf. Rather than hold some books until much later, we are listing all we have on hand, with a brief comment as to content or format. (In many cases the title and subtitle tell all, and little more is needed.) In later issues of the *Bulletin* we hope to provide further details.

Against Reform. John Pepall. University of Toronto Press. 164 pages \$19.95 softbound.

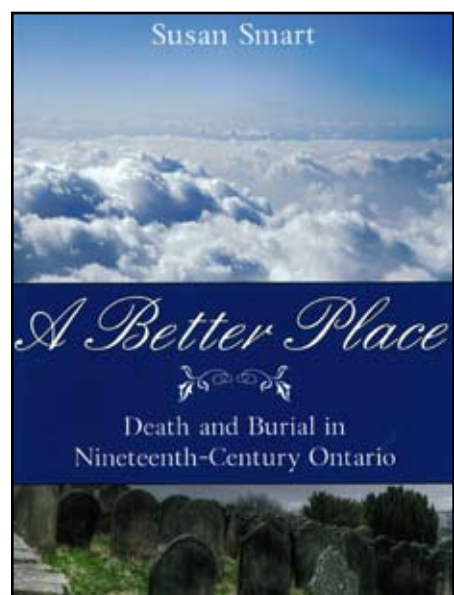
Movements for reform—for making major alterations to our Canadian parliamentary system—have a long history.

Barbed Wire, Black Flies, 55°F Below: The Story of the Monteith, Ontario POW Camp 1940-1946. Peter Lanosky. 184 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 softbound.

The human story of an Ontario prisoner-of-war camp whose very existence was long a well-kept government secret.

Behind the Scenes: The Life and Work of William Clifford Clark. Robert A. Wardhough. University of Toronto Press. 271 pages. Illustrations. \$37.95 softbound.

The public life of one of Canada's most important civil servants.



A Better Place: Death and Burial in Nineteenth-Century Ontario. Susan Smart. Dundurn and the Ontario Genealogical

Society. 238 pages. Illustrations. \$19.00 softbound.

Pioneer funeral practices in detail, from the simple burials of early settlers to the elaborate practices of the late Victorian age.

A Canadian Campaign. Major John Richardson. Davus Publishing. 173 pages. Illustrations and map. \$15.00 softbound.

First published anonymously in 1826, the war experiences of a young man who later became Canada's first novelist.

Common Ground: Stories of Lake of the Woods Celebrating 5 Years of Storytelling 2006-2010. Common Ground Committee. Lake of the Woods Museum. 317 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 softbound.

An area rich in beauty and in history is also one rich in stories, here told with sensitivity and enthusiasm.

Crime and Punishment in Upper Canada: A Researcher's Guide. Janice Nickerson and **Education and Ontario Family History: A Guide to Resources for Genealogists and Historians.** Marian Press. Dundurn \$19.99 ea. softbound.

Two volumes in the Genealogist's Reference Shelf series that outline the resources available to family historians who would add fact and flavour to their genealogies.

Erie Lodge No. 149 AF & AM. G. R. C. Celebrates 150 Years of Free Masonry in Port Dover. Harry B. Barrett. Patterson's Creek Press. 278 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

A devoted Freemason carefully traces the history of his Port Dover Lodge.

Favourite Son? John A. Macdonald and the Voters of Kingston 1841-1891. Ged Martin. Kingston Historical Society. 198 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 softbound.

The pressures and constraints on Sir John A. in his political relationship as Kingston's Member of Parliament.

George Simpson: Blaze of Glory. D. T. Lahey. A Quest Biography. Dundurn Group. 260 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

He explored from Labrador to British Columbia, the Yukon to Nunavut—a brief biography of one of the great Makers of Canada.

Hell in Flanders Fields: Canadians at the Second Battle

of Ypres. George H. Cassar. Dundurn. 424 pages. Illustrations and maps. \$36.00 hardbound.

The horrendous tale of a single World War I battle told in meticulous detail.

Huntsville: With Spirit and Resolve. Susan Pryke. A project of Heritage Huntsville. Muskoka Books. 256 pages. Illustrations and maps. \$29.95 softbound.

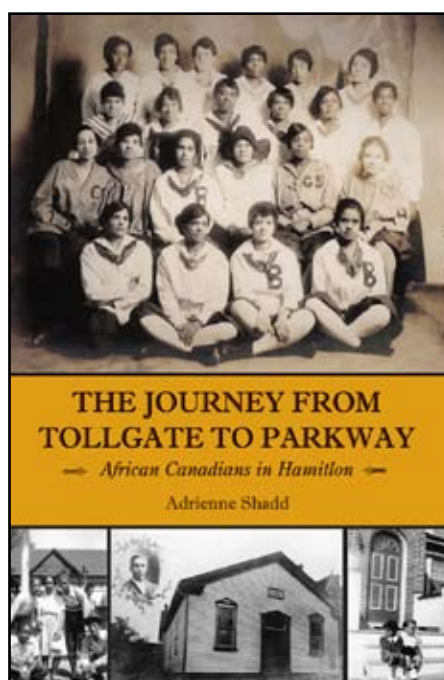
The challenges and successes of a community, from pioneer days to the middle of the 20th century.

In Search of the Grand Trunk: Ghost Rail Lines in Ontario. Ron Brown. Dundurn/Natural Heritage. 256 pages. Illustrations. 24.99 softbound.

Popular historian Ron Brown explores once-famous abandoned railway routes where buildings and bridges remain.

The Journey from Tollgate to Parkway: African Canadians in Hamilton. Adrienne Shadd. Natural Heritage/Dundurn. 276 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 softbound.

The contributions of Black men and women to the building and development of a city.



Journey to the Past: The Lost Villages of Mississauga. Heritage Mississauga. 256 pages. Illustrations and map. \$20.00 softbound.

A chronicle of twenty-three smaller communities that became the foundation of a modern city.

Just a Larger Family: Letters of Marie Williamson from the Canadian Home Front, 1940-1944. Mary F. Williamson and Tom Sharp, editors. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. 408 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 hardbound; \$29.95 softbound.

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A Little History of Canada,

Second Edition. H. V. Nelles. Oxford University Press. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

A whirlwind tour of our country, well narrated by a McMaster University Canadian historian.

A Matter of Honour: The Life, Campaigns, and Generalship of Isaac Brock. Jonathon Riley. Robin Brass Studio. 336 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

The life and death of the revered War of 1812 general often called the "Saviour of Upper Canada."

Migration and Empire. Marjory Harper and Stephen Constantine. Oxford University Press. Oxford History of the British Empire Companion Series. 380 pages. \$65.00 hardbound.

Two modern scholars analyse the flow of migration within the British empire over two centuries (1812 to the present).

Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway: A Canadian National Electric Railways Subsidiary and Ontario's Grand River Valley Electric Railways: the story of the area's streetcars, trolley coaches and interurban railways. John M. Mills. Railfare DC Books. Illustrations and maps. \$44.95 ea. softbound.

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North of Superior: An Illustrated History of Northwestern Ontario. Michel S. Beaulieu & Chris Southcott. James Lorimer. 126 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.

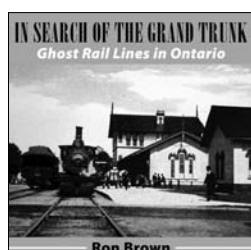
Two Lakehead University professors attempt to fill the void by tracing the history of three districts—Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora.

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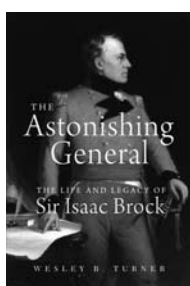
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Prisons, Asylums, and the Public: Institutional Visiting in the Nineteenth Century. Janet Miron. University of Toronto Press. 254 pages. Illustrations. \$27.95.

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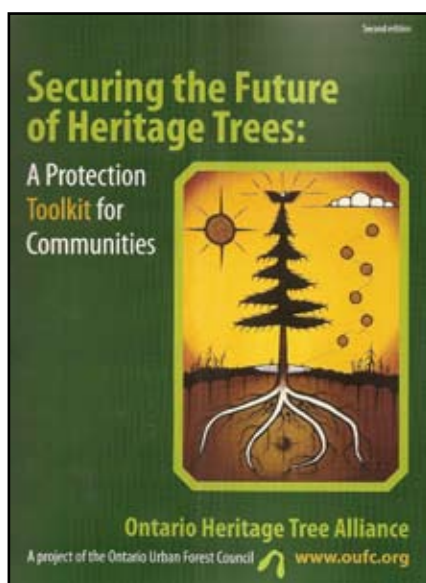
Securing the Future of Heritage Trees: A Protection Toolkit for Communities, Second Edition. The Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance. Ontario Urban Forest Council. 216 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 softbound.

A revised and enlarged edition of a handbook for communities who wish to protect, augment and celebrate their trees.

The Shaw Festival: The First Fifty Years. L. W. Conolly. Oxford University Press. 312 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00

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