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OHS Launches Provincial Petition to Protect Cooley-Hatt Cemetery (c. 1786)

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The OHS has launched a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario urging the Province of Ontario to protect the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery from real estate development.

The Cooley-Hatt Cemetery is a very early pioneer cemetery (c. 1786) with an estimated 99 unmarked burials, located in the community of Ancaster, in the City of Hamilton, on the Niagara Escarpment and in the Greenbelt. The cemetery is on lands purchased by developers who wish to relocate part of the cemetery for the construction of a new subdivision.

The Province has declared this an "unapproved" cemetery despite its appearance in many official municipal documents, including most recently, 1998 maps from

the Town of Ancaster Planning & Building Department. In July 2006, Marjorie Stuart and Rob Leverty, with descendants Richard Hatt (Hatt Family) and Shaune Copeman-Botosh (Cooley Family), "walked through a lovely field of wildflowers and raspberries to reach this historic cemetery."

Richard Hatt (1769-1819), and his wife Mary Cooley, along with some of her family and several of their nine children are buried there. Richard Hatt was a businessman, judge, politician and militia officer. He established a mill in Dundas Mills which included a distillery, potashery, general store, sawmills, a coopery and a blacksmith shop, as well as a mill in Ancaster.

Richard Hatt served in the War of 1812 as a Major in the 5th Lincoln Militia and was severely wounded at the Battle of Lundy's Lane. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1800 and a judge of the District and Surrogate Courts. He purchased Joseph Willcocks' printing press and published the *Upper Canada Phoenix*. He was elected to the 7th Parliament of Upper Canada in 1817. Richard Hatt died in 1819 and was buried in the cemetery.

The good news is that the OHS has already received petitions signed by Ontarians from 58 cities, towns and villages



The Society first visited the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery in 2006 and met with descendants Richard Hatt (Hatt Family) and Shaune Copeman-Botosh (Cooley Family). Pictured also is Cemetery News Editor Marjorie Stuart (centre). Photo Rob Leverty



Photo Rob Leverty

On June 8th, OHS attended the historic Council to Council meeting of The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the City of Toronto which officially acknowledged the settlement of the Toronto Land Purchase negotiations with the federal government. Seen here celebrating together are (left to right) Joe Pantalone, Deputy Mayor; Chief M. Bryan LaForme; Mayor David Miller and former chief and new OHS Board Director Carolyn King. For more information please see "Settling the Toronto Land Purchase", in the April 2010 *OHS Bulletin*.

urging the protection of the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery. At a recent meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, 103 individuals signed our petition. Now we ask for your help as the descendants need all the support we can muster.

A copy of the petition is enclosed in your copy of the OHS Bulletin. The official format of the petition should not be altered. Make additional copies first if more than ten people wish to sign it. The petition can also be accessed at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca or by calling us toll free at 1.866.955.2755 to have a petition mailed. An individual may sign the petition only once and it is important that you print your name clearly with your full address. Please circulate the petition to the members of your organization and to friends and family. The original signed petition should be mailed to: The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Ave., Willowdale, ON M2N 3Y2. The Society will sort, copy and deliver the original petitions to the Legislature Assembly of Ontario to be read during the fall session.

If Bill 149, the *Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act, 2009* had passed, it would have prohibited the relocation of the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery. There was tremendous support for Bill 149 from citizens all across Ontario. On March 12, 2009, Members of the Ontario Legislature from all parties rose to

speak in support of Bill 149 at 2nd Reading, eloquently urging that our cemeteries be protected in their original locations. Regrettably, Bill 149 was extinguished when the 1st Session of the 39th Legislative Assembly of Ontario was prorogued on March 4, 2010.

Hence, our struggle for the *public interest* must continue. If this so-called unapproved cemetery is desecrated for real estate development, it will set a dangerous precedent for the other estimated 1500 unapproved pioneer cemeteries in Ontario. You can also call or write your local MPP and urge him/her to stop the relocation of the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery and ask them if they would support the re-introduction of the *Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act*.

It is our duty and mandate to protect the vulnerable and valuable heritage of Ontario's cemeteries. As Jim Brownell, MPP (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry) stated in his closing remarks on debate of Bill 149 at the Legislature, "these fights should not have to go on any longer...I hope that we in the Province of Ontario can continue to visit those sites in their original locations and stop this fighting, to preserve the sanctity of these sacred places in our province."

On behalf of the OHS and the Cooley and Hatt families, we deeply appreciate your continued support. Thank you!

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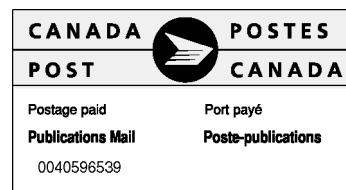
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President's Report

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Greetings to all. As the incoming President of the OHS, I would like to introduce myself. I was born in Sudbury, attended the University of Waterloo and worked much of my life in Ottawa. After periods in Montreal and France, I now reside in Toronto. In all, I think that I know the province of Ontario and its unique regional differences pretty well. My background is in business, where I have been a management consultant with Deloitte for over 30 years. But my real passion is history. This started with an interest in my own genealogy and has expanded into extensive reading and research. My future plans are to become an author of historical novels. In fact, my interest in

joining the Board of OHS in the first place was to expand my contacts in order to pursue this future ambition.

I would like to take a moment to thank the outgoing President, Ken Turner for his contribution to OHS. Ken's major interest is cemetery preservation and he has worked tirelessly in support of this cause. Thank you Ken, for all your efforts. Of course, Ken remains on the Board serving as Past President. I would also like to thank two Board members who have stepped down this year, notably Chris Oslund of Timiskaming Shores, who has just stepped down as Past President, and Jennifer Riel of Toronto.

I would also like to welcome two new Board members recently proposed by our Nominations Committee and voted for at our

Annual General Meeting in June. They are Serge Ducharme of Field and Carolyn King of Hagersville. Welcome to the Board.

I come to this position at a time of stability for the OHS. We are in a sound financial position and are not faced with any major social, political or managerial issues. We do however, face one major challenge. We have a growing membership and there is an ever increasing interest in Ontario's history and heritage; these lead to ever increasing expectations of the OHS. Our very limited staff complement of three is challenged to meet these expectations. The underlying problem, of course, is funding. One of my goals for the year is to tackle the issue of donations and support for the OHS with the aim of increasing our staff size to meet our members' needs.

We have put considerable effort and expense in the past year into developing our new web

site. The second of my goals for the year is to begin the process of putting more historical material into this web site. I would like to see it expand from its initial primary role of serving as administrative support for OHS, to becoming a source for historical research for students, historians and all interested in Ontario's past.

Let me conclude by saying that I look forward to the year ahead, and if any of you have ideas on how we can be more effective, please feel free to contact me.

Executive Director's Report

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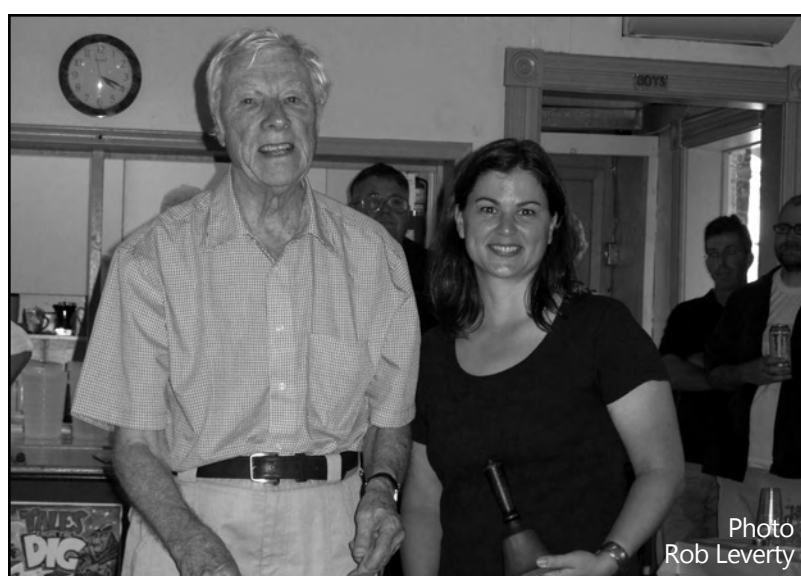
I am pleased to report that on June 12, 2010, the OHS Board of Directors incorporated the Soo Pipe Band as a not-for-profit corporation in the Province of Ontario.

The Soo Pipe Band is located in Sault Ste. Marie and maintains a tradition of outstanding community service and award-winning skills dating back to its formation in 1915. The Soo Pipe Band's existence began through the efforts of two Scottish immigrants, Peter Buchan Sr. and John Mudo Nicholson. From that time to the present day, the band has had a rich and colourful history, complete with the on-going challenges that face any pipe band currently in existence.

The Soo Pipe Band will provide music and services for public and charitable organizations to improve the public's understanding and awareness of the history of Sault Ste. Marie. The band will host events, displays, exhibitions and performances and produce educational materials, as well as supporting programs offered by the local museums.

Since November 2009, the OHS has incorporated 5 historical organizations with four of these based in northern Ontario. Since the OHS AGM in June 2009, the Society has incorporated 10 non-profit corporations, which in a twelve month period is a new record for incorporating historical organizations through affiliation with the OHS. In this issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, we are featuring The Glengarry Fencibles Trust which the OHS incorporated on April 17, 2010.

The OHS had a very successful 2010 AGM and Honours & Awards Ceremony. I would like to thank Dorothy Duncan for her keynote address "From forests to farmsteads to fields to a neighbourhood garden: our ancestors' one mile diet". Special thanks to Linda Kelly, Chair, OHS AGM Committee and Dorothy for also organizing a very popular reception at the John McKenzie House



On Saturday, June 19th, OHS joined many friends to celebrate Charles Garrad's 80th birthday at the Craighleith School House Community Centre. Congratulations, Charlie, for your outstanding work to preserve and promote Ontario's history and being for decades a devoted member and friend of the OHS. Holding the old school bell is Suzanne Purdy, Curator, The Blue Mountains, Craighleith Heritage Depot. Thank you Suzanne for organizing such a great event!

where guests sampled the healthy fare of our ancestors.

At the AGM, Chris Oslund and Jennifer Riel retired from the OHS Board of Directors. On behalf of the OHS staff, I would like to thank Chris and Jennifer for all their contributions and dedicated volunteer service to the OHS. I would like to welcome our new Board Directors Carolyn King, former Chief, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and Serge Ducharme, Director, Sturgeon River House Museum.

I would like to congratulate all our award winners and everyone who was nominated for an award for their contributions towards preserving and promoting Ontario's history. Congratulations also to Sharon Jaeger, Chair, OHS Honours and Awards Committee and all the judges for their outstanding contributions and countless hours of volunteer service.

On May 29-30, the OHS participated in the 11th Annual Doors Open Toronto. During the weekend OHS staff and volunteers welcomed and gave tours to over 750 guests at the John McKenzie House. Visitors came from the local community, various parts of Ontario and Canada, the northeastern United States, Florida, Texas, Germany, England, China, Korea and Venezuela.

In May I gave a presentation to the Cloyne and District Historical Society and also toured their Pioneer Museum and the abandoned pioneer cemetery that was magnificently restored by the community. Con-

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Across the Province

Once again, there is much to remember and to celebrate in the heritage community in Ontario. A few of the special anniversaries in 2010 include Port Credit celebrating 175 years, national parks in Canada celebrating 125 years, while in Port Arthur a century ago a group of Finnish immigrants built the Finnish Labour Temple known as "The Big Finn Hall." Today it is well known as the popular Hoito Restaurant in Thunder Bay as it celebrates its centennial. In Ottawa, the Canadian Museum of Nature National Historic Site has been reborn with an extensive renovation to celebrate a century of service. It was constructed from 1905 to 1910 as a tribute to Queen Victoria with the words "Victoria Memorial Museum" carved in stone above the doors. Also restored in time for her centennial year is Toronto's beloved ferryboat the *Trillium*, which is now ready for special charters. Every Canadian has, in some way, been a part of the well-known Girl Guides of Canada, either as a parent, a member, or a consumer of those famous cookies, and we wish them well as they celebrate a century of service to their communities.

Several organizations and institutions are celebrating fifty years, including Byng Island Conservation Area, one of the busiest of the Grand River Conservation Authority's network of eleven parks; the Burlington Historical Society; and Heritage Mississauga, which will be hosting special events all year.

In April of 1975 the South Norwich Historical Society formed and its members were soon deeply involved in heritage projects including a History Faire with the emphasis on involving children and students, a travelling food booth to serve the Norwich Steam Show, and convincing their municipal government to purchase the historic 1845 Otterville Mill. The new Society then signed an agreement to restore and maintain the mill! Well done!

The Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, reminds us that 2010 has been designated the Year of the Home Child by our Canadian Parliament. Watch for the special stamp that will be issued in October in recognition of the courage, ingenuity, vision and contributions of the Home Children and this often forgotten period in our history. For more information,

see April's *OHS Bulletin* Online article by Linda Thompson at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

The Village of Wesleyville was known as an active rural community until the Ontario Power Generation purchased all the property, except the 1860 United Church. Ten years ago the Hope Township Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee commissioned a study resulting in Wesleyville being recognized as a cultural landscape that should be preserved. Friends of Wesleyville is a non-profit corporation with a membership dedicated to preserving the remnants of the village and returning the church to the community. For further information, or to become a member: 905.885.1575.

Congratulations to the Peterborough Historical Society on receiving a grant of \$134,400 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for renovations to the Hutchison House Museum. Long time member, Jim Lillico, has donated \$10,000 to launch the Society's capital fundraising campaign to support the work on this well known historic property. For further information, or to make a donation: 705.743.9710 or 705.740.2600.

The Museums of Mississauga have received a grant from Cultural Spaces Canada for mobile high density storage shelves in the Benares Visitor Centre, to employ additional part-time staff and to acquire storage supplies for the care and conservation of the collection.

Many members of the heritage community have expressed their pleasure that The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation have accepted the \$145 million settlement from the federal government for the 1805 Toronto Purchase of 251,000 acres of land. This long awaited and debated outcome gives a cash settlement to all the adult band members and provides trust funds for the children and the future of the community.

As always, there are many new exhibits, events, programmes and lectures in the weeks and months ahead, including the following:

August 31 – October 30:

"Uncommon Threads: Recent Works from the Huronia Handweavers" exhibited at the Orillia Museum of Art and History, Orillia: 705.326.2159.

September 1: The Lanark County Genealogical Society will host

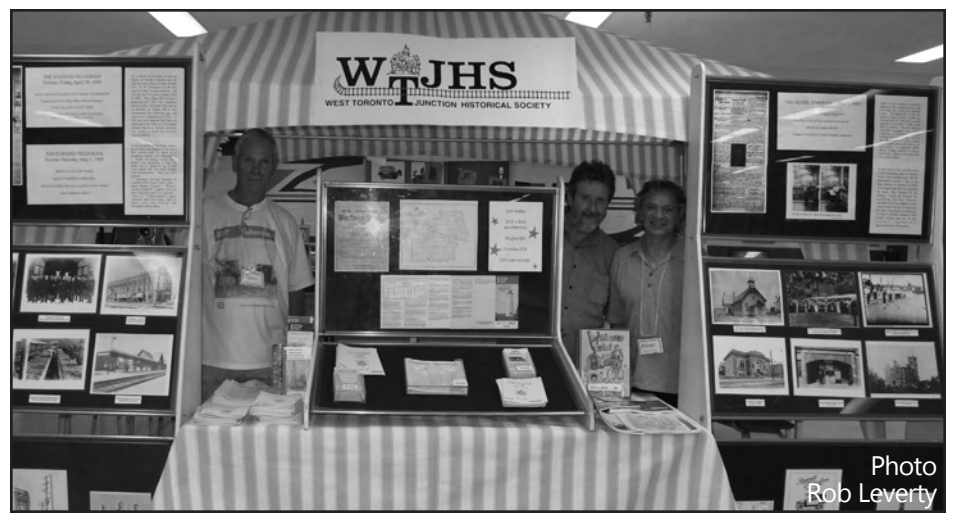


Photo
Rob Leverty

West Toronto Junction Historical Society President Gib Goodfellow, Corresponding Secretary Manni Milsad work the booth at Spring Fling 2010 in partnership with Humberside Hoopla at Humberside Collegiate. The silent auction was raising funds for artists to create works of art with students inspired by Junction history. That evening marked the world debut of the student-created Junction History Mash-Up, directed by Neil Ross, featuring the work of young composer Isaias Garcia.

Irene Robillard, Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives speaking on "The Handford Studio Collection and other historical records at the Archives", and on October 2: John J. Heney, Friends of the City of Ottawa Archives on "Research the Past, But Write for the Future!" Times and locations: 613.745.6335.

September 8: Norie Jacobs speaking on "Jacques and Hay, 19th Century Toronto Furniture Makers" at the Tollkeeper's Cottage. September 15: Dorothy Duncan on "Eating on the Move: From First Nations to Newcomers". September 22: Marjorie Stuart on "Cemeteries: Overlooked Heritage Assets". September 29: Jane Fairburn "A New Look and New Insights on the Shoreline and Island". For times and costs: 416.515.7546.

September 14: The Heritage Four Speakers Series returns to the Mississauga Central Library with Councillor Nando Iannicca, Michael Mascarini and others to speak on the Italian community at the Cooksville Brickyard. Information: www.mississauga.ca/heritagefour.

September 18: Doors Open Mississauga: www.doorsopen.on.ca and Doors Open Waterloo Region: 519.571.5684.

September 18 – 19: Thornhill will celebrate its 34th Village Festival: 905.881.3952.

September 21: Mississauga South Historical Society hosts author

and historian Dave Cook speaking on his new book, *Mississauga's Fading History*, Volume II: 905.828.8411, ext. 29.

September 25 – 26: Doors Open Oakville: 905.845.6601 ext. 5122.

September 26: The Uxbridge Historical Society will host the Family Fall Festival and on October 6 will welcome Allan McGillivray speaking on "From Forests to Farms to Forests" at the Uxbridge Historical Centre: 905.852.5854.

September 27: Craileith Heritage Depot will host author Dorris Hefron speaking on "City Wolves" and on October 25 Bruce Bingham, author and photographer presenting "Abandoned Ontario" at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury: 705.444.2601.

September 28: "An Illustrated History of Northern Ontario" will be presented by Chris Southcott and Michel Beaulieu at the Thunder Bay Museum. Details: 807.623.0801.

October 3: Harvest Festival will be celebrated at the John R. Park Homestead in Essex County. As the Homestead was the recent winner of the prestigious Russell K. Cooper Award presented by The Ontario Historical Society for the best living history museum in Ontario, Rowena Cooper will make the local presentation at the Festival. Remember too, that Harvest Moon will be celebrated at the Homestead on October 22. Details on both events: 519.738.2029.

Youth Corner

Youth Involvement in History

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What is the importance of the past? Sadly, many youth today would say that there is no point in studying history – in other words, what has already happened won't affect anything they do. However,

that is the wrong way to look at life. History is what makes the world what it is, and has a huge impact on the future. Since an early age, even if at first I did not fully realize its importance, I have been fascinated by history. My parents have encouraged this by taking me to numerous museums and historical

sites across Canada and the U.S. My grandparents have also played a major role in encouraging this interest, telling me stories of their own past and showing me many unique and intriguing antiques.

My first summer job was working at the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre, run by its curator Evan Morton. That summer I spent many enjoyable hours restoring artifacts, sorting documents and helping organize the Heritage Day. Since that summer I have gone back numerous days to help out or drop off some historically signifi-

cant find.

My involvement in the historical community has continued throughout my high school years through the encouragement of my history teacher, Mr. Stafford, and my participation in the Renaissance Society. This group of dedicated history students puts on an annual conference focused on promoting the importance of understanding and preserving our history. It has also been a part of several other

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Museum Focus: The Voyageur Heritage Network *Part three of three*

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Mattawa & District Museum *Mattawa, Ontario*

Nestled on Explorer's Point, this beautiful red pine structure, hewed out of the wood that made the Ottawa Valley prosper, was established in 1984. It is located at the junction of the Ottawa and Mattawa Rivers. This confluence has meant that the site has held a strategic and important position for the people who have travelled this historic waterway. Explorers from Samuel de Champlain to Pierre La Verendrye rested on the very spot where our museum is situated before pushing onwards to Lake Nipissing and the interior of Canada. In 1837, it was also the site of the Mattawa House, a seven building Hudson Bay Post. The site's rich history adds life and colour to the artifacts and exhibits held within. Open daily from July to September.

Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre *Capreol, Ontario*

The Northern Ontario Railroad Museum & Heritage Centre depicts the railroading heritage of northern Ontario and its impact on mining, lumbering, and early settlements. Indoor exhibits include the Railroad Room, the Lumbering Room, the Heritage Room, the Mining Room and our Victorian Style Tea Room, open June through August.

Mississagi Lighthouse Heritage Park *Manitoulin Island*

The Mississagi Lighthouse was established as a lighthouse and fog station in 1873. Three hundred years ago Lassalle's ship the Grifon went missing in Lake Huron. It is believed the ship was wrecked on this site and the crew perished in caves along the shore. In 1915, the supply ship Burlington burned at dock. The site is now a divers dream, 25 ft. from the shoreline. It is also a painter's and photographer's paradise with its unique flora and ample fauna. Come and enjoy this quiet isolation and marvel at the deep waters of the straits travelled by the early explorers and fur traders. Explore some of Manitoulin's natural and built heritage between May and September.

Nipissing Township Museum *Nipissing, Ontario*

The Nipissing Township Museum, open mid-June until Labour Day, is situated on Highway 654 in Nipissing Village. The museum is housed in a former church, made of hand-hewn logs, that was built by craftsmen in the late 1800s. A former Methodist church that

later became Anglican, it is one of the oldest churches in the diocese of Algoma, often visited by the famous Missionary, Reverend Gowan Gillmor. Some artifacts from the church itself, and many others representing the history of the area, are on display in the museum.

Science North *Sudbury, Ontario*

Science North, an educational resource for children and adults, features five attractions – a science centre, 200-seat IMAX® theatre, butterfly gallery, motion simulator and special exhibits hall, which features travelling science exhibitions and special holiday displays, year-round.

Sturgeon River House *Sturgeon Falls, Ontario*

This scenic and historic site of the fur trade as carried out by the Hudson's Bay Company (1848-1879) also features exhibits on trapping and furbearers. For the nature enthusiast, a network of all-season walking trails lead to a nearby cranberry bog and waterfowl staging area. It features 4 kilometres of low impact wood-chipped trails and boardwalks, suitable for all ages. Open year round.

Sudbury Region Police Museum *Sudbury, Ontario*

The Police Museum, a new venture coordinated by volunteers, displays the origins, growth and development of law enforcement in the Sudbury Region through the use of artifacts, photographs and documents. Its displays include The History of the Sudbury Police Service, Wall of Memories, Weapons, Forensics, Transportation and Body Armor. Located in the Sudbury Police headquarters, all tours are guided.

The Little Schoolhouse and Museum *Manitoulin Island*

The Little Schoolhouse and Museum, located at 113 Church Street in the village of South Baymouth, traces the history of Tehkummah Township, including one of Ontario's ghost towns, Michaels Bay, and the development of South Baymouth from a fishing village to a tourist destination and ferry port. The museum features unique displays and artifacts celebrating the rich maritime history of this picturesque fishing village on the southern tip of the island. The Schoolhouse, open mid-May to mid-October revives and celebrates the era of the one-room school on Manitoulin Island.

Temagami Station *Temagami, Ontario*

The historic Temagami Station is the gateway to heritage attractions on Highway 11 North. Built in 1907 in response to the numerous



A simple handmade wooden memento box, lovingly carved and inscribed by a father to his daughter 172 years ago has returned to Pickering and is the focal point of the new exhibition "A Family Story". Asahel Hawley Scott's box with dove-tailed corners and a sliding lid will be on display until December at Pickering Museum Village. Pictured (from left): Darryl Withrow, PMV Woodwright; Ron Van Horne, donor of the Asahel Scott Rebellion Box of Lambton County and Dr. John Carter, Museum and Heritage Advisor, Ministry of Tourism and Culture. The exhibit installation was made possible by generous financial support from the Pickering Museum Village Foundation.

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vacationers brought north to pristine Lake Temagami on the T&NO Railway, the elegant stone building was badly damaged by fires in 1909 and 1974. Now restored to its former glory, the Station houses a model railway exhibit depicting Northern Ontario in the 1930s, a shop specializing in books for all ages, and local souvenirs and exhibitions relating to the history of the district. Open daily, July & August.

Timber Village Museum *Blind River, Ontario*

Located next to the Northern Ontario Logging Memorial on Hwy 17, Timber Village Museum houses, exhibits and interprets artifacts and archival materials relating to the history of Blind River and area with a special focus on the local logging and lumbering industry. In addition to the Pioneer and McFadden Lumber Heritage Galleries is a large temporary exhibit space where exhibitions of local artists and artisans are held. Timber Village is proud of its photograph collection of 2000 photos depicting life in early Blind River and area as well as the lumber camps of the Blind River and Mississauga rivers area between Spanish and Thessalon. Open daily through July and August.

Ermatinger Clergue N.H.S. *Sault Ste. Marie*

This site is the oldest stone building northwest of Toronto. The house was built by Charles Oakes Ermatinger in 1814 to serve as both his home and place of business. He, his Ojibway wife and their 13 children resided there until 1828. The site has served as a court

house, hotel, YWCA and social club. Self-guided tours as well as tours by costumed guides are offered, the latter by appointment.

Iron Bridge Historical Museum *Iron Bridge, Ontario*

Located in a historic building, this community museum is focused on the local history of Iron Bridge. Exhibits include agricultural and household items. Open July and August.

Sault Ste. Marie Museum *Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario*

The Sault Ste. Marie Museum, originally built between 1904 and 1906 as a Post Office, stands out with its distinctive clock tower. Its eclectic Ontario architecture is a combination of styles with cut stone walls, Romanesque arched windows, a magnificent oak staircase and exquisite three-storey skylight. The Museum welcomes visitors year round to explore three floors of exhibit galleries that depict the heritage of Sault Ste. Marie. Children will enjoy the Discovery Gallery, designed with learning and fun in mind. The museum also features locally curated exhibits, travelling exhibits and special events.

St. Joseph Island Museum *Richards Landing, Ontario*

Located on beautiful St. Joseph Island in the middle of the St. Mary's River, 30 miles east of Sault Ste. Marie, this museum houses 200 years of Island history. Highlighted are Indian encampments to Fort St. Joseph (1796-1814), pioneer settlements (1835), private ownership by 1880, and more recent times. Open July and August.

Cemetery News

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Not far from the Cooley-Hatt Cemetery in Hamilton is the Book Cemetery, named after the Book family who settled in Ancaster in the early 1800s. Their small family burial ground was established about 1815 and was in continuous use until 1912. It is believed there are 88 burials at the site with 85 headstones. In May 2010 the Ancaster Heritage Committee approved a recommendation that the Book Cemetery be officially

killed in Afghanistan. Their bodies are returned to Canada and travel along a stretch of Highway 401 which has been named the Highway of Heroes. Richard Hatt was a veteran of the War of 1812 and an outstanding citizen of Upper Canada. Surely Richard Hatt and his family are worthy of respect and not the indecency of disinterment.

Transcribers of records at the Toronto Necropolis discovered the burial registration for Joshua Wilson age 116 in 1861. A search of the 1851 and 1861 census revealed that he was born in the United States and was a resident of Yorkville. He lived alone in a farmhouse. Any further information would be of great interest, please contact me by e-mail.

I will be speaking at the Tollkeepers' Cottage on 22 September. The title of my talk will be Cemeteries: Overlooked Heritage

Assets. There is a great deal more than burial locations in cemeteries. Tickets may be purchased at the Tollkeepers' Cottage in Toronto.

We have learned that some cemeteries have moved old flat headstones into mini-cairns. These stones no longer mark the original burial location and if placed in concrete will deteriorate rapidly with the action of freezing and thawing.

The Town of Oakville completed phase one of a project to restore 50 monuments in cemeteries that the municipality maintains. They have identified more than 2000 headstones that are in need of restoration. The project is continuing this summer in Munn's Pioneer Cemetery.

A tombstone for George Steadman, who died in 1950, has been discovered at a Newmarket area construction project. Anyone with information is asked to contact marjstuart@sympatico.ca.

A "friend of cemeteries" recently visited a number of small cemeteries in Morrison Township in Muskoka, Orillia and North Durham area, many of which are maintained by volunteers. The comment was that each cemetery visited was beautifully maintained and it was a pleasure to visit. They should be congratulated for their dedication.

of gifts (picture on page 2).

Finally, many historians will remember Professor Margaret A. Banks, who passed away on April 29, 2010. She was of great assistance to countless historical and legal writers, both while at the Ontario Archives and afterwards, for nearly thirty years, as the Law Librarian of the University of Western Ontario. Her many publications include constitutional, legal and court histories, as well as biographies of Edward Blake and Sir John Bourinot. Our warmest regards and best wishes to her family.



Photo Edith Geduld, NYHS

The OHS presented a certificate of recognition to the North York Historical Society (NYHS) for their 50th Anniversary celebration at Gibson House Museum on June 13. Pictured with members and volunteers of the NYHS and holding the certificate is OHS Membership Coordinator and Office Manager Christina Perfertto and David Zimmer, MPP Willowdale. Standing to Christina's left is NYHS President Geoff Geduld.

The Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society

Doug Thompson, President
Guest Writer

The Lower Burial Ground in Kingston (corner of Queen & Montreal Streets) was established in 1783, by order of Major Ross, Commander of the troops at the site of Fort Frontenac. They came from Oswego to lay out the town (King's Town-Kingston), the townships and the farm lots for the Loyalists from the 13 Colonies following the American Revolution. We know that two soldiers from the 2nd KRRNY were buried that year making it one of the oldest cemeteries in Ontario. Burials continued to 1863.

In May 2008 a group of citizens concerned with the condition of the Lower Burial Ground met to discuss ways and means of stopping the deterioration of the cemetery and to carry out a program of conservancy and education. This group became The Lower Burial Ground Restoration Society (LBGRS), receiving their Letters Patent in 2008 and an easement from the Diocese of Ontario in 2009 to carry out their work for 20 years. The LBGRS consists of two historians, a senior archaeologist, representatives from the Municipal Heritage Committee, Parks Canada, the federal MP's office, two residents who live nearby and several members of St. Paul's Anglican Church where the burial

ground is located.

Their first project, the restoration of the 1813 Joseph Forsythe monument was painstakingly done by Upper Canada Stone House Group and was completed in May 2009.

Their next major project is to restore the stone wall along the western perimeter of the burial ground. This wall is a double-wythe wall which consists of two walls with a rubble stone fill tied together by cross-over stone and mortar bonding. It is the only remaining section of a 3-sided limestone enclosure build by F.X. Rocheleau in 1799 which makes it the second oldest surviving structure in Kingston. Its condition is such that if work is not begun soon, within the next two years, it will be beyond restoration.

Fundraising has begun. A letter and speaker campaign will be carried out, a series of fundraising events is planned and applications for any and all possible grants will be pursued. An engineering firm, our specialist stone mason company and an archaeological research foundation have been consulted and a plan has been formulated in keeping with provincial and municipal regulations. The LBGRS is seeking donations, which may be sent to Doug Thompson, President, LBGRS, 207-115 Barrett Court, Kingston, ON K7L 5H6. Receipts for income tax purposes will be sent.

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gratulations. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to commitment and determination to protect our local history.

In June I had the distinct honour to attend and speak at the celebration of Charles Garrad's 80th Birthday. Charlie has been a devoted member and dedicated friend of the OHS. It was a "great day for a Great man" who is already a legend and given us a rich historical legacy. Charlie generously requested that donations should be made to the Craighleith Heritage Depot in lieu

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events including a presentation at the Hastings County Historical Society's annual banquet. Our largest project thus far has been the creation of a petition to make Canadian history a mandatory grade 12 course. Having taken this, I can say that students are potentially missing an opportunity to learn about the development of our country.

History is all around us, whether you are someone who studies the past or looks to the future, it is important to know where you have come from to know where you are

going. Many supposedly new technologies are merely improvements of past inventions or make use of discoveries made by those in history. I follow this while I look towards my university years to come, having applied to programs dealing with both the past and the future: archaeology and nanotechnology. Wherever the road takes me, I will always hold history close to my heart and continue to spread the meaning of its importance to those around me. Hopefully sometime in the future, all youth will learn to look not only ahead but also behind them into the past.

Exhibits, Events and Notices

AUGUST 22

A Scottish Celebration At Dundurn

Join us for a day of 19th century children's games, music and workshops to celebrate Sir Allan MacNab's Scottish ancestry. Held on the grounds of Dundurn Castle, families will experience true Scottish traditions and outdoor fun. Bring your lawn chair and experience the thrills and sounds of Scotland with music provided by the massed bands of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Dundurn National Historic Site, 610

York Blvd. in Hamilton. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More info at 905.546.2872 or www.hamilton.ca/museums

SEPTEMBER 25

Norfolklore XXXIV

The grand-daddy of genealogy fairs will be held this year at the Simcoe Seniors Centre & Eva Brook Donly Museums & Archives. Come see exhibitors from all around Ontario with new & used, rare & out-of-print books for sale. New resources for the family historian! For more information call 519.426.1583 or visit www.norfolklore.com.

WANT MORE EVENT INFO?

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www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

Please bookmark the site and check for heritage events in your area! If you are a member of the Society, you may add your own not-for-profit heritage events to the calendar by logging-in to the site! *Across the Province* (Page 3) also features events in your area!

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Do you have an exhibit, event or story that you would like to publicize in the *OHS Bulletin*? Send submissions to:

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The *OHS Bulletin* reserves the right to edit all submissions. Good quality, high resolution images are always welcome.



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Andrea Izzo

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Honours and Awards Recipients! Pictured above at the OHS AGM in June (in no specific order) are: Museum Award of Excellence recipient Grey Roots Museum and Archives; Russell K. Cooper Living History Site or Heritage-Based Museum Award recipient John R. Park Homestead; B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit recipient Oro-Medonte History Association; President's Award recipients Rob and Doug Shouldice of Shouldice Designer Stone; Cruikshank Medal recipients Chris and Pat Raible; Fred Landon Award recipient Françoise Noël for *Family and Community Life in Northeastern Ontario*; Certificate of Merit recipient in the Fred Landon Award Category Christine Cowley for *Butchers, Bakers & Building the Lakers: Voices of Collingwood*; Alison Prentice Award recipient Susan Butlin for *The Practice of Her Profession, Florence Carlyle*; J. J. Talman Award recipient Jean Morrison for *Labour Pains, Thunder Bay's Working Class in Canada's Wheat Boom Era*; and Donald Grant Creighton Award recipient Alan D. Butcher for *Unlikely Paradise: The Life of Frances Gage*. Not pictured above are Carnochan Award recipient Joy Ormsby and Riddell Award recipient Dennis Carter-Edwards for "Promoting a 'Unity of Feeling' The Rebellions of 1837/1838 and the Peterborough Region."

OHS Welcomes New Affiliate: Glengarry Fencibles Trust

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The fate of one of Ontario's most historic buildings, the 202-year-old Bishop's House in the far-Eastern Ontario crossroads of St. Raphael's, hangs in the balance as a contest unfolds among several local organizations – including a new OHS affiliate.

The building is the grand, three-storey stone home built in 1808 by the Rev. Alexander Macdonell. A recent immigrant to Canada, Macdonell was the parish priest of the tiny Glengarry County village of St. Raphael's. He was also a man of vision and ambition: an educator, proselytizer and warrior, and from 1826 until his death in 1840, the first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada. The house was not only the simple abode of a humble parish priest, but the bold statement of a man destined to be known as the "Big Bishop."

It was from this house that the Rev. Macdonell re-established the Glengarry Fencibles (a regiment he had earlier raised in Scotland), and planned an attack on Ogdensburg, N.Y., during the War of 1812. He joined with his Presbyterian counterpart, Rev. John Bethune, on the march to Ogdensburg, Rev. Macdonell carrying the Cross on one flank, Rev. Bethune the Bible on the other.

It was also from this house that he directed the expansion of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper



Photo
Allan McDonell

Canada, oversaw the construction of 35 new churches, opened schools, and, in St. Raphael's itself, established the first seminary west of Québec. Here also, he directed the construction of St. Raphael's Church, completed in 1821 by Archibald Fraser, architect-builder, a great stone "church in the wilderness" that stood across the King's Road for 150 years until struck by fire in 1970. The surviving stone walls are now Canada's most dramatic ruin, and as of 1999, a National Historic Site.

The old house, originally Classically-styled, was given a Second Empire treatment in the 1870s, a new Mansard roof and a wealth of pressed tin ceilings inside. Then, in the 1920s, matching east and west wings were added by Montréal architect, Raoul Gariépy. The house, then known as Iona Academy, was

a well-regarded boarding school, attended by local girls and boys, as well as girls from across Canada and abroad.

In the 1970s, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario built a new school beside the existing one, and the old house lost its vocation. It became a residential alcohol treatment centre briefly in the 1980s, but after that it sat vacant. There were the inevitable roof problems by the early 2000s, and fallen plaster inside.

Although the school board coveted the land under the old house for expanded playgrounds and parking lots, the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, appeared willing to demolish the house and sell the land. Fortunately, it found demolition costs and landfill tipping fees prohibitively high.

Finally, in 2005, a local resident named Allan Macdonell, who had gone to school in the old house (as his father had before him), gathered together a small group of like-minded concerned citizens who wished to see the building preserved for present and future generations.

Macdonell and the Bishop's House Committee had the roof repaired and tidied up the premises. Studies were contracted from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Ottawa architect Mark Brandt, both of which were very favourable. The house was opened for tours, including Doors Open.

Community reaction was positive. But the diocese and the school board, both key players, showed no enthusiasm.

"Certainly it's a building of historical significance, especially for Catholic education," explained the school board's Ron Eamer, "But it's sat for years. Its condition, the amount of money it would take, and the lack of demonstrable use are all against it."

His sentiments were echoed by Bishop Paul-André Durocher of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, "Everyone wants to save it, but no one has come forward," he said. "It's a sad state of affairs with our governments. There's no solid commitment to save these structures. Instead the onus is on the owners who don't have the means to keep them. I don't know what the future holds."

Macdonell wasn't discouraged. He organized a new committee, the Glengarry Fencibles Trust, that could act as a "receptacle" for the Bishop's House should the diocese decide to part with it. On April 17, 2010, the Trust was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society. There was a good crowd in the South Glengarry municipal building, including OHS Executive Director Rob Levery, when the committee was struck. The Glengarry Fencibles Trust had found a firm ally in the municipal government of South Glengarry, especially its mayor, Jim McDonell. "That house is a huge part of Canadian and international history and it's local," the mayor said. "And it's in good shape. We don't want to lose that presence, with all its connections

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From The Bookshelf

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CRISIS OF BRITISHNESS

***The Strange Demise of British Canada: the Liberals and Canadian Nationalism, 1964-1968.* C. P. Champion. McGill-Queens University Press. 348 pages. \$85.00 hardbound; \$32.95 softbound.**

In the 1960s there was not only the “quiet revolution” in Quebec, there was a second seismic shift in English Canada. Traditions and symbols central to the nation for two centuries were set aside as British and not Canadian. Most dramatically and conspicuously, a new red and white flag replaced not only the British Union Jack but the Canadian Red Ensign (an Ontario version proudly persists as our provincial pennant). Prime Minister Pearson and his associates boldly and deliberately proclaimed Canada’s coming of age. British heritage suddenly was seen as “other” and not truly Canadian. Today the debates and divides are gone – few even remember what the old flag looked like. This volume examines the brief historic period in detail – the personalities and the controversies. The author concludes that the clash of opinions and the ultimate transition should not be viewed as an abandoning of our cherished tradition. Instead, the changes were the blooming of a modern version of a well-rooted British liberalism.



WORKING WOMEN

***Transforming Labour: Women and Work in Post-war Canada.* Joan Sangster. University of Toronto Press Press. 414 pages. Illustrations. \$85.00 hardbound, \$35.00 softbound.**

During World War II, women’s

labour was an important and necessary part of the war effort. After the war, not so much. Women were expected to return to the home, permitting returning servicemen to find work and resume their role as the family’s breadwinners. But Joan Sangster points out that this was not entirely true. In fact, more and more women, including those with families, were “going out to work.” In this detailed and scholarly study, Sangster explores a range of themes, including women’s experiences within unions, workplace cultures, and the challenges faced by immigrant women. She also includes a detailed analysis of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women report, reviewing its strengths and weaknesses.

LUMBERING CREATURES

***Alligators of the North: The Story of the West & Peachy Steam Warping Tugs.* Harry B. Barrett & Clarence F. Coons. Natural Heritage Books – Dundurn Group. 264 pages. Illustrations. \$34.99 softbound.**

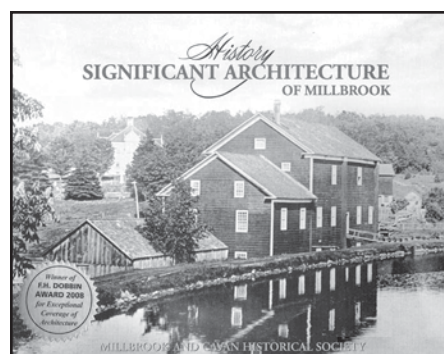
The alligators alluded to in the title of the work were not animal but mechanical. They inhabited not the great lakes and rushing rivers, but the smaller ponds and flowing streams. We all know about floating lumber in huge rafts to move it to mills. To shift logs in more remote regions of northern Ontario required crafty amphibians to push and pull logs, towing them across one lake and portaging them to the next. Steam-powered boats, known as warping tugs, were invented out of necessity more than a century ago. For thirty years a company in Simcoe Ontario manufactured and marketed them. They were put to use not only in our province, but also in Newfoundland and parts of South America. Here are individual tug descriptions, technical details, personality profiles, and, most delightfully perhaps, anecdotes and memories. Two or three of these alligators are in captivity and may be viewed – this book will tell you where to find them.

RECORDED, NOT FORGOTTEN

***Disappearing History of Niagara: The Graveyards of a Frontier Township.* David F. Hemmings. Bygones Publishing. 358 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 softbound.**

Niagara genealogical researcher David F. Hemmings is ideally

located to pursue his passion for history as revealed through cemeteries and death records. In September/October last year he visited and photographed every grave in every graveyard in Niagara Township – from the monument in which General Isaac Brock and his aide-de-camp Lt. Col. John McDonnell lie to the Lakeside Cemetery with thousands of graves. He compiled a database – details from 6,000 grave markers augmented by an additional 4,000 more known burials. Here, carefully organized and clearly presented, is what he found. Every burial in every graveyard is listed. Genealogists will delight in the specifics, historians will find interest in his composite analyses, such as age and sex totals by historical period. Ordinary readers will be interested in the photos of many gravestone motifs as well as the helpful summary histories of the Niagara area and of each cemetery. The book is truly a labour of love!



BUILDING HISTORY

***Significant Architecture of Millbrook.* Edited by Peter Ramsay. Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society. 88 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 softbound.**

What a grand photograph album this is of Millbrook, the “Village in the Valley”, only three miles long and a mile and a half at its widest. Here we see more than 150 photographs of Millbrook past and present, featuring its historic downtown area, homes, churches and public buildings. (Millbrook has 45 buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.) Like so many Ontario towns, Millbrook started when in May 1820 John Deyell financed the construction of a mill. The town prospered, rapidly becoming a commercial centre for the surrounding area. Many of its 19th century buildings are lovingly preserved, and each photograph is supplemented with historical and architectural details. For those who wish to visit this charming place, it is south and west of Peterborough. The book includes a walking/driving tour map of the featured buildings. It was the winner of the F. H. Dobbin Award 2008 for Excep-

tional Coverage of Architecture.

PHONE LINES

***Nexicom: A History.* Elwood Jones and Jean Greig. The Nexicom Group. 72 pages. Illustrations. Price not listed, softbound.**

Who provides telephone service in Ontario? Why, Bell Canada, of course. But it was not always so (and even today is not entirely so). Although the Bell Telephone Company was granted a virtual monopoly in Ontario in 1880, many small town and rural residents were not served by Bell. In them it fell to local enterprising and community-minded individuals to set up independent companies. (In our little Creemore, telephone service was provided by the Noisy Telephone Company, named after our Noisy River, not the company’s crackling line.) Apparently, twenty-four of those independent companies still survive! Nexicom is one of them, and this is its story – from the earliest days of wooden poles, open wire and hand-cranked magneto telephone sets to the latest in telecommunications technologies and services. This is a fitting tribute to all those whose dedication and service have over the many years “reflected the company’s concern with customer service.”

WAR LOSSES

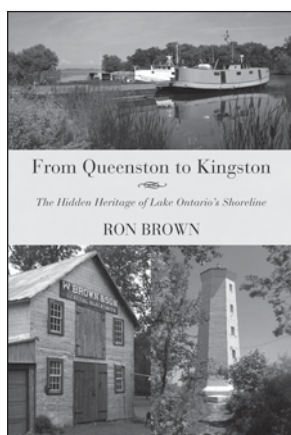
***I am heartily ashamed: Volume II: The Revolutionary War’s Final Campaign as Waged from Canada in 1782.* Gavin K. Watt. Dundurn Press. 463 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 softbound.**

The war was over, but it wasn’t over. The British had surrendered at Yorktown, but there was not yet a treaty. The War of Independence continued in more remote areas, including the Mohawk region between New York State and Quebec (not yet divided into Lower and Upper Canada). British Governor Haldimand continued his military campaign, using native allies. A ceasefire was declared, but U.S. General Washington ordered an

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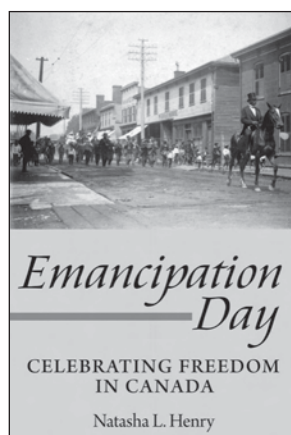
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From Queenston to Kingston
The Hidden Heritage of Lake Ontario's Shoreline
by Ron Brown

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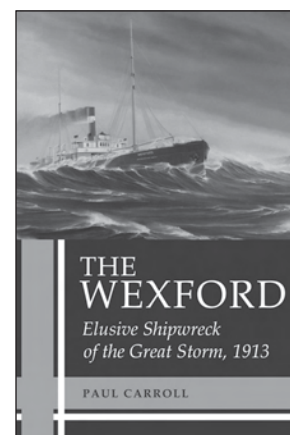
Travel with Ron Brown as he probes the shoreline of the Canadian side of Lake Ontario. The book is a modern-day window on Ontario’s historical and natural treasures, including, among others “ghost ports,” forgotten coves, and “ghost rail lines.”



Emancipation Day
Celebrating Freedom in Canada
by Natasha L. Henry

55 b&w illustrations, notes, bibliography, index

A commemoration of the abolition of slavery, the book explores the origins of the celebration in certain provinces and provides insight into the creation, development, and evolution of a distinct African-Canadian tradition through descriptive historical accounts and archived images.



The Wexford
Elusive Shipwreck of the Great Storm, 1913
by Paul Carroll

60 b&w and colour illustrations, maps, appendices, notes, bibliography, index

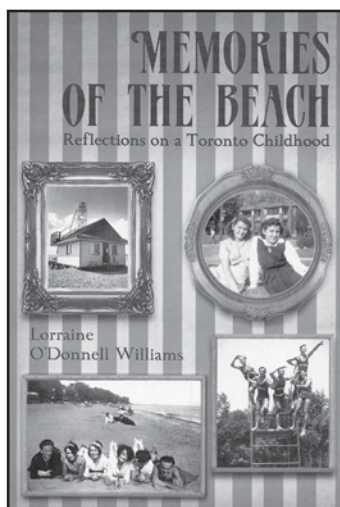
Recapturing the romance and adventure of the Wexford’s British and French history in the South American trade, the book also covers the controversy over her protection. “Carroll reveals the story behind the story of one of the most significant shipwrecks found on the Great Lakes in recent years.” – Walter Lewis, co-author of *The River Palace*

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attack (which failed) on the British post of Oswego. With this, his second volume on the late period of the war, Gavin K. Watt concludes his meticulously detailed account of Canadian involvement in the American Revolution. (Volume I was reviewed in the *Bookshelf* last year; two earlier works on the war were publicized some years ago.) The Americans were the war's winners – the real losers were the natives, abandoned in defeat by the British government. Haldimand, when he read the details of the final treaty with its failure to keep promises made to First Nations leaders, had good reason to be "heartily ashamed."



MEMOIRS AND MEMORIES

***Memories of the Beach: Reflections on a Toronto Childhood.* Lorraine O'Donnell Williams. Dundurn. 240 pages. Illustrations. \$26.99 softbound.**

Williams' memoir is a delightful and charmingly readable memoir of life in The Beach (also known as the Beaches) in the 1930s and 1940s – times of Depression and War. It is, of course, very personal, with details of family and friends as well as recollections of church and school life, but her extensive research has also uncovered much of the heritage of this exceptional Toronto neighbourhood.

***John Heney & Son: The Canadian Saga of an Ottawa Irish Family.* John J. Heney. General Store Publishing House. 415 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound.**

"All politics is local," they say. It might also be said that "All history is personal," a debatable point, but certainly personal and family sagas tell us about the times and places as well as the people involved. With obvious joy in the sleuthing required, Heney has researched his own family's contribution to our province's story. He starts with the 1844 arrival in Bytown of John Heney, "a lad from Killeshandra," and his saga follows the life and times of his Irish Catholic family from arrival in Victorian Bytown to life in Ottawa the 1980s. A parallel tale of the Heney's fuel dealership (wood, coal, oil) shows how family life and family commerce have profoundly shaped our history.

GENEALOGIST'S REFERENCE SHELF
***Genealogical Standards of Evidence: A Guide for Family Historians.* Brenda Dougall Merriman. Dundurn Press. 116 pages. Illustrations. \$19.99 softbound.**

***Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Your Heritage.* Kennis Kim. Dundurn Press. 171 pages. \$19.99 softbound.**

***Genealogy and the Law in Canada.* Margaret Ann Wilkinson. Dundurn Press. 125 pages. \$19.99 softbound.**

***Publish Your Family History: Preserving Your Heritage in a Book.* Susan Yates & Greg Ioannou. Dundurn Press. 116 pages. \$19.99 softbound.**

There are many guides to researching, compiling and relating family history. This series of books is intended to help the researcher who is beyond the beginning and is seeking professional guidance. Each author is experienced and sympathetic, clear and explicit. Each book focuses on a particular aspect of the craft of genealogy.

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TORONTO BLESSING

***Canadian Pentecostalism: Transition and Transformation.* Edited by Michael Wilkinson. McGill-Queen's University Press. 314 pages. \$32.95 softbound.**

Pentecostalism, a 20th century renewal movement within Christianity, is characterized by "exuberant worship" in which individuals feel personally touched by the Holy Spirit and respond with strange sounds, movements and other expressions. Today it attracts some five million followers world-wide, in established churches or in explicitly pentecostal congregations. It is experiential rather than theological, and as such arouses both passionate adherents and ardent critics. The movement is here given scholarly assessment by thirteen academics. Of especial interest to *Bulletin* readers, perhaps, is a critical yet sympathetic review of a mid-1990s' phenomenon: expressions of the holy spirit soon dubbed the "Toronto Blessing." Originating in a single congregation near Toronto's airport, its enthusiasm spread around the world. For several years it attracted international attention, seen by many as evidence of the coming apocalypse, by others as a commercialized MacDonalization of religion.

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with history and settlement and the War of 1812." True to its word, the municipality announced its intention to designate the Bishop's House under the Ontario Heritage Act.

But although the house has strong widespread support, its future is clouded with the challenges of adaptable reuse. Condos or some sort of community centre have been suggested, but nothing is clear.

What is clear, however, is that the crossroads of St. Raphael's is a small hamlet, jam-packed with history: two centuries of settlement, the towering ruins of St. Raphael's Church, the homes in the region of many notable soldiers, adventurers and politicians. And at its heart is the fine, grand house built in 1808 by the "Big Bishop".

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