



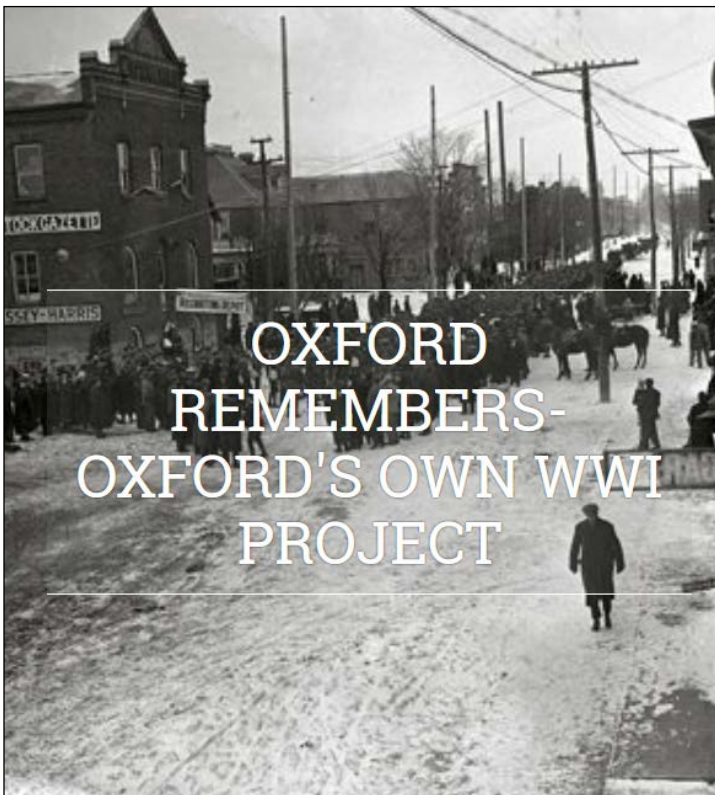
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OHS Recognizes Collaborative Effort: Eight Museums, Archives, & Groups

Dorothy Duncan Public History Award presented June 15, 2019 at Tyndale University College and Seminary, Toronto

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the Dorothy Duncan Public History Award to the collaborative project, Oxford Remembers Oxford's Own – led by Patty Phelps and the Annandale National Historic Site. The Dorothy Duncan Award recognizes an outstanding public history project completed or presented in the award year.

The “Oxford Remembers Oxford's Own” project was a five-year (2014-2018) collaborative effort between eight museums, archives, and community groups that organized 100 events and special programs to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the First World War.



The areas that participated in Oxford Remembers represented the four Companies of the 168th Battalion – Oxford's Own, which was formed during the First World War. These four Companies included: Company A – Woodstock, Company B – Ingersoll, Company C – Tillsonburg, and Company D – Tavistock, along with Norwich, which was added to reflect the unique Quaker history of the area and the story of the conscientious objector.

In the words of one of the nominators: “Powerful images, handwritten notes, mementos and personal stories created tremendous impact for Oxford Remembers. This project raised awareness of the past achievement and sacrifices made by Oxford's citizens, both on the home front and on the war front, during World War I. Oxford Remembers created significant impact through innovation.”

This project's content was shared widely with the public through diverse media, including: rotating exhibits, art, public lectures, memorial events, websites, and the publication of a book on the history of Oxford County's cenotaphs.

The Oxford Remembers Oxford's Own project is truly deserving of the Ontario Historical Society's Dorothy Duncan Award.

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