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Established in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) is a not-for-profit corporation, registered charity, and publisher. The OHS is a non-government group bringing together people of all ages, all walks of life, and all cultural backgrounds interested in preserving some aspect of Ontario's history.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Caroline Di Cocco, **PRESIDENT**

As we look back on our 130th year, there is much to be proud of. In 2018, the Society celebrated exciting milestones in connection with all of our programs and services.

This past year, the OHS processed incorporations for nine new not-for-profit groups dedicated to preserving and promoting Ontario's history. Congratulations to all the dedicated volunteers across Ontario who worked with us to incorporate our new members under the *Act to Incorporate the OHS (1899)*. A detailed list of the new groups who joined us in 2018 can be found on page 6.

In 2018, the Society successfully published two excellent editions of *Ontario History* with ten articles and twenty-three book reviews reflecting the diverse, complex, and rich history of our province. I am also pleased to report that the Society has made ten back issues of the journal (from 2013 to 2017) available online with open access through our partnership with the not-for-profit Canadian publisher Érudit (www.erudit.org/en/journals/onhistory/), based in Montréal. The two most recent issues remain under institutional subscription. We are piloting a program to offer individual digital subscriptions. You'll find more information about *Ontario History* on page 10 of this report.



The OHS held its 130th AGM at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) in Toronto. In the photo above, OHS President Caroline Di Cocco (right) thanks Jan Nobuto, Executive Board Member at the JCCC for delivering the welcoming remarks to our membership.

In November 2018, the OHS Reference Library was honoured with donations from the invaluable life-time collections of Dorothy Duncan, Dr. Ian Radforth, and Charlie Garrad, among others. These treasures have expanded our library to over 5,500 titles. We now have a unique and priceless collection reflecting the province's diverse and rich history. Thank you also to everyone who has recently donated to the Dorothy Duncan Library Fund. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Established in 2008, our insurance program has always been popular as it provides vital protection for the Society's member organizations. This year, our program has also expanded by attracting applications from heritage organizations outside of Ontario. 2018 was a record-breaking year for the OHS Insurance Program, and I encourage you to read more about these developments on page 7.

I am also pleased to report that the OHS and the City of Toronto have just agreed to a new ten-year Community Space Tenancy Lease Agreement for the "Lands and Premises" at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Toronto. I would like to thank everyone at the City of Toronto who has worked in partnership with us to complete this new lease agreement. For more information about the new lease agreement, see the Treasurer's Report on the next page.

2018 brought significant changes to the digital infrastructure of the OHS. Our staff launched a new online platform aimed at providing our members with expanded services at greater convenience. Staff and board directors alike have been hard at work preparing a new website and membership management system, built by Toronto-based web developer codepxl. Soft-launched in November 2018, the new online platform will feature a streamlined interface for members and *Ontario History* subscribers to join, renew, and donate online.

The OHS also designed and launched a new logo in 2018, inspired by the geography of our beautiful province. We now have a dynamic, colourful logo that fulfills our needs both online and in print. Since launching the new logo in October, the Society has received a great deal of positive feedback from our members and stakeholders across the province. The fresh new look will help the OHS streamline our brand visibility as we continue to expand digital programming and services to members, subscribers, and the general public.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Serge Ducharme, **TREASURER**

The Society's 2018 financial statements, audited by Akler Browning LLP, show a balance sheet that is sound, healthy, and debt free. 2018 revenues from grants, memberships, subscriptions to *Ontario History*, and donations amounted to \$361,756. Total expenses were \$410,804 for the year.

The Society made cost-effective investments into its digital infrastructure last year, which will serve the OHS members and the general public well into the future. In November, a new OHS online platform was launched and, in December, the Society invested in a new robust and innovative membership system which will be integrated with the new platform in the summer of 2019.

In 2018, OHS volunteers donated approximately 13,100 hours of time and expertise to the Society in support of its activities—up from 12,400 hours in 2017. In its 2018 Report, *The Value of Volunteering in Canada*, the Conference Board of Canada establishes the average value of work by a volunteer at \$27 per hour. Therefore, based on this calculation, the value of the hours contributed by OHS volunteers in 2018 is worth the equivalent of \$354,000 in donated labour.

The Society also accepted and catalogued many valuable donations to the OHS Library. Dorothy Duncan, OOnt. donated her books and papers collected and published over a lifetime of reading and writing about Ontario's history. Many items are rare and unpublished, coming directly from Dorothy Duncan's professional and volunteer work.

Since saving the provincially significant John McKenzie House from demolition in 1992, the OHS has invested over \$1.1 million and countless hours of staff time to ensure that this valuable public and financial asset is protected. Restoration and maintenance work by the Society has now spanned three decades, and the historic home is in exceptional condition for a 106-year-old building that was neglected, boarded up, and set to be demolished over 30 years ago.

As the initial 25-year lease with the City of Toronto was set to expire on July 1, 2018, the OHS began the process of negotiating a renewal of the lease in 2017. I am pleased to report that the Society has signed a new five-

year lease, with the option to extend for an additional five years to June, 30, 2028. The Society's auditors note that "the lease agreement also provides that the organization (OHS) maintain the property including all operating costs during the term of the lease but is no longer responsible for capital costs, substantially reducing financial exposure to the organization."

In 2011, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) altered their policies, requiring that only applicants with Institutional Eligibility could apply for the Aid to Scholarly Journals grant. The OHS submitted its application to gain Institutional Eligibility with SSHRC, and in 2012, was granted institutional status based on the Society's good governance and financial management, including no debts or liabilities. In 2015, Institutional Eligibility for OHS was renewed by SSHRC. I am pleased to report that the Society's application for Institutional Eligibility was again approved by SSHRC for 2018.

The Society remains committed to its policies of fiscal discipline, strict spending controls, no debts and prudent financial management. The OHS still maintains positive net assets representing an accumulated surplus for the Society.



Seen here with a copy of the new lease for John McKenzie House are OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty (right) and Jeff Shewchuk, Project Manager, Real Estate Services, at the City of Toronto.

PUBLIC OUTREACH, SERVICES, PROGRAMS

Rob Leverty, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOT-FOR-PROFIT MEMBERS & INCORPORATION

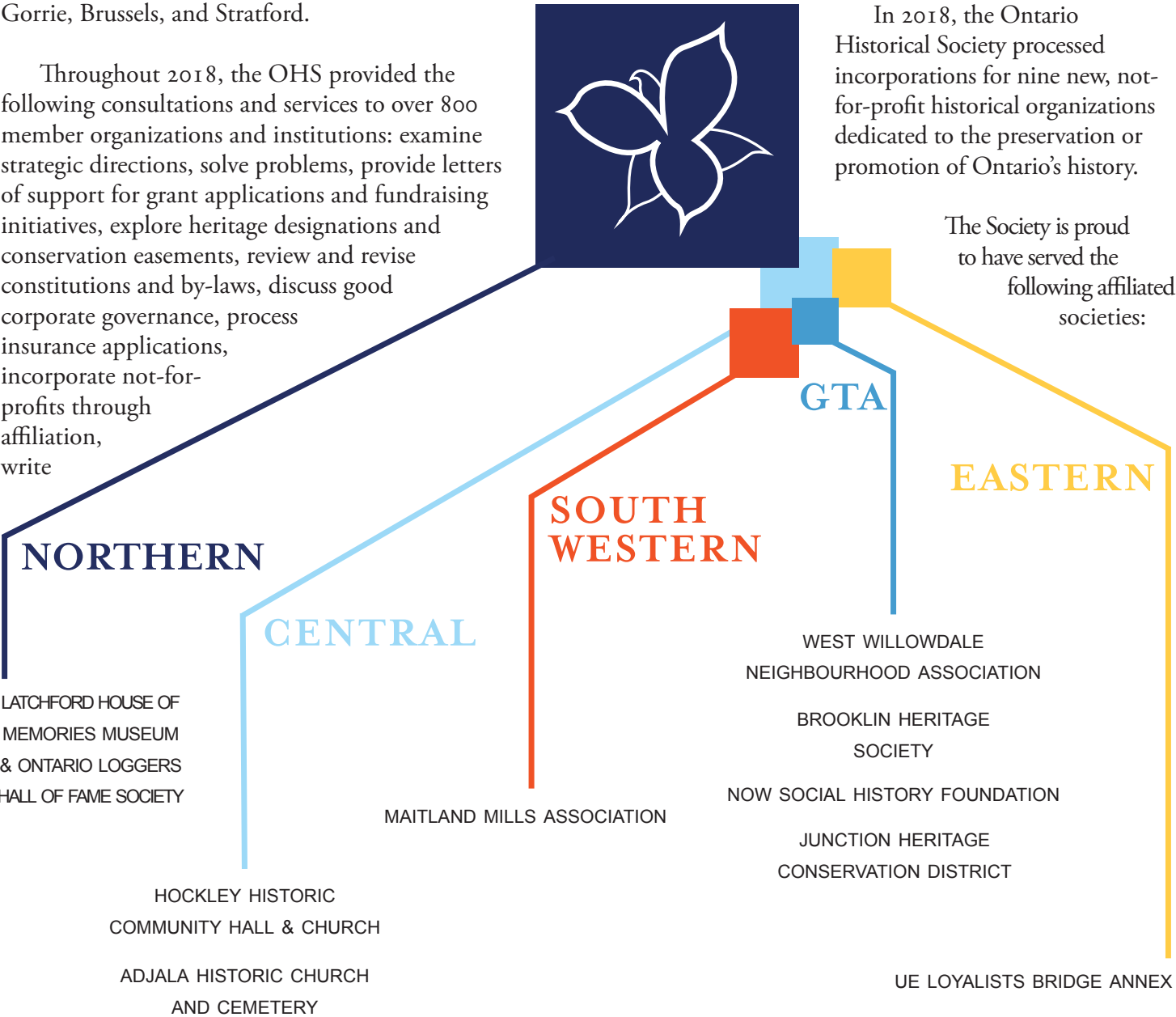
Since January 2015, the OHS has incorporated 32 new not-for-profit historical organizations: six in northern Ontario, four in eastern Ontario, four in central Ontario, seven in southwestern Ontario, ten in the GTA, and one provincial group. From January, 2018 until March 31, 2019, the OHS has held 12 incorporation meetings in the following communities: Hockley Valley, Willowdale, West Toronto Junction, Kingston, Adjala Township, Kensington Market, Chesley, Brooklin, Latchford, Gorrie, Brussels, and Stratford.

Throughout 2018, the OHS provided the following consultations and services to over 800 member organizations and institutions: examine strategic directions, solve problems, provide letters of support for grant applications and fundraising initiatives, explore heritage designations and conservation easements, review and revise constitutions and by-laws, discuss good corporate governance, process insurance applications, incorporate not-for-profits through affiliation, write

letters of good standing for affiliated societies, surrender charters, and facilitate corporate name changes.

In recent years, there has also been a dramatic increase in advising on and reviewing new applications for federal charitable tax status and also assisting older member organizations to maintain their status as a charitable organization.

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

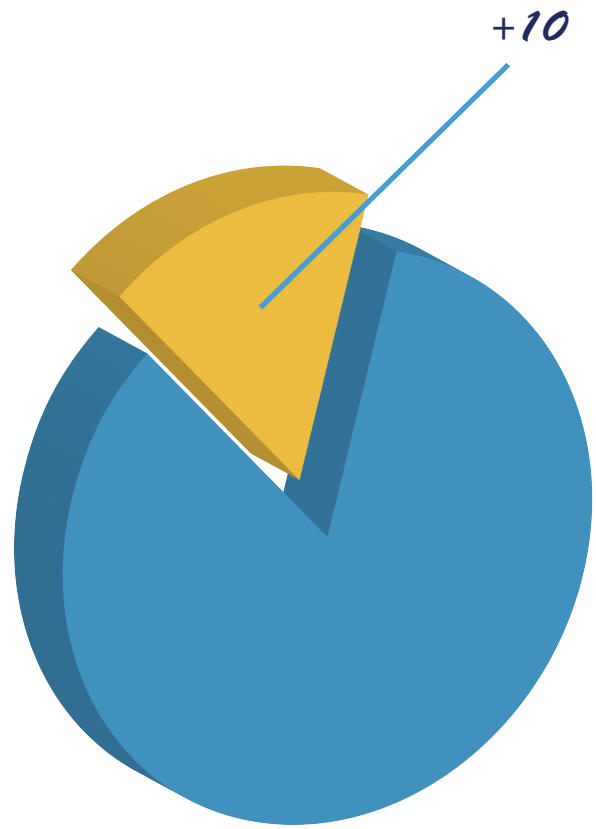


INSURANCE PROGRAM

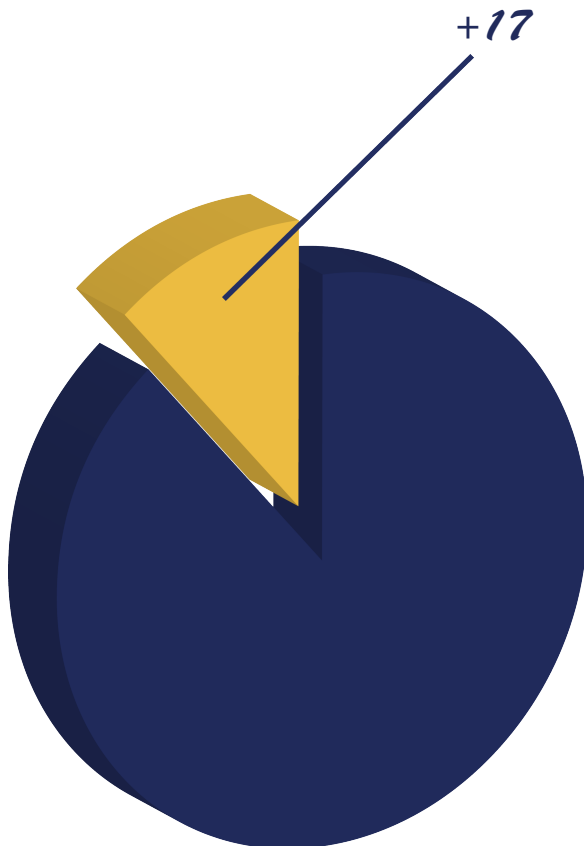
2018 was a record-breaking year for the OHS Insurance Program. Established in 2008, our insurance program has always been popular, as it provides vital protection for the Society's not-for-profit, volunteer-run member organizations. This year the insurance program expanded to include applications from eligible member organizations across Canada that are affiliated with groups based in Ontario.

Once the OHS approves a new application, the Society's insurance broker, Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc., holds a thorough consultation with the applicant to ensure that each policy is tailored to the specific needs and local circumstances of the organization.

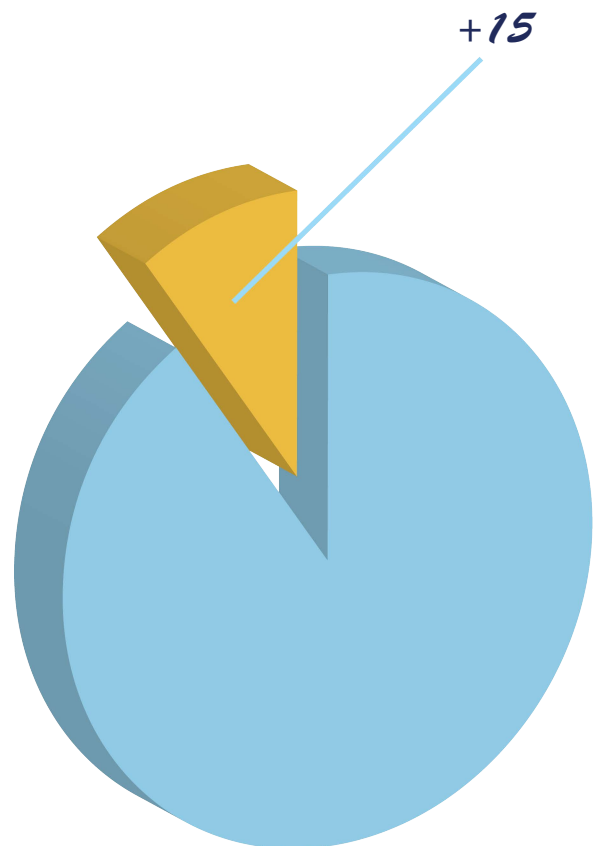
As of December 31, 2018, there were 156 historical organizations that held Directors and Officers Liability insurance policies (up 15 from 2017) and 152 organizations with Commercial General Liability insurance policies (up 17 from 2017). A total of 63 organizations now have coverage for contents and property (up 10 from 2017). These new policies represent an overall growth of 9% for the year 2018.



PROPERTY & CONTENTS INSURANCE PLANS



GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE



DIRECTOR'S & OFFICER'S LIABILITY PLANS

PARKVIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

The OHS enjoyed the tenth year of its partnership with the Parkview Neighbourhood Garden (PNG), a community-run, organic market garden led by a volunteer leadership group. It is believed to be the first instance in Toronto of residential real estate being reclaimed for local urban agriculture. The garden is situated on the site of John McKenzie's former vegetable garden, adjacent to the milk house, stable and coach house. The stable is loaned by the OHS to PNG's volunteers to store their tools and equipment.

In 2018, despite some weather and soil issues, PNG sold nearly \$1,600 worth of organic herbs, berries, and vegetables to local community members. Beans and summer squash were very abundant, while tomatoes and eggplant did not do as well as in previous years. PNG maintained its modest pricing for the benefit of the local community. In 2018, \$1,500 in revenue was donated to

local food-based charities. PNG hopes to make a sizable donation again this year.

Once again, PNG started many of its own seedlings in volunteers' homes. Volunteers continued to enrich the poor soil in the newest part of the garden, while experimenting with various ways to control weeds and discourage pests organically. Asparagus was harvested for the first time and distributed to volunteers. Garden members welcomed guests visiting the OHS during Doors Open Toronto once again this year, answering any questions about the garden. PNG volunteers provided supervision to young families and local green-thumbs, while assisting many high school students working towards their community service credits. At the end of the season, PNG renewed their partnership with the Community Share Food Bank, which picked up all surplus produce for distribution to the food bank and community kitchen. Some produce was also donated to the North York Harvest Food Bank. No edible food was wasted.

Parkview Neighbourhood Garden President Nancy Davey offered tours and information about the volunteer-run garden when Trinity Theatre Peer Leadership Group visited the OHS at John McKenzie House in August 2018. Nancy also delivers tours of the garden during Doors Open Toronto.



CEMETERY DEFENCE

In 1995, the Society was forced to establish a trust fund to protect Ontario's cemeteries from inappropriate development. In 2018, the OHS continued the struggle to preserve and protect Ontario's cemeteries. This on-going work is made possible through financial contributions to the OHS Cemetery Defence Fund and donated time and skills from generous volunteers. Throughout 2018, the OHS helped to research and answer questions in order to assist families and descendants across Ontario to protect cemeteries that were threatened by invasive real estate development.

In September 2016, an OHS staff member was appointed to the Cemetery, Crematorium & Municipal Advisory Committee of the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, a new not-for-profit corporation, delegated with the responsibility to administer provisions of the

receives no notification and holds no right to appeal with regard to unregistered cemeteries. It is almost impossible in these cases for the OHS to intervene effectively to defend the public interest.

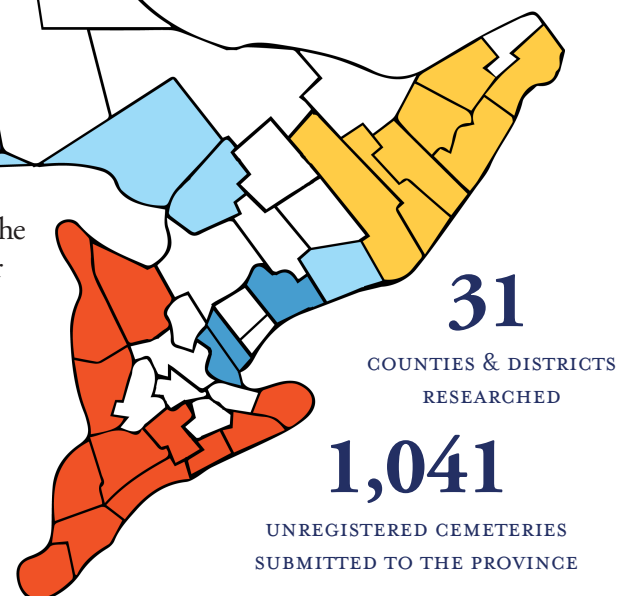
On June 2, 2011, in a meeting with Hon. John Gerretsen, the then-Minister of Consumer Services, the OHS and OGS officially presented the Government of Ontario with a database of 1,535 unregistered cemeteries. The Province of Ontario subsequently requested that the two societies positively identify the exact location of all these cemeteries in order to register them. From 2012-17, the two societies have submitted lists of unregistered cemeteries to the Province of Ontario in the Regions, Districts, and Counties of Algoma, Brant, Bruce, Carleton, Cochrane, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex, Frontenac, Grey, Glengarry, Haldimand, Halton, Hastings, Huron, Kenora, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox and Addington, Lincoln, Manitoulin, Middlesex, Muskoka, Norfolk, Northumberland, Oxford County, Parry Sound District, and Peel Region. In 2018, Marjorie Stuart and Diane Clendenan, Co-Chairs of the OHS/Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Joint Unregistered Cemeteries Committee painstakingly researched and compiled lists of unregistered cemeteries for the Counties and Districts of Patricia, Perth, Peterborough, Prescott, Prince Edward, Rainy River, Renfrew, and Russell.

The OHS, with a membership from all cultures and religions, believes it is in the public interest that all cemeteries be afforded the same legal status and be treated equally. The Society will continue to honour its public commitments on this important principle and will work tirelessly to complete this historic initiative in 2019, documenting as much information as possible on the remaining unregistered cemeteries across Ontario.

*Funeral,
Burial and
Cremation Services Act, 2002*

on behalf of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. Meetings of the Advisory Committee were held in 2018, with the aim to represent the consumer interests of Ontarians as regards to Cemeteries and Crematoriums. The OHS is the only member representing heritage interests on this provincial stakeholder committee.

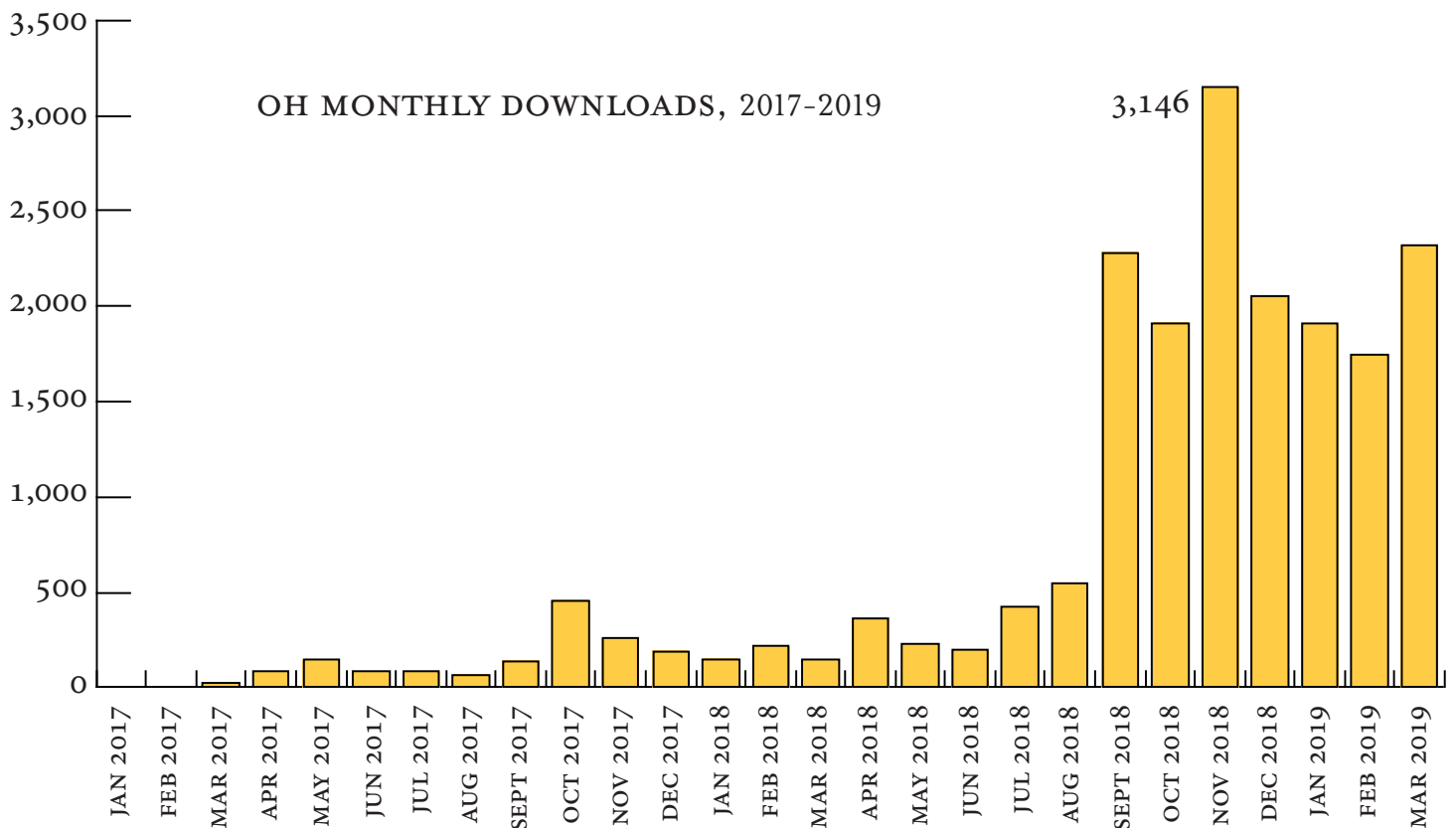
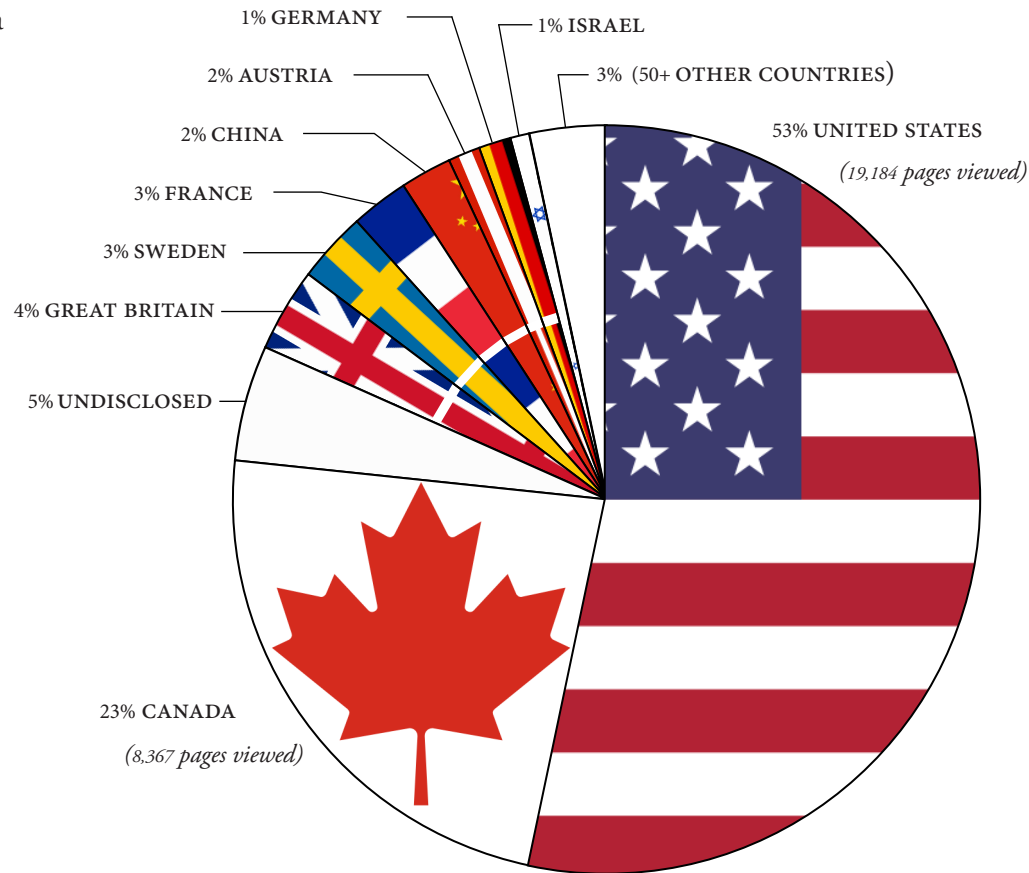
Since 2006, the OHS and Ontario Ancestors (OGS) have collaborated to determine which cemeteries are not registered with the Province. The OHS



In 2018, new issues of *Ontario History* were made available both in print (through the OHS) and online via Érudit, a digital publisher and scholarly disseminator. Through the Society's partnership with Érudit, *Ontario History's* global readership has increased enormously, with viewers in over 55 countries around the world. In our first 18 months with Érudit, our articles and book reviews were downloaded over 9,000 times. Our partnership with Érudit exposes the journal to over 150 academic libraries across Canada and worldwide.

This past year, the OHS made more of our back issues available through the journal's delayed open access model. Starting with the 2013 Spring issue, there are now 11 issues with free online access, comprising 54 articles and 106 book reviews.

Increased availability online has led to an expansion in readership. In 2018, a total of 11,649 *Ontario History* articles and book reviews were downloaded, an average of 32 per day. This is exciting news indeed to celebrate, as it indicates a global interest in our journal and consequently in our province's history and heritage.



Established in 1967, the OHS Honours and Awards program recognizes excellence in Ontario's heritage community. Congratulations to the 2018 recipients.



AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
The Canadian Clock Museum

CARNOCHAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Barry Penhale & Jane Gibson

DOROTHY DUNCAN PUBLIC HISTORY AWARD
Oxford Remembers Oxford's Own

CEMETERY PRESERVATION AWARD
Rev. Dr. Donna Mann

CRUIKSHANK MEDAL
Diane Clendenan

RUSSELL K. COOPER PUBLIC PROGRAMMING AWARD
Not Just Numbers

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AWARD
The Petrie Building Restoration

INDIGENOUS HISTORY AWARD
Reclaiming Shingwauk Hall

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF CANADA AWARD
Judi Rever
In Praise of Blood: The Crimes of the Rwandan Patriotic Front

ALISON PRENTICE AWARD
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Our Voices Must Be Heard: Women and the Vote in Ontario

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Steven High
One Job Town: Work, Belonging, and Betrayal in Northern Ontario

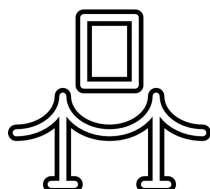
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Wartime: The First World War in a Canadian Town

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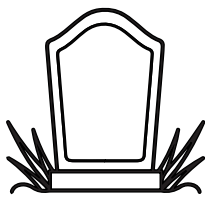
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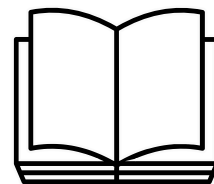
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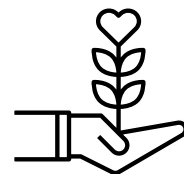
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Guelph Black Heritage Society
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