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## Spring 2012 *Ontario History* Special Double Issue on the War of 1812



The Society's *Ontario History*, one of the oldest scholarly journals in Canada, is celebrating the bicentennial of the War of 1812 with a special double issue. This volume will present readers with a way of navigating through both new and established scholarship related to the war that shaped our identities as Canadians.

With bicentennial celebrations now in full swing, interest in this topic has surged – but the war is

not a new topic of study. Since the inception of *Ontario History* in 1899, there have been 103 volumes produced, in which over 70 articles and 35 book reviews have dealt with the topic of the War of 1812. In this special issue, four such articles have been reprinted to give readers a sense of the development of scholarship on the topic over the past one hundred years. These, along with the remaining articles and book reviews, have, for the first time, been digitized and will be made available to *Ontario History* subscribers on the OHS's War of 1812 website.

Reprinted articles include Barlow Cumberland's 1907 work entitled *The Navies on Lake Ontario in the War of 1812*, which featured accounts of both British and American naval warfare. *The Economic Effect of the War of 1812 on Upper Canada* by Adam Shortt, published in the journal's formative years, describes the financial repercussions the war had on the government and the people

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## Waterloo Historical Society Celebrates Its 100th Anniversary

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In 1912, preliminary discussions took place in Berlin, Ontario, about forming an historical society to preserve the story of the area's past – not just of Berlin (renamed Kitchener in 1916), but of the entire Waterloo County. On December 14, 1912, the Waterloo Historical Society was incorporated through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society (OHS). Fast forward a century: the result of those talks is celebrating the WHS's centennial!

During its first century, WHS has been at the forefront of preserving and publishing the area's rich and varied history. Its archive collection began growing the day WHS was formed and has not yet stopped. Artifacts, documents, photographs, maps and publications immediately began flowing into the society's quarters. Most fortunately, several advocates of WHS had connections to the Berlin Public Library – one of the traditional Carnegie libraries of the time – and from the earliest days a partnership between WHS and the library provided a home for these donations. File cabinets, drawers and cupboards housed the (mainly) 19th century paper items; this was long before the days of climate-controlled rooms with temperature and humidity monitors, but they were still much better than the attics, sheds, basements and barns where many of the pieces had been previously stored.

Artifacts, on the other hand, were placed in the library's basement, eventually acting as a museum to the public. Among its first gifts was an original 18th century Conestoga wagon that had come north from Pennsylvania in 1807; to this day it remains one of the great showpieces in the new Waterloo

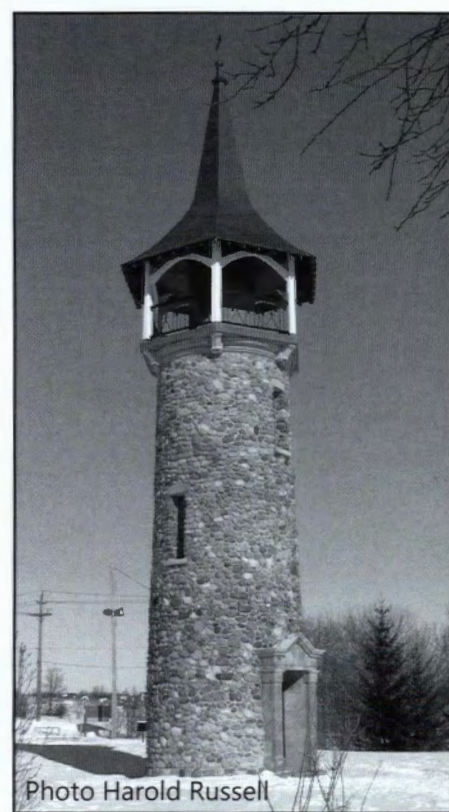


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The Waterloo County Pioneers' Memorial Tower was officially opened by the Waterloo Historical Society in August 1926. Constructed with local fieldstone, it was erected to commemorate early pioneer settlers to the area.

Region Museum. A vast potpourri of donations soon filled the basement, and by 1920 and into the 1960s, the museum's main problem was overcrowding.

When the City of Kitchener began planning for a new library in the late 1950s, both Kitchener Public Library (KPL) and WHS agreed there would be no museum space. Though the documents and photographs would remain housed in the new building, the artifacts would need a new home. Fortunately at that time, an innovative indoor/outdoor museum just south of Kitchener near the village of Doon was opened by the Ontario Pioneer Community Foundation (OPCF, later Doon Pioneer Village, Doon Heritage Crossroad and now Waterloo Region Museum). OPCF's leadership was mostly composed of, not

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## 2012 – A Year of History Conference

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## President's Report

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Ontario is a vast and diverse place. It is that size and diversity that makes one of the Society's objects most challenging, namely,

*"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..."*

There are many ways that the OHS strives to meet that objective. The *OHS Bulletin* that you are currently reading is one of them. It, along with our website with its invaluable Ontario Heritage Directory Online; our first-class peer-reviewed journal *Ontario History*; and our programmes and workshops, all look to inform, promote, and connect those interested in the preservation and appreciation of Ontario's history and heritage.

I know from my time with the Simcoe County Historical Association that the OHS can seem distant, headquartered in that far-away place that many of us love to hate – Toronto. Until I joined the Board, I rarely had occasion to darken the door of the historic John McKenzie House or to speak with either OHS board members or staff. I am sure that for some of you, your experience is the same.

Happily, there is at least one guaranteed opportunity that we have as members and affiliates to get together to meet, chat, chuckle, complain, and celebrate – our annual general meeting.

In the Society's earliest days, from 1888 to 1895, AGMs were held exclusively in Toronto, except for stepping out to Brampton in 1891 and again in 1895. Then,

something wonderful happened. Between 1896 and 1914, the Society took its AGM on the road, meeting in Toronto only in 1899 and 1909. After World War I, the annual road show continued with the capital city getting its turn now and again.

More recently, however, it has become increasingly difficult – for a variety of reasons – for your Society to get out and about on an annual basis. This is unfortunate and it only adds to that haunting sense of distance between us.

That is why I am so excited about this year's AGM. We are on the road once again. At the invitation of The Waterloo Historical Society (WHS), we are bound for Kitchener. In partnership with WHS and the Waterloo Region Museum, we will be holding not only our AGM but also an entire conference – "2012 – A Year of History."

On Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9, this event will celebrate and honour the 100th anniversary of the founding of The Waterloo Historical Society, the inaugural season of the Waterloo Region Museum, and the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

The conference is full of fascinating and educational sessions that will appeal to all corners of the heritage community, including workshops, lectures, tours, book launches, receptions, and

a delicious breakfast, lunch, and banquet. Not to mention our AGM and our prestigious Honours and Awards Ceremony. So much to do, so many people to meet, so little time.

But you already know all of this, as you received a conference brochure with the last number of the *OHS Bulletin*. However, if you have misplaced it, visit [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/) conference for all the details.

If you can't commit to both days – no problem. How about the Friday Reception and Banquet only? Or the Friday sessions? Or those on Saturday? The important thing is to try to join us. It is good for us to come together, to meet face-to-face, to see old friends and to make new ones.

I know of no better way *"to promote communication, interchange of ideas and cooperation..."* than with our upcoming AGM and Conference.

I look forward to joining you in Kitchener. Southwestern Ontario is so beautiful in early June.

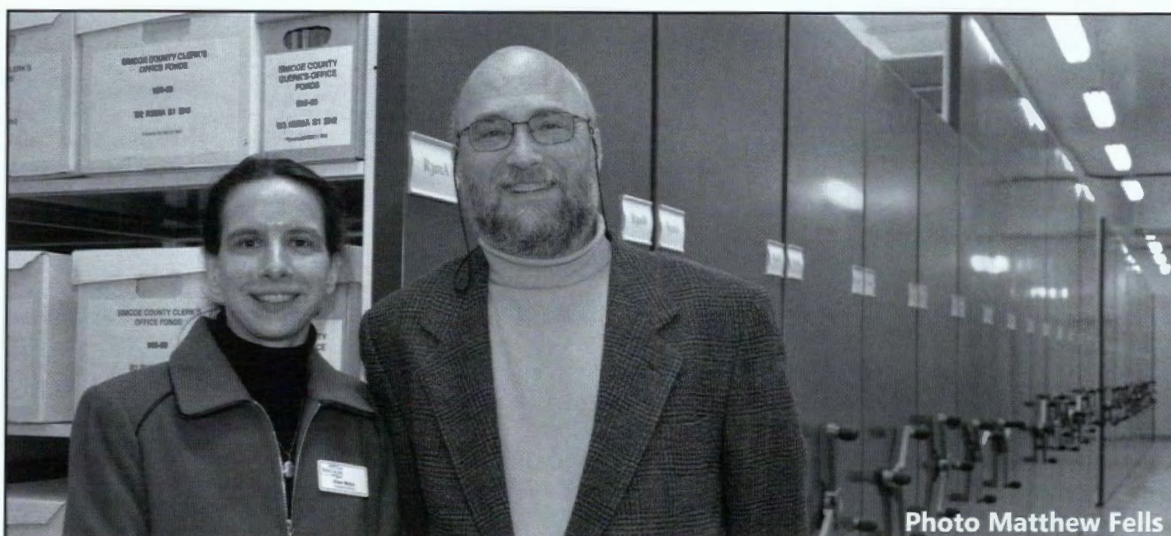


Photo Matthew Fells

On February 24, 2012, OHS President Brad Rudachyk attended the official opening of the new expansion at the Simcoe County Archives. He's seen here with Ellen Millar, Assistant Archivist, County of Simcoe. Thanks in part to a joint investment from the federal, provincial and municipal governments, the expansion will see new equipment and 10,000 additional square feet added to the existing facility located in Minesing. For further information, visit [www.county.simcoe.on.ca/dpt/arc](http://www.county.simcoe.on.ca/dpt/arc)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Francis Babin	Lesley Grieve
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## Executive Director's Report

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I am pleased to report that the OHS's audited financial statements report a small surplus in fiscal 2011 with positive net assets. This marks the third consecutive year that the Society has had no fiscal deficit. The OHS has no outstanding debts or liabilities and the Board of Directors has approved a balanced budget for 2012.

On March 3rd, the Board of Directors incorporated two more historical organizations in the Province of Ontario. They are the Friends of the Merrickville Turbine and the Canadian Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked very hard to incorporate both organizations.

As of April 30, 2012, the OHS has incorporated 16 historical organizations in the past 16 months. In the past 28 months, it has incorporated 27 not-for-profits dedicated to preserving and pro-

moting some aspect of Ontario's history and natural heritage.

Since March 2007, the Society has incorporated 49 non-profit corporations. 94% of these are located outside of the City of Toronto with 20% of them based in northern Ontario. In the past few months, the Society has held additional incorporation meetings in Sudbury, Hamilton, and an information session at Wikwemikong First Nation.

In March 2011, OHS applied to the Corporate Governance Department,

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Photo Andrea Izzo



Author, journalist and expert gardener Steven Biggs (pictured right) helped the OHS put the FUN in fundraiser! On April 17, 2012 the OHS, in partnership with Steven Biggs, hosted *Edibles in the Urban Landscape: Living and Eating Locally* at the John McKenzie House. Steven gave an educational, illustrative, and at times humorous workshop on vegetable gardening in the city. A Willowdale resident and OHS member, Steven recently co-authored and published *No Guff Vegetable Gardening*. For more information on Steven's work, visit [stevenbiggs.com](http://stevenbiggs.com) and [gardencoacheschat.com](http://gardencoacheschat.com)



## Across the Province

Congratulations to the Meaford Museum on receiving the Tourism Award presented by the Meaford Chamber of Commerce at the Community Awards Dinner; a fitting tribute to the Board of Directors, staff, both paid and unpaid, and all the supporters after 50 years of service to the community.

Congratulations also to the Oxford Historical Society as members settle into their new location in the Governor's House at 82 Light Street, Court House Square, in Woodstock. This brings the Society, the Research Centre, the Oxford Branch of the OGS, and the Oxford Archives together in one building. More information: 519.421.1700.

Sharon Temple National Historic Site is preparing for another busy year of programmes and special events. David Willson's Study, circa 1829, has undergone a major restoration and, like the Temple, it remains a testament to the values, beliefs and outstanding craftsmanship of the Children of Peace: 905.478.2389.

After nearly 40 years of service to Montgomery's Inn, to the Etobicoke Historical Society and to the heritage community, Randall Reid has retired. Thank you Randall, from your many friends across the province.

The heritage community lost two outstanding members recently. Elizabeth Anne Richardson, U.E., was a teacher with the Victoria County Board of Education and the Canadian Armed Forces in Germany, as well as a long standing and dedicated member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and the Canadian Club of Lindsay. Herb Stovel of Ottawa will be remembered as a teacher, architect and conservationist for his legacy to the preservation movement, not only in Canada, but around the world. His years of service include working with the Province of Ontario, the Heritage Canada Foundation, Parks Canada and as Secretary General for the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Thank you Elizabeth and Herb!

Cobourg is celebrating 175 years since its incorporation as a town in 1837. There are many events planned including a Special Speakers' Series on Life in Cobourg in the 1830s, hosted by the Cobourg Public Library. Details: 905.372.9271, ext. 6200.

By coincidence, at almost exactly the same time and not very far away, Anne Langton was penning her journals. The staff at the Fenelon Falls and District Museum are planning a series of events this summer to celebrate: 705.887.1044 and [www.maryboro.ca](http://www.maryboro.ca)

The Millbrook & Cavan Historical Society, in partnership with the Ontario Genealogical Society, is busy recording and indexing names from 700 local newspapers. They are asking for your help with this task; to learn more, call 705.944.5772.

South Norwich Historical Society is planning an Ontario Barn Quilt Trail. What is that? Barn

Quilts are made of large squares of wood with a traditional quilt pattern painted on them to attract the interest of people passing by and lead them on a drive that links visitor and community. This Trail will begin and end at Highway 401, with a long loop south and west into some of the finest farming country in Canada. There will be a printed guide and a website with further information: 519.879.6804.

As always, the heritage community is offering a varied programme of exhibits, displays, lectures, workshops and conferences in the coming weeks to tell us more about the rich history of Ontario.

Here are just a few:

**May 24:** "John A. Macdonald's First Trial in Picton, 1834" with Dr. David Warrick, hosted by the Etobicoke Historical Society at Montgomery's Inn, 7.30 p.m. Details: 416.749.0373.

**May 26:** Heritage House Tour and Afternoon Tea at the Grimsby Museum, sponsored by the Grimsby Historical Society. Cost and

details: 905.945.0361.

**May 26:** Yard Sale and White Elephant Sale hosted by the Oakville Historical Society at 110 King Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: 905.842.5385.

**May 27:** OPP Chorus and Concert at the Simcoe County Museum, Minesing, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: 705.728.3721.

**May 31:** "Masonic Secrets" with Dale Smout at the Eva Brook Donly Museum and Archives, Simcoe at 7 p.m.: 519.426.1583.

**June 2:** "Country Doctor/Military Surgeon – A Canadian in the US Civil War" with Michael Fitton, hosted by the Simcoe County Branch, OGS, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Barrie, at 2 p.m.: 705.722.3344.

**June 20:** "Tokens, Notes and Medals of the Hudson's Bay Company" with Len Buth, London Numismatic Society, hosted by the London Middlesex Historical Society at the Old Courthouse at 8 p.m.: 519.455.4533.

**June 24:** "Tea on the Bluffs" Enjoy a strawberry shortcake tea hosted by the Bronte Historical Society at Sovereign House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 905.825.5552.

**June 25:** *Feasting and Fasting: Canada's Heritage Celebrations*

## Feasting and Fasting



Canada's Heritage Celebrations

Dorothy Duncan

with Dorothy Duncan, hosted by the Craigleith Heritage Depot at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury at 1 p.m.: 705.444.2601.

**July 15 & 16:** The 150th Pioneer Anniversary Celebration and Special Church Service hosted by the Kirkfield & District Historical Society to remember the first Presbyterian Church, a small wooden structure located in a field and called the "kirk-in-the-field" hence the name of the community – Kirkfield! Details: 705.438.3543.

**September 8:** "Rock the Locks" will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the first commercial use of the locks at Buckhorn, Burleigh Falls and Lovesick Lake. Details: 705.738.4149.

## Building Stories: New Online Service Creating a Canada-Wide Inventory for Historic Sites

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On April 30, 2012, a new website and mobile application was launched that enables Canadians to take a direct role in identifying important community heritage assets. Building Stories ([www.buildingstories.co](http://www.buildingstories.co)) is an incredible new online resource making thousands of original documents, photos and historical records available online from a wide of variety of communities.

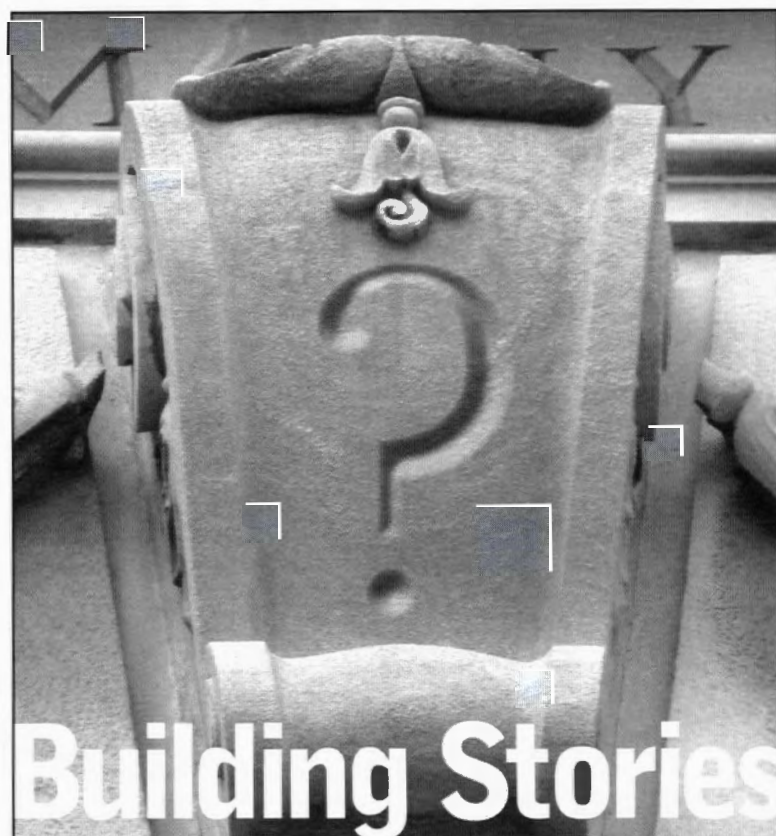
The development of Building Stories will add significantly to the tools available to engage the public, explain the importance of heritage, and develop community confidence. Building Stories can help identify properties to place on municipal registers, to identify areas as Heritage Conservation Districts and to expand the volunteer base of the conservation movement. Dr. Robert Shipley, Director of the Heritage Resources Centre, states: "Through being able to use the inventory tool in a web-based and interactive way it will allow communities and individual citizens to take a direct and active role in identifying the significant and valued structures that make up such a vital part of the country's heritage assets. There has never been anything like this and the result will be to magnify and expand both interest in, and understanding of, our built environment."

Sites added to the Building Stories inventory are mapped and require an address and at least one photo. Users can then add additional commentary about the history, design and context of the property and even statements of significance where available. In addition, documentation such as photographs, audio files, video files and copies of important documents (e.g. drawings, leases) can be uploaded. Characteristics of specific buildings can be entered using the recognized Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings Iconography depicting simple pictures of architectural and/or design features.

These sites can be accessed through a mobile application available on Android, iPhone and Windows phones. Users will be able to select a tour of a desired destination using the mobile

application, such as walking or driving tours, and special events tours, such as Doors Open. In addition, the mobile application will allow the capture of a site with a picture and GPS coordinates, while additional details can be filled in online.

In order to show communities and organizations the full extend of Building Stories, the Heritage Resources Centre is offering its first workshop about the site on June 7th between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Environment Building at the University of Waterloo. The cost of the workshop is \$70, please email [hrc@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:hrc@uwaterloo.ca) to register.



Building Stories is a web-based, interactive inventory for historic sites in Canada. It enables Canadians to take a direct role in recognizing and documenting their community heritage assets using online and mobile tools.



[www.buildingstories.co](http://www.buildingstories.co)



### Chiefswood NHS Welcomes Back Visitors

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After being closed for the past season for interior restoration, Chiefswood National Historic Site is preparing to reopen for the 2012 season with an open house on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located on the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage River, Chiefswood NHS is the only remaining pre-Confederation Indian mansion in Ontario. Built between 1853 and 1856 by Mohawk Chief George H.M. Johnson for his English bride, Emily Howells, Chiefswood is of national architectural and historic significance because it speaks to the Johnson family's role as intermediaries between Native and European cultures. Here at Chiefswood in 1861, the poet and performer Pauline Johnson was born, and drew inspiration for her literary works. Historically, Chiefswood was a place where cultures met. Today, as a gateway to the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Chiefswood introduces visitors to the rich culture and heritage of the Six Nations, the Johnson family and Pauline Johnson.

Since February 2011, interior restoration work, including wood-

work painting and repair, new calcimine ceilings, and wallpaper application has been completed. The exterior of the 150-year-old house has been spruced up with fresh paint on the woodwork and shutters, thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Both the interior and exterior restoration work at Chiefswood required skills and craftsmanship that are rare in our modern world.

The luxurious wall coverings are reproduction William Morris wallpapers dating from the 1870s and 1890s produced in England. The calcimine ceilings are based on an 1832 recipe that includes burnt limestone crushed to a powder, chalk added for whitening and animal fat used for glue and applied by hand with brush. Together with the antique furniture and artifacts, most of which belonged to the Johnson family, these elements provide visitors to Chiefswood an authentic experience of what life was like when the family lived in the impressive home. To guide visitors, new interpretative panels telling the history of the Six Nations, Chiefswood, the Johnson family, and Pauline Johnson have been installed, thanks to a grant from the Stedman Foundation. Interpretative panels for each room detailing their historic functions have also been installed.

Visitors to Chiefswood also



Photo Chiefswood NHS

have the opportunity to learn about the natural heritage of the site. Chiefswood is surrounded by vestiges of the Carolinian Forest, known for its diverse ecosystem and characterized by deciduous trees such as sugar maple, birch, white oak, hickory, walnut and butternut. Chiefswood is also home to a restored tall grass prairie, an important ecosystem once found throughout the Grand River plains, but now one of the most threatened ecosystems in Ontario. Indigenous plants like the towering Indian Cup Plant, Ohio Spiderwort, Virginia Mountain Mint and Wild Bergamot can be found in Chiefswood's tall grass prairie. Thanks to an outdoor

interpretive sign and brochures made possible by a grant from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, visitors can learn about the traditional medicinal and other uses of these plants and the importance of the tall grass prairie.

In September 2009, Chiefswood Board of Trustees was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society. The Board acts as an advocacy and fundraising body for the museum.

Chiefswood NHS is open in the summer Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information and events, visit chiefswood.com.

### Beauty in the Beasts: Animals as Objects and Art Now at Dufferin County Museum & Archives

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*Beauty in the Beasts* is a new, unique exhibit at the Dufferin County Museum & Archives (DCMA) exploring how Canadians view and learn about animals.

The earliest known fossils that might be considered to represent an animal are those of sponges found in Australia. They are believed to be 665 million years old, so the potential for artists to create an animal-inspired object is almost timeless. Artists have been making images of their fellow animals as long as they have been producing art, and they have been making these images in every conceivable material, from stone or clay to steel and titanium, and everything in between.

The current exhibit at the DCMA explores animals, birds, insects, fish and more as they are expressed through man-made objects. Objects as diverse as Egyptian carvings and contemporary Canadian paintings represent creatures both worshipped and despised. Thousands of animals

appear in the exhibit, represented in such diverse media as carved folk art, hooked rugs, sculpture, decoys, fine paintings, ceramics and even butter moulds.

As long as artists have been using animals in art, others have been collecting it. This amazing exhibit at the DCMA includes a number of representative collections within it. Folk art collectors will be intrigued by the variety of animals portrayed. Some are depicted as faithfully as the artist's skill could manage, such as the nesting hen and her chicks. Others depart into humorous whimsy, such as the skunk modelled around an aerosol spray can. Imagine a trophy moose, and then imagine a moose on a motorcycle as a trophy! Some pieces are beautifully antique, others colourfully modern. All have been identified as fully as possible, giving collectors a chance to observe, learn and compare with their own collections.

Sculptures and fine carvings of both wild and domestic animals provide a balanced contrast to the folk art animals and introduce us to the work of noted three-dimensional artists.

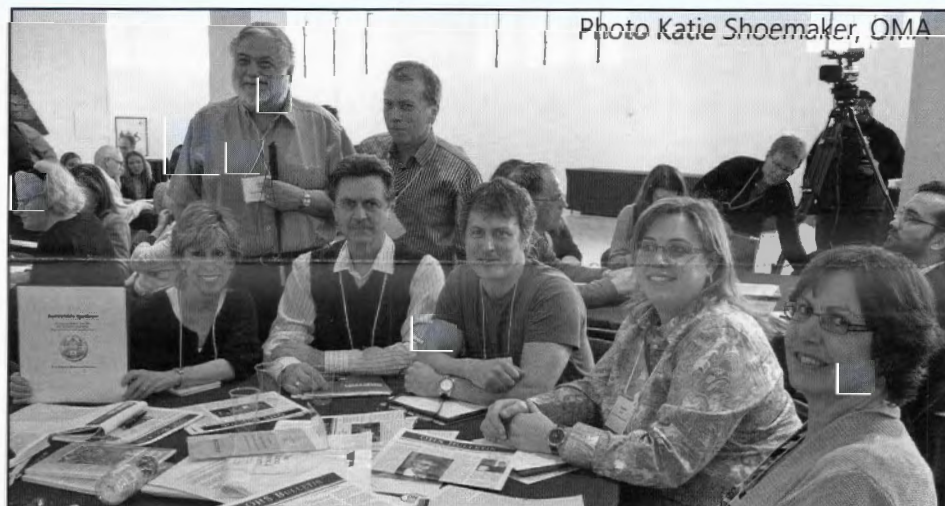


Photo Katie Shoemaker, OMA

OHS volunteer John Rae (standing left), along with OHS staff Rob Levery and Heather Anderson, led two roundtables on John's series *Access Beyond the Ramp* (OHS Bulletin), and on the OHS's *Accessible Heritage Tool Kit* at the Ontario Museum Association's Accessibility Symposium held in partnership with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO) and the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) on April 5. Participants at the OHS roundtables included representatives from a variety of historical organizations and cultural institutions, including museums, art galleries, archives, historical societies and students and faculty from University of Toronto's Masters of Museum Studies Program. Special thank you to Marie Lalonde and her staff (OMA) and their partners at ADO and ROM for organizing this important and successful symposium. John's series, which explores accessibility issues in museum and exhibit design, is also available online at [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/accessibility](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/accessibility)

A colourful collection of hooked rugs highlights a number of animals, while depicting various aspects of hooking design and execution. These are works of art worthy of study, and come with a guarantee that they will never be walked on.

By way of contrast, an extensive collection of dozens of fine animal paintings will intrigue the visitor. Compare the flock of sheep painted by Canadian artist Horatio Walker to the sheep in the fold painted by English artist Frederick Holt, the amazing contemporary portrait of a yoke of oxen with an antique pasture scene. Then there are the exceptional mock Renaissance portraits of sheep in architectural settings by Canadian artist Linda Climo.

Each case stimulates memories for each of us of animals from our past experiences: old four-legged friends and pets, the specimen animals from our first science class, the frightening forest beasts from childhood fairy tales.

Visitors will be engaged by the artifacts' faces, familiar stances and the "otherness" of their animal nature. Don't miss this one-time-only exhibition of amazing animal art from the museum and private collections. We are confident you will find the *Beauty in the Beasts*.

The Dufferin County Museum & Archives is situated on the northeast corner of Hwy 89 and Airport Road in Rosemont, Ontario. For more information, please call 1.877.941.7787 or visit [dufferinmuseum.com](http://dufferinmuseum.com).



## Cemetery News

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Eversley) on Dufferin Street in King Township is for sale. The York Pioneer and Historical Society, which has been the owner of this property for a great many years, and has come to this decision reluctantly. The cemetery attached is well maintained by King Township and is registered with the Province.

Concern has been raised about the possible sale of the school property behind St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Port Credit. This is the site of a cemetery. A small portion still remains untouched at the corner of John Street South and Lakeshore Road West. The cemetery extends south of Lakeshore Road. At some time in the past, most of the tombstones were removed and the area made into a play area for the school and parking lot for the church.

There is a threat that possible road work will impact the Sharon Burying Ground in Sharon. This registered cemetery dates to c. 1812 and was the burial ground for members of The Children of Peace. Their leader, David Willson, often composed the epitaphs which appear on the tombstones. There are also believed to be unmarked burial sites within the grounds of Sharon Temple. The burying ground and the temple are important heritage sites.

Larry Rittenhouse of The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario, the Chapter of the Twenty, sent us a report of the

### 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. All donations receive a tax receipt.

activities of their Chapter. They are to be congratulated for all that they have accomplished and hope to finalize in the coming year. They have applied to the Town of Lincoln Heritage Committee for heritage designation for the Pioneer Section of Campden Mountain Mennonite Cemetery. A study of the cemetery indicates that a large number of gravestones are either missing or damaged and will require major repairs. Repairs of all but one broken pioneer gravestone in Vineland Cemetery have been completed. The Chapter has identified that the gravestone of Minister Jacob Meyer, Jr. (1792-1831) is missing from Vineland and Minister Abraham Moyer's is missing from Campden. Their replacement will be a future Chapter project.

Mr. Rittenhouse further reports their group has completed a study of over fifty pioneer cemeteries in the Town of Lincoln and are summarizing the information and developing a satellite map with GPS locations. The OHS commends the group on their efforts to identify these cemeteries. The Chapter has an additional project to research the Mennonite/Haines Cemetery on the Jordan Museum property adjacent to the Jacob Fry House.

The lovely spring weather we have enjoyed is ideal for a cemetery recording project. Branches of The Ontario Genealogical Society are looking for volunteers. The nearest branch may be found at [www.ogs.on.ca](http://www.ogs.on.ca) There is on-the-job train-



Photo Rob Leverty

On April 22, the OHS participated in a special award ceremony for Shirley Hartley at the Heritage Community Church in Collingwood. Shirley, a dedicated volunteer for the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee (ODRPCC), was presented with an Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) Certificate of Achievement in the Cultural Heritage category. OHS presented this award on behalf of the Trust, which recognizes the "hard work of volunteers who assume leadership roles in preserving their community's heritage...as well as the leadership of this outstanding citizen".

Shirley embroidered a magnificent quilt that tells the story of the Underground Railroad and the struggle and contributions made by early black pioneers. Shirley has given over 150 presentations with the quilt to schools locally and overseas. She and her husband John have donated the quilt to the Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum in Clarksburg. Pictured in front of the quilt are (from left) Carolyn Wilson, President, ODRPCC with Shirley and John Hartley. ODRPCC was also recognized by the OHT for its leadership in protecting local history. ODRPCC incorporated on February 9, 1999, through affiliation with the OHS.

ing and a day in the sunshine is always pleasant. It is important to follow the guidelines for gravestone rubbing and cleaning to prevent damage to the grave markers. Consult [gravestonestudies.org](http://gravestonestudies.org)

The annual spring cleanup at The Lakeshore Asylum Cemetery in Etobicoke was held in early May. Work on the southern fence and new gateway is underway and is planned to be completed this summer. The Lakeshore Environmental Gardening Society planted bulbs last fall. The restoration of the cemetery grounds is a fitting tribute to the 1,511 people buried there. The burial records database may be accessed at [www.psychiatricurvivorarchives.com/cemetery/cemetery.html](http://www.psychiatricurvivorarchives.com/cemetery/cemetery.html)

Warner Cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake held its annual pot luck supper and meeting. An assessment of necessary repairs has been undertaken. This active registered cemetery, established in 1801, was the site first Methodist Episcopal Meeting House west of the Bay of Quinte. The cemetery is administered by a volunteer Board, some of whom are direct descendants of the original founders. The cemetery, which is designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, has a very small Perpetual Care Fund, and the interest it earns does not even pay for the cost of grass cutting.

The cemetery is well maintained by its dedicated volunteers and must rely on tax-deductible donations to cover its costs.

We recently learned that the Town of Midland has designated the William Wilson Cemetery under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The cemetery is the final resting place for several of Midland's earliest settlers and visitors, including military personnel travelling to the naval establishment at Penetanguishine. William Wilson was the ship carpenter on *HMS Nancy*, which was lost in the Battle of Nottawasga in August 1814. OHS has received a disc that outlines the historical background of the cemetery and William Wilson's contributions to the Midland community.



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

On June 2, 2011, in a meeting with Hon. John Gerretsen, then Minister of Consumer Services, the OHS and OGS officially presented the Government of Ontario with a listing of 1,535 unregistered cemeteries. The Province subsequently requested that the two societies identify the exact location of all these cemeteries in order to register them.

OHS and OGS volunteers are working hard to provide the requested information, organized geographically by county or district. Pictured above on March 29th, OGS Executive Director Sarah Newitt and Rob Leverty sign off on the first segment of this historic initiative, documenting Algoma and Brant Counties, before officially delivering them to the Province.

**Doors Open Cemeteries 2012**  
Did you know many of Ontario's heritage cemeteries participate in Doors Open?  
Find an entire listing online:  
[ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/cemeteries](http://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/cemeteries)

## Youth Corner

The Ontario Heritage Fairs Association is pleased to announce that students from across the province will attend the Ontario Provincial Heritage Fair in Toronto on June 10th and 11th, thanks to generous financial support from Canada's History and the Canadian Department of Heritage (through its Youth Take Charge Program). These students will represent twenty Regional Fairs that will take place in Ontario in April and May.

At those Regional Fairs, students in grades 4 to 10 will have an opportunity to showcase the results of their research into a wide variety of topics in Canadian history and heritage. Each site will select two of those students to attend the Provincial Fair and share their projects

in the Provincial Showcase, which will be held on Monday, June 11th at the University of Toronto's New College Residence located on Wilcox Street in Toronto.

Along with those 40 student delegates, an additional 28 students who participated in the new Young Citizens program will present the videos that they have produced about their projects.

Everyone interested in Canadian history and heritage is invited to attend the showcase to view the student projects!

To learn more, visit [ohfa.ca](http://ohfa.ca)





## Exhibits, Events and Notices

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES

MAY 31 to JUNE 3

#### Ontario Heritage Conference

Beyond Borders: Heritage Best Practices – Kingston

[heritage2012.com](http://heritage2012.com) | Ontario Architectural Conservancy with Community Heritage Ontario, the City of Kingston and the Frontenac Institute.

JUNE 1 to JUNE 3

#### Ontario Genealogical Society

Borders & Bridges: 1812-2012 St. Lawrence College, Kingston [ogs.on.ca](http://ogs.on.ca) | Kingston, Ottawa, and Leeds and Grenville Branches of the OGS.

JUNE 7 to JUNE 8

#### Ontario Historical Society with the Waterloo Historical Society and the Waterloo Region Museum

2012 - A Year in History – Waterloo Region Museum, Kitchener [ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/conference](http://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/conference) Register soon, as space is limited and filling up quickly!

JUNE 13 to JUNE 15

#### Archives Association of Ontario

Conflict and Commemoration Toronto | [aao-archivists.ca](http://aao-archivists.ca)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 20

#### Padrone Italiano: Heritage Walk

150 Years of Italian Heritage on St. Clair Ave, West Toronto Junction. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at Keele St. and St. Clair Ave W. Free. Walk lead by Ian Wheal, Union Stockyards Historian. 416.593.2656

MAY 26 to MAY 27

#### Doors Open Toronto

The OHS's John McKenzie House will be participating in the 13th Annual Doors Open Toronto, "200 Years of Building the Urban City," focusing on city builders, and the people and personalities in Toronto's history. Dozens more sites are participating: visit [toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://toronto.ca/doorsopen)

JUNE 15

#### Cross-Border Connections in Canada/U.S. Veterinary History

Join the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) as it hosts a meeting of the American Veterinary Medical History Society in celebration of the sesquicentennial of OVC. Event is free, to be held at OVC in Guelph.



Photo Rob Leverty

On Sunday, March 4th, the OHS had a publications table at the Jack Munroe Historical Society of Elk City's (JMHSEC) special event at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. JMHSEC incorporated through affiliation with the OHS on November 21, 2009. A first at the Prospectors & Developers of Canada convention, JMHSEC also presented live theatre "With a Strong Hand," the Jack Munroe Story performed by Wayne McKay of Cape Breton.

Seen here after his outstanding one-man performance are (left to right) JMHSEC's President, Terry Fiset and Secretary, George Lefebvre; Wayne McKay; and John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane). The JMHSEC is currently fundraising to finance the production of a documentary film on the life of Jack Munroe with script preparation presently underway. For further information, contact 705.678.2237 or [elklake@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:elklake@ntl.sympatico.ca)

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of Upper Canada. Reprinted also is William Renwick Riddell's *The Ancaster 'Bloody Assize' of 1814* (1923) and Charles W. Humphries' *The Capture of York* (1959).

Despite the vast amount of research completed on the war over the years, there remains a number of open questions that beg further investigation and research.

Such describes the work of two emerging scholars, Elaine Young and James Tyler Robertson. In this issue, Young provides an analysis of the celebrations of the Battle of Lundy's Lane in 1914 and Robertson presents a re-examination of the Rev. John Strachan, specifically his views on indigenous people.

Also featured in this issue: Mark

A. Olinger's *Organizing for War in Canada, 1812-14: The U.S. Army Experience*; Timothy S. Forest's *Commemorations of the War of 1812 Today in the Niagara Region*; Todd Stubbs' *History, Tourism, and the Raising of HMS Nancy*; and Jean Morrison's *Canada's Fur Trade and the War of 1812*.

As always, the issue also contains a number of reviews on recently published monographs related to Ontario's history – three of which are devoted to the War of 1812.

Copies of the special double issue of *Ontario History* focusing on the War of 1812 can be purchased for \$20 (plus postage) by calling 416.226.9011 or e-mailing [ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca). The Society encourages its members to add a subscription to their membership! Contact 416.226.9011 for information and prices.

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## Archives Lanark Receives Prized Acquisition

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Of all the many valuable acquisitions Archives Lanark has received during its first decade of operation, its most recent is perhaps one of the most significant. On February 8, 2012, the Archives received the entire collection of the local newspaper the *Perth Courier*, including bound volumes dating 1889-1960, microfilms dating 1935-1950 and microfiches dating 1999-2003. Within their pages lies the history of not only the town of Perth, but the surrounding rural areas of Lanark County. First established in 1836 as the *Bathurst Courier*, the *Perth Courier* reported to the community for over 150 years. Several years ago, the newspaper was sold to Metroland Media of Toronto. Since then, the original publications have been procured through the efforts of former publisher John Clement.

This is the Archives' second major collection – the first being the acquisition of the Ontario land

records related to Lanark County, dating 1868-1955. This was procured by the Lanark County Genealogical Society (LCGS) from the Government of Ontario in 1996. A place then had to be found to house these documents – and, in 2002, a facility at Drummond Centre in Drummond Township was obtained and the cherished records became available to the public.

The collections at Archives Lanark have grown immeasurably over the past ten years. Contributions of local history books, photographs, maps, newspapers, research documents, family histories and many more items of local interest have been placed upon the shelves.

Several milestones have been achieved by Archives Lanark in its first ten years. In December 2011, Archives Lanark became incorporated as a non-profit organization through affiliation with The Ontario Historical Society, thanks to the guidance of OHS Executive Director Rob Leverty. 2009 was also another significant year for the archives; it established its



Photo Perth Courier

In February 2012, OHS Affiliated Society Archives Lanark received a significant donation of archival materials from local newspaper, the *Perth Courier*. Pictured (left to right) are Paul Burton, Metroland Media; Janet Dowdall, John Clement, former publisher, *Perth Courier*; Irene Spence; Grant McFarlane; Dave Murdoch; Frances Rathwell; and Michael Jaques, Vice Chair, Archives Lanark.

own board of directors, along with a new name, Archives Lanark, and its own logo. Preceding these endeavours, the archives were administered by an *ad hoc* volunteer committee of the LCGS.

The archives has participated in many community events, such as school Heritage Fairs and the most recent project of the Rural Schools Books, in which the archives is publishing limited edition hardcover books documenting the history of the rural schools of each of

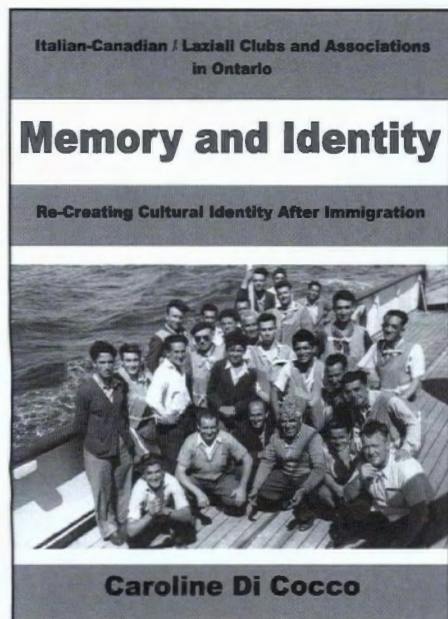
the original townships in Lanark County. This fall, Archives Lanark plans to host a 10th Anniversary event, featuring music, refreshments and a plaque unveiling.

Currently, a new in-house research tool adopted by the archives records and manages the holdings, giving easy access to visitors. This technology is coupled with the website [www.globalgenealogy.com/archiveslanark](http://www.globalgenealogy.com/archiveslanark) to provide easier access. For more information, email [b7s@sympatico.ca](mailto:b7s@sympatico.ca).



## From The Bookshelf

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### BILINGUAL HISTORY

**Memory and Identity: Re-Creating Cultural Identity After Immigration.** Caroline Di Cocco. Published by the author. 164 pages. Illustrations, Maps. \$25 softbound.

Born in Italy but for more than fifty years a Canadian, Caroline Di Cocco took on the task of tracing and describing more than twenty associations of Italian immigrants to Canada. Such clubs served not only as social centres, but as a way to keep alive traditions, language and festivities that had been left behind. As she writes, "They assisted greatly in alleviating the culture shock of being transplanted into another society ... [and] assisted in adaptation to the New World." This book is not only comprehensive, it is printed in parallel columns: in English and in Italian.

### RE-LIVING 1812

**Redcoated Ploughboys: The Volunteer Battalion of Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada, 1813-1815.** Richard Feltoe. Dundurn. 432 pages. Illustrations. Maps. \$35 softbound. Also available in eBook format.

Richard Feltoe, a museum curator and a living history re-enactor, is a stickler for details. His context is the War of 1812, but his specific focus is on one regiment of volunteer militia. He follows the War through their eyes and their experiences. Nineteen maps explain specifics of separate battles. Eight appendices present

biographies of selected individuals and provide information on clothing, on weapons, on food, on living conditions, on families, on sicknesses, even on crimes and punishments. There are endnotes, a bibliography and a full index. Written as a narrative history, this almost encyclopedic volume will be treasured by all re-enactors and by all who find fascination in the minutiae of military campaigns.

### REVERSE COLONIALISM

**Maple Leaf Empire: Canada, Britain, and Two World Wars.** Jonathan F. Vance. Oxford University Press. 252 pages. Illustrations. \$30 hardbound.

For nearly two hundred years, British troops garrisoned in Canada to defend the Empire profoundly influenced the land they were protecting. The twentieth century saw this process reversed. Canadians, sent to defend the Empire in two world wars, colonized England in areas they temporarily occupied. This remarkable work combines narratives of Canadians during the World Wars – less the battles and the bombs, more the human interactions of civilians and military – into a cohesive story. Historian Vance's research included family correspondence, interviews with participants, newspaper accounts, government reports, and military records. The wartime propaganda he presents – colour posters and popular songs – is especially engaging. This study of the imperial experience that is imbedded in the Canadian character is social history at its best.

### CANADIAN AUTO

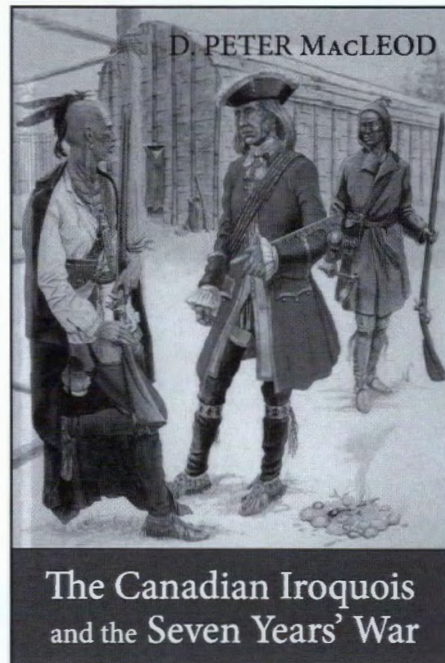
**Durant's Right-Hand Man: The Life and Times of Dr. Edwin Campbell, Founder of the Chevrolet Motor Company and Durant's Assistant in the Creation of General Motors and General Motors of Canada.** Paul Arculus. Friesen Press. 353 pages. Illustrations. \$32 hardbound; \$22 softbound.

The biography of a Canadian industrialist who – as the subtitle well summarizes – made a profound impact on our nation's commercial history and especially on Ontario's economy. This volume, thanks to the exhaustive research of a retired Port Perry teacher, brings Campbell out of the shadows and into the light for the recognition he deserves.

### SOUTHERN REBELS IN CANADA

**Rebels on the Great Lakes: Confederate Naval Command Operations Launched from Canada 1863-1864.** John Bell. Dundurn. 268 pages. Illustrations, Maps. \$28 softbound.

During the American Civil War, Canada as a British colony was supposedly neutral territory. But that did not prevent Southern commandos in Canada from effectively attacking Northern bases across the lakes. Here is the previously untold tale of these operations, which were effective enough to make many Americans doubtful about their neighbours to the north. Another volume in the growing library of works relating Canadian connections with that deadly American conflict.



### FIRST NATIONS

**The Canadian Iroquois and the Seven Years' War.** Peter MacLeod. Dundurn, for the Canadian War Museum. 247 pages. Illustrations, Maps. \$30 softbound.

Canadian Iroquois – that is, members of the Akwesasne, Kahnawake, Kanasetake, and Oswegatchie communities – were, in the mid-18th century, located along the upper St. Lawrence River. The middle of that century experienced the "Seven Years' War" – often called, for understandable reasons, the "French and Indian War." The Iroquois were, not by choice but by circumstance, very much caught in the middle of it. Here is a scholarly yet entirely readable account of a long neglected subject, written by an expert historian on the staff of the Canadian War Museum.

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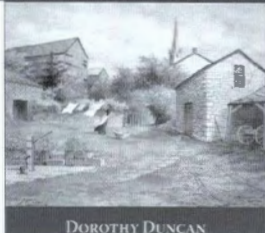
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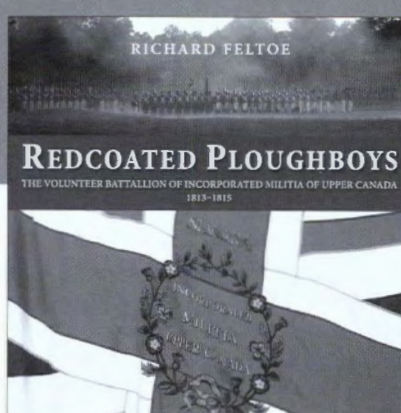
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**REDCOATED PLOUGHBOYS**  
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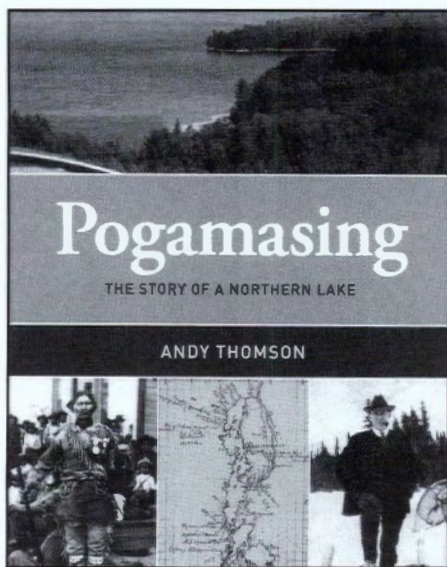
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NORTHERN LAKES, LANDS AND PEOPLE

**Pogamasing: The Story of a Northern Lake.** Andy Thomson. Why Knot Books. 304 pages. Illustrations, Maps. \$30 hardbound.

## DUNDURN Welcomes Book Proposals on historical topics from OHS members. Visit [dundurn.com](http://dundurn.com) for submission guidelines

A century-and-a-half of the history of one Sudbury District lake. The narrative runs from the first native peoples in the area, to the Hudson's Bay Company and the fur trade, to the full development of the logging and sawmill operations, to modern camping and tourism as an important industry. Enhanced by historic maps, archival photographs, and other illustrations, the story also offers a microscopic view of what happened not just in Northern Ontario, but in Canada as a country.

### LEST WE FORGET

**The Loyalist Tiles of St. Alban's: Encaustic Memorial Tiles of the 19th Century.** History Committee, St. Alban's Church, Adolphustown. 154 pages. Illustrations. \$60 hardbound.

A century after the 1784 landing of Loyalists at what became Adolphustown, the congregation of St. Alban's Church planned a new church building. They determined to commemorate the centennial by honoring United Empire Loyalists with a continuous frieze of decorative tiles, each tile dedicated to the memory of an individual Loyalist. The tiles were designed and crafted – "encaustic" means "burned in" – by a British pottery company. In time, sponsors were secured for some 64 tiles – here all splendidly presented in a beautiful book of text and coloured photographs. The image for each tile is accompanied by a brief biography of the UEL honoured. Art and history thus combine in a lovely publication.

Note: Youth Corner contributor Carson Murphy did a full review of *Loyalist Tiles* in the December 2011 issue of the *OHS Bulletin*.

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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) for "Institutional Eligibility" to administer aid to a scholarly journal. In June 2011, OHS submitted an application for an Aid to Scholarly Journals grant to assist with the publication of *Ontario History*.

I am very pleased to report that in a letter dated February 8, 2012, SSHRC's President informed the OHS that the Society has been granted "Institutional Eligibility" to administer funding awarded for a scholarly journal. After signing the Memorandum of Understanding on the Roles and Responsibilities in the Management of Federal Grants and Awards, OHS was awarded three-year funding for *Ontario History*.

The OHS insurance programme remains very popular with the Society processing and approving applications from member organizations on an ongoing basis.

As of March 31, 2012, there are 56 historical organizations that have Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies underwritten at a limit of \$2 million each. There are 58 organizations that have General Liability Insurance policies with liability limits of at least \$2 million and 26 have purchased coverage for contents and property.

I am very sad to report the unexpected death of Joyce Lewis. Joyce was a devoted OHS member, volunteer, donor and workshop leader and a former President of the Peterborough Historical Society. Joyce was indeed a scholar in the social history of Upper Canada and she researched and authored numerous OHS publications. Her dry, quick wit, keen mind, clear insight and friendship will always be missed. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Peter, her husband, and their entire family.

## 'WHS' cont'd from page 1

surprisingly, members of WHS. The WHS artifact collection was transferred to OPCF and today, five decades later, it forms a good portion of the Waterloo Region Museum collection.

The documents, photographs, books, diaries and maps in the WHS collection are now housed under professional archive conditions in the Grace Schmidt Room of Local History at the KPL. KPL and WHS have a long-standing agreement which, among other things, gives the KPL's Local History Librarian a place on the Waterloo Historical Society executive under the title of WHS Archivist. In this dual position, Karen Ball-Pyatt carries on a century-long tradition begun by Mabel Dunham and carried on by Dorothy Shoemaker, Grace Schmidt and Susan Hoffman. These women have molded the KPL/WHS collection into one of the best local history archives in the province.

That's a brief overview of the "preserving" part of the WHS objective. Publishing has been the second century-long goal of the society, mainly through annual volume and through special publications.

The first issue of the WHS annual volume appeared in 1913 and still continues today. It contains articles that explore Waterloo Region's history, from aboriginal times, the pioneer settlement era, European immigration in the mid-1800s, or modern events, people, organizations and politics.

In the 1990s, WHS commissioned and published two major books, each winning a major local history award. One focused on the now-disappeared Waterloo Township, while the second looked at the history of the likewise-disappeared Waterloo County. WHS's quarterly newsletter is distributed through the region's libraries and historic sites and keeps the Society in touch with its members and the community.

There are two other 'P's that

have helped to define WHS over the past century: plaques and public meetings. Since the 1920s WHS has erected several dozen memorial plaques commemorating significant people, places and events in the region. A noteworthy example would be the mid-1920s construction and dedication of the Waterloo County Pioneers' Memorial Tower to honour the earliest pioneer settlers in the area, which remains a prominent regional landmark today.

Currently, WHS holds five well-attended public meetings a year, each featuring speakers discussing Waterloo Region history.

WHS looks forward to its second century of saving the history of Waterloo Region and is happy to welcome delegates to the 2012 – A Year of History Conference, June 8-9 at the Waterloo Region Museum. To learn more about the WHS, visit [www.whs.ca](http://www.whs.ca)

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