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From the desk of the Secretary

Over the past four years, the Society has been taking part in a number of studies conducted by Ontario Hydro into the impact of proposed transmission lines in both Northern and Southern Ontario. The Society's role has been to advise on the heritage aspects of the proposed routes and to comment on minimizing the disturbance of heritage resources. The Society could have taken the easier path of turning its back on Ontario Hydro's invitation to participate in the preliminary studies and then, later, jumped onto the band-wagon to cry out against any intrusions on the natural landscape, on the familiar order of things by corporations like Ontario Hydro. There was the equally easy route of placidly ignoring what was happening in the world around us; of simply sticking to those things we knew how to do because we had been doing them for over ninety years. But, the Society's Executive knew that we have to live in the world of today and our job is, at least in part, to act as the heritage conscience to that world so that the debt owed to yesterday is never forgotten or ignored.

More recently, the Society was approached by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (M.T.C.) for advice and suggestions concerning the proposed routing of a new super highway by-pass for Toronto - Route 407. While the Society's resources are limited - we do not currently have the personnel nor the funds to be able to undertake an intensive study of the route on our own - we can still play a role. The Society has contacted all of the local societies and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACACs) along the route, outlined the situation and asked them to contact the Society with their concerns over specific sites along the route.

Thus far, a few of the local organizations have responded and hopefully more of them will do so once they are back in full swing in the new season. This Society will then take the information from the local groups and compile a report for the M.T.C.

NOTICE

We are moving

Our Offices effective

December 20, 1979

TO:

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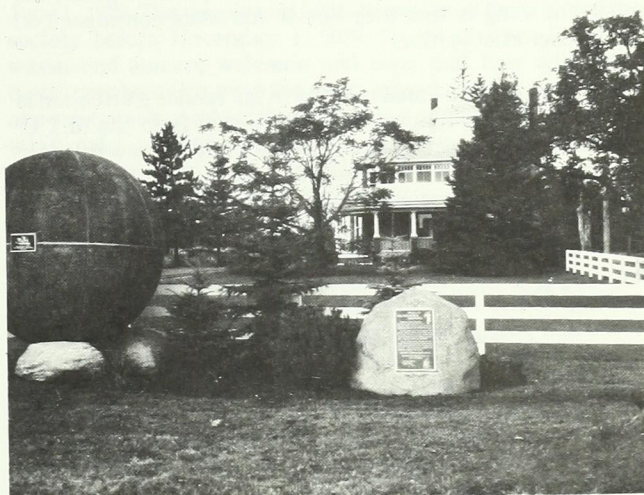
TORONTO, ONTARIO

Beyond simply telling the membership of one aspect of thir society's activities, I wanted the above to illustrate two important points which all local historical societies should start to consider at their next executive meeting. One is the need to think about some long range planning for the interests and activities of the local society - "where and what do we want to be five or ten years from now? And how do we get there?". Some of the questions you might want to start asking are very basic - what is this society all about and what is its role in the community? Perhaps it will be convenient to go back to the constitution and see what was said when the society was established - what were its purposes then? How relevant are they to today and, more importantly, to tomorrow?

Out of the discussion generated by this examination and soul searching should come a set of goals. These goals should be what your society sees as its position at a certain point down the road; say in five years time. The next step for the society is to start to plan on how they are going to reach these goals through a series of shorter term objectives. To illustrate this point let us say that the constitution says that the Society is established to gather and preserve the "material heritage" of the community - in other words, to establish some form of

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Historic Site in Simcoe County



The boyhood home of Sir Frederick Banting, co-discover of insulin, near Alliston, Ontario. The sphere represents the global importance of insulin. It was erected by the Simcoe County Historical Association.

From the desk of the Secretary

museum to house a collection of artifacts. From this basis, the society sets the "goal" of opening a museum in five years. The executive then starts to plan the objectives which will culminate in the opening of the museum by the stated date. The first objective is to have a feasibility report on the type of museum (historic house, interpretive centre, etc.), the artifacts which could be collected and housed, the buildings required, the buildings currently available, the funding required, what financial and other assistance is available and from where - the list goes on. Based partly on the report, the second objective is launched, then the third and so on until the last objective is the realization of the goal which was set five years earlier.

Not all goals have to be as grandiose as the example above but whether it be a large goal or a small one, the idea of planning remains. The very act of planning gives focus to the activities of the society and helps in other ways as well. It will become easier to talk about the society to others, particularly those whom you are approaching for help on a certain project. It will also help attract new members who will see what the society is about and what role they can take to help the society reach its goals.

One goal which every society should seriously consider is the compilation of a heritage inventory for the area. This would mean finding out as much as possible about the buildings, the burial sites, the settlement patterns and then keeping track of the information. With the list, any society would be fully prepared to respond when they are asked to participate in a "heritage impact study" such as that the O.H.S. and the M.T.C. are doing for #407. In co-operation with the local L.A.C.A.C., a copy of the inventory could be placed in the local municipal planning office for use when developers are considering the placing of new industries or subdivisions. We cannot totally stop all development but we can encourage constant awareness of the community's heritage even in such small ways as the naming of new streets after families from the area's pioneer era - a task which would be facilitated by the inventory.

But whatever your society decides to adopt as its goals, the important thing is that they be set and work commence on the first set of objectives.

The second point I wanted to bring to the reader's attention is the factor of keeping pace with the world. Both the M.T.C. and the Ontario Hydro projects are indicative of new roles for heritage groups. We cannot hide from these new types of activities, in fact, all societies should be looking for new opportunities which will allow them to play an ever-increasing role in the community. Historical societies need not be simply that group which sits quietly in its little corner having meetings of the converted listening to speeches by the converted and publishing the occasional arcane tract primarily as an exercise in self congratulations for having pulled off another arduous task. Rather, societies can be lively, dynamic forces which speak to and are heeded by both those who have converted to the cause of heritage preservation (in its widest sense) and those to whom heritage preservation is not a daily concern.

As with so many other things, the Society has been forced to face the facts of costs which are rising far quicker than our revenues. At the June Annual Meeting a motion enabling the Executive Committee to raise the Society's fees to \$15.00 for individual and institutional members was passed. The mo-

tion made provision for a similar increment to the fees for family membership. At their September 22nd meeting the Executive Committee voted to implement the increases but with a small yet important difference. The basic membership fees for 1980 have been left at their 1979 levels. However, in 1980 members will have the option of receiving the Society's journal. Those who wish to subscribe to the journal will pay an additional \$5.00 over and above the membership fees. The basic membership fee will entitle one to receive four copies of the *Bulletin*, copies of the *Approaching Ontario's Past* technical leaflet series, a discount on the other publications of the Society (both current and future), reduced charges for attending Society workshops and other presentations plus other benefits as they are developed. The 1980 membership renewal forms will note the changes and you are asked to read them carefully and clearly indicate whether or not you wish to subscribe to the journal.

The Fall season has been extremely active and will continue into the Winter and Spring of 1980 in this vein. Our workshops have commenced with the November 10th "Basics of Researching Workshop" at Brampton and the November 17th "Heritage Conservation: A Community Effort" conference at Otterville, near Norwich. There is a list of those Spring 1980 workshops which have been set along with a registration form. Pick out which workshop you wish to attend and send in your registration now! And while you are at it, sign some of your friends up for the workshops as well. Registration is limited at each workshop but we like to see new faces at them.

A very successful research symposium was held at Queen's University by the Kingston Historical Society. Over two hundred people from across Eastern Ontario were in attendance and heard a number of interesting panel discussions and talks. The luncheon speaker was Gerald Killan, 1st Vice President of the O.H.S. and Chairman of the Society's Preservation Committee. In his talk entitled "Breaking the Mold of the Venerable 'Bede'", Dr. Killan recounted his experiences of listening to professional historians speak with disdain of the efforts of many non-professional historians. He challenged his listeners to support his contention that the work of many non-professional historians was valuable and worthwhile through their work and exhorted them to strive to producing even better works. He reminded them that the amateur historian has a professional responsibility - a responsibility which means adopting a professional attitude towards their research and their writing. For my part, I chaired a panel dealing with secondary sources in Ontario history - a useful experience, for both audience and panelists.

Your attention is called to a new column in the *Bulletin* called "Local Liaison Officer Newsletter". Hitherto, the Society has been carrying on a separate mailing for this newsletter but we feel our total audience would be better served by incorporating the *Newsletter* into the *Bulletin*; it will also help the Society bring its costs into line.

— E. Buchner

Local Liaison Officers Newsletter

During the past two months it has become increasingly obvious that the *Local Liaison Officers Newsletter* would have to go out to our membership in a slightly different form.

Many of the items and projects that we have discussed in the past year in the *Newsletter* have interested individual members as well as the heritage groups which are usually the recipients of the letter. In addition, the information coming to the Liaison Coordinator and the Society's Secretary often deserves a wider circulation. Consequently, in an attempt to increase the number of people that it reaches and to contain the rapidly escalating cost of producing the *Newsletter*, the Society's executive, at the suggestion of the chairmen of the Local Societies and the Preservation Committees, have decided that the *Newsletter* will now be featured in the *Bulletin*.

However, special *Liaison Letters* that are required on specific items in a limited geographic or interest area will be sent out as before.

One example of the special *Letter* is the one sent out over projected Highway 407. We have invited input from heritage groups in areas that may have historic and/or pre-historic sites affected by the new highway. Another special letter is in the early stages of preparation over the projected Highway 89 extension in the Lake Simcoe area. Meetings have taken place between Ministry of Transportation and Communication, their consultants and representatives of the O.H.S. on the new highway projects. If your group has not yet replied to our appeal for information on the highway 407 project, it is essential that you do so in the near future as we are working in a very limited space of time for our response. We are also awaiting the release of the new Niagara Escarpment Plan. Another special letter may be required over the heritage aspects of the plan, but there will be more on that in a future issue.

Thank you for the information that so many of you have sent to the Secretary and myself. The new approach to the *Newsletter* will enable Ernie Buchner and I to share the responsibility of disseminating the information to other groups and members of the Society.

We are particularly grateful to groups who have supported us by writing to the Minister of Culture and Recreation in favour of the fourteen amendments to the Heritage Act suggested by the delegates to the Society's conference in September, 1977. The Preservation Committee still continue to monitor your responses. The Orillia Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee is one of the groups that have mentioned the costs of designation. Their particular concern is the high cost of advertising that limits the number of designations they can undertake in a year. Rural committees encounter enormous costs when isolated structures in large rural lots are to be designated (a problem which taking easements will not solve) since an Ontario Land Surveyor has to be hired to do a survey so that a legal description of the position of the structure on the lot can be ascertained. My LACAC in Caledon has been trying, with the assistance of a surveyor to overcome the problem of the cost of the survey in a way that will satisfy the Land Registry Office. One of our members has expressed surprise that municipal clerks' offices do not absorb the cost of advertising and other legal costs that LACACs encounter without encumbering the LACAC's budget. However, we do believe that many LACACs do have these costs paid from their budgets as would any other municipal government department. We would appreciate some response to this item so let us know how your committee's costs are levied.

From the letters received it would seem that many more groups hired Young Canada Works Programme employees this summer (some in addition to Experience '79 researchers). The Ministry of Culture and Recreation very generously allowed the Young Canada Works people engaged on heritage projects to join their training sessions when they

were approached. However, the information we have received suggests that the Young Canada Works programme was the preferred one with heritage groups; perhaps this was because they were feeling the financial pinch that so many of you mentioned and could not afford the twenty-five per cent cost of a researcher introduced by the government to the Experience '79 programme this year.

We would like to hear a retrospective view from you on the Experience '79 programme. Did the new funding regulations present problems? Were you able to take advantage of the programme if your 1979 budget had been already set without allowing for the increased costs of the programme? Did you encounter difficulties in working with the Ministry's field offices rather than directly with the Heritage Administration Branch office in Toronto? Did you find the Field Office Coordinators more recreation than culture oriented and unfamiliar with the work which your group does? There are two other questions as well. Why do so few groups send representatives to the very worthwhile training sessions for the Experience programmes? And, would you be interested in a LACAC members conference organized by the O.H.S.?

We are pleased to note that groups involved in the very worthwhile "Vanishing Villages and Hamlets" research are continuing the programmes again this year.

Several groups have mentioned that they are involved in the placement of plaques. One question which arises from plaque programmes is the source of funds. Any information you would send to the O.H.S. office about the funding for your plaque programme would be very helpful when we advise other groups. We want to commend those groups which do local plaquing and want to encourage other societies and groups to follow suit.

signed,
Heather Broadbent,
Local Liaison Coordinator.

Membership News

Once again I am happy to report that the membership totals for the Society continue to grow. Below is a list of the memberships which have been granted by the office since June 1, 1979. The people and institutions listed have joined the society before November 1, 1979. To all of them I wish a warm and sincere welcome and hope that they will enjoy their memberships over the years ahead. Do not forget that one sure mark of a healthy society is a growing membership total; why not help us in this venture by giving a gift membership to a relative or friend for Christmas by using the form at the back of the *Bulletin*.

— A. Thomson
Chairman, Membership Committee

Alvinston Branch Library
Alvinston, Ontario

Arnprior and District
Historical Society
Arnprior, Ontario

Ms. Celine AuClair
Sudbury, Ontario

Dr. Doug Baldwin
Sherwood, P.E.I.

Mrs. Lillian Bargery
Scarborough, Ontario

Mrs. Paul Blais
Ottawa, Ontario

Blenheim District High School
Library
Blenheim, Ontario

Miss Ellen Bouwmeester
London, Ontario

Mr. Duncan Boyce
Belleville, Ontario

Bracebridge & Muskoka Lakes
Secondary School, History Dept.
Bracebridge, Ontario

Mr. Sonee R. Cohen
Willowdale, Ontario

Cumberland Township
Heritage Museum
Cumberland, Ontario

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Novato, California

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Lakefield, Ontario

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Waterloo, Ontario

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Whitby, Ontario

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Orangeville, Ontario

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Henderson, Nevada

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Mr. William Greig
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Historical Society of Ottawa
Ottawa, Ontario

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Georgetown, Ontario

Mrs. Maureen Hunt
Huntsville, Ontario

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Miss Marj. M.S. Johnston
Hamilton, Ontario

Mrs. Margaret Kechnie
Sudbury, Ontario

Mr. D. E. Kennedy
Guelph, Ontario

Kenner Collegiate Library
Peterborough, Ontario

Mrs. Dorothy Kew
Burlington, Ontario

Miss Katharine Lamont
Toronto, Ontario

O.A. Kalbfleisch
Chesley, Ontario

Fort William Collegiate Institute
History Department
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Mr. Brian MacAskill
London, Ontario

Mr. Edward A. MacNeil
Welland, Ontario

Mr. K. C. MacWhirter
Belleville, Ontario

Manitouwadge Public School
Library
Manitouwadge, Ontario

Mr. Edwin F. Marshall
Mooroolbark, Australia

Mr. R. McGregor
Shepparton, Australia

Ms. Katherine McKenna
Kingston, Ontario

Ms. Janet McKillican
Toronto, Ontario

Mrs. D. Elizabeth McMurtry
Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Alex & Ms. Dorothy McPhedran
Toronto, Ontario

Millbrook and Cavan
Historical Society
Millbrook, Ontario

Reta L. Miller
St. Catharines, Ontario

Mrs. W. F. Mitchell
Toronto, Ontario

Mrs. Shirley G. Morriss
Mississauga, Ontario

Mr. Bruce Nelson
Hanover, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Nicholson
Toronto, Ontario

North Park C.V.S. Library
Brantford, Ontario

Huguette Parent S.C.O.
Chelmsford, Ontario

Mr. Graham Parker
Downsview, Ontario

Miss Pauline E. Regan
London, Ontario

Mrs. Marsha Runge
Richmond Hill, Ontario

Mr. David Russell
Toronto, Ontario

St. Marys-on-the-Thames
Historical Society
St. Marys, Ontario

St. Marys District Collegiate
History Department
St. Marys, Ontario

Miss Carla G. Salvador
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Mr. Frank and Ms. Norma Stephen
Scarborough, Ontario

Miss Irene Subolz
Toronto, Ontario

Lorrie Thomas
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Glennis Tober
Alberta Beach, Alberta

Mrs. Conrad Tromm
Oakville, Ontario

Miss E. M. Troup
Toronto, Ontario

Mrs. Judy Tuck
Palmerston, Ontario

Twin Windows Inc.

Halton Hills, Ontario

Ukrainian Heritage Assoc.
and Museum of Canada
Toronto, Ontario

Westdale Secondary School
Library
Hamilton, Ontario

Mrs. W.B.R. Whitehead
Woodstock, Ontario

Mrs. C.B. Wilson
Calgary, Alberta

Dr. & Mrs. Robert M. Wingfield
Burlington, Ontario

Woburn Junior Public School
Library
Scarborough, Ontario

H. B. Wressell
Chatham, Ontario

Mrs. M. W. Young
Waterford, Ontario

Employment Opportunities

Director for Museum (in Embryo)

Salary \pm \$20,000.00

Responsibilities:

1. to help identify the scope of a museum,
2. to tell the history of Stratford and area, within the Huron Tract,
3. to determine how much of the existing Thomson Collection of 17,000 items is needed for this purpose,
4. to supervise basic staff and volunteers in cataloguing, conservation, immediate programmes. Public relations is important.

The applicant should be personable, fully experienced in handling administration, very familiar with the funding world and knowledgeable in settlement history in agriculture, local industry and the arts.

Please list education, experience and training in the museum community and positions held with references. This unique opportunity requires a director willing to go the extra mile in a famous city with a ten minute rush hour.

Starting date: January 1, 1980

Apply to:

Chairman,
Perth County Historical Board
Court House
Stratford, Ontario
N5A 5S4

Up Coming Events

World Conference on Records

On 12 August 1980, amateur and professional genealogists, family historians, demographers and sociologists from around the world will gather for a four day World Conference on Records in Salt Lake City, Utah. In excess of ten thousand

participants are expected. Registration for the four days is \$50. Further information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Ontario Museums Association Workshops

The Ontario Museums Association is presenting a series of useful technical workshops for museum workers. The schedule is as follows:

January 28th - 30th. *Organization and Management of Museums*;

Kingston, Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University.

January 31 - February 1. *Festival Days*

Kingston, Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University

February 18th - 20th. *Organization and Management of Museums*

London, Centennial Museum

March 17th - 19th. *Museums and Education*

Fergus, Wellington County Museum.

Dakota History Conference

The 12th Annual Dakota History Conference will be held at Madison, South Dakota, on April 11th and 12th, 1980. The Conference organizers have issued a call for papers. The Karl Mundt Distinguished Historical Writing Awards will be presented in two categories, professional and amateur. Papers should relate to some aspect of South Dakota, Dakota territory or the history of the Upper Great Plains region. Each paper submitted to the competition must be read by the author. All papers presented will be published if desired. For further information contact H.W. Blakely, History Department, Dakota State College, Madison, South Dakota, 57042.

News of Interest

Canadian Antiques and Art Review

Canadian Antiques and Art Review is the title of a new periodical which arrived in our office recently. The magazine is published ten times per year and contains a number of articles on antiques and various forms of art work. Further information can be obtained by writing Canadian Antiques and Art Review, P.O. Box 3664, Halifax South, Nova Scotia, B3J 3K6. The annual subscription fee is \$15.00 with a listed price of \$2.00 per issue.

Catalogues

The Society's office receives a great number of catalogues on a wide variety of subjects over the year. One catalogue which may interest our readers is "Books, Serials, Documents and Monographs in Series relating to Local History and Genealogy" jointly produced by the Kraus Reprint, KTO Microfilm and KTO Press divisions of Kraus-Thomson Organization, Ltd., Route 100, Millwood, New York, 10546. The selections available through the catalogue are drawn from around the world and include a good selection of Canadian material. Another catalogue is "Antique and Decorative Maps and Prints" or "Tabulae Novae Terrae" produced by Capt. K.S. Kapp, Box 64, Osprey, Florida, 33559.

A recent recruit to the membership of the Society is Mr. William Russell, of Halton Hills (Georgetown). In his capacity as President of Twin Windows Inc., 79 Mountainview Road North, Halton Hills, he has sent along word that his firm

specializes in replicating windows, sashes and doors of older buildings.

The Bicentennial of the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists is fast approaching. The planning of commemorative events by local historical societies should start soon. The Dominion Headquarters of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada has worked out a number of things which a local group can do. Your society can obtain a copy of this list by contacting the Ontario Historical Society's office in Toronto or the Dominion Headquarters of the U.E.L. which is also in Toronto.

A Centre for Canadian Historical Horticultural Studies is to be established at the Royal Botanical Gardens through the sponsorship of the Dunington Grubb Foundation. Funding for the first year will be directed towards acquiring resource material relating to the history of horticulture in Canada.

John Bradshaw, Chairman of the Foundation, indicates that this is a logical follow up to the feasibility study carried out in 1978 under the auspices of the Foundation, by its secretary, Art. C. Drysdale. Following this study it was evident that ample material exists, and as Foundation Awards Chairman Lois Wilson points out, the artifacts will take many forms. Some will be original documents and publications, others will be reproduced by photocopy, microfilm and other photographic processes. As material is assembled, Dr. L. Laking, Director of the R.B.G., emphasized that it will be available at the R.B.G. to students and other researchers seeking resource materials, including information pertaining to all those who have made a contribution to horticulture in Canada. People wishing further information should contact L. Laking, Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 399, Hamilton, L8N 3H8.

Photographic Conservation is a new journal published by the Graphic Arts Research Center of the Rochester Institute of Technology. It is intended to provide a forum for the exchange of information by readers who are interested in the preservation and restoration of photographic conservation. The cost for the four quarterly issues is \$7.50 (U.S.) and subscription orders should be sent to, Subscriptions, *Photographic Conservation*, Rochester Institute of Technology, One Lamb Memorial Drive, Rochester, New York, 14623.

Alain Clavet, Head, Public Service, National Photography Collection, has invited participation in the preparation of the *Guide to Canadian Photographic Archives*. The Guide is an inventory of the holdings and collection of photographic archives in major Canadian institutions. Further information can be gained by writing to the Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0N3

Quebec Family History Society

Among the publications received in the O.H.S. office are those of the Quebec Family History Society. Of particular interest to genealogists wanting information from *la Belle Province*, the Society can be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 1026, Postal Station Pointe Claire, Pointe Claire, Quebec, H9S 4H9

10% Discount on Genealogy Books

Members will receive a 10% discount on reprints of 1,100 hard-to-find family chronicles and genealogies from all areas of the United States, plus local records, biographies, and accounts of military units from the Revolution to World War II. All books are facsimile reproductions of rare out-of-print volumes printed on durable acid-free paper. Discount offer

expires December 31, 1979. To request a catalogue, send \$1.00 (U.S.) to Dept. HS, University Microfilms International, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106.

Archives of Ontario - Land Records Index

As part of its celebrations for International Archives Week, the Archives of Ontario distributed microfiche of our land records index, upon request, to universities, historical societies, museums, genealogical societies and libraries in Ontario that have a microfiche reader and serve a clientele that would find the index useful. Any institution or society that has not yet obtained a copy of the index may do so by writing William Ormsby, Archivist of Ontario, Archives of Ontario, 77 Grenville St., Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2R9.

The index consists of two alphabetical listings: (1) by locatee and (2) by township or town. They give researchers a fast and efficient means to search land records in the Archives of Ontario, trace initial land grants, and exploit fully a valuable source of data reflecting the patterns of Ontario settlement.

The information is derived from three groups of records: (a) the Crown Land Papers (R.G. 1); (b) the Canada Company Papers (C.C.) and (c) the Peter Robinson Papers (MS-12).

Each entry provides the following information, if available, from the original source: name of locatee; residence; location of land; date of transaction (Order-in-Council, location, sale or lease, etc.); type of transaction and Archives' reference. The index refers only to the original alienation of land resulting in a deed or patent. The Index to Land Patents which is also available at the Archives, is not incorporated into this system, and must be used separately. Conveyances made after the issue of patents are registered in the local Land Registry Offices.

The land records index contains data ranging from the 1780s to the beginning of World War I, from the grants to the United Empire Loyalists to those for the veterans of the South African War. Only a few entries of sales of Clergy Reserves and Canada Company lands go beyond that period. Each listing contains 236,747 entries. The names listing is reproduced on fifty-three microfiche cards, and the township listing consists of seventy-three cards.

Information Wanted

Help in locating 19th and early 20th century (to 1920) stained glass and art glass windows in the churches, homes and public buildings of Ontario has been requested by one of our members. In addition to the church windows which are the most plentiful source of information, Mrs. Peggy Booker would also like to have information on domestic art glass including the very interesting pictorial windows installed in large houses of both the Victorian and Edwardian eras. She would also like information on artists and manufacturers of particular windows which might be included in her study, the end product of which would be a book on Ontario stained glass. Mrs. Booker can be contacted by writing to 154 William Street West, Waterloo, Ontario.

I teach Canadian history at Carleton University, Ottawa, and am researching a book on woman who immigrated to Canada from the British Isles or continental Europe and worked in private homes before World War II. Over 100,000 came before 1914 and another 100,000 in the 1920's. Little is known of these women, and it is now difficult to obtain their stories from written records. Personal recollections are the best source of information regarding reasons for immigration, conditions of work, and experiences in Canada. I would be grateful for

the assistance of the local Historical Societies in locating women who would share their own experiences or family recollections with me by correspondence and/or personal interviews. Replies can be kept confidential, if desired. Please write to Professor Marilyn Barber, Dept. of History, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6.

Mrs. Floreen Carter of 1260 Napier Crescent, Oakville, Ontario, L6H 2A4, is compiling a book on place names in Canada. She would like information on every place in Ontario that has or has had a name. Particularly useful are place names, dates, post office names and population figures (if available). If you can help Mrs. Carter send the information to her at the address given above.

From the Bookshelf

My Heritage, or, Jottings by Violet Brownside; illustrations by Linda Patterson, Esquimaux Historical Society, Box 51, Georgetown, Ontario, illus 31 pages, 1979, \$3.00

Conserving Ontario's Main Streets; Proceedings of the Conference at Trent University, Peterborough, 24, 25, 26 August, 1978. edited by Mary Fraser, published by The Ontario Heritage Foundation, Toronto, 1979, pb, xii, 219, illus, appendix, \$6.00

Fort De La Presqu'île and the French Penetration into the Upper Ohio Country 1753-1759 by Maxwell P. Schoenfield, The Erie County Historical Society, 417 State Street, Erie, Pennsylvania. p.b., maps, illus, appendices, notes, vii, 84

From Pits to Playgrounds: Aggregate Extraction and Pit Rehabilitation in Toronto - an Historical Review by S.E. Yundt and D.B. Angaitis, Ministry of Natural Resources, Minerals Resources Branch, Toronto, 1979, illus, maps, appendices bibliography, tables, iv, 51, \$2.00 Available from Government of Ontario Book Store, 880 Bay Street, Toronto.

The Northpart of America by Coolie Verner and Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Laurier books, L. Esplanade Laurier, 181 Bank St. Ottawa, 304 p.h.b. 46 maps (5 colour) \$500.00
- facsimile atlas of discovery, exploration and settlement of Canada to 1867.

The Blacksmith of Fallbrook: The story of Walter Cameron, blacksmith, woodcarver, raconteur, by Audrey Armstrong, Musson Book Company, Don Mills, Ontario, 1979, intro, illus, 93p. \$6.95.

Around the Shores of Lake Superior: A Guide to Historic Sites by Margaret Beattie Bogue and Virginia A. Palmer, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Program, distributed by University of Wisconsin Press 114 North Murray Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53715, pb, maps, illus, biblio, index, 179 p.
- includes sections on industries and regions on the Canadian shores of Lake Superior.

Owen Sound: The Day the Governor General Came to Town and Other Tales by Andrew Armitage, 1979, Boston Mills Press, R.R.1 Cheltenham, map, illus, 88 p.b. \$6.95 - a collection of articles originally written for Mr. Armitage's regular column in the Owen Sound Sun-Times newspaper.

Early Exploration and Surveying of Muskoka District by Robert J. Boyer, 1979, Herald-Gazette, Bracebridge, p.b., illus, map, 69p. \$6.95.

With Mortar and Pine: A Collection of the Architectural Heritage in the Township of Norwich, Township of Norwich LACAC, R.R.1 Otterville, Ontario, p.b., illus, map, index,

glossary, 86p.

Helen Hargreave has published a 100 page book entitled *Has the Bell Rung Yet?* It traces the history of Creemore Continuation School as well as that of many local district schools. The book has numerous illustrations. Orders should be sent to the author at R.R.4, Creemore, LOM 1G0. The price is \$4.00 plus .50 for handling.

Through the cooperation of the Essex County Historical Association and the Windsor Public Library, *The Township of Sandwich, Past and Present* by Fred Neal is being produced in facsimile. Further information is available from the Essex County Historical Association, c/o Hiram Walker Historical Museum, 254 Pitt St. W., Windsor.

The Tiverton Centennial Committee has published a history of the village. Orders should be sent to Mrs. Eldred Reid, Tiverton, Ontario, NOG 2T0. The price is \$6.00.

The "Bytown Series" of publications is available from the Historical Society of Ottawa.

1. The diaries of two of Col. By's surveyors, John Burrows and John McTaggart have been published as *Sights and Surveys*. (\$3.50)

2. *Yankees and Loyalists* is an account of the journey which four young men made from Bytown to Kingston in 1830. (\$2.50)

3. *Lett's Bytown* is a reprint of the two histories of Ottawa written by William P. Lett, Ottawa's first historian and its original City Clerk. (\$3.50) Orders should be sent to The Historical Society of Ottawa, P.O. Box 523, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5P6

Mrs. Z. Konrad has published an *Index to A New History of the County of Grey*. The *Index* is a supplement to "A New History of the County of Grey" which was published in 1972. Orders for the index should be addressed to the author at 100 Queen Street North, Apt. 1205, Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 2H6

I Remember Glengarry by Rose Gourley Gosse has been released. Information can be obtained from the Glengarry Historical Society, Box 416, Alexandria, Ont.

Mount Forest: The Way We Were is a richly illustrated history of the Town of Mount Forest, researched and written by Mr. William J. Edwards. The book can be ordered from the Wellington County Museum, R.R.1, Fergus, for \$7.50 plus postage.

In the spring of 1978, a Brant Township (Bruce County) Historical Society was formed to compile a history of the township for its 125th Anniversary. This publication, *The History of Brant Township* has come off the presses at a price of \$12.00. Inquiries should be sent to the Bruce County Historical Society c/o Mrs. George Downey, R.R.1, Tiverton, Ontario.

The O.H.S. Award of Excellence

The competition for the 1979 Award of Excellence (local historical society) brought forth excellent nominations. The judges were hard pressed to pick a winner because of the high quality of work carried on by each entrant. Eventually they settled on the Oakville Historical Society as the winner. Because of the importance of the work of all of the contestants, we will be giving short profiles of each of the societies which competed this year. These profiles will appear in this and future issues of the Bulletin. We want to recognize the efforts of these groups and we hope that other historical societies will benefit from the brief accounts, both for the ideas they generate and the inspiration they provide.

Markham Historical Society

The year 1969 saw at least two important events in the town of Markham. First, the Markham Historical Society was incorporated, and, almost in turn, the society founded the Markham District Historical Museum. The museum was housed in the former Mount Joy School house on Highway 48 at the north end of the town of Markham. In 1970 the ownership and operation of the museum was taken over by the Town of Markham; however, the museum continues to be the chief interest for the society which continues to give active support to the museum both in financial aid and volunteer labour.

Some years ago the society began an archival collection. This collection has now been turned over to museum personnel but members of the society continue to use the archives and place works and other material on deposit for safe keeping.

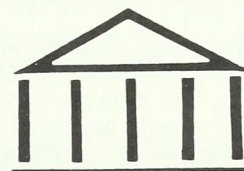
Currently, the society is arranging for plaques to be placed on the seven buildings in the much expanded museum complex. In addition, the society promotes their own efforts and the heritage of the area through participation in local television cable programmes and, for some time, by having a weekly column in the Markham *Economist and Sun*.

Among the special days for the society are an annual Heritage Festival. The Festival consists of demonstrations of pioneer skills including arts and crafts, farming techniques, and domestic crafts. Another special time is when the society arranges a display at the Markham Fair.

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publications by the society. In addition, the society publishes a monthly newsletter.

It is obvious that the Markham society has made a real effort to establish themselves in the public's eye and thereby have contributed to a better appreciation of the Town's rich heritage thereby making the community a better place in which to live.

Osgoode Township Historical Society

In contrast to the submission of the Markham Historical Society, that from the Osgoode Township Historical Society was a reflection of the efforts of a group which is set in an entirely agricultural region. Its beginnings, as noted in the submission were somewhat novel as well.

As a response to the desire of a relatively small group of individuals to recognize and preserve the unique history of the Township of Osgoode and to take advantage of the newly announced New Horizons programme, the society was formed in 1972 at the instigation of Miss Elizabeth Stuart. Originally constituted as the *New Horizons Historical Group of Osgoode Township*, the group quickly flexed its wings and acquired the former Vernon Public School as a meeting place. In August 1973, the group was able to secure a three year lease of the building for the normal and nominal fee of \$1.00 per annum. It should be noted that the close cooperative support of the Osgoode Township Council for the society springs from this date as well.

In 1976, the group retired its New Horizons label and secured incorporation as the Osgoode Township Historical Society as a more accurate description of its interests and scope. Just as there were developments necessitating a change in name so too were there changes in the original meeting place. It was slowly turned into a museum which would better serve more sections of the community.

In addition to the museum, the society has also built up a commendable archival collection. One important point here is the early adoption of a clear policy on archival collecting, including the step of indexing and filing all materials.

Due, no doubt in some measure, to the existence of the archival collection, the society has carried on an extensive research programme. Ten volumes in the series *Pioneer Families of Osgoode Township* have been published thus far. A quarterly *Newsletter* has been published since 1975. It includes information about new historical discoveries in both local and family history. Other research efforts have led to the maintenance of Township Birth, Marriage and Death information on index files as well as cemetery transcriptions from the Spring Hill Cemetery plus two Kars cemeteries and St. Brigid's and St. Catharines cemeteries. Up coming special celebrations are also the topics for current research work.

The society's museum is a popular working centre for all types of researchers because of its collection of historical and genealogical resource materials. In addition, the museum features displays of the pioneer period reflecting the agricultural base for the township, while more specialized exhibits on such topics as quilting and the military are being assembled.

Architectural preservation and school programmes are two other activities which occupy portions of the society's attention. Recent efforts in these fields have meant giving support to the preservation of the Metcalfe Town Hall and working with various bodies for the creation of competition guidelines for the Township crest in 1977.

Working in the community has also meant a certain amount of fruitful effort. The museum was featured in a television programme while the society has continued to sponsor "Pioneer Days of Osgoode Township".

With all of these efforts and some more which have not been mentioned there is little wonder that the membership of the society has grown from the original ten hardy souls to a total approaching three hundred. It also demonstrates that the society which is able to offer a number of interesting and varied activities will be able to attract support, and this support, in turn, will allow the society to take on even more responsibilities and projects. It has something to do with what economists call increasing economies of scale.

— E. Buchner

News from Across the Province

Aurora and District Historical Society

Once again the newsletter of this society has shown a useful innovation. The September issue contained a section headed "Laurel to..." and went on to list a number of organizations and individuals in the community who had made a contribution of some sort to the arduous job of heritage preservation. Particularly noteworthy was the laurel given to the *Downtown Aurora Business and Professional Association* for a brochure which was illustrated with a drawing of the old post office clock tower. Such "pats on the back" can lead to increased cooperation and understanding in the future - they should never be forgotten.

Bruce County Historical Society

Richard Dales of the Community School, Chepstow, is working on a committee compiling a history of Greenock Township. He would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information to offer. The society has started to reprint their Year Books beginning with that of 1967. Inquiries should be directed to the Bruce County Historical Society, c/o Mrs. George Downey, Secretary, Eskdale Farms, R.R.1, Tiverton, Ont. NOG 2T0.

The Essex County Historical Association

From the September newsletter, we note that the North American Black Historical Culture Centre Fund Campaign was launched in June under the chairmanship of *J. Lyle Browning*. The programme is sponsored by the North American Black Historical Museum, Inc. Amherstburg, Ont. Its aim is to develop a cultural centre where the development of the settlers, escapees from slavery, may be studied. For more information, write to the chairman, c/o 1601 Lincoln Road, Windsor, Ont. N8Y 2J3. Because of other commitments, I was unable to attend the Western District Historical Conference which was sponsored by the Association on October 12th - 14th. But, from the reports I have heard the Conference was an outstanding success both in terms of programme and attendance. Such regional conferences continue to grow in number and popularity. They are a good vehicle for bringing the uninitiated into first-hand contact with various aspects and regions in Ontario's past.

Esqueusing Historical Society

The September newsletter contained the discouraging news that the society's request to Halton Hills council for the formation of a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) had been refused. The society, in the face of this adversity, has started to tackle the job of compiling an inventory of buildings worthy of historical recognition.

Frontenac County History Committee

The work of compiling the history of the county continues at a regular pace. Calls are still being made for information and other contributions. The committee also continues to hold regular meetings around the county.

The Guelph Historical Society

On December 6th, the society will be presenting its annual Christmas Party and "Show and Tell" night. Prizes will be awarded to the person who brings the most interesting/or unusual antique and the most interesting or unusual Guelph item. A very recent development has been the threatened destruction of one of the fine old buildings of the city housing the Canada Trust branch. The proposed re-development will seriously affect the integrity of one of the downtown Guelph business blocks and the society is very concerned about this matter. Letters, with requests for help have been sent off to a number of heritage organizations including the O.H.S. and Heritage Canada. Regardless of the outcome of this incident, it points out that there is a lot of work to be done in educating the general public, local politicians and the leaders of corporations in the province.

Mississauga South Historical Society

A short item in the September newsletter noted that the restoration of the Anchorage is well underway. Contributions to aid the restoration may be made to The Mississauga Historical Foundation, 961 Lakeshore Rd. West, Mississauga L5H 1H8.

Mono Mills and District Historical Society

The fires of enthusiasm continue to burn bright in the hills of Mono. The society has embarked on a number of new projects. They have prepared a calendar comprised of five sketches of heritage structures in the district printed on linen and with a dowel for wall mounting. Eight hours of ten year old C.B.C. interview tapes with residents of the area are being made available to the society. There is a need for transcribers for the tapes. In other news Lynne Sparks has been appointed to the job of newsletter editor for the society. Incidentally, the calendars cost \$3.50 and can be ordered by writing the society at R.R.8, Orangeville, L9W 3T5.

Niagara Historical Society

The Society held its annual House and Garden Party at the house of Mr. and Mrs. John Bright his year. The net proceeds of \$1900.00 will be applied to the operation of the society's museum. The October newsletter also brought word of the appointment of Miss Deborah Rose as full time curator of the museum. She is from the Prescott area and worked at the Forwarder's Museum in Prescott prior to her current appointment.

Norfolk County Historical Society

The society and its energetic (seemingly tireless) Bill Yeager, hosted the Third Annual Long Point Genealogy Fair on October 20th. A pre-fair tour revealed a wide array of exhibits throughout the Museum all aimed at engaging the interest of genealogists and local historians. Other facets of the programme contributed to what I have heard was an even larger crowd than the 400 or so who visited last year's Fair.

Ontario Museum Association

John McAvity, Executive Director, has announced the appointment of Ms. Marty Brent as Training Coordinator, effective November 1, 1979. In her new position, Marty will

coordinate the O.M.A.'s training programme for museum workers in Ontario.

The Association has also unveiled its Certificate in Basic Museum Studies programme. The programme consists of eight courses which will be offered in different parts of the province with each successfully completed course resulting in credits towards the certificate. Enrollment in the programme requires membership in the O.M.A. For further details contact Ms. Marty Brent, Training Co-ordinator, Ontario Museum Association, 38 Charles Street East, Toronto, M4Y 1T1.

Owen Sound Historical Society

On September 19th the society held a "pot luck supper" at the Harrison Park Community Hall to mark its first anniversary. The society conducted a very successful house tour realizing \$1300.00. During the summer months the society sponsored a bus trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village for 40 members. The society is starting to ponder the question of whether or not the Billy Bishop home in Owen Sound can be preserved as a national "historic site" and prime tourist attraction for Owen Sound.

Parks Canada

Museums should note that jurisdiction for Park Canada has been transferred from the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs to the Ministry of the Environment. The Ontario Regional Office is due to move to Peterborough from Cornwall next year.

Peel County Historical Society

The Region of Peel Museum and Art Gallery under the direction of Bill Barber is busily preparing its 1979 Christmas show. Carrying on the tradition of the past three years, the 1979 show features "Christmas in the Tradition of Southern Europe" and illustrates the Yuletide customs of Italy, Spain and Portugal. The displays contain large and small specially sculpted mannequins depicting such Southern-European gift bearers as the Belfana in Italy and Three Kings in Spain. Other displays feature the Tonto Dancers of Southern Spain, the Feast of All Souls in Italy, a Sicilian merchant's Christmas store window, the Yule Log and the Spanish Broom Bearers.

The Society's house tour in September was a resounding success with approximately 450 people attending the tour of five or six outstanding Brampton homes. The tour raised \$2200.00 for the society but it would not have been possible without a great deal of work by members and the support of various agencies, organizations and firms in Brampton.

The Peterborough Historical Society

The Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Mr. Thomas V. Kuglin as Curator of Hutchison House, effective June 7, 1979. A native of Foxboro, Ontario, Mr. Kuglin took an Honours B.A. in Archaeology and Canadian History at Trent University. He has been working on his M.A. in History Museum Studies at Cooperstown, New York.

St. Catharines Historical Museum

Arden Phair is the new curator of the museum. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Phair had worked on a number of projects for the museum including the "Welland Canal Exhibit" and as Project-Manager for the "Canal Heritage Program". Linda Beardsley, who held the position of Curator of Collections has left the museum to spend some time travelling in Egypt and to pursue museum work on her return.

Streetsville Historical Society

A recent issue of the society's newsletter noted that Mary Manning, (assisted by Eric Silk, William Tolton and Hilda Arch), was busy on the preparation of an historical account of the Street house and family.

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Historical Society

There were two momentous dates for the society this past summer. On July 1st, *Inverarden* was formally opened to the public and by September, more than 900 people had signed the guest book. The other date was August 11th, when the Federal Government formally presented the Inverarden property to the City of Cornwall. The City of Cornwall, in turn, gave the property to the S.D. & G Historical Society to operate as a museum.

O.H.S. Workshop News

Please note that the "BASICS OF HISTORICAL WRITING" WORKSHOP scheduled for Brock University, St. Catharines, on December 1, 1979, has been CANCELLED! In its place we are presenting PLANNING YOUR COMMUNITY PROFILE. This workshop deals with the all important work of planning for events and the use of all forms of media by local historical societies and heritage groups. The job of planning for an event or for the future of your group in general is becoming more and more important. This workshop will give helpful hints on how to get started along the right path. Instructors are Ernie Buchner of the O.H.S. and Vrenia Ivonofski of the Heritage Administration Branch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Spring '80 Workshops

March 22nd BASICS OF HISTORICAL WRITING
King's College, London (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
Coordinator: Dr. Jacques Goutor

April 26th BASICS OF RESEARCH
Simcoe County Archives, Minesing, (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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Wellington County Museum

Ellen Langlands, Curator of the Museum, was one of four persons chosen from outside of England to attend a special three month course in textile conservation in London, England. She will be studying the care and conservation of various textile in a course which will require her to return for two further three month sessions, in 1981 and 1982. Mary Tivy, an intern from the museology programme at U. of T. will be covering many of Ellen's duties during the three month period.

Whitby Historical Society

Sheila Cormack reports that her society has co-sponsored a very successful house tour. Approximately six hundred people took part in the tour and society was able to make a substantial addition to its coffers.
— E. Buchner

Society can speak with a stronger voice to the citizens of this province on issues of conservation and preservation. More members also mean more income, and with additional funds, we can promote a greater awareness of Ontario's past -- by sponsoring more workshops, by writing more news releases, by publishing the OHS *Bulletin* more frequently.

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