

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Seldom does a week pass without someone mentioning to me how much they enjoy the **Bulletin** or how useful they find it. Such compliments are always very good to have. And, these kind words do point out one thing. The Society's newsletter is fulfilling a function which is important to most of our members.

From the mail we receive it is becoming increasingly apparent that many of the local historical societies are spending more money on the production of their newsletters. This can only be money, time and effort well spent.

Turning to the news of the O.H.S., readers will note that the Society's Constitution has undergone a close examination by the Executive and the revised and amended draft is presented for your examination elsewhere in this issue. The Constitution will be brought before the Annual Meeting in June for consideration and ratification.

Twenty years is a long time for a constitution to stand unchanged. It was apparent to your President, Elizabeth Arthur, that the document needed attention if it was to be a true statement of the Society in 1980. The short preface to the draft outlines the approach taken to the amendments and revisions. I urge you to study the document closely; not only so that you can determine any questions you may have, but also as an aid in clearly understanding what the Society is and how it works.

The Annual Meeting this year should prove to be one of the very best in our history. Details on the programme and the registration for the June 13-15 affair are in the mail. Make your plans right now and get your registration in early, since we are all living under the threat of a mail strike before the end of the month. In the event of the strike, we have formed some contingency plans which will be sent to every historical society very soon. Check for details with your society's Local Liaison Officer or call the O.H.S. office at (416) 486-1232. We hope to see a record number of our members in Ottawa.

The Local Societies Committee will have almost completed another successful series of workshops by the time the **Bulletin** reaches you. Our "Basics of Research" workshop, which was presented at the Simcoe County Museum and Archives complex in Minesing, continues to be very popular. Thirty-eight people, including eighteen new members, took part in the programme on April 26th. The Simcoe County Museum was a beautiful site for the programme and an institution in which the people of Simcoe County can be justifiably proud. Our thanks go to Mrs. Bertah Cameron, Director of the Museum and Peter Moran, Simcoe County Archivist for their hospitality.

The Committee's new workshop, "Historical Writing", attracted a good number of members into its audience. They were all eager to learn the "secrets" of successful writing of history. This workshop was the natural follow-up to the "Basics of Research" since once one has done the research, you should know how to put the results down on paper. The workshop was designed and presented by Dr. Jacques Goutor of King's College, London, on May 10th at the College.

The other new presentation by the Committee is the "Fund-Raising Seminar" scheduled for Gibson House, Willowdale on May 24th. Registration at this session indicates that a number of heritage groups are sending representatives to learn some of the do's and don'ts of fund-raising.

Membership renewals are still coming into the office. If you know of someone who has not yet sent in their renewal, please give them a gentle reminder. We need everyone's support in order to carry on the job. There are two things that you can do to show your support of the Society. One is to encourage a friend to take out a membership; better yet, give someone a gift membership. The other tangible measure of your support is to make a donation or pledge to the Society. Remember that all donations are tax-deductible. A list of our donors for the year thus far is given elsewhere in this issue. I would like to add your name to the list. To those people who have already sent donations, I extend our sincere thanks for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

I have listed above just a few of the highlights of the Society's activities. There is much more I could write about. If you have questions or comments, please let me know.

E. Buchner

**DUE TO ILLNESS, HEATHER BROADBENT'S LOCAL LIAISON OFFICER NEWSLETTER WILL NOT APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE.**

## PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has received word that its application for \$5000. to present five of its very popular "Heritage Conservation: A Community Effort" conferences has been approved by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Directors of the Foundation for their support of the work of the Committee. The conferences will be presented over the next eighteen months in five regions of the province. Dates and places will be announced soon.

**NOTICE: THE REVISED AND AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.**



**MAKE A BEQUEST TO PRESERVING PROVINCIAL HERITAGE  
THROUGH THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

If you wish to make provision in your will for helping to protect Ontario's heritage and to inform future generations about the Province's past, The Ontario Historical Society merits your serious consideration.



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**FROM THE BOOKSHELF**

*Peterborough's Architectural Heritage.* By Martha Ann Kidd. Peterborough Architectural Advisory Committee, 1978. vii, 176 p. Illustrations. \$8.00 paper.

This brochure is a visible outgrowth of the increased historical awareness at the municipal level fostered by the Canadian centennial. The City of Peterborough has an extremely active and enthusiastic Historical Society. An important portion of the research work involved in this project was done by the Old Buildings Committee of the Society. In 1972, the Society worked in conjunction with the national survey undertaken by the National Historic Sites branch of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. The City of Peterborough became directly involved in 1975 after passage of the Ontario Heritage Act. At this time, a local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee was established and it was decided to proceed with a listing of all pre-1890 buildings within the original boundaries of the City of Peterborough. The expressed purpose of this listing was to inform the citizens and thus encourage preservation of the buildings from "drastic exterior alterations or demolition" in the belief that these pre-1890 buildings add "interest and character to the street-scape".

The volume is arranged in a straight alphabetical listing by street name. There are approximately 665 separate photographs. Some of these are composites, particularly along the main business thoroughfares. Mrs. Kidd has written descriptions of almost 900 buildings, both private and public, to accompany the photographs.

The text is, of necessity, brief. Salient architectural features are pointed out as are construction materials, dates of completion (or dates of known occupation), name of the builder, cost at time of construction, and in some cases, a brief history of ownership. Any known modifications which alter the appearance of the building are listed. The sources of information used in the compilation of this brochure are not listed separately but are referred to throughout the text. They include the usual Assessment Rolls, Census, newspaper accounts and maps of the early and mid nineteenth century.

Though, inevitably, some of the buildings might well be considered aesthetically dubious, the text remains on the whole factual and objective. The efforts of Mrs. Kidd and the many volunteers who assisted in photographing the buildings and collecting the data have been well received in the local area and the book is now in its second printing. For obvious reasons, it will be of particular interest to past and present residents of Peterborough and to those whose ancestry was Peterborough-based. It will also certainly be of use to social historians interested in the substance of a representative Ontario town in the nineteenth century.

Bernadine Dodge  
Peterborough

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*Asphodel. A Tale of a Township.* By Jean Lancaster Graham. Peterborough, The Township of Asphodel, 1978. 271 p. \$10.00 cloth; *The Holy Land. A History of Ennismore Township, County of Peterborough, Ontario, 1825-1975.* By Clare F. Galvin. Peterborough, The Corporation of the Township of Ennismore, 1978. viii, 334 p. \$12.00 cloth.

Prompted by Canada's centenary in 1967, communities and municipalities across Ontario have produced, and are producing, a written record of their heritage; of these too many have been conceived, researched and published in haste. With a generally increasing awareness of research methods and the potential resources available, however, the local historian is slowly tossing off the negative stigma so long attached to him by the professional historian and critic. The above two titles are encouraging signs of this positive trend.

Both books are well thought out, entertaining, readable, interesting and conscientious; among the best of the post-1967 deluge. The "local" in either township has an abundance of material to pore over, remember and contemplate.



## REVISED AND AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At its meeting on April 19, 1980, the Executive Committee voted that the following proposals for the revision and amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Ontario Historical Society be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting to be held in Ottawa in June.

Besides a new organization of the separate regulations now in force and minor alterations in wording, the changes fall into two categories:

- a) Those that describe present custom which has developed since the last revision and amendment in 1960—e.g. specific references to the office of Executive Assistant in V-2 and VI-3(c) and a detailing of current practice in the make-up of the Nominating Committee in V-8.

- b) Those that are required to protect the Society's status as a charitable organization (II-2) and its incorporation under the laws of Ontario (V-2 & VI-1 make it clear that all voting members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Annual Meeting).

For your convenience in assessing the significance of the minor changes, the numbers of the comparable sections in the present constitution have been inserted in brackets in the text.

M. Elizabeth Arthur,  
President.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Originally adopted May 23, 1898; amended June 2, 1914; amended July 16, 1931; revised and amended June 22, 1933; amended June 13, 1947; amended June 12, 1954; amended June 15, 1956; amended June 21, 1957; revised and amended June 23, 1960; revised and amended June 15, 1980.

### ARTICLE I NAME

The Society shall be called "The Ontario Historical Society". (1)

### ARTICLE II OBJECTS AND COMMITMENTS

Section 1 The objects of the Society shall be 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; and to encourage the formation of new societies representing localities, ethnic groups and special interests, and to promote and extend their influence. (2)

Section 2 The Society shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used in promoting its objects. (11)

Section 3 The Society shall publish a magazine and other material concerning the history of the province. It shall hold annual meetings and sponsor technical workshops and training programmes in various locations throughout the province. It shall cooperate with individuals, societies, institutions and government agencies in preserving the heritage of Ontario. It may also undertake projects of any nature to encourage and develop the study and preservation of that heritage. (2)

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The Honorary Patron of the Society is the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Honorary members may be elected by the Society on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. (3-a)

The following officials shall be *ex-officio* honorary members of the Society:

The Prime Minister of Ontario  
The Minister of Culture and Recreation for Ontario  
The Chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation

Section 2 (a) The Society's Act of Incorporation (1899) states: "Any historical or pioneer society hereafter becoming affiliated with the said society under the constitution and by-laws of the latter in that behalf, shall thereby become incorporated by the name under which it shall become affiliated, and with all the powers and privileges conferred by this Act upon the Ontario Historical Society." Any such organization may receive the benefits conferred by this



clause by applying for affiliation to the Society and being granted the affiliation by resolution of the Executive Committee of the Society. (4)

(b) Institutional memberships are available to other historical societies and heritage groups, libraries, schools, etc. on the payment of an annual fee, determined from time to time by the Society. (3-b)

(c) Every organization or body holding affiliated status or institutional membership shall be entitled to have one voting delegate at the annual meeting of the Society. (3-b, 4)

### Section 3

(a) A life membership may be conferred by the Society on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Life memberships, along with other special classes of individual memberships, along with other special classes of individual membership established by the Society, may also be granted by the Executive Committee on the payment of fees, determined from time to time by the Society. (3-d; 3-e)

(b) Family memberships may be granted at an annual fee determined from time to time by the Society. (3-f)

(c) Annual membership is open to any person who will pay the annual fee determined from time to time by the Society. (3-g)

## ARTICLE IV MUSEUMS' SECTION

### Section 1

The Museums' Section shall be composed of members of the Society who have paid a subscription to the *Newsletter*, together with one representative from each museum holding an institutional membership in the Society and one representative from each affiliated society which operates a museum. (21-a)

### Section 2

The purpose of the Museums' Section shall be to ascertain the needs and desires of museums with an interest in the history of Ontario, to encourage the establishment of standards, to exchange ideas and to disseminate information. It is understood that the actions of the Museums' Section are to be consistent with the objects of the Society, and shall in no way commit the Society to any expenditure, nor action with others, without the approval of the Executive Committee. (21-c)

### Section 3

The Museums' Section shall annually elect a chairman and such other officers as it requires, who shall be members of the Society. The President of the Society shall be an officer of the Museums' Section. (21-d)

### Section 4

The Chairman of the Museums' Section shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Society, and shall report to the Executive Committee on the activities of the Section. (21-e)

### Section 5

The Museums' Section shall present to the annual meeting of the Society a report giving details of its activities, and an audited statement of its finances, which shall be published along with the financial report of the Society. (21-f)

## ARTICLE V THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Section 1

All individuals holding current membership in the Society under Article III Section 3 are eligible for election to this committee.

### Section 2

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

The Officers of the Society (Article VI)

The Chairman of the Museums' Section (Article IV)

Six directors elected by the Society.

Certain appointees shall also attend as non-voting members: the Executive Assistant, the Editor of *Ontario History*. There may also be an additional non-voting member if required for the carrying out of a specific project, to be appointed for the period of one year or less by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. (6)



Section 3

The six directors shall be elected annually. Normally, they shall be limited to three consecutive one-year terms, but this limitation need not apply provided that two new directors are elected each year. In all cases, directors shall become eligible for re-election after absence from office for one year.

Section 4

The Executive Committee shall administer the affairs of the Society pursuant to the directions of the annual meeting. It shall have charge of the financial affairs of the Society, and of the arrangements for the issuance of the Society's publications, and, in general, shall attend to all routine business. It shall perform such additional duties as may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Society, including an account of its activities, the condition of the Society and its work, and any suggestions that seem appropriate. (6, 8-b, 8-c)

Section 5

The Executive Committee shall have power by a majority vote of all its members or a two-thirds vote of those present at a lawful meeting, to remove or request the removal of any of its members from office, whenever from disability, neglect of duty, mismanagement, or other cause, the best interests of the Society seem to require such removal. It shall have the power to fill temporarily (until the next annual meeting) any elective position that becomes vacant for any reason. (24, 25)

Section 6

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least three times a year upon the call of the President, or of some officer deputed to act for the President, or, if the officers decline to act, on the request of any three members of the Committee. A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be nine members. (10, 12)

Section 7

The Executive Committee may establish, amend, and repeal any Standing Rules for its government and guidance that are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. It may establish standing and interim committees and make appointments as deemed necessary for the effective operation of the Society. (7, 8-a)

Section 8

One of the committees shall be the Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of a past president. Two members of this committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee; two shall be named by the Society at the first formal session of the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall then determine a list of nominations for elected officers and directors for the consideration of the Society at its annual business meeting. (15)

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1

The officers of the Society shall be:

A Past President

The President

The First Vice-President

The Second Vice-President

The Recording Secretary

The Treasurer

(15)

Section 2

(a) The President and two Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually by the Society. Normally, they shall serve one year only in each office, but the Nominating Committee may recommend that one or all of them be re-elected for one additional year in the same office. In all cases, they shall again be eligible for election as officers or as directors after an absence from office of one year.

(b) The President shall preside at all meetings and be the official head of the Society. The Vice-Presidents shall, in order of seniority, discharge the duties of President in the event of the latter's absence or disability. If the presidency becomes vacant in the course of the year, each Vice-President shall move to the next office, and the Executive Committee shall name one of the Directors to serve as Second Vice-President until the next annual meeting. (6, 16, 17)

Section 3

(a) The Recording Secretary shall be elected by the Society and shall be responsible for notification of members and recording of proceedings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. (6, 20, 23)



(b) The Treasurer shall be elected by the Society and shall receive and keep in custody all moneys and such other property of the Society as may be committed to his or her charge by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer's accounts shall be audited before each annual meeting by an auditor appointed by the Society, and the audited statement shall be published and circulated to the members. (19, 22)

(c) The Executive Assistant shall be bonded by a recognized Bonding company at the expense of the Society, for an amount determined by the Executive Committee. He or she shall be empowered to sign on behalf of the Society in the deposit of funds or in respect of cheques on the Society's Imprest Account. (22)

Section 4

With the single exception noted in Section 3-c above, any cheque, draft, promissory note or bill of exchange shall be signed on behalf of the Society by two of the individuals granted such powers by the Executive Committee. (22)

## ARTICLE VII GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Section 1

Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, or some officer deputed by the President, or, if the officers decline to act, on the request of three members of the Executive Committee. (10)

Section 2

Every member or delegate of an institutional member or affiliated society present at a general meeting whose fee is not in arrears shall be entitled to one vote. Institutional members and affiliated societies may be represented by not more than one voting delegate whose name is to be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting. (9)

Section 3

(a) The quorum for a meeting of the Society shall be fifteen (15). (12)  
(b) At all meetings the chair is to be taken punctually at the hour appointed, and in case thirty minutes elapse without a quorum, the meeting may stand adjourned until such time as the members may name and appoint. (26-c)

Section 4

The annual general meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place in Ontario and on such date as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Members must be given at least one month's notice of the intended meeting to receive reports of the Society and take appropriate action upon them, to elect officers and members of the Executive Committee, and to transact such other business as may be required. The non-receipt of a notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section 1

The enactment of the Constitution and By-Laws and any repeal, amendment or re-enactment shall be confirmed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at an annual general meeting of the Society. (27)

Section 2

Notice of any proposed repeal, amendment or re-enactment shall be given to the Recording Secretary in writing and signed by a member of the Society at least one month before the annual meeting. The Recording Secretary shall, immediately upon receipt of such notice, send copies to every member of the Society. (27)

Section 3

The Society shall have power by a two-thirds vote to vary the terms of any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws properly received by it, but only so far as such variation shall be within the scope and purpose of the proposed amendment thereby affected.

M. Elizabeth Arthur,  
President.



The styles of both are in vivid contrast. *Asphodel* is a slow-moving, predominantly factual, narrative. *The Holy Land* combines a solid foundation of historical evidence with an entertaining wit supported by the "oral tradition" of local residents. Whereas Galvin (*The Holy Land*) capitalizes on his license as an author to inform and entertain, Graham (*Asphodel*) does not, concentrating instead on a thorough, painstaking study of people and their roots in Asphodel. Galvin is a sheer delight to read, and Graham intrigues by her thoroughness and obvious enthusiasm, both authors making no pretense of presenting either definitive or scholarly township histories.

We must respect this purpose. At the same time, it might be questioned; it is one thing to write a readable tale, but quite another to use a variety of sources without identifying them. Simply, what of the researcher who wants to go the extra step beyond these histories. Are they of much help? Should they be? Galvin/Graham offer minimal assistance, and yet they could so easily have produced so much more, without any adverse effects on style or content.

*The Holy Land* has a rather disappointing "select bibliography", and *Asphodel* has an index which is really a table of contents. A list of facts, figures and interpretations (from both) without reference to the source is incredibly long—and irritating for the reader, who is simply left grasping.

At the same time, we must assess the practicality of footnoting a history meant as an informal tale. Superscript numbers could very well deprive a book of its flavour, and perhaps its readability and continuity. Most readers scarcely care about footnotes. Indeed, there can be a compromise in the citing and footnoting of printed sources, but *only* if a thorough bibliography with complete (and consistent) citations is available. When we come to archival sources, however, surely there can be no compromise. Is it not the responsibility of the author to provide those who will read and *cite* his book with not only accurate citations, but also some indication of the diversity of primary sources used, whether landbooks, assessment records, or especially those records which provide unexpected information. What municipal records are available? Were Colborne and Newcastle Districts, and Peterborough and Victoria County Council minutes and by-laws examined? Were religious archives contacted and their sources followed up? What is available at the Provincial Archives of Ontario? Not only do we not know the extent—and sources—of information read, but in addition we do not know what may have been missed! Any individual who follows up any ideas is left in the unenviable position of starting from scratch.

In addition, two judgements have been made, one by each author, which should be qualified. They concern microform applications and oral history as methods of recording and preserving the past. Graham would see the records of the past organized, microfilmed and carefully preserved either by the local historical society or the local university archives. Her motives are valid and important, but this tendency to focus on microform as the ultimate answer, to film something because it is historical, must be qualified. Microfilming must be used with discretion and within carefully prescribed standards of selection and processing, with emphasis on the former. Nothing of an archival nature should be microfilmed without first seeking qualified advice.

Galvin, on the other hand, bemoans the fact that today's children don't give a damn about oral traditions. One would hope that he would attempt to inspire such a feeling not only in the young, but also in their elders. As an archivist, I would have appreciated more detail about when the interviews were carried out, at what length and the location of the tapes (whether reel or cassette) because, surely, these tapes are a potential source of information and entertainment for others. They, as Mrs. Graham suggests, should be housed where they can be preserved from problems of environment or theft, and made accessible (depending on the interviewee's wishes). I do not think that Galvin correctly reflects the present surge of interest in oral history by Canadians of all ages.

But the authors should not be condemned alone for the lacunae in their books. The professional historian, archivist and librarian must also shoulder some of the blame. We need to reach out and provide local authors with advice, assistance and methods. Until we do so, we will always be able (and willing) to accuse an earnest, diligent local historian of faulty methods. The key is consistency in research and presentation, and a much stronger role must be assumed by information and reference services: the archivists, and the librarians. To begin with, the Association of Canadian Archivists should be approached to produce a manual on the correct citation of archival resources, so that regardless of the provenance of records, or the size of the repository, there can be a consistent procedure in citing archival resources. Librarians, in addition, ought to provide active assistance in guiding groups or individuals in proper methods of bibliographic layout, particularly the nature of organizing bibliographies and indexes, and even the simple chores of numbering chapters.

At the same time we must also concentrate on identifying what sources are available, where, and in what form. It may be that an author is unaware of the potential documentation available. There is a very obvious need for a volume, or series of manuals, concentrating on the available sources for specific types of research. This would complement the recent bibliographic works by Morley and Aitken, and the on-going series produced by the Toronto Area Archivists Groups, *Ontario's Heritage. A Guide to Archival Resources*.

Local histories flourish through the enthusiasm and personality of the people who research them. They can provide substantial information and data—and they often do, but frequently rather inadequately as these two books reveal. Is it not time that instead of harping on this inadequacy, we take positive steps to help turn such mountains of detail into fountains of knowledge for those to come, as well as entertaining history for today's readership.

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Toronto

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*The People of Owen Sound* is the title of a new 268 page book by Melba Croft. A wide variety of topics from the history of the City are included in the publication. Copies can be ordered from Melba Croft, 114-7th Street East, Owen Sound, N4K 1H7. The price is \$10.00 (plus \$1.00 postage in Canada and \$2.00 to the U.S.).



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The Toronto Area Archivists Group has announced that *Ontario's Heritage Vol. 7: Region of Peel*, is now available from Boston Mills Press, R.R. #1, Cheltenham, Ontario L0P 1C0. The book lists the archival resources in the Region of Peel making it a handy reference source for the historians of the Region. The price is \$9.50 plus \$.50 handling.

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*Sidelights of History* . . . a guide to the Borough of Etobicoke's Century Buildings by Judy Shiels and Mary Appleby. Copies can be ordered from Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas Street West, Toronto M9A 1A8, for \$2.00 plus \$.50 handling.

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*A Saga of the Church in Canada* is a recent book by Father James McGivern, S.J. Comprised of a collection of the articles originally appearing in the *Catholic Register*, the author relates the stories of many of the leading Catholic clergy and laity in Canada's history. Copies can be ordered from the Chancery Office, 355 Church Street, Toronto, M5B 1Z8. The price is \$3.50.

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*Numbering the Survivors. A History of the Standish Family of Ireland, Ontario and Alberta.* By J. Richard Houston.

*Numbering the Survivors* is the culmination of more than 10 years of research on the settlement of Esquesing Township, Ontario. It is both a painstakingly constructed genealogy of the Standish family (whose known antecedents can be traced to Mill Park, County Tipperary, in the 1750's), and a social history of Esquesing Township during a period of rapid growth and development. Today, the family has spread to Alberta, the Pacific Northwest, and has a major branch in and around Rougemont, Quebec. The posthumous publication of the work was made possible by the generous gifts and contributions of family and friends to the J. Richard Houston Memorial Publication Trust—an ongoing trust devoted to the publication of genealogical work in Canada.

The book's 18 chapters cover the family's historic Irish roots and settlement; settlement of Esquesing; evolution of the community and related families; structure of the family and its importance to the development of Ontario; genealogical tables of the descendents of the original immigrant; analyses of cultural, religious, and marriage patterns; 95 photographs of houses, churches, family members, artifacts; three maps. Hardbound, 350 pages, 6 x 9. \$20.00

Send your order to THE HOUSTON TRUST, 185 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1M3. Make cheques payable to THE HOUSTON PUBLICATION TRUST.

All orders postpaid.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW O.H.S. PUBLICATION

Beginning in 1980, the Book Notes which have been a familiar feature of *Ontario History* will be published as annual pamphlets. Included in the listings compiled by David Kotin, Head of Canadian Collections, North York Public Library, are the publications of the past year on topics related to Ontario's past. This new pamphlet will be especially useful for librarians, historians and collectors of Canadian publications.

The pamphlet will be available from the Society's offices after June 15th at the O.H.S. members' price of \$2.50. Pre-paid orders will be sent post paid.

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## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE

### Aurora and District Historical Society

Being relevant to the modern-day society, and more important, being *seen* to be relevant is sometimes a problem for historical societies. The March 27th meeting of the A.D.H.S. was one way to address the problem. The topic was "Energy Saving in Older Houses," something which would appeal to every owner of an older home whether they were members of the society or not. The speaker for the evening was Gram Campbell, spokesperson for the Pollution Probe Foundation, who gave an illustrated talk on Ecology House on Madison Avenue, Toronto. The audience was invited to come and learn how their residence could become an "ecology" house.

A recent comment from John McIntyre, Past President of the Aurora society should be noted. "It has become increasingly apparent that government bureaucracies, whether local, provincial or national and however well-meaning, are very inefficient agents for preservation. When all is said and done, it is up to us, as a society or as individuals, to make the difference between success and failure." Whether or not you agree with Mr. McIntyre's assessment of civil servants, the fact remains that the local heritage group is often the agent for success or failure. We cannot rely on others. We must redouble our determination and get on with the task!

### Bruce County Historical Society

The 1979 Report of the society's Secretary noted that the society unveiled a plaque (which incorporated the society's crest for the first time) on the farm of Milton Dahuer.

Also in the same report was word about the publication of three small manuscripts: *A Social History of Education in Bruce*, by Mrs. Jessie MacKinnon; *Kincardine Township Armory*, by John C. Reynolds; *Soil, Toil and Lillacs*, (sic) by Mrs. Olive Hepburn. Copies of the three leaflets can be ordered from the Bruce County Historical Society, Mrs. George Downey, Secretary, Eskdale Farm, R.R. #1, Tiverton, N0G 2T0.



Mrs. Margaret Gentle of Southampton, with the co-operation of a few kind people, has produced a series of oral histories of early life in Bruce County on cassette tapes. The tapes and typed transcriptions have been placed in the Bruce County Archives.

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### The Essex County Historical Association

President of the Association, Larry Kulisek and, member Trevor Price, both on the faculty of the University of Windsor have been awarded a 1980 summer grant which will allow them to hire six students to compile an inventory of manuscripts in Kent and Lambton counties. This should be a real boon to Windsor's archives programme.

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### The Etobicoke Historical Society

This society along with the Etobicoke Historical Board, is expending a great deal of effort in trying to preserve "Applewood", the birthplace of James Shaver Woodsworth, from falling under the wrecker's hammer. The organizations jointly sponsored an Open House at Applewood on April 13th. Woodsworth was a co-founder of the C.C.F. party in the 1930's.

The society had an auction of Collectables and Curios at Montgomery's Inn in March. Over \$650.00 was raised for the Heritage Etobicoke Foundation for the preservation of significant historical properties in the Borough.

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### John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation

Heritage organizations continue to find new ways of promoting Ontario's history. Among the more novel efforts is the ceremony which the Foundation is planning to hold at the August 3rd Toronto Blue Jays baseball game in Exhibition Stadium, Toronto.

Prior to the game Col. John Graves Simcoe (a.k.a. Charles Humber, President, Governor Simcoe Branch, U.E.L.) will arrive at home plate in Sir Henry Pellatt's famous Brewster Coach pulled by four horses. Metropolitan Toronto's Chairman Paul Godfrey along with the re-created Queen's Rangers will greet Ontario's first Lieutenant Governor. Col. Simcoe will start the game between the Blue Jays and the California Angels with the ceremonial first pitch. Fans attending the game will receive a reproduced copy of Ontario's first newspaper, *The Upper Canada Gazette*. If you would like to join in the festivities you can order third base line tickets at \$5.50 each from John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation, 8 York Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto, M5J 1R2.

Of course, the object of the exercise is two-fold. It is to have a fun day at the ball game and to promote Ontario's heritage to an audience who may not have realized how important Simcoe was in our past.

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### Kingston Historical Society

The March newsletter from the society noted that Volume 28 of *Historic Kingston* had been prepared and dis-

tributed under the guiding hand of Dr. William Angus. Further information on the volume is available from the K.H.S., Box 54, Kingston, K7L 4V6. Dr. Margaret Angus' book the *Old Stones of Kingston* is going into a fourth printing. This time it will be available in paperback.

The K.H.S. is giving a grant to the Kingston Public Library for the continuation of the Library's indexing of early Kingston newspapers project. This is good news for many researchers and local historians.

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### Lennox and Addington Historical Society

April's newsletter brought word that the second stage of renovations at the Allan MacPherson House were well along. Much of this work was in the basement and walls with a new or revised chimney on the workman's schedule. The former kitchen and wine "cellar" have been refurbished allowing improved facilities for supper preparations at the House.

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### London and Middlesex Historical Society

The year 1980 marks the 125th anniversary of the City of London. To mark the occasion, the society is sponsoring the publication of a history of London. Mr. Ed Phelps, Regional Collection Librarian at the University of Western Ontario, is writing this short history. After the brochure is printed, it will be distributed to schools, etc. in London.

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### Norfolk Historical Society

As part of its extensive programme of festivals and special days devoted to special interest groups in the heritage movement, the society held a "Pottery and China Day" on April 27th. David Newlands, author of *Early Ontario Potters*, gave a slide and lecture presentation on the day's theme. There were also Identification Clinics for both Canadian pottery and English china and showings of the local Norfolk County redware pottery. Many other items on the agenda complemented the theme. On May 24th the Society is planning a Pioneer Textiles Day at Eva Brook Donly Museum.

The Eva Brook Donly Museum is working on plans for a new two storey Gallery addition at the back of the present museum. The addition will provide urgently needed storage facilities, archival stacks, meeting room-exhibit gallery and other facilities.

Mr. Hugh Barrett of Port Dover has been appointed to the part-time position of Assistant Curator. His responsibilities will include school programmes, special events, cataloguing and maintenance. Valerie Friesen, a Simcoe Composite School student, continues as the Junior Curator.

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### Orangeville and District Historical Society

The Orangeville society held a genealogical fair at the Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church in Orangeville on March 15. Presentations were made by Charles Humber from the United Empire Loyalist Association and Brian Gilchrist, noted genealogical researcher and advisor.



## Owen Sound Historical Society

1980 is the sixtieth anniversary of the City of Owen Sound. The society is helping in the celebrations by holding a raffle on a traditional Pine Tree Pattern quilt with the draw at the Annual Meeting in September.

A big event in the Society's social calendar for the Jubilee celebration is the Civic Jubilee Ball. It will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday, June 28th starting at 9 p.m.

The Billy Bishop Heritage Committee has been formed in Owen Sound with the express purpose of securing the Billy Bishop home in the city and preserving it as an historic site. Group Captain A.J. Bauer (ret.) is Chairman of the Committee.

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## Sault Ste. Marie and 49th Field Regiment Historical Society

The society continues to search for a new home for its museum. Talks are being held (informally) with both Parks Canada and the local Board of Education. Hopefully, good news will be delivered to a well-deserving society.

The society has been invited to take part in the committee studying tourism in the city. This is an important source of revenue to any community. But one wonders why so few historical societies take part in tourism planning. If your group is active in this field, please let The Ontario Historical Society know what you have been or are doing.

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## Streetsville Historical Society

The Society will be assisting in the decoration of Streetsville's Old Town Hall, now in the process of renovation, by providing suitably framed photographs of historic buildings, etc. for the walls.

## T.A.A.G.

The March newsletter noted that the recent Report of the National Library entitled *The Future of the National Library* proposed that the Library take over the National Map Collection and literary papers currently deposited with the Public Archives of Canada. Any such move, according to T.A.A.G., would be a sharp departure from archival tradition in Canada. The Group has sent a resolution to the Association of Canadian Archivists urging that organization to address the situation promptly.

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## Whitby L.A.C.A.C.

"Heritage Seminar '80" was the title for a one-day conference presented by the Whitby L.A.C.A.C. on Saturday, April 26th. The conference was designed to answer some of the most frequently asked questions regarding designations and the Ontario Heritage Act for an audience of planners, businessmen's associations, heritage groups and the general public.

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## York Pioneer and Historical Society

The society's Sharon Temple Museum has planned an excellent schedule of events for the summer. On June 15th at 1:00 p.m., they will hold their annual June Day Picnic and Celebration. "June Day" goes back to the mid-1800's when the followers of the Temple's founder, David Willson, honoured him on his birthday. It is a family picnic day and is still held in honour of Willson. On June 29th at 3 p.m., there will be a concert in the Temple by the York Symphony Orchestra string quartet. On July 13th at 3:00 p.m. the Tallis Choir of Toronto will perform a concert consisting of a selection of Elizabethan religious and secular music. And on July 27 at 3 p.m. the York Symphony Orchestra string quartet returns for another concert. Admission to the concerts is included in the cost of admission to the grounds.

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