

## AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PRESIDENT

In his President's Message immediately following this column, President Gerald Killan introduces the members of your Executive Committee. Being somewhat modest, Gerry asked me to write a few words about him and his activities for the Ontario Historical Society so that the members could learn something about their new president. This was a task which I was pleased to undertake even though I was certain that because of his many activities on behalf of the Society Gerry would not need an introduction to many of our members; they have had the opportunity to see and meet him first-hand.

Gerry was born in England some thirty-plus years ago and moved to Canada at a young age. He lived and was educated in the West Hill area of Toronto, and later received his B.A. from the University of Toronto and his M.A. and Ph.D. from McMaster University. Currently living in London, Ontario, he is an Associate Professor of History at King's College, University of Western Ontario.

Formal association with The Ontario Historical Society came with Gerry's election to the Executive Committee of the Society in 1973. Since that time, Gerry has written and published the official history of the Society (*Preserving Ontario's Heritage*) which was an outgrowth of his study of the Society for his Ph.D. thesis.

Between 1974 and 1979 Gerry was Chairman of the Local Societies Committee and was instrumental in the development of our current training workshops programme. This programme has grown to the extent that during the past seven years, Gerry has organized and/or chaired some two dozen workshops and conferences for the Society.

Along with Jim Clemens (of whom you will read more below) Gerry was instrumental in conceptualizing and launching the Society's Technical Leaflet series *Approaching Ontario's Past* and was Editor-in-Chief for the initial two issues in the series. This series continues to bring useful and authoritative information to our members.

In 1976, Gerry organized several joint regional conferences with Heritage Canada. These meetings inspired the Society's important conference on "The Ontario Heritage Act: Present Problems, Future Prospects" for which he obtained the funds from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, organized the format and later, edited the proceedings.

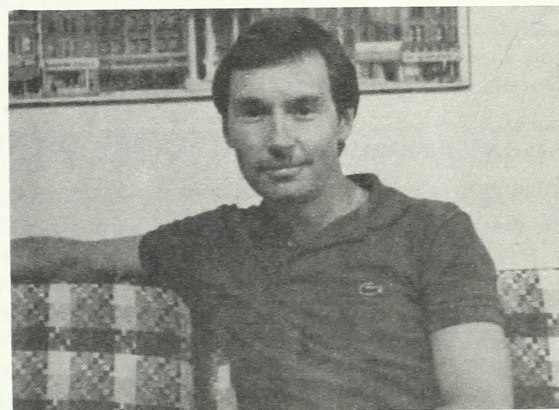
In 1979 President Elizabeth Arthur resurrected the Preservation Committee. It was only natural that Gerry be chosen as Chairman because of his long-standing interest in the field. In this capacity, he inaugurated our Preservation Crisis Centre which has served a number of Ontario community organizations since that time. The committee was also successful in obtaining funding for the expansion of its conservation conferences which, in 1980-81, are being

conducted under the title of the B. Napier Simpson Jr. Memorial Series.

If all of his work for the Society was not enough, Gerry is also active as the Vice Chairman of the London LACAC and has been a member of the Provincial Parks Advisory Council (1974-80). In addition, Gerry has recently completed a biography of David Boyle, Ontario's first professional archaeologist. To support him in his study of Boyle, Gerry was awarded the first David Boyle Post-graduate Scholarship for Archaeology by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. He is currently working on researching the history of Ontario's provincial parks system for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Having such a super-charged person as president can only mean that the Society is going to continue to grow and develop in serving the needs of its members as well as the larger task of Preserving Ontario's Heritage.

E. Buchner



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"What's new at the OHS these days?" This is a question you well might ask after our splendid annual meeting in Ottawa this past June. For one thing, we departed the national capital with a new constitution. (Take note, oh wise political leaders, it can be done). Prior to our conference every member should have received a copy of the proposed constitution: this document was ratified with only several minor amendments. That we accomplished the difficult task of redrafting our constitution is the result of the leadership and the perseverance of our Past President, Elizabeth Arthur.

Another noteworthy change occurred in Ottawa at the level of the executive committee. Five new faces were added to that body. Since we are often questioned about the composition of the executive, permit me to give a brief profile of each of the officers and directors.



## **PAST PRESIDENT: ELIZABETH ARTHUR**

Ontario-born Elizabeth Arthur, a member of the executive since 1973, is a Professor of History and a former Chairman of the History Department at Lakehead University. Educated at the University of Toronto and McGill, she has lived in, and written extensively about, Northern Ontario for more than twenty years. Her best known book is *The Thunder Bay District, 1821-1892*, published by the Champlain Society in 1973. Elizabeth is a former Director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society and has served on the Thunder Bay LACAC. She has just been elected to the council of the Champlain Society.

## **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: ALEC DOUGLAS**

Commander W.A.B. Douglas (RCN, Retired), a member of the executive since 1973, was born in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), and has studied history at the University of Toronto, Dalhousie and Queen's. Alec joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1950, specialized in navigation, and served on HMCS Ontario, Quebec, Swansea, Penetang, Outremont, Ottawa, Kootenay, and Fort Erie. A staff Officer at the Royal Military College, Kingston, from 1964 to 1967, he subsequently joined the Directorate of History, Ministry of National Defence in Ottawa, of which he has been the Director since 1973. He recently co-authored with Brereton Greenhous *Out of the Shadows: Canada in the Second World War* (Oxford: 1977). In addition to sitting on the executive of our Society, Alec is among other things, Chairman of the Canadian Committee for the History of the Second World War, and Vice President of the North American Society of Oceanic History.

## **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: HEATHER BROADBENT**

Since emigrating to Canada from Hampshire, England, eleven years ago, Heather Broadbent has earned herself a wide reputation as one of Ontario's brightest and most capable heritage preservationists. Doubtless many of you have encountered Heather at one or more of the many heritage conferences sponsored by various agencies over the years (she assiduously attends and participates in all of them), or perhaps you know her as one of the organizers of the OHS "Heritage Conservation: A Community Effort" conferences held at the Milcroft Inn, Alton (1978) and the Innisfree Centre, Otterville (1979). She is the current Chairman of our Preservation Committee and Co-ordinator of our Local Liaison Officer programme. In addition to her work for the OHS, Heather is an energetic local activist who holds the following positions: Chairman of the Caledon Heritage Committee (LACAC); Vice Chairman of the Albion-Bolton Historical Society; Chairman of the Caledon Showcase Committee; President of the Peel County Historical Society, and by virtue of this position, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Region of Peel Museum and Art Gallery; and finally, Heritage Consultant for the Alton Revitalization Group.

## **RECORDING SECRETARY: DOUGLAS LEIGHTON**

The Reverend Doctor Douglas Leighton has the honour of

being the first individual to hold the new position of Recording Secretary. Doug has studied history at McMaster and Western, and theology at Huron College. Before joining the faculty of Huron where he is now an Assistant Professor of History, he taught high school at A.B. Lucas Secondary School in London. An authority on the history of Canadian Indian policy, Doug has written for *Ontario History* and some twenty-one pieces for the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. Those who attended the annual meeting in London (1978) will remember that Doug was one of the key local organizers of that event. He is also a council member of the Champlain Society.

## **TREASURER: JAMES M. CLEMENS**

James Clemens, our very capable Treasurer since 1975, is an historian by training (Western B.A., Carleton M.A.), and an educator by profession who specializes in Adult Education. Currently an Education Officer with the Senior and Continuing Education Branch, Ministry of Education, Jim's knowledge of the school system is extensive. He has also held the positions of Superintendent of Curriculum Services for the Niagara Region, and Programme Consultant in both the Ottawa Valley and the Niagara area. As Treasurer, Jim's chores have been onerous; yet, he has been active on the executive in many other ways. For instances, he was one of those individuals responsible for the appearance of our technical leaflet series, *Approaching Ontario's Past*. We expect Jim's expertise will be put to good use on our newly established Young Ontario Committee.

## **DIRECTORS**

### **HAROLD DOAN**

Since he assumed the Chairmanship of the Museums' Section last year, Harold Doan has done much to revitalize that organization's programme and to foster within the Section a new sense of purpose. Harold holds the following positions in the local heritage movement: Treasurer of the Dufferin County Historical Society; Administrator of the Dufferin County Pioneer Village at Shelburne; Treasurer of the Orangeville and District Historical Society; Chairman of the John Galt Council of Heritage Canada; and a member of the Alton Revitalization Group.

### **KATHRYN LAMB**

A graduate of the school of journalism at Western, and one of the new faces on the executive, Kathryn Lamb brings to us the benefits of her many years of experience in local heritage matters. She is a past president of the Waterloo Historical Society, a charter member of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, Secretary of the joint WHS-WRHF committee which prepared the feasibility study for the restoration of the 1820 Schneider House (built by Kitchener's founder and the oldest remaining building in the city), and a member of the Kitchener Public Library Board. In addition to these activities, Kathryn is a columnist for the Kitchener-Waterloo *Record* (by-line Kathryn Hansuld), and a frequent contributor to the publications of the Waterloo Historical Society. She is certainly an impor-



tant addition to both our Preservation and Local Societies Committees.

#### ROYCE MacGILLIVRAY

The editor of *Ontario History*, Royce MacGillivray, was born in Alexandria, Ontario, in 1936. He received his B.A. degree from Queen's University, Kingston, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard. An Associate Professor of History at the University of Waterloo, he is the author of *Restoration Historians and the English Civil War* (1974) and co-author (with Ewan Ross, of Goderich) of *A History of Glengarry* (1979). To Royce goes much of the credit for many of the positive changes that have taken place in our quarterly journal over the past two years.

#### NEIL PATTERSON

Indefatigable is perhaps the best word to describe Neil Patterson, another of the new members of the executive. To list his activities in the Kingston area staggers the mind. The Past President of the Kingston Historical Society, Neil has served on the city's Centennial Committee (1967), the Mayor's Tercentennial Committee (in which capacity he chaired the groups responsible for the re-enactment of Frontenac's landing, and the resurrection of the famed Carignan Salières Regiment), and the Olympic Committee (1976). Currently he is the First Vice President of the Canadian Locomotive Heritage Society, a Director of the Kingston Chamber of Commerce, and a Vice President of the St. John's Ambulance Corps. A prolific writer of local history, Neil has written for *Families*, *Historic Kingston*, the *Kingston Whig-Standard* and the *Ottawa Citizen*. Professionally, he is National Advertising Manager for the *Kingston Whig-Standard*. Incidentally, in his spare time, Neil is working towards a degree in history at Queen's University.

#### GARY PECK

Another of our new directors, Gary Peck, in his range of activities, accomplishments and capacity for work, seems to be the Sudbury equivalent of our member from Kingston. An historian by training (McMaster BA, MA), and now Social Science Department Head at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Gary is at the centre of the heritage movement in his region. He holds the distinction of being founding President of the Sudbury and District Historical Society, a Director of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Vice Chairman of the Sudbury Centennial Foundation, President of the Sudbury District Genealogical Branch of the OGS since its foundation in 1979, and Chairman of the Sudbury LACAC since its inception in 1978. On top of these staggering responsibilities, he writes a weekly newspaper column and appears frequently on radio and television to promote local history. We look forward to working with Gary as Chairman of our new Young Ontario Committee.

#### DAVID ROBERTS

Born and raised in Westport, Ontario, in the Rideau Lakes region, David Roberts is currently employed as Manuscript Editor with the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*. David possesses considerable knowledge of government heritage

programmes as a consequence of his work as Research Co-ordinator, Heritage Administration Branch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, and before that with the Historical Branch of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. As a civil servant he has worked extensively with historical societies and other heritage groups in the following special areas: provincial historical plaques; architectural history; support services for the Ontario Heritage Foundation; the organization, operation and funding of local historical societies; and the "Experience" programme administration. David, who has already taken an active part in organizing several of the OHS "Basics of Historical Research" workshops since 1978, has agreed to serve on our Local Societies Committee and to assume editorial responsibilities for our technical leaflets series, *Approaching Ontario's Past*.

#### ASHLEY THOMSON

Our ebullient membership committee chairman since 1978, Ashley Thomson of Sudbury is yet another man of many parts: a history major (Toronto BA, McMaster MA), a teacher by training, and a librarian by profession. He is currently an Assistant Librarian at Laurentian University. Considering the importance of library subscriptions in our membership rolls, his expertise has proven of no little value. Ashley has wide administrative experience in a variety of voluntary, professional and political organizations both in Ontario and Saskatchewan. In the year ahead he will also be assisting Gary Peck in developing a youth programme for the Society.

#### WESLEY B. TURNER

The Chairman of our Local Societies Committee, Wes Turner, has a long association with the OHS. He first came to prominence as Morris Zaslow's editorial assistant in the preparation of *The Defended Border: Upper Canada and the War of 1812* (Oxford with the OHS, 1964). Since assuming the chairmanship of the Local Societies Committee last year, Wes has done an excellent job of continuing to develop our training workshops programme. He is an active member of the St. Catharines and Lincoln Historical Society, the Welland Canal Preservation Association, and the Niagara Historical Society. A graduate of the University of Toronto and Duke University, Wes taught high school in the Toronto area before joining the faculty of Brock University in 1967. He is an authority in both immigration history and the military history of the Niagara Peninsula, and recently published *Life in Upper Canada*. He is well known in the Niagara area for both his splendid battlefield tours and his spirited Scottish country dancing.

This, then, is your executive committee for 1980-81. These people comprise an extraordinary pool of talent, experience and commitment. I would defy anyone to bring together a team more capable of developing further our preservation activities, workshop programmes, publications projects, membership campaign, as well as implementing new ideas in the areas of fund-raising and youth programmes. Clearly, this year promises to be an active one for The Ontario Historical Society.



Finally, we wish to remind all our institutional and individual members that the Ontario Historical Society has established a special PRESERVATION CRISIS CENTRE. When a significant archaeological, historical or architectural resource is threatened for whatever reason, the Ontario Historical Society is now prepared to throw itself quickly into a local battle whenever the circumstances warrant a defence of heritage. Write to me immediately explaining the nature of your problem and we will endeavour to do all we can to support any worthy local cause.

Gerald Killan

## UP-COMING EVENTS

The twenty-eighth Annual Workshop of the Museum's Section of The Ontario Historical Society will be held October 16th to 18th in Napanee. The theme is "Marketing Your Museum" which, broadly speaking, means moving your institution into the mainstream of your community's life and activities. Among the areas to be covered in the three days are Schools and Education, Special Displays, Family Research and Genealogies and Special Events. In addition to the working sessions, there will be tours of museums in the Napanee area.

For further information, contact Mr. Harold Doan, Chairman, Museums' Section, 209 Zina Street, Orangeville.

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The Fourth Annual Long Point Genealogy Fair will be held on Saturday, October 18th at the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe, Ontario. The past two years have seen over 450 people attend the annual event. There are displays, books for sale and handouts from upwards of fifty exhibitors. As usual there will be a Morning Exhibit Preview and Breakfast. Admission to the Preview and Breakfast is by advance registration. Regular admission is \$1.00 and the doors open to the general admission at 1 p.m. This Fair is an excellent opportunity to introduce yourself to the rich genealogical resources of the Museum and the Norfolk county area. It also offers a chance to learn what other people and organizations have to offer to help you with your own research.

For further information or to make a reservation for the Breakfast, contact Mr. William Yeagher, Curator, Eva Brook Donly Museum, 109 Norfolk Street South, Simcoe, Ontario.

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The Ontario Museum Association is planning a number of training seminars for the Autumn Season. These are as follows:

1. Period Rooms—September 12th, Port Perry
2. Graphics—September 29th-30th, Wellington Museum, Fergus
3. Exhibit Design—September 22nd-24th, Timmins
4. Public Programming—October 15th, Perth
5. Registration, Records and Research—October 20th-22nd, Hamilton
6. Heritage As A Business—October 29th-30th, Windsor

For further information, contact Ms. Marty Brent, Training Coordinator, Ontario Museum Association, 38 Charles Street East, Toronto M4Y 1T1.

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The Ontario Archaeological Society is planning its Annual Symposium for London, Ontario this year. The theme is "The Archaeology of the Lake Erie Basin". Full particulars on the symposium are available from The Ontario Archaeological Society, 55 Centre Street, London N6J 1T4.

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The second Annual North American Labor History Conference will be held October 9, 10, 11, 1980 at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. The Conference theme is industrial unionism; there will be sessions on American, Canadian and European aspects of that theme. Conference participants include, among others, Melvyn Dubofsky, Nelson Lichtenstein, Ronald Schatz, Daniel Nelson, James Cronin and Michael Hanagan. As part of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the I.W.W. the sessions will include a showing of a new film, "The Wobblies", and a musical presentation by Roy Berkeley.

For further information, and a copy of the conference brochure, please write to Stanley Shapiro, Department of History, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

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"Women and Women's History: A Canadian-American Perspective" is the theme for the Upstate New York Women's History Conference's Fall 1980 meeting. The Conference will be held at SUNY Buffalo, October 10-11. Opening the conference will be a paper by Dr. Elizabeth Fox-Genovese of the University of Rochester. Dr. Fox-Genovese will report on the OAH-sponsored project on the integration of materials on women in survey curricula. A representative from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education will comment on a similar project in this country.

Inquiries should be directed to Patricia Kaiser or Joy Scine, Department of History, SUNY at Buffalo, Amherst Campus, B-479 Red Jacket, Ellicott Complex, Buffalo, New York 14261.

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The Forest History Society will hold its thirty-fourth annual meeting, November 13-15, 1980, at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. The Society will be meeting concurrently with the Southern Historical Association.

A special feature of the meeting will be a paper session titled "Laboring in the Southern Forests", chaired by Thomas R. Cox of San Diego State University. Jerrell H. Shofner of the University of Central Florida and Thomas D. Clark, Distinguished Service Emeritus Professor of Indiana University, will offer papers. Joining Cox in comment will be John Hebron Moore of Florida State University. This session will take place on Thursday, November 13th.

The annual business meeting, committee meetings and the Presidential Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 14th. The Society's Blegen and Weyerhaeuser awards for best articles in the field of forest and conservation history will be announced during the Presidential Luncheon.

A field trip on Saturday November 15th will provide all interested parties a 3-hour tour of the Georgia Forestry Commission's urban forestry program.

For further information contact the Forest History Society, 109 Coral Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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## INFORMATION WANTED

The South Nation River Conservation Authority has hired me to undertake a historical study of the drainage basin of the South Nation River. This study is being conducted in preparation for possible construction of flood control measures. Members of The Ontario Historical Society living in the drainage basin could provide valuable information in the preparation of this report.

The South Nation River drainage basin covers approximately the following area: Grenville County (Augusta and Edwardsburg Twp.), Ottawa-Carleton Regional Municipality (Osgoode and Gloucester Twp.), most of the former Dundas and Russell counties, Prescott County (Caledonia, North and South Plantagenet Twp.) Stormont County (Finch and Roxborough Twp.) and Glengarry County (Kenyon Twp.).

In order to determine if there are any significant historical regions that might be affected by change as a result of drainage improvement and related development, it is important to know people's perception of the history in the South Nation region. In other words, are there villages, farms, bridges, roads, etc. that are integral to the history of the area?

The heritage study will include a brief analysis of some representative heritage structures and landscapes, such as bridges, buildings, farmsteads, roadsides and monuments. This study will not be an inventory of all historic structures within the drainage basin, but rather a sampling of typical historic structures and points of interest.

If you have any opinions about whether or not the history of the drainage basin area can be seen in the present landscape and, if you know of any historic structure in the area, I would very much appreciate hearing from you, either by telephone or by mail. I will be in the study area for most of August and September and could arrange to meet with you or your organization while I am working in the area.

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Parkhill, Ontario N0M 2K0  
(519) 294-0397

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Hyla Fox, 114 Bombay Avenue, Downsview M3H 1C3 is in the process of writing a book about Canadian Samplers. She is searching for examples conceived and worked in Canada. Also of interest are any letters, notes or antiquarian books discussing the way in which the samplers were made and/or the teachers and schools involved. If you have any information, you can contact Mrs. Fox at the address noted above.

## OSGOODE SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

On May 31 the Osgoode Society sponsored a conference at Osgoode Hall on Aspects of Canadian Legal History. The conference was organized by Professor David Flaherty, of the Department of History and Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario. In attendance were members of the Board of Directors of the Osgoode Society, and, as invited guests, prospective contributors to the two volumes of

*Essays in Canadian Legal History* being edited by Professor Flaherty. Professor Flaherty's expectation is that the first volume will be published late in 1981 and the second volume within a year of the first. Each volume will include about ten essays chosen from the work of different authors so as to illustrate such central themes in legal history as the evolution of the courts, the legal profession, legal education, law reform, law and the economy, criminal justice and family law. The volumes are intended to illustrate the wide possibilities for writing and research on Canadian legal history and to open up significant new themes in the field. The first volume will be the first publication of the Osgoode Society.

In his introductory presentation at the conference, Professor Flaherty cautioned that the time has long passed when it was useful to lament the sad state of legal historical writing in Canada. Over the past several years, a number of individuals have embarked on substantive projects, and one purpose of the conference was to bring scholars together to allow them to meet and compare notes on work underway and work in prospect. Professor Flaherty suggested that Canadian legal historians as they approach their task should recognize the important role to be played by theoretical concerns and that they must not neglect the contribution of the social sciences to historical methodology. Instead of embarking on a traditional form of inductive inquiry, he maintained that legal historians dealing with Canadian themes would benefit from a comparative approach and from the testing of models developed elsewhere. In particular he pointed to the work of Willard Hurst who has employed the "law and society" approach in several enlightening volumes dealing with Wisconsin and American legal history, and he argued that in many respects a regional approach using Hurst's Wisconsin categories would be enlightening for the study of law and society in Ontario. This suggestion gave rise to a spirited discussion and there was at least as much disagreement as there was agreement as to the value of a social science approach in general and the Hurst model in particular for the study of Canadian legal history.

Following a luncheon which was addressed by Mr. Brendan O'Brien, Q.C., the president of the Osgoode Society, the Hon. R. Roy McMurtry, honorary president of the Society, and Professor Peter Oliver, the Society's editor-in-chief, the conference delegates were treated to a tour of Osgoode Hall conducted by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. John Honsberger.

The afternoon session pursued many of the themes raised in the morning through a panel discussion of the work on law and the economy in nineteenth century Ontario published by Professor Richard Risk of the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. Professor Risk was a student of Willard Hurst and in his work has attempted to apply some of Hurst's theories and approaches to Ontario society. The panel included Professor Risk, Professor Graham Parker of Osgoode Hall Law School, Mr. Blaine Baker of the Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario and Mr. Robert L. Fraser who is a member of the staff of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography.

Finally, the participants presented brief reports on research in progress, including projects being sponsored by the Osgoode Society, and Ms. Catherine Shepard of the Ontario Archives described the legal records available for research at the Archives.



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With this conference, work is well underway for the publication of the Osgoode Society's first volume in Canadian legal history. As an Ontario based organization, the Society wishes to give some emphasis to Ontario themes, but it will also publish books which deal with national subjects or offer a comparative perspective. The Society, which takes its name from William Osgoode, the first Chief Justice of Upper Canada, was founded in 1979 at the initiative of the Hon. R. Roy McMurtry, Attorney General of Ontario, and officials of the Law Society of Upper Canada. It represents an attempt to bring legal practitioners and scholars in several academic disciplines together in Canada. The Society's intention is to publish volumes at the rate of about one a year. A fine quality edition will be distributed to members and another edition, probably in paperback, may be distributed through book stores. The Society hopes that its efforts will represent a contribution to serious legal-historical scholarship and it intends as well to make every effort to appeal to the general reader through books on such themes as "Great Trials" and legal and judicial biography.

In addition to the two volumes of *Essays on Canadian Legal History* which Professor Flaherty is editing, the Society has commissioned a biography of Sir John Beverley Robinson by Patrick Brode, a Windsor solicitor; a volume on *Crime and Capital Punishment in Upper Canada, 1792-1840* by Dr. Robert Fraser, a specialist in the history of Upper Canada; an edition of *The Letters of William Dummer Powell*, who was Chief Justice of Upper Canada, 1815-1825, by Professor Graham Parker of the Osgoode Hall Law School; and an annotated edition of *The Law Society of Upper Canada Minutes* by John Honsberger, Q.C., who is the editor of *The Law Society of Upper Canada Gazette*.

As part of its effort to encourage and assist the writing of Canadian legal history, the Osgoode Society has embarked on several other programmes. Normally it offers research funding for authors who are preparing volumes for its Publications Series and from time to time, as funds are available, it will support research in legal history for projects which are not tied directly to commissioned volumes. As well, the Society is offering for 1981 three fellowships of up to \$10,000 each to allow individuals to take partial leave from employment to carry out a well-defined programme of research in legal history. Those wishing more information about the fellowship programme may write The Chairman, Selection Committee, Osgoode Society Fellowship in Legal History, Osgoode Society, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N6. Of course, history cannot be written without documents and the Society is actively engaged in the study of the state of legal archives in Ontario. Some problems with respect to the preservation and use of legal documents were examined recently by Catherine Shepard and Peter Oliver in an article in *The Law Society of Upper Canada Gazette*, Vol. XIV, No. 2. Finally, in an effort to enrich the source material available for legal history, the Society is engaged in a major oral history programme to record the recollections of many of those who have made significant contributions to Canadian legal institutions. To date the Osgoode Society has received financial support from the Law Foundation of Ontario.

In the fall of 1980, the Society will be inviting individuals and firms to become members of the Society and to receive its publications. The anticipated fee for individuals is \$25.00. For further information concerning membership, the conference and the publications, contact Dr. Peter Oliver, Editor-in-Chief, Osgoode Society, Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto M5H 2N6.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

A member of Heritage Renfrew, Mrs. Brenda Lee-Whiting of Deep River, has been awarded a Writer's Grant by the Ontario Arts Council this year to help finance her study of German settlement in Renfrew County. The society has estimated that there were close to 16,000 settlers of German origin in the county. Mrs. Lee-Whiting's study should contribute to the understanding and appreciation of this facet of the county's history.

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Usually in this column we talk about our nominees for the O.H.S. Award of Excellence (best local society) with a decidedly non-personal turn of phrase; "the society did this" or "they did that". The rationale is that societies are only successful because of the efforts of a number of people. In addition, the nomination material we receive often points to the work of many people acting in concert for the benefit of the society and their community. But, when the nomination for the Whitby Historical Society arrived in the office, it was immediately apparent that there was one person in the society deserving special recognition in the *Bulletin*. That person is Brian Winter.

After moving to Whitby with his family in 1955, Brian soon became interested in the history of the town. His first public activity was at the age of fourteen when he urged the Ontario County Council to preserve an old house which had been the meeting place of Council 110 years earlier. Although this effort by Brian was unsuccessful, he maintained his zeal and one year later presented a century old clock which had been made in Whitby to the Mayor of the town. Brian was fifteen at the time.

When the Whitby Historical Society was formed in 1967, Brian was appointed the society's archivist. It is in this position that he has spent much of his effort since then.

The results have been remarkable. Two thousand photographs of Whitby dating back to 1860 have been collected along with many other documents, records and newspapers. The archives has become a good resource centre for researchers of the town, including the many genealogists looking for data on various families. Brian has now been appointed the official Archivist of Whitby (a voluntary position).



Aside from the work for the historical society, Brian has kept busy in a number of heritage activities. In 1967, he wrote the historical section of the community's Centennial book, *A Town Called Whitby* and he has compiled biographical books on retiring town officials at the request of the local council. He has also written a history of the Ontario Ladies' College and is now its official historian. Beginning in 1975, Brian has written weekly articles under the heading "Historical Whitby" for the local newspaper. Along with the printed word, he has been using other forms of mass media. In 1974, Brian started a weekly television programme "Whitby Then and Now" which continues to be shown on the Oshawa cable TV station.

The saying "if you want something done, give the task to a busy person" certainly holds true with Brian. Evidently, Whitby Council had this in mind when they appointed him Chairman of the newly formed Whitby LACAC in 1979.

After reviewing all of Brian Winter's activities for the community of Whitby, I could not help but think that if we could get a thousand Brian Winters, the heritage movement would no longer have anything to fear in its future.

Whitby Historical Society & Ireland Studios, Oshawa



*Brian Winter, Archivist, Whitby Historical Society*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Society is pleased to welcome the following individuals and organizations into the membership of the Society. If you have a friend who you think would like to enjoy the benefits of membership in The Ontario Historical Society, send their name along to the Society's office today. A gift membership in the Society for your friend is an excellent idea and not very expensive for the enjoyment you will give.

Mr. John Bell Mooretown, Ontario	Mr. J. Robert Jordan Detroit, Michigan	Mrs. A.M. Mitchell Ingersoll, Ontario	St. Augustine of Canterbury School Downsview, Ontario
Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Association Carleton Place, Ontario	Mrs. Julie Karam Cochrane, Ontario	Mrs. Dorothea Montgomery Toronto, Ontario	St. Cyprian Catholic School Agincourt, Ontario
Mr. Donald L. Carroll Iona Station, Ontario	Dr. Stephen Koladich Mississauga, Ontario	Napanee District Secondary School Library Napanee, Ontario	St. Augustine of Canterbury School Downsview, Ontario
Mrs. Floreen Carter Oakville, Ontario	Mr. J.C. Kyle Toronto, Ontario	National Film Board of Canada Montreal, P.Q.	St. Cyprian Catholic School Agincourt, Ontario
Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society Elgin, Ontario	Miss Bernice LeBuffe Toronto, Ontario	Mr. A.M. Nicholson Toronto, Ontario	Mrs. Ruth Schatz Dundas, Ontario
Mr. E.M. Cleland Flesherton, Ontario	Dr. Margaret MacKelvie Keene, Ontario	Ontario German Folklife Society Waterloo, Ontario	Mrs. Marjorie R. Scott Toronto, Ontario
Dr. Ann A. Currier Bath, Ontario	Dr. P.J. Mackey Sudbury, Ontario	Our Lady of Assumption School Toronto, Ontario	Ms. Mary Shortt Toronto, Ontario
Marion I. Dixon Edmonton, Alberta	Miss L.R.J. Magee Toronto, Ontario	Mr. Philip Pascoe Whitby, Ontario	Alex T. Sim Toronto, Ontario
Mr. James Dunlop Mississauga, Ontario	Mr. John B. Maitland Toronto, Ontario	Mr. Peter T. Parkinson Orangeville, Ontario	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Snell Blyth, Ontario
Janis Ford Toronto, Ontario	Mr. R.K. Martin Toronto, Ontario	Mr. Robert W. Passfield Ottawa, Ontario	Mr. Charles D. Surtees Ottawa, Ontario
Dr. W.V. Gilling Toronto, Ontario	Mr. Robin May London, England	Mr. Gary Peck Sudbury, Ontario	Miss Barbara Swimmer Downsview, Ontario
	Mr. G. Gary Maxted Caledonia, Ontario		The Hasting County Museum Belleville, Ontario
			Mr. S.F. Turner Weston, Ontario



## FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The Toronto Public Library has issued *The Danforth in Pictures* (\$3.50). The booklet recounts in pictures and text some of the highlights of the history of a road which has played an important role in the development of Toronto. Copies can be ordered from the Business Office, Toronto Public Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto M4R 1B9.

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*Sketching Rambles in Ontario*, Vol. 1, is a collection of pen and ink drawings of architectural highlights and natural scenes created by George P. Rickard. The hardcover publication can be ordered from the George Rickard Studio, 755 North Mile Road, London N6H 2X7. The cost is \$14.95.

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The papers from "Canada's Material History: A Forum" have been published as *Material History Bulletin* No. 8. Copies can be ordered from Order Services, Publishing Division, National Museum of Canada, Ottawa K1A 0M8. The cost is \$5.00 and payment to the Receiver General of Canada by cheque or money order must accompany your order.

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*Three Heritage Studies*, edited by David Skene Melvin, is the title of a recent publication from the Heritage Planning and Research Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. The studies are comprised of "Michipicoten; Hudson's Bay Company Post 1821-1904" by John M. Weiler, "An Archaeological Survey for the North Pickering Project" by Victor A. Konrad and William A. Ross, and "The Draper Site: white pine succession on an abandoned Late Prehistoric Iroquoian maize field" by Irene Bowman. Copies can be ordered from Publication Service, Ministry of Government Services, 5th Floor, 880 Bay Street, Toronto M7A 1N8. The price is \$4.00.

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*Collected Archaeological Papers*, edited by David Skene Wilson, is now available from the Publications Service, Ministry of Government Services, 5th Floor, 880 Bay Street, Toronto M7A 1N8. The price is \$5.00 and payment must accompany your order. The book is subtitled "Archaeological Research Report 13".

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*The Joy of Effort: A Biography of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie* is available from the author, Jean McGill, 501-190 Colin Ave., Toronto M5P 2C6 at \$20.00 per copy. The 256 page paperback biography covers Dr. McKenzie's notable career in preventive medicine and physical education at McGill University and, later, at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. McKenzie is known to many people for his avocation, which was sculpturing. The Mill of Kintail near his birthplace in the Almonte area houses many examples of Dr. McKenzie's work.

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## THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL SECTION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1979

### AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of  
The Ontario Historical Society

We have examined the balance sheet of the General Section of The Ontario Historical Society as at December 31, 1979 and the statement of revenue and expenses and surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the General Section of the Society as at December 31, 1979 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Toronto, Canada  
March 5, 1980

Thorne Riddell & Co.  
Chartered Accountants

### THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL SECTION

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979

ASSETS		1979	1978
Cash	\$ 9,279		
Short-term deposits			\$12,753
Accounts receivable	1,013		1,940
Bonds, at cost (quoted market value \$15,087; 1978, \$16,132)	16,325	16,325	
	\$26,617	\$31,018	
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS			
Bank overdraft, secured by a \$5,000 par value bond		\$ 1,129	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,395	5,992	
Membership fees and other funds received in advance		4,905	3,683
Surplus	15,317	20,214	
	\$26,617	\$31,018	

Approved by

Treasurer



**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL SECTION**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
AND SURPLUS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

	1979	1978
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 663	\$ 449
Membership fees	19,927	20,358
Ontario government grant	27,500	27,500
Sale of publications	3,666	5,239
Interest income	1,965	2,252
	\$53,721	\$55,798
Expenses		
Ontario History publications	\$17,423	\$19,069
Executive salary	16,935	15,680
Committees	4,165	3,567
Rent	3,360	2,914
Cost of publications	1,286	1,479
Annual meeting	378	452
Other office and administrative	15,071	13,016
	\$58,618	\$56,177
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	4,897	379
SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	20,214	20,593
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	\$15,317	\$20,214

**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL SECTION**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICY**

Publications on hand at December 31, 1979 amounted to approximately \$6,607 (\$6,676 in 1978) being estimated cost (one half of selling price). These publications have not been shown in the Society's accounts since realization may take many years.

**2. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain of the 1978 comparative figures have been reclassified in order to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for 1979.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Members of  
The Museums Section of The Ontario Historical Society

I have examined the balance sheet of the Museums Section of The Ontario Historical society as at December 31,

1979 and the respective statements of revenue and expenses and surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the section as at December 31, 1979 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Oshawa, Canada  
April 8, 1980

James A. Weldon  
Chartered Accountant

**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUMS SECTION**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1979  
(with prior years' figures for comparison)**

ASSETS		
	1979	1978
GENERAL ACCOUNT:		
Cash	\$ 733	\$1,382
BILL TODD MEMORIAL FUND:		
Cash	461	408
Guaranteed investment certificate, at cost	1,000	1,000
Total	1,461	1,408
RUTH HOME MEMORIAL FUND:		
Cash	1,506	1,171
Guaranteed investment certificate, at cost	3,000	3,000
Total	4,506	4,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,700</b>	<b>\$6,961</b>

**LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**

GENERAL ACCOUNT:		
Accounts payable	\$ 109	\$ 271
Membership fees and subscriptions received in advance	3	6
Total liabilities	112	277
Surplus	621	1,105
Total general accounts	\$ 733	\$1,382
BILL TODD MEMORIAL FUND:		
Surplus	1,461	1,408
RUTH HOME MEMORIAL FUND:		
Surplus	4,506	4,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,700</b>	<b>\$6,961</b>

*The accompanying note is an integral part of the financial statements*



**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUMS SECTION**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES  
AND SURPLUS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979**  
*(with prior years' figures for comparison)*

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

	1979	1978
REVENUE (LOSS):		
Newsletter (net)	\$ 268	\$ 542
Museums Workshop	49	(521)
Total revenue	317	21
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:	801	935
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	484	914
SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,105	2,019
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 621	\$1,105

**MEMORIAL FUNDS**

	Ruth Home	
	1979	1978
REVENUE:		
Interest	\$ 262	\$ 262
Sale of publications		8
Sale of wood kits	80	
Total revenue	342	270
EXPENSES:		
Annual meeting		300
Travel grants		
Purchase of wood kit sample	7	7
Total expenses	7	307
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUE)	335	(37)
SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,171	4,208
SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	\$4,506	\$4,171

*The accompanying note is an integral part of the financial statements.*

**MEMORIAL FUNDS**

	Bill Todd	
	1979	1978
REVENUE:		
Interest	\$ 103	\$ 102
Sale of publications		
Sale of wood kits		
Total revenue	103	102

**EXPENSES:**

Annual meeting		
Travel grants	50	50
Purchase of wood kit sample		
Total expenses	50	50

**EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER  
EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER  
REVENUE)**

53      52

**SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF  
YEAR**

1,408      1,356

**SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR**

\$1,461      \$1,408

*The accompanying note is an integral part of the financial statements.*

**THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUM SECTION**

**NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**ACCOUNTING POLICY:**

**Membership fees:**

Membership fees for the Museums Section are collected on its behalf by the General Section of The Ontario Historical Society and are recorded in the Museums Sections's books of account when received from the General Section.

**A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF  
CULTURE AND RECREATION, HERITAGE  
ADMINISTRATION BRANCH**

During the last decade much has been accomplished in the field of heritage conservation. Strides have been made in the identification and restoration of architecturally and historically significant buildings, and interest in genealogy and local history has increased. Numerous festivals and centennial celebrations have brought aspects of the rich, diverse heritage of Ontario to the attention of both visitors and residents. The success of these efforts has encouraged businessmen, educators, municipal officials and the public at large to become involved in heritage conservation.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation is anxious to encourage heritage-related activities throughout Ontario, and to this end plans to support historical societies, local museums LACACs and other related organizations in the staging of "heritage projects" in different regions of the province. The coincidence of four provincial plaque unveilings this summer in the Bruce/Grey area, and centennial celebrations in Chesley, Wiarton and Formosa prompted the organization of the Bruce County Heritage Project.

The project is based on two themes: the history of the furniture industry and the German heritage of the area. These themes are pertinent to three of the provincial plaque subjects being commemorated: the prominent furniture manufacturer, Daniel Knechtel, and the foundings of Ches-



ley and Wiarton. The also encompass aspects of the heritage of Bruce County which are unique in the province and which to date have been largely unnoticed. The development of the Canadian furniture industry, which by the early 1900's was concentrated in Bruce and Waterloo Counties, has never been documented; nor has recognition been given to the contributions of German settlers who located in large numbers in Brant, Culross, Greenock and Carrick Townships. Even though much is known of the important role played by Scottish settlers, their particular contributions to the development of the furniture industry have never been highlighted.

The activities organized as part of this heritage project include a travelling display on the development of the furniture industry, an exhibit of German decorative arts, "Furniture and Fraktur", and a lecture series on folk art and furniture. We want to alert heritage groups throughout southwestern Ontario, as well as those in parts of the province which received a substantial number of German settlers and thus share a common heritage, to the activities in Bruce County this summer. We hope that members of your organization will decide to visit the area and participate in some of these events.

Carl Thorpe

*Your invitation to the  
BOOK DISPLAY FAIR  
& BROCHURE EXCHANGE  
at the Ontario Museum Association's Annual  
Conference*

One of the several new features to be offered during the Ontario Museum Association's upcoming Windsor Conference, October 30 through November 2, will be a book display fair for museums, historical societies and commercial publishers.

The Ontario Museum Association issues a special invitation to historical societies to participate by displaying their own publications. Display tables will be provided at no charge during **The Meeting Place** on October 30th and throughout the conference. Please bring **1 copy only** of each title together with a card attached to the front cover outlining details on how to order. Remember, some museum shops might wish to stock it for resale purposes, so give a wholesale or quantity discount price too, if applicable. You will be responsible for delivery and pick-up of your own titles—bring them on Thursday, October 30th to **The Meeting Place**. Although the tables will be supervised, we cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage.

We also invite you to display copies of your society's brochures and general literature. Please bring sufficient copies to **The Meeting Place** to be distributed to conference delegates (we expect 150-200 in attendance). Spread the word about your historical society.

For further information contact Cassie Palamar at the O.M.A. Secretariat, 38 Charles Street East, Toronto—telephone (416) 923-3868.

## NEWS OF INTEREST

The **Toronto Branch** of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada moved on **August 16th, 1980** to 344 Bloor Street West, Suite 308, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1W9. The telephone number will remain the same—921-1438. You're invited to attend the official opening to be held on the evening of Wednesday, October 15th, 1980.

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University of Toronto graduate student Donald Brown has been awarded the \$10,000 David Boyle Scholarship in archaeology for 1980.

The award was announced by Sydney Wise, chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which sponsors the scholarship.

Mr. Brown, a PhD candidate in archaeology, was awarded the scholarship on the basis of both his academic achievements and proposal for archaeological study of the French cultural patterns along the frontiers of New France.

The 28-year-old Brown, a native of Kitchener, begins work this week at the site of Fort Rouille, near the CNE bandstand. He heads up the dig, being sponsored by the Toronto Historical Board, to search for artifacts that will document French habitation during the mid 1700's in what is now Toronto.

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The Ministry of Culture and Recreation has announced a revamped schedule of Wintario grant categories. Many of the previous heritage categories have been altered or replaced. For complete information, groups should contact the local Field Office of the Ministry.

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**Farm Days and Folk Ways, Rural Life in Peterborough County 1890-1940** is the title of a new audio-visual presentation which holds attraction for middle and upper level school classes, museum groups and library loan services. Exploring the relationship between the farmer and the rural community, the slide show (plus accompanying soundtrack cassette tape and transcript book) discusses the interdependence between a farmer and his neighbours by dealing with barnraising, threshing and quilting bees as well as much more. Copies can be ordered for \$65.00 from Mr. Peter Weyman, c/o Peter Robinson College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.

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From a recent issue of the Etobicoke Historical Society's newsletter, we learned that the Robinson-Adamson House, on Dundas Street west of Mississauga Road, is a frame cottage built by Ontario's Chief Justice John Beverly Robinson about 1830. It has been acquired by the city of Mississauga and the boy Scouts of that city plan to use it as their district headquarters. The Scouts intend to raise \$35,000 from corporate donations and a further \$15,000 through the forty-five scout troops in the district for the project.

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The Department of Archives Manuscripts and Rare Books, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, has announced that several outstanding collections of interest to historians have been prepared for research. Included in the collections now ready are the papers of Frederick Philip Grove, John W. Dafoe, the papers of the Comptrollers Office of the University of Manitoba (1888-1932) and the papers of Margaret Konantz, a former M.P. from Winnipeg. In addition several manuscripts of Ralph Connor are available for research.

For information on these and other collections in preparation, contact the Department of Archives Manuscripts and Rare Books, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, R3T 2N2.

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Robert G. Hill is the editor and compiler of the forthcoming *Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Canada 1800-1950*. He is anxious to receive any information our readers may have on Ontario's early architects. Mr. Hill may be contacted at Box 1066, Station "A", 17 Front Street West, Toronto M5W 1G6.

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The Etobicoke Historical Society still has copies of Carl Benn's very popular book, *The King's Mill on the Humber 1793-1803: Toronto's First Industrial Building*. This informative booklet can be ordered from the Society c/o Montgomery's Inn, 4709 Dundas Street West, Islington, Ontario M9A 1A8. The price is \$2.00.

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE

A Frontenac County history is being prepared under the auspices of the County Council, by members of the Frontenac County History Committee. On April 28, Frontenac County History Committee Chairman, Harold A. Walker, announced the appointment of Prof. Bryan Rollason as Editor. Prof. Rollason is the Director of the Language Centre at the Royal Military College, Kingston. He will take a sabbatical leave to prepare the history for publication in 1981.

In addition to Chairman Walker, members of the 1979-80 Executive of the Frontenac County History Committee are: John Smale, Vice Chairman and Municipal Liaison; John Grenville, Editorial Board Chairman; Allan Cohoe, Finance Chairman; Christopher Pepler, Publicity Chairman; William Sargeant, Bernard Foxton and Rosemary Gibson, Area Co-ordinators; Doreen Howes and James Reid, Jr., Members-at-large; and William F.E. Morley, Special Advisor.

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### *Historical Atlas of Canada*

The University of Toronto Press has been awarded the contract for publishing the *Atlas*. Mr. Ian Montagnes, General Editor of the University of Toronto Press, has become an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the atlas project as a consequence of the awarding of the contract.

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## Norfolk Historical Society

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Norfolk Historical Society. Meetings of the Society and other events are planned to highlight the milestone. Our congratulations go to the society for its 80 years of effort and progress as well as our best wishes for the next 80 years.

Summer students Valerie Friesen, Cindy Jarvis and Lori Hobbs are working at transcribing as much as time permits of the Norfolk and Haldimand counties 1851 census rolls.

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## Ontario Archaeological Society

The society has opened a log book of those people who would like to participate in an archaeological dig or otherwise participate in field work. People licenced to conduct an archaeological dig in Ontario are able to consult the log book for volunteers. People wishing to have their names added to the book should contact Charles Garrad, Administrator, 103 Anndale Drive, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 2X3.

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## Bracebridge Historical Society

For at least the past three years, the society has been working on the restoration of Woodchester Villa. The project is now nearing completion. On June 22nd, the society celebrated the opening of the Villa to the public. Included in the complex is a reconstructed Presbyterian church sited adjacent to the Villa. In recognition of the support received on the project from the Bracebridge Rotary Club, the society has nominated the club for Heritage Canada's Award of Honour. The curator of Woodchester Villa is Richard Leahy.

Bracebridge Historical Society



Woodchester: "The Church", looking east from the house.





Woodchester Villa, Bracebridge, Ontario

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### Peterborough Historical Atlas Foundation

The April issue of the Peterborough Historical Society's *Bulletin* carried the report that the Peterborough Historical Atlas Foundation had given atlases to all of the elementary schools in the county. Donations from the proceeds of the Atlas project have been given to programmes at Century Village and Hutchison House.

The Foundation has invited proposals from applicants whose historical and educational programmes related to Peterborough County may merit financial support (up to \$2,000.00). Proposals should be submitted by September 15th to the Peterborough Historical Atlas Foundation, Box 142, Peterborough, Ontario.

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### Scarborough Historical Society

The society has recently taken out a lease on the St. Andrew's sexton's house and the Centennial Memorial Library. They are currently looking for volunteers to assist in restoring the buildings; cleaning and minor repairs are the immediate order of business. Major renovations will be contracted for at a later date. Anyone wishing to help should contact Lillian Bargery at 438-4479.

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### Sudbury and District Historical Society

"Show and Tell" is the title given to the annual event in March of the society. But unlike many show and tell

meetings of other societies, the Sudbury group not only has members talk about some object or curiosity, they invite other local organizations to show and tell what they are doing in the community.

At this year's event, members of the S & DHS presented displays ranging from artifacts retrieved from the bottom of a local lake to Madonnas collected from around the world. At the same time, local museums and heritage groups displayed and explained their projects. A film on the mining and refining of Nickel circa 1915 was shown throughout the evening to more than 350 people attending the meeting.

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### Wellington County Historical Research Society

Twenty-one essays on "Business Men and Women in Wellington County" were received by the society during the recent competition. Copies of the essays can be obtained through the Wellington County Museum, Fergus, Ontario, at a cost of 10 cents per page.

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### Wellington County Museum

Wellington County Council has approved a budget allocation for an archival assistant to manage the growing archival collection at the museum. Cindy Clow has accepted the contract for the position. This is another indication of the increasing importance of local archival collections throughout the province.

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## C.H.A. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

The Regional History Committee of the Canadian Historical Association wishes to announce that it is soliciting nominations for its Certificate of Merit awards. These annual awards are given for meritorious publications, or for exceptional contributions by individuals or organizations to regional history. Nominations and supporting documentation for candidates who have made a contribution to regional history within the Province of Ontario should be submitted before December 1, 1980 to:

Professor J.K. Johnson  
Department of History  
Carleton University  
Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6

### 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.



78 Dunloe Road  
Toronto, Ontario M5P 2T6

## Membership Application

Annual membership fees are \$10.00 and in return, the new member understands s/he will receive regular issues of the *Bulletin*, copies of the *Technical Leaflet Series* as they are published. For an additional \$5.00 a member will receive four quarterly issues of *Ontario History*.

The OHS would like to thank:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor's name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County/District)

As a sponsor, would you be willing to help sign up more members \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please detach this form and send it to:

The Ontario Historical Society,  
78 Dunloe Road  
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Secretary:

I hereby sponsor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of new member - please indicate proper title, such as Mr. Mrs. Ms.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City/Town)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County/District)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Province)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Postal Code)



## B. Napier Simpson Jr. Memorial Conference Series

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to announce the presentation of the B. Napier Simpson Jr. Memorial Conference Series. The series is being presented in respectful memory of the noted Canadian architect B. Napier Simpson Jr. of Toronto. It is fitting that this series will deal with aspects of encouraging Ontario communities to maintain the artifacts of their architectural heritage for the benefit of their people both today and in the generations to come. This was a topic in which Mr. Simpson took a particular interest and one of which we are sure he would approve.

The initial conference, sub-titled "Heritage Conservation: A Community Effort", will be presented in Paisley, Ontario on October 4th. The site for the conference is a building for which Mr. Simpson directed the restoration work—the Paisley Town Hall.

Every community will benefit from the conference, which is aimed at encouraging re-appraisals of the heritage resources of a community by all sectors including businessmen, town planners, civic politicians and heritage people. The goal is to get the various groups talking together about how they can all benefit from judicious retention and recycling of older buildings in the towns and villages. Another special aspect is consideration of the rural landscape heritage which we all find about us.

Your community or group should make plans to send representatives to these conferences. There will be five in all. The second will be held in Renfrew on October 25th, with three more planned for other parts of the province in 1981.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the support of the Ontario Heritage Foundation in the presentation of this series of conferences.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE ONTARIO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 78 DUNLOE ROAD, TORONTO M5P 2T6.**

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To: Executive Assistant  
The Ontario Historical Society  
78 Dunloe Road  
Toronto, Ontario M5P 2T6

Please register the following person(s) for the B. Napier Simpson Jr. Conference at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(place) (date)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)

Please find enclosed registration fee(s) of: \$10.00 (Paisley) ☐ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 (Renfrew) ☐ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ONLY ON THE CONFERENCES TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signed



## FALL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This Fall the Society will again be presenting a series of workshops for our members. For your convenience a registration form is provided at the bottom of the page.

### November 1: **THE BASICS OF RESEARCHING**

Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

This popular workshop deals with the basic tenets which anyone approaching a research project on a history topic will find useful. Among the topics which will be covered by our instructors (all professional historians) are the meaning of historical context and its role in your work and the use of the card-file system for note-taking. The workshop will include a session when the participants will have the opportunity to work with some documents under the guidance of the instructors.

### November 7: **THE BASICS OF RESEARCHING**

Lennox and Addington County Museum  
Napanee, Ontario

Format as above.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

To: The Executive Assistant  
The Ontario Historical Society  
78 Dunloe Road  
Toronto, Ontario M5P 2T6

Please register the person(s) listed below for the \_\_\_\_\_ workshop on \_\_\_\_\_  
(place) (date)

The registration fee(s) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ are enclosed.

Registration fees: \$ 5.00 (OHS member)  
\$12.00 (non-member—includes individual membership in Society)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(name, address, telephone)

*Please note that a luncheon will be available at the workshops (cost to be announced).*

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signed

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