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Clendennen Cemetery appeal reconvenes in January

In March, the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) filed an appeal of the decision of the Ontario Registrar for the Cemeteries Act to close and move the Clendennen Cemetery in the Town of Markham. The Chair of the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal originally had set aside six full hearing days to hear the appeal which began Monday, November 27 in Toronto.

By the sixth day of the hearing, however, only the Province of Ontario and the Town of Markham had finished their cases to close and relocate the family burial plot. The developer's first witness, Dr. Ronald Williamson of Archaeological Services Inc., Toronto, had not completed his testimony when the Tribunal had to adjourn until January 15.

The OHS and OGS have retained Catherine Bray of Borden and Elliot who is preparing and presenting our case opposing the closure of the

cemetery and the disinterment of these early Markham pioneers. This case is the first time the tribunal has heard an appeal of a cemetery closure under the new Cemeteries Act, which became law April 1, 1992.

We are pleased that eight Clendennen descendants have contacted us and support our appeal. We have also had many telephone calls and letters to support our position. If you are interested in attending the hearings, the tribunal meets on the 12th floor of the Padulo Building at 1 St. Clair Avenue West in Toronto.

The OHS appreciates the support of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, Manitoulin Island, shown in the following letter sent to the Honourable Michael Harris, Premier of Ontario:

Dear Premier:

The Elders Advisory Council of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation met on November 2, 1995. One of the issues for discussion was the closing and removal of the pioneers buried at the Clendennen Cemetery, Lot 17, Concession 8, Town of Markham.

We support The Ontario Historical Society and the Ontario Genealogical Society who have appealed the decision of the Province of Ontario to dig up and move people from their final resting place.

Burial sites and cemeteries are a crucial component of the legacy and heritage of Ontario. Although the pioneers buried there are probably not of First Nations ancestry, we feel everyone's traditions and customs should be respected. The wishes of the Clendennen family should be respected.

Elders were consulted about this issue and felt final resting places should not be moved. This is unacceptable. This cannot be allowed to happen. Burial sites must not be tampered with. Respect must be shown to those who have left. Let the dead rest in peace. It is disrespectful and if the burial sites are tampered with their spirits will not rest in peace.

We appeal to you to support The Ontario Historical Society and the Ontario Genealogical Society in opposing the desecration of this pioneer cemetery.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Fox
Director



The Ontario Historical Society held its second annual Tulip Tribute on Friday, November 10 at our headquarters, the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. Many friends of the Society assisted with planting tulip bulbs the OHS won through the "Win a Dutch Garden" contest in *Canadian Living*, including (from top to bottom, left to right): Cliff Cooper, formerly of Canada Trust's Friends of the Environment Programme; Geoff Geduld, North York Historical Society; Paul Schelleckens, Consul General of the Netherlands; Piper Brian Urkosky; George Kapelos and Sarah Walker of the OHS Gardening Committee. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

The Life and Times of Yonge Street

Two hundred years ago, the Queen's Rangers, commanded by Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor, John Graves Simcoe, finished the construction of Yonge Street, from York to Lake Simcoe. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the building of Yonge Street, now the longest street in the world, The Ontario Historical Society and the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library are co-sponsoring the seminar, **The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street**, Friday evening, February 16 and Saturday, February 17, 1996 at the Elizabeth Beeton Auditorium of the Library, located at 789 Yonge Street at the corner of Bloor Street.

The story of this famous street will be presented by a number of exciting speakers from across the province. Topics will range from the early days of furs and rebellion to more recent times of subways and the creation of Highway 11, all showing the importance of this artery to the economic, political and cultural development of the province of Ontario.

The Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario will officially open the seminar on Friday evening. After his address and welcoming remarks by Judy McGonigal, President of the OHS and Nona Macdonald Heaslip, President of the John Graves Simcoe Association (which amalgamated with the OHS in 1992), Dr. Robert Surtees of Nipissing University in North Bay will discuss the lure of furs in the Canadian interior and the First Nations and their skills and knowledge about interior travel. Dr. Stanley Mealing of Carleton University in Ottawa will then explore Simcoe's interest in opening a route to the interior and his incredible journey.

On Saturday, Lorne Smith of the Markham Berczy Settlers Association will take a look at William Berczy's settler axemen. The surveys, settlers and settlements along Yonge Street will be addressed by a representative of the Archives Committee of the Ontario Land Surveyors. Jeanne Hopkins of the Canadiana Department, North York Central Library will take you on an exploration of Yonge's inns and taverns. In the session focusing on Yonge Street as a military road and a battleground, Dr. Carl Benn, Curator of Military History with the Toronto Historical Board will discuss the Yonge Street Rebellion in 1837. The Penetanguishene connection will be examined by Rosemary Vyvyan, Historical Planner with Discovery Harbour, formerly the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene. Dr. Rae Fleming, Woodville author and historian will take a look at Yonge Street as a transportation corridor and The Toronto Society of Architects will sponsor a session

to explore the architecture of Yonge Street. Tracy Calvert's slide presentation will take you on a journey following the route of Yonge Street from Lake Ontario to the Minnesota border.

The fee for the seminar is \$30.00 for members of the OHS and \$50.00 for non-members if you register by January 22, 1996. After that date, the rate is \$50.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members. The fee includes a kit of resource materials, Friday evening reception, Saturday lunch, all breaks and sessions.

The seminar is supported by the John Graves Simcoe Association, Heritage Canada, the Toronto Society of Architects, the Ontario Genealogical Society, Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

For further information and to register, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

As 1995 draws to a close and we look back over a busy and productive year, one surprising fact emerges from all our correspondence, telephone enquiries and personal contacts: the growing interest in Canada's food traditions. Here is just a sampling of the requests that we have responded to in the last few months:

- An authentic recipe for the wheaten loaves presented by Aaron and Elizabeth Culver to Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe when he visited the Long Point in 1795 which was recreated in 1995 with a presentation to Lieutenant Governor Henry N.R. Jackman.
- Many requests for an historic recipe for sugarplums as the holiday season approaches.
- The Memphis newspapers needing the history, menus and recipes for Canadian Thanksgiving celebrations for articles

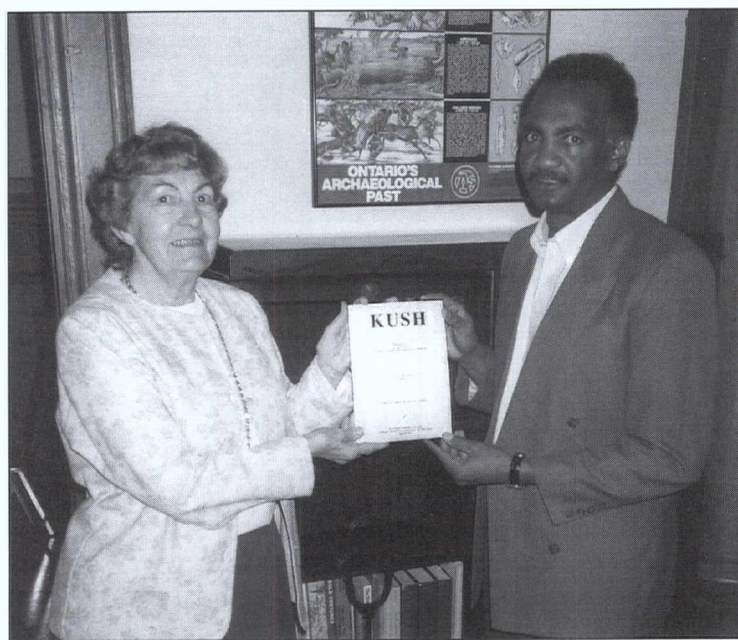
that ran on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend when the Memphis Mad Dogs played the Ottawa Rough Riders in Memphis (26 to 7 for Memphis!) Our American neighbours were surprised to learn that 53 years before the well known Pilgrim celebration, English settlers under Sir Martin Frobisher held a harvest meal of thanksgiving in present-day Newfoundland. Once the newspapers received the recipes, they planned a Canadian Thanksgiving meal for the players.

- Lectures at the Stratford Chef's School, the University of Guelph's School of Hotel and Food Administration and the Streetsville Historical Society on 'Canada's Changing Food Traditions' and the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants on 'Please Eat the Plates'!
- Request from a Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan newspaper for menus of meals served on the lake steamers in the late 19th century.

• The *Ottawa Citizen's* decision to celebrate 150 years of publication with two new books: *Ottawa's Repast: 150 Years of Food and Drink*, by Kathleen Walker, the *Ottawa Citizen* Food Editor and *Fair Play and Daylight*, by John Ibbitson.

• The great interest that has been shown by all those attending the Cultural Celebrations seminars in Brockville, Chatham, Midland, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay in the history and diversity of our food traditions and the follow-up projects and programmes that have resulted from the seminars.

And so it goes, with daily requests for menus, sources of ingredients, recipes and research as Ontarians become more aware of our rich culinary heritage as a province, and the need to preserve those traditions for the future. May the food and fellowship of this holiday season bring great joy to you and your family! Happy New Year!



Discovering Your Community went to Africa when Hassan H. Idris, Director General of the National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums in Khartoum, Sudan recently visited The Ontario Historical Society and presented Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan, with *Kush*, published by his organization. On behalf of the Society, Dorothy presented Mr. Idris with *Discovering Your Community* to take home with him and use in his communities. (Photo courtesy of Robert Leverty.)

Information wanted

The Grand River Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association is collecting information on the centennial of the Norway Spruce Trees which were planted in the late 1890s to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Known as "Jubilee Trees", they were planted along roadways and around farmsteads as part of a reforestation programme initiated by an act of

the Ontario Legislature. (These Jubilee Trees are not to be confused with the younger spruce planted as a part of another reforestation programme in the 1930s.)

Grand River Branch requests information on how this extensive planting of Norway Spruce was advertised and accomplished. Personal stories and memories are welcome, along with present-day

observations, appreciation, tributes and photographs. All information will be permanently recorded in the Branch's archives with credit to your name. Please send your information to Mrs. Doris A. Lemon, U. E., Education/Outreach Co-ordinator, Grand River Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association, 349 Craigleith Drive, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 5B5.

OHS to launch Phase II of Hometown History

By Jean Burnet, Editor

Three years ago, The Ontario Historical Society, with special funding from the then Ministry of Culture and Communications, launched a series of information leaflets under the general title, *Hometown History*.

The leaflets provided technical advice and expertise on such important topics as forming a new historical society; an introduction to incorporation for non-profit organizations; creating and maintaining the image of your historical society; designing a walking tour; conducting a walking tour as a special event; effective newsletters; what is archaeology?; museums and archaeology and researching a property.

Now, with renewed funding from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, the OHS is preparing six new leaflets. As before, the topics have been chosen to help heritage organizations and institutions carry out the vital work of preserving Ontario's heritage.

The topics are: outreach programming for those who face special challenges; tips and techniques for producing and developing promotional materials; tips on basic bookkeeping and financial management for non-profit organizations and institutions; planning a special event; including ethnocultural

groups in your local history and museums and schools, partners for curriculum.

The new papers will be available early in 1996. Watch for news in the *OHS Bulletin* about how you can obtain these leaflets

for your copy of the publication. If your organization or institution does not have *Hometown History*, please contact the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 for further details.

All donations gratefully accepted

The OHS is currently raising funds for the Coach House and grounds of our headquarters, the John McKenzie House. If you are considering a donation, now is the perfect time. All 1995 contributions will be eligible for an income tax receipt, which will come in very handy in a few months. Please make your cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society and send to 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. Thank you for your help.


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Across the Province

By Jane Errington, Chair, Local Societies and Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Congratulations to Earl Connell on the Award of Merit, presented by the **Grenville County Historical Society** at the Annual Dinner in November in recognition of his many years of service as President, Social Convenor and Fiscal Development Chair of the Homewood Board of Management.

The **Glengarry Historical Society** is raising funds for roof repairs to the **Dunvegan Museum** and barn by selling an attractive poster of the buildings and grounds. Contact Box 416, Alexandria K0C 1A0 for details.

Elizabeth Ewen and Scott McLean now head the **Department of Scottish Studies** at the University of Guelph. Ted Cowan has been named head of the Department of History and Literature at the University of Glasgow.

The **Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto** hosted a gala centennial luncheon on October 23 at the University Women's Club with Doris Tucker presiding. Three scholarship funds were announced for Queen's University, York University and the University of Toronto. Congratulations on this new initiative by a society that has made such important contributions to the cultural life of Ontario over the last century.

The next meeting of **Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** will be held on January 2 with the topic "Adoption and Case Studies". Call (416) 222-0719 for details.

Congratulations to the **Esquesing Historical Society**, organized on January 20, 1975, for two decades of service to the community.

The **Tillsonburg Museum/Annandale House** recently hosted the competition sponsored by the Town of Tillsonburg to select the new Town Crier, Brenda Bozso.

The **Guelph Historical Society** presented 1995 scholarships to the following students: Kayci Proctor, Bishop MacDonell High School; Jessica Upper, Our Lady of Lourdes High School; Jenniver Blaskievich, St. James High School; Chris Nasar, Centennial C.V.I.; Darryl Anderson, John F. Ross C.V.I.; Ryan Studinski, Guelph Collegiate V.I.

The **North Erie Shore Historical Society** reminds us that the International Ploughing Match will be held in the Selkirk area in October 1996.

The 1996 Pelham Historical Calendars, containing research and information on local people, places and events are for sale from the **Pelham Historical Society**, Box 903, Fonthill L0S 1E0.

The **Richmond Hill Historical Society** will be holding the January 15 annual meeting and election of directors, as well as a show of treasures and memorabilia by the members, at the William Wallace Hall, Presbyterian Church, Yonge Street in Richmond Hill at 8:00 p.m. This new meeting place has a large parking lot and is wheelchair accessible.

The **Huron County Historical Society** 1995 issue of *Huron Historical Notes* is devoted to the history and accomplishments of the Women's Institutes in the County. It is a very fine read and with the centennial of the founding of the Women's Institute (now a worldwide organization), at Stoney Creek, Ontario in 1897, many other historical and cultural organizations and institutions should be considering a similar project to honour the outstanding work of the countrywomen of the world.

The **Scarborough Historical Society's** January 22 meeting will feature Antique Restoration with Peter Yeung of Kingsmen Antique Restoration at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendale Public Library. Many bicentennial events are being planned to celebrate the opening of Scarborough Township for settlement in 1796. Contact (416) 282-2710 for details.

Construction continues at the new **Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum** at Mount Hope with the official opening ceremonies planned for May 10, 1996.

The **Etobicoke Historical Society** announced two upcoming meetings of interest in 1996, both to be held at **Montgomery's Inn** at 8:00 p.m.: January 25, Ron Brown will speak on 'The Ghost Railways of Ontario'; February 22, Gillian Federico will speak about old Scottish music and its influence today, as well as play the Celtic harp and sing some Hebridean ballads.

Congratulations to Eleanor Kane, the Old Prune Restaurant, Stratford and Mary Wiley, Lake's Edge Vineyards, St. Catharines, on their election as Directors of the Ontario Chapter of **Cuisine Canada**.

A grateful word of thanks from the OHS to Rowena Cooper, Inglewood; Jeanne Hughes, Richmond Hill and Barbara Seargeant, Port Hope for their assistance during the Open House and Sale in November to raise funds for the Coach House at our headquarters, the **John McKenzie House**, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. With their help and a steady stream of customers to snap up the bargains, we raised \$2000.00. Thank you!

Our best wishes go with Marjorie Denton, former Curator of the **Hamilton Children's Museum** in her new position as Director of the **Cleveland Children's Museum**. It was a gala party when the Hamilton museum (10 years old) and the OHS (100 years old) held a joint Birthday Party in the summer of 1988, with Marjorie's support. Diane Collins has been appointed Curator and Christine Lowartz as Education Officer.

Congratulations go to OHS Board Member, Wyn Millar and her husband, Robert D. Gidney, for winning the 1995 Floyd S. Chalmers Award in Ontario History for their book, *Professional Gentlemen: The Professions in Nineteenth Century Ontario*. The award is given by **The Champlain Society**.

All historical societies in Ontario should take note that the replacement for retiring

Joyce Elkin has recently been announced by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. The new Historical Resources Consultant, **Christine Sampson**, is now in place and looking forward to serving you. She can be contacted at 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9, (416) 314-7150.

La Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie, Toronto Branch officially opened its regional library, located at the North York Central Library at 5120 Yonge Street in November. The collection consists of over 1500 books and registers of birth, marriage and death records providing an indispensable tool for researching your French Canadian ancestors. For further information, please contact Louise St. Denis at (416) 861-0165.

The **Wellington County Historical Society** and the **Wellington County Museum and Archives** are co-operating with the local newspaper, the *Wellington Advertiser* to produce a series on historical plaques in Wellington County and the City of Guelph. The series has run every second week since September.

Congratulations go to the **Walpole Island First Nation** for being selected by the Friends of the United Nations as one of 50 communities from around the world deserving special recognition. Walpole Island was chosen because of its exemplary record in environmental research and its advocacy of sustainable development.

President's message

By Judy McGonigal, OHS President

As I compose this article on the morning of October 30, the results of the Quebec referendum are not yet in. By the time you read this, that outcome will have begun to weave itself into the workings of our country.

Uncertainty, it seems, is always a difficult state to deal with. No plans can be made, no action taken, until circumstances are clear. We can speculate, however, that the coming months will be a period of adjustment, change and adaptation for many, including those involved in heritage organizations.

We will be expected to do 'more with less', or, at the very least, to maintain programmes and services despite dwindling resources. The quality and relevance of what we do will be important. Co-operative activities within the

heritage community, and partnerships with others including the private sector, will be encouraged. Fiscal responsibility will be essential as new relationships and policies are developed by various levels of government.

Change is indeed a challenge, but when once embraced with the choices made clear, change can also evolve into fresh opportunities. Now is the time to experiment and explore, to find ways to attract new members, to ensure that our activities are effective, to assess and to broaden our audience, to develop contacts that will lead to in-kind donations of equipment or services, and to encourage and reward the participation of volunteers.

Because our heritage organizations have their roots in Canada's past, they have a firm anchor to face the future.

Do you have a story to tell about Yonge Street?

The Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch, will be publishing a collection of articles titled, *Researching Yonge Street* in 1996 to honour the 200th anniversary of the opening of the longest street in the world.

These articles will deal with many aspects of Yonge

Street history and genealogy, with an emphasis on research sources.

Toronto Branch is looking for contributions to the collection. Topics could include architecture, a business, school, place of worship, burial ground or other site. Articles should focus on the portion of Yonge in Metropolitan Toronto and York Region from the 1700s to the present.

To discuss your idea for an article, please contact Sheila Brown at (416) 920-1609, fax 920-7512 or write the Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, Ontario M4P 2G9. Proposals should be discussed by January 31, 1996.

Want to Discover Your Community?



Canada's National History Society, located in Winnipeg, is generously supporting the OHS' workshop series, **Discover Your Community**, based on our publication, *Discovering Your Community*. At the workshop at the Mather-Walls House in Keewatin, Laird Rankin, (left) Vice President of the national organization presented a cheque for the first installment of the grant to OHS Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan. Randy Jackson, President of the Lake of the Woods Historical Society looks on. (Photo courtesy of Trevor Coulombe, *Kenora Daily Miner and News*.)

The OHS' **Discover Your Community** is a unique workshop which begins in your own backyard. With a team of speakers assembled for each programme, the hands-on workshop takes familiar objects and places them in an historical context. Where better to begin than with your own community? Topics include "Local History: Where to Find it, How to Use it", "Turning Local History Programmes into

\$\$\$", "Local History and the Common Curriculum" and "Using Local Resources to Develop Programmes for Young People". This workshop, based on the OHS' resource binder *Discovering Your Community* and supported by Canada's National History Society, can be held on a week-day, evening or a Saturday. If your organization would like to be a co-sponsor, please contact the OHS for details.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF CANADIAN HISTORY



CANADA'S NATIONAL HISTORY SOCIETY is pleased to announce a national awards program to recognize teaching excellence in Canadian history.

Open to all teachers of Canadian history in Grades 1 to 12 (and OAC in Ontario), the program will be launched in January 1996 when complete details will be widely distributed to the educational community.



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Upcoming Events

December: Come back to **Christmas past** and see how the Boultons of The Grange celebrated the festive season in the mid-19th century. The Grange is connected to the Art Gallery of Ontario at 317 Dundas Street West in Toronto. Contact (416) 979-6608 for hours and admission rates.

December: The North Bay Area Museum presents three interesting exhibits throughout the month: **Off the Wall Cat Show, The Lachance Egg Club Collection and Inuit Soapstone and Ivory Sculptures.** Contact the Museum at 171 Main Street West in North Bay, (705) 476-2323.

December-February 18: Amateur and professional historians, photo buffs, students and tourists can enjoy **The Big Picture: Panoramic Photography in Toronto, 1903-1993.** The City of Toronto's Market Gallery has selected panoramic photos from the collections of the City of Toronto Archives to document the development of panoramic photography and Toronto's history over 90 years. Contact the Gallery at 95 Front Street East on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, (416) 392-7604.

December 23-January 7: **Ghosts of Christmas Past** Family Festival returns to Spadina House this holiday season. The festive merriment features storytellers Mary Druce and others recounting eerie tales inspired by Christian, Jewish and pagan traditions. Contact the House at 285 Spadina Road next to Casa Loma in Toronto, (416) 392-6910.

January 11: The University of Waterloo's Heritage Resources Centre presents **Lake Erie Forum: Parks and Protected Area Planning and Decision-Making Along the Lake Erie Shore.** A better understanding of the kind, number and functions of different types of parks and protected areas along the Lake Erie shore and within the basin are stressed. The fee is \$40.00, not including lunch. Contact Lisa Weber at the Heritage Resources Centre, (519) 888-4567, ext. 2072.

January 13-April 14: The St. Catharines Museum hosts **Many Rivers to Cross: The African-Canadian Experience.** Designed by The Multicultural History Society of Ontario, the photographic display documents the experiences of African descendants who came to live in Canada from the 17th century to the present day. Contact the Museum at 1932 Government Road in St. Catharines, (905) 984-8880.

January 14: Enjoy a celebration of traditional needle arts at Montgomery's Inn's exhibit, **All Done by Hand.** Tatting, rug hooking, quilting, cross stitch and more are displayed. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street in Etobicoke, (416) 394-8113.

January 22-March 31: Attention all Star Trek fans: the Guelph Trek Club presents a **Star Trek Exhibit** at the Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin Street South. Come a day earlier for **A Robbie Burns Ceilidh** on January 21. Scottish music, poetry, dance and food celebrate the birthday of the bard of Scotland, Robert Burns. Contact the Museum at (519) 836-1221.

January 25: McCrae House in Guelph invites you to enjoy tea, scones, jam and Scottish nibbles in celebration of the birthday of Robert Burns. Tickets are \$5.00 for **A Burns Tea.** Contact the House at 108 Water Street, (519) 846-1482.

January 28: Brush up on your wine knowledge for your summer entertaining at the Seagram Museum's **The Mystery of Matching Wine and Food.** Tickets are \$48.52 for this two-hour event and can be obtained by calling Conestoga College at (519) 748-3516. Return to the Museum on February 17 and 18 for the Heritage Day activity, **Barrels of Fun** where you can investigate the history of cooperage or barrel-making. Contact the Museum at 57 Erb Street West in Waterloo, (519) 885-1857.

February 3: Prior to the construction of the modern

addition at Montgomery's Inn five years ago, archaeologists uncovered a variety of broken china shards during an investigation of a refuse dump behind the site. The museum opens the exhibit, **The China Connection: A Century of Ceramics at Montgomery's Inn,** which links the shards with intact pieces from other sources, illustrating how people lived and worked at the Inn. Contact the site at 4709 Dundas Street West in Etobicoke, (416) 394-8113.

February 17: Ever wondered how archaeologists bring the past back to life through their ongoing investigation of cultural remains buried in the ground beneath our feet? Take the opportunity to explore this multi-faceted discipline at the workshop, **Archaeology Unearthed,** presented by the Ontario Archaeological Society and hosted by the Columbus Centre in Toronto. The cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch. Contact Jane Sacchetti of the OAS at (416) 789-7011.

February 18-24: In celebration of Heritage Week 1996, Heritage Mississauga presents **Heritage Showcase** in the Great Hall of the Mississauga Civic Centre. Contact Heritage Mississauga at the Centre located at 300 City Centre Drive, (905) 272-1432.

March 3: The Toronto Postcard Club holds its **15th Annual Show** at the Sheraton Toronto East Hotel from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hundreds of photographs and postcards of old Ontario are available for sale. Contact the Postcard Club at (416) 267-8617.

March 7, 24, 31 and April 7: Explore the pioneer and modern maple syrup harvest set within the nature trails and village of the Westfield Heritage Centre near Ancaster. At **Maple Syrup Sundays,** learn the legends and techniques that surround the production of maple syrup. Enjoy hayrides, pancake meals and discover the gift shop. The Centre also presents a student programme mid-March to early April. For further information contact the Centre at (905) 525-2181.

AAO and OHS present workshop

On Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3, the OHS will host one of the core workshops from the Archives Association of Ontario (AAO), ARCH1000 "Archival Management and Practice: An Introduction". The fee is \$107.00 for members and \$133.75 for non-members and

includes a kit of materials, the textbook, *A Manual for Small Archives* and lunch both days. The registration deadline is Friday, February 16. If registration is insufficient, this workshop will be cancelled. For further information and to register, please contact the OHS.

OAS plans trip to Israel and Jordan

The Ontario Archaeological Society is planning a two-week trip to Israel and Jordan during June 1996. The tour will visit major archaeological sites and some places of religious interest. Part of the cost of the trip will be considered a donation to the

Society, for which an income tax receipt will be issued. For further information, please contact Henry van Lieshout, Treasurer, OAS, 81 Overbank Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario M3A 1W1, (416) 446-7673.

Send us your news

The *OHS Bulletin* is grateful to the many heritage organizations and institutions across Ontario who send us information about your upcoming events. If we had more space, we could, no doubt, fill it with details of your activities. Space is limited, however, so we must choose to publicize the programmes and projects which are happening far enough in advance that will not conflict with our publishing schedule.

The following is a list of copy deadlines for the 1996 issues. Please clip and save it to ensure your information arrives at the *OHS Bulletin* in time for publishing. Please note that each edition comes out the latter half of the second

month of the issue's title and publicizes events taking place in the following two months. For instance, if you are presenting an event in May, you should send a notice about it by the beginning of March to be publicized in the March-April issue, coming out towards the end of April.

- January 2 for January-February issue
- February 26 for March-April issue
- April 29 for May-June issue
- July 2 for July-August issue
- September 3 for September-October issue
- October 28 for November-December issue

Thank you for noting these dates and please keep those notices coming!

Upcoming OHS Workshops and Seminars

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
February 3	Discover Your Community	King City
February 16, 17	The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street	Toronto
March 2, 3	Archival Management and Practice: An Introduction	Willowdale
March 29	Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire	London
March 29, 30	Cultural Celebrations in Ontario	Willowdale
April 16	Discover Your Community	Willowdale
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For further information on these training programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740.

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Port Hope capitalizes on Capitol Theatre

Port Hope has the rare distinction of having the only working atmospheric theatre in Canada, and the community intends to capitalize on the honour. The Capitol Theatre Foundation was formed in 1993 to raise funds for a complete restoration of the building, opened in 1930 by Famous Players.

The architectural design and decorative scheme in atmospheric theatres were planned to create the illusion that patrons were seated outdoors by projecting images of stars and moving clouds on a grey painted, seamless ceiling. The auditorium

appeared to have no roof, and patrons seemed to be sitting under a starry summer sky. Plasterwork stone walls also evoked the image of a walled medieval courtyard, surrounded by a forest. Fortunately, much of the original decoration in the Port Hope example has survived.

Funding from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, the Town of Port Hope and private donors has been successful, but more is needed. Please help preserve a part of our heritage by contributing today. For further information, please contact (905) 885-2449.



Port Hope's Capitol Theatre - the only remaining operational "atmospheric" theatre in Canada. (Photo courtesy of the Capitol Theatre Foundation.)

CHO workshops focus on conservation and planning

Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) is holding a series of workshops this winter for anyone interested in heritage conservation and planning. This series is an example of how a volunteer agency, government ministries and industry are working together.

CHO is a provincial organization, run by volunteers, which represents municipal heritage groups. Its main purpose is to pass on information to municipalities on a variety of issues relating to heritage conservation. During the workshop series, CHO will be bringing in experts to speak on paint conservation as well as the heritage aspects of the new planning legislation Bill 163. CHO will be working in partnership with the Ministries of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and Municipal Affairs, local heritage organizations and the paint company, Benjamin Moore.

The first half of the programme will focus on paint - its

history, use and analysis, as well as the application of paint and stain, both interior and exterior. This practical advice will be of service to anyone involved with restoration, renovation or heritage conservation.

Following a two-hour, activity-filled lunch, the second part of the programme will highlight the planning aspects of heritage conservation. The new planning legislation Bill 163 will be examined from both the provincial and municipal levels. How communities can better conserve their heritage resources through planning will be discussed.

Workshops will take place in Sudbury, January 13; Thunder Bay, February 24; Sault Ste. Marie, March 23; Goderich, March 30; Stratford, April 13 and Toronto, April 27. The cost is \$40.00 with lunch included. You can register at the door or by calling CHO Workshop Coordinator, Maureen Wideman, at (705) 932-2582.

We gratefully acknowledge

By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Seniors programmes find new home in Scarborough historic house

The Becker Milk Company Limited together with the Warden Woods Community Centre have formed a unique partnership that will see one of the oldest houses in Scarborough used by local seniors.

In a cost sharing agreement with the Centre, Becker's has agreed to renovate a 19th century fieldstone house, located on its head office property in south-west Scarborough, to be used as the new site of the Centre's Seniors' Services programmes

and activities. The house, once owned by the Bell family and purchased by Becker's in 1989, is scheduled to open as the new seniors' centre this December.

All renovations to the house were overseen by Scarborough's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee to ensure historical integrity was maintained. The new location will see hundreds of seniors pass through its doors each month to participate in a wide range of events and programmes. The

garden on the one-acre lot will provide outdoor activities to the many seniors who live in apartments and public housing nearby.

The Warden Woods Community Centre, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1995, does over 12,000 volunteer hours to support several community services. This new location on Becker's property will allow the Centre to offer full-time services to seniors in response to an aging society.

Ontario History changes

Terry Crowley has replaced Jean Burnet as editor of *Ontario History*, following several years of service on the journal's editorial advisory committee and as assistant editor in 1994-1995.

A history professor at the University of Guelph since 1971, Terry has written widely about Canadian history, most recently concerning rural labour in Ontario in the book, *Labouring Lives: Work and Workers in Nineteenth-Century Ontario*. His biography of

Canada's first woman Member of Parliament, *Agnes Macphail and the Politics of Equality*, won the W. G. Good Writing Award of the Rural Learning Association.

Jean Burnet's outstanding contribution to The Ontario Historical Society was recognized at its annual conference in Chatham in May, while her distinguished scholarly career was acknowledged with an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Guelph. Jean has

kindly agreed to stay on to help with editing the journal. Her dedication - and her wisdom - are much appreciated.

Departing from the editorial advisory committee after several years of dedicated service are Rae Fleming and Marianne McLean. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome to the committee Dean Jacobs of Walpole Island First Nation, Sharon Cook of the University of Ottawa and Viv Nelles of York University.

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Museum News

The Bell Homestead celebrates past and future

By Brian Wood,
Assistant Curator

Over its 85 year history as a public museum, many celebrations have taken place at Brantford's Bell Homestead. Special anniversaries have been commemorated, houses moved, new buildings erected, plaques unveiled and honoured guests welcomed.

This year, an even greater cause for celebration has occurred. For the first time since 1910, the house appears almost exactly as it did when Melville and Eliza Bell, their widowed daughter-in-law, Carrie, and their middle son, Alexander, took up residence in the late summer of 1870.

The Bells lived at the ten-acre property until 1881. During this time, Aleck, a teacher of the deaf, became inspired with a concept for transmitting speech sounds electrically.

The restoration and preservation of the house began in 1910 when one room was devoted to commemorating the inventor's early life and work. In 1917, Brantford accepted ownership of the property, and with the support of Bell Canada, The Telephone Pioneers of America and agencies

from all levels of government, have worked on totally restoring the house.

By 1969, this goal was almost completely realized when the Henderson Home was moved to the Homestead property. Originally located in downtown Brantford, this house served as Canada's first telephone business office from 1877 to 1880 under the management of Melville Bell and his close friend, the Reverend Thomas Philip Henderson.

In 1993, restoration architects Peter Stokes and Frank Burcher were asked to provide advice on restoring the home to reflect the past and survive the future. In the spring of 1994, a grant of \$350,000.00 was received from the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Programme. By October, plans for the restoration were complete and Ontario Restoration of Brantford was hired to undertake the project. Museum staff began the arduous task of packing and moving over 2000 artifacts into storage, representing the first time that the site had been completely closed to the public since 1910.

Both homes received structural reinforcements that will help them withstand anticipated visitor traffic. The roofs were

renewed with hand-nailed cedar shingles; wall paper and paint in the interior rooms more closely resembled the original, while at the same time adding a lighter touch to the settings. The Homestead boasts a working kitchen thanks in part to the loan of a cook stove from Woodside National Historic Site. Most noticeable are the exterior colours of the two homes. The Homestead is the original cream and forest green, while the Henderson Home is a striking antique white and ox-blood red.

The Bell Homestead is located at 94 Tutela Heights Road in Brantford, (519) 756-6220.



For the first time since 1910, the Bell Homestead in Brantford looks almost exactly as it did when Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone lived there. (Photo courtesy of Karen Vanden Brink.)

New curatorial centre opens at Doon

One of the most significant events in the preservation of the Region of Waterloo's heritage and the history of Doon Heritage Crossroads was the recent opening of the Waterloo Regional Curatorial Centre.

In early October, staff moved to their new offices in the Centre and the monumental process of moving the artifact collection began as well. For 35 years, the concrete block museum and office building served as the administration centre for the historic site. It was demolished in late October, making way for further development of the Peter Martin farm on the pioneer village property.

The history of the museum building can be indirectly traced to the founding of the Waterloo

Historical Society in 1912. One of the Society's original goals was "to acquire, at an early date, a substantial fireproof county building in which to preserve permanently all such records and general objects of historical interest."

With the opening of Doon Pioneer Village in 1957, it was a logical extension of the village's mission to incorporate the artifact collection of the Waterloo Historical Society. The museum building was constructed and opened in 1960 for that purpose. The two storey office addition was completed in 1963.

The Curatorial Centre, funded by the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Programme, the Governments of

Canada and Ontario and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, includes administrative offices for Doon Heritage Crossroads, a general purpose meeting room, a library and archives, change rooms for interpreters and volunteers, reproduction costume storage, artifact handling and processing areas, conservation laboratories and most importantly approximately 20,000 square feet of artifact storage.

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo in conjunction with local heritage groups, held a week long series of events and activities at the end of November to launch the new facility and celebrate this important moment in the area's history.

Phoenix Project an educational success

By Douglas McNichol,
Curator

The Perth Museum recently completed work on the archaeological excavation known as the Phoenix Project on a neighbouring vacant lot on Gore Street East. Seven hundred and fifty students took part in the excavation and discovered 25,000 artifacts, some as small as a shard of china.

The lot, located in the heart of downtown Perth, has been almost continuously vacant since 1816 when Perth was established as a military depot, thus making it a repository of the community's history. The *Perth Expositor*, a local newspaper, erected a shed on the lot for several years until the business moved in 1900. As a legacy of the newspaper's presence, hundreds of pieces of lead type were uncovered, along with china and porcelain shards, buttons, bits of bone and fish scale, old leather shoes and cutlery. Most artifacts dated from 1850, but some were as early as 1830.

The lot was licensed as an archaeological excavation and three archaeologists were employed by the museum. The Project Officer was Ellen Blaubergs, formerly with the Toronto Board of Education, and Nancy Saxberg and Dwayne James. Dena Doroszenko, an

archaeologist with the Ontario Heritage Foundation, was also present at the excavation.

Each group of students who came to work on the site was introduced to the field of archaeology through a slide presentation. Proper fieldwork techniques were stressed, along with an overview of the education needed for a career in archaeology and the value of education as a whole. When the students were in the field, they were supervised by an archaeologist to ensure proper methods were followed.

The Perth Museum first applied to the federal government for project funding, but when the new government was elected, the application was not approved. The Museum then sought other sources and was successful in obtaining money from the Town of Perth, the Lanark County Board of Education and the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation. Just as the mythical bird, the Phoenix, arose from the ashes, so did this project.

The museum plans to develop an Interpretation Centre and Rest Area consisting of a working 1840 bake oven and forge at the site.

For further information, please contact the Perth Museum at 80 Gore Street East in Perth, (613) 267-1947.

RCGA announces plans for new Canadian golf museum

The Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) will build a new 8,000 square foot museum on the grounds of Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville as a result of a donation from the Shore Foundation.

The new Canadian Golf Museum, which will also include the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame, will be located adjacent to Golf House on the west side of the existing building in a structure named the Leonard E. Shore Building in honour of the architect and philanthropist who died in 1989.

Shore's Toronto architectural firm, Shore Tilbe Henschell Irwin and Peters, has designed many prominent academic, commercial and industrial buildings, including the Toronto Board of Trade GC and York Downs G&CC clubhouse. Dennis Peters, a partner in the firm, will design the Leonard E. Shore Building to fit naturally

into the existing Golf House architecture.

Aside from this posthumous gift, Shore was involved in the sponsorship of golf programmes at Ontario universities for more than 25 years and the support of the Canadian Golf Foundation scholarship programme for Canada's young amateur golfers. Recently, he was awarded the Distinguished Merit Award from the Ontario University Athletic Association

in appreciation for his support of university golf.

The RCGA expected to break ground for the new museum this fall, once the final design of the museum was approved by the Canadian Golf Museum committee and the Shore Foundation.

For further information, please contact Karen Hewson, Curator, Librarian and Archivist for the Royal Canadian Golf Association, (905) 849-9700.

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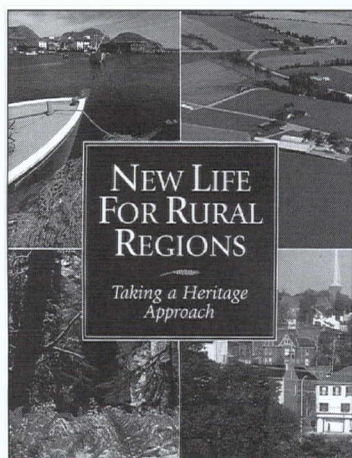
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From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors



Rural Regeneration
New Life for Rural Regions: Taking a Heritage Approach. Heritage Canada. 30 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 paper.

This handsomely produced slim volume presents a process and a programme: rural regions can use their heritage to preserve what is best and to renew and revive their communities. This introductory booklet may seem expensive, but Heritage Canada offers free assistance to groups wishing to follow through on its proposals.

Auld Times

Fergus: A Scottish Town by Birthright. By Pat Mattaini Mestern. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 128 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 paper.

Not a simple chronology, but a sketching of particular personalities, a recounting of memorable stories and a recording of significant incidents in the life of a town through a century and a half. Arthur Black's preface suggests this history is "occasionally naughty, always fascinating, and ... frequently hilarious." But its light style does not disguise its extensive research, an attribute every serious reader will fully appreciate.

Grinding Start

A Mill Should Be Built Thereon: An Early History of Todmorden Mills. By Eleanor Darke. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 130 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 paper.

No early Upper Canada community — certainly not York — could have functioned without a sawmill or a grist-mill. Thanks to a few families — Helliwells, Skinners, Eastwoods, Taylors and others — the Don River mills (adding paper making to their operations in the 1820s) grew into a major enterprise and exerted a profound influence on the development of the town which became Toronto. The history of the early decades is here, at last, carefully researched and charmingly recounted.

Prosit!

Brewing in Formosa: 125 Years of Brewing Tradition.

By Ian Bowering. General Store Publishing House. 167 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 paper.

In 1870, some German-Canadian inhabitants of the Bruce County community of Formosa embarked on a century of making beer. They kept their taps open — the only open brewery in the province — during the 1968 beer strike, nonetheless the plant closed three years later. In 1988, it was resurrected, soon becoming one of the more highly successful micro-breweries in the province.

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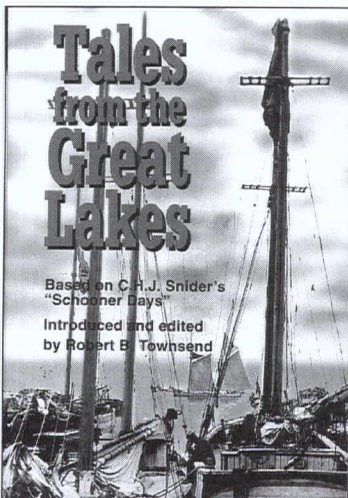
The Invisible Crown: The First Principle of Canadian Government. By David E. Smith. University of Toronto Press. 274 pages. \$55.00 cloth. \$19.95 paper.

Not a book about the Queen, nor about the monarchy, but about the Crown as it evolved in its distinctive Canadian form to become "the organizing force behind the executive, legislature, administration, and judiciary in both the federal and provincial spheres of government." In this era of constitutional crisis, the author presents a thesis well worth pondering

Times Past

Early Days on Gull and Silver Lakes, Gravenhurst. By Wendy Hutchings. 68 pages. Illustrations. \$12.00 paper.

Spending time "at the cottage" is a custom common to many an Ontarian. One such urban escapee decided to discover more about her area's earlier times. The result is this chronicle of a cottage culture with its generations over time: the many for whom the lakes meant summer vacations, and the several who found year-round vocations and created an enduring community.



Story History

Tales from the Great Lakes. Edited by Robert B. Townsend. Dundurn Press. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$16.99 paper.

Journalist C. H. J. Snider wrote more than 1300 columns for the *Toronto Telegram* in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Here is an anthology of the best of them, preserved in a volume to be treasured by all who love Canadian maritime history.

Bouquet

Garden Voices: Two Centuries of Canadian Garden Writing. By Edwinna von Baeyer and Pleasance Crawford. Random House Canada. 334 pages. \$28.95.

Herein a pleasant stroll down the garden path of Canadian history, with selections culled from diaries, letters, articles and books. This anthology celebrates the joy (as well as the challenge) of gardening in Canada from the 1790s to the present. A delight!

Hard Knox

Church, College, and Clergy: A History of Theological Education at Knox College, Toronto, 1844-1994. By Brian J. Fraser. McGill-Queen's University Press. 261 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 cloth.

The 1843 Disruption in the Church of Scotland crossed the ocean causing a split in Canadian Presbyterianism. The new Free Church quickly recognized its need for home grown clergymen (not all could come from Scotland) and created Knox College. In the century and a half since, the college often had its critics and crises, disputes and divisions, but it survived and served — and exercised a powerful influence on the development of the church and its changing role in Canadian culture.

Herstory

Earning Respect: The Lives of Working Women in Small-town Ontario, 1920-1960. By Joan Sangster. University of

Toronto Press. 333 pages. \$45.00 cloth. \$19.95 paper.

A Diversity of Women: Ontario, 1945-1980. Edited by Joy Parr. University of Toronto Press. 335 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 cloth. \$24.00 paper.

Agrarian Feminism: The Politics of Ontario Farm Women. By Louise I. Carbert. University of Toronto Press. 255 pages. \$50.00 cloth. \$22.00 paper.

These three erudite yet accessible studies examine the changing (and surprisingly, perhaps, sometimes not-so-changing) lives of Ontario women during the past 70 years, recognizing their sense of community as well as their independence, their politics as well as their individual strategies for personal happiness.

History Noted

Since our last issue of *From the Bookshelf*, we have received these flyers and notices describing publications of interest:

Trent-Severn Waterway: An Environmental Exploration. By Lorraine Brown. Illustrations. \$16.95 spiral. \$26.95 hardcover.

Trent-Severn Waterway: A Route Through the Ages. 29 minute video. \$14.95.

Produced by the Friends of the Trent-Severn Waterway, these guides are for travellers and historians alike.

Who's Who in Heritage in Niagara: 1995-1996. Compiled and published by Marilyn B. Jackson and Gail Benjafield. \$6.50.

A directory of heritage agencies, local government officials, libraries and museums, historical societies and architectural committees, tours, special events and much more

Battlefields in the Air: Canadians in the Allied Bomber Command. By Don McCaffery. James Lorimer & Company. \$29.95 hardcover.

A comprehensive consideration of the morality of World War II bombing raids on German civilians, including the destruction of Dresden.

Waterloo Township Through Two Centuries. By Elizabeth Bloomfield. Waterloo Historical Society. 500 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00.

A full volume with more than 2,000 footnotes and a genealogical summary of the 150 founding families who came from Pennsylvania.

White stone in the castle wall. By Sheldon Oberman. Tundra Books. 24 pages. \$16.95 hardcover.

The imaginary story of a young boy and the placing of one white stone among the quarter million dark stones in the wall surrounding Toronto's Casa Loma.

"Because It Was There": Into Canada's North (1944-1950). By Mildred Young Hubbert. 123 pages. Illustrations. \$16.00 paper.

The personal story of an adventurous young woman teaching in Moose Factory, based on her diaries and recollections.

Environments. Heritage Resources Centre, University of Waterloo.

The most recent volume of this journal deals with "Learning from Experience: Post Hoc Assessment and Environmental Planning, Management and Decision Making."

A Family Historian's Guide to Illness, Disease and Death Certificates. By Elizabeth Briggs. Ontario Genealogical Society. 111 pages. \$26.95.

Designed to help researchers understand old diseases and treatments, including the meaning of such terms as "dropsy" or "gaol fever."

Field Manual for Avocational Archaeologists in Ontario, Second edition. Ontario Archaeological Society. 144 pages. \$10.00.

Origins of the People of the Longhouse, Proceedings of the 21st Annual Symposium, edited by André Bekerman and Gary Warrick. Ontario Archaeological Society. 154 pages. \$10.00.

The two most recent publications of the Society whose research is of significance to all who are concerned with our provincial heritage.

La réimpression du *Recueil de Généalogies des comtés de Charlevoix et Saguenay depuis l'origine jusqu'à 1939*, par Éloi-Gérard, avec l'addition majeure de la filiation des conjoints, ainsi que par la date du mariage. La Société historique du Saguenay. 80\$.

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Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart,
Toronto Branch,
Ontario Genealogical Society
and OHS Member

We hear so many stories of cemetery destruction that it is reassuring to learn of those who are interested in preservation and we wish them well in their efforts. We offer a special vote of thanks to many who have contributed their time and materials.

Kirkton Methodist Cemetery in Kirkton, Usborne Township, Huron County, has set up a Care and Maintenance Fund to cover the cost of caretaking and some improvements. Descendants or friends of those buried in this old cemetery are asked for their financial support. Cheques should be made to "Kirkton Methodist Cemetery In Trust" and mailed to Mr. Raymond Switzer, Treasurer, R.R.#6, St. Mary's, Ontario N4X 1C8. Tax deductible receipts will be issued.

Gordon Ribble is attempting to locate and preserve a small family burial ground in Oakville. It is believed that members of the McRaney family are buried at this site.

When Jeff Muzzi purchased a farm in Hagarty Township in the Killaloe area, he was informed that members of the first family to own the farm were buried there. Jeff has traced the descendants and is now attempting to locate the burial site so that necessary steps can be taken to suitably mark and preserve it.

S. Sharpe, 7 Rifle Road, Brockville, Ontario K6V 2N7 arranged to have Brockville Cemetery Memorials repair the headstone for Lucus Pergan (1796 to 1860). The cost was \$100.00. Donations, particularly from descendants, would be greatly appreciated.

In July, a series of vicious storms streaked across the province leaving a trail of wreckage. Many cemeteries were damaged. Maitland Cemetery, which is administered by the Town of Goderich, had beautiful trees throughout the grounds. At least 50 were uprooted or broken and had to be removed. Many people donated their time and heavy equipment to this labour inten-

sive cleanup and the cemetery was back in operation in a few days.

At the end of September, vandals knocked over 42 markers in Stouffville Cemetery. Stouffville Monument Works and the Public Works Department of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville repaired all the markers the following day, all done at no charge.

A notice of pending closure has been received for MacNaughton Cemetery in Maple, City of Vaughan, formerly Vaughan Township. This small plot was the burial ground for Reverend Peter MacNaughton

and several family members, believed to be seven in number. Burials appear to have taken place between 1864 and 1912. The cemetery, which is very well maintained, is on the north-west corner of property now owned by Variety Village and known as the "Paul Nathanson Centre for Children" or "Kerry's Place". Anyone with information regarding this cemetery is asked to notify the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

Marjorie Robbins, R.R.#1, Harley, Ontario NOE 1E0 is seeking information on Cathcart Cemetery which is located at

Lot 17 Concession 3, Burford Township, Brant County. Many years ago, the stones were placed against a wall and have now disappeared.

Bob Ogden of Kettleby, King Township Team Captain for the Cemetery Committee, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, recently spoke to the Lloydtown Rebellion Historical Association. Bob told the group about the OGS Cemetery project and the transcribing of Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery. The cemetery is in a poor state of repair which made transcribing difficult. The land was donated in

1834 by Jesse Lloyd who, due to his political convictions, was forced to flee Canada and died in exile. Members of his family are buried in the cemetery. There is very interesting symbolism on several of the markers.

Roger P. Boulton and Timothy A. Graham of Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa addressed the Ottawa Branch, OGS in September. Their topic: Beechwood Cemetery, Past, Present and Future. This talk was followed a few days later with a walking tour of the cemetery, titled "Great Canadian Profiles".

Wooden shoes

George Kapelos, a member of the OHS' Gardening Committee composed the following essay to accompany our entry in the 'Win a Dutch Garden' contest, sponsored by Canadian Living magazine. As reported in the last issue of the OHS Bulletin, the Society was one of the winners of 400 tulip bulbs. Our thanks go to George for this important contribution.

When the Gulf War was declared in January 1991, I was sitting in the studio of an American school of architecture. With this move, Canada was once again at war. For me, the warmonger's rhetoric was thinly veiled. While evil was afoot, the issue was also one of lifestyle and the protection of western freedom to consume. The students around me cheered. I was ashamed.

Twenty years earlier, when word came over the radio that the United States had formally ended its aggression with Viet Nam and indeed that war was now over, I was in a car, driving along a rainy stretch of country road. It had been a messy war; its end a relief. We learned from Viet Nam that good and evil were not clear-cut. War should never happen again, I told myself.

Again, about 25 years before that, when the Nazis surrendered in the spring of 1945, my father was in Holland with the RCAF, part of its post-liberation military operation. Although I know nothing of his precise feelings at the moment

of liberation, Dad told us many times later that war was a bad thing, unfortunately necessary, but nonetheless, bad. "Man's inhumanity to man", he would pronounce.

I have no tangible reminders of the Gulf or Viet Nam Wars. However, of Dad's experience, there remains one memento. It is a pair of miniature wooden shoes, painted blue. "Holland" is printed diagonally across the toe. They were part of my father's correspondence to a young woman in Boston. In the course of time, as these things go, they were married and this woman became my mother. In my parents' life together, the miniature wooden shoes sat on the knick-knack shelf in the dining room. As I grew up, I became aware of the shoes, the myths around my parents' love and romance, and my father's stories of the war.

In my child's mind then, the war and my parents' courtship were intertwined; it became a connection between the war and my own life. We, as baby boomers, were one happy outcome of that time. By the 1950s, things were good and the prosperity of our lives was proof somehow of the happy outcome of the darkness of war.

I remember eyeing the shoes sitting in the corner of the dining room. Somebody in Holland had carved them. In hope, in celebration, perhaps. Just as we had come out of a

dark time, so did they. Good had somehow vanquished evil. The shoes were proof.

My father has been dead since 1980. My mother still lives, but in a diminished state. Her short-term memory lapses, lost to the unfortunate consequences of an illness. Ask her what she has had for lunch and she'll falter. However, show her the wooden shoes and her eyes will sparkle. The stories will start; she will find her life again.

The cheers one winter night over the Gulf War chilled me. I'm old enough now to know that right or wrong is seldom clearly defined. I now know we

live in faith, in an uncertain middle. Carving a pair of wooden shoes in the shadow of war, sending a love letter when the outcome is not certain, or planting a bulb in the cold dark days of the fall become symbols. We know that the cycle's turn can reward our labour. And when spring comes, peace arrives, or like flowers, we know that these moments too can be short-lived.

Our instinct tells us to move forward. Our heart tells us to remember. Our intellect tells us that nothing is simple. We are locked between the memory of the past and the anticipation of what might lie ahead.

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