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OHS salutes excellence in heritage preservation



The Ontario Historical Society's annual honours and awards were presented at Consuming Passions II: Feeding the Multitudes in Ottawa in early May. Recipients are (back row, left to right) Councillor Stephan Emard-Chabot, City of Ottawa, Jacques Hamel and Mark Brandt, representing the Ottawa LACAC for the B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit; Leonard Dudley for the Riddell Award; Angela Carr, Honourable Mention for the J. J. Talman Award; Brian Clarke for the Joseph Brant Award; (front row left to right) Jane Errington for the J. J. Talman Award; Lynne Villeneuve of the Billings Estate Museum, Ottawa for the Museum Award of Excellence; Allen Sneath of the Algonquin Brewing Company for the President's Award; and Jean Burnet for the Cruikshank Gold Medal.

By Linda Ambrose and Robert Surtees, Co-Chairs, Honours and Awards Committee

Congratulations to the winners of The Ontario Historical Society's 1995 Honours and Awards: B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit: **Ottawa LACAC**. Carnochan Award: **Nicholas Mika**, Belleville. Cruikshank Gold Medal: **Jean Burnet**, Toronto. Fred Landon Award: **Elizabeth Bloomfield**, Guelph for *Waterloo Township Through Two Centuries*. Joseph Brant Award: **Brian P. Clarke**, Toronto for *Piety and Nationalism: Lay Voluntary Association and the Creation of an Irish-Catholic Community in Toronto, 1850-1895*. J. J. Talman Award: **Jane Errington**, Inverary for *Wives and Mothers, School Mistresses and Scullery Maids: Working Women in Upper Canada 1790-1840*. Honourable Mention for the J. J. Talman Award goes to **Angela Carr**, Ottawa for *Toronto Architect Edmund Burke: Redefining Canadian Architecture*. Museum Award of Excellence: **Billings**

Estate Museum, Ottawa. President's Award: **Algonquin Brewing Company Limited**, Formosa. Riddell Award: **Leonard M. Dudley**, Montreal for "Space, time, number: Harold A. Innis as evolutionary theorist", published in the *Canadian Journal of Economics*, (November 1995). Bill Todd Award: **Brian Wood** of the Bell Homestead in Brantford, the museum representative who travelled the furthest distance to attend the Conference.

The awards were presented at The Ontario Historical Society's Annual Conference in Ottawa on May 3. Many thanks to all those who took the time to send a nomination. Do you know an individual, organization or a business that has made an outstanding contribution to heritage preservation in Ontario? Give them the recognition they deserve through the OHS' Honours and Awards programme. Contact the Society for nomination forms for the 1996 awards. The deadline this year will be **October 30**, not December 31 as in previous years.

Provincial conservation services take on new role

Gone are the days when staff members from the provincial Ministry of Culture travelled throughout Ontario in a mobile conservation lab, providing on-the-spot treatments of museum artifacts. Gone, also, are the days of treatment being done in the Ministry's lab at its head office at 77 Bloor Street West in Toronto.

In the Province's opinion, hands-on treatment is too time consuming and does not fulfill client needs.

Today, the government has changed its priorities and is adopting more of an advisory role in the area of conservation in an effort to help museums become more self-sufficient. The Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation's one conservator, Jane Holland, is concentrating more on providing advice, principally to museums in the operating grant programme, and to anyone else who requests information.

Holland's main focus at present is to give conservation advice over the phone and to refer clients to private conservators for hands-on treatment or to other museums who have conservators on staff.

She hopes to schedule site visits throughout July and August, after museums have submitted their grant applications on June 30. Visits will depend on the Ministry's budget and each museum's need as outlined in the application. Visits will be site-specific and focus on preventative care and prioritizing conservation concerns such as storage.

Holland has held discussions with the Ontario Museum Association with a view to developing training programmes in conservation. The programmes will serve to fill in the gaps of what is currently being offered, and also provide more advanced training. The role of the Ministry's lab will become more of a

training centre than an actual treatment area.

For further information on MCCR's conservation programme, please contact Jane Holland, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9, (416) 314-7154.

Future of some documents at Toronto Registry Office uncertain

By Jane Beecroft, CHP Heritage Centre

The Toronto Registry Office has recently decided that it will shred ten years of records unless suitable recipients can be found. The documents, dating from 1945 to 1955, deal with property in the Greater Toronto Area, and include registered but unprobated wills.

Sixty-eight filing cabinets of material was offered to the Provincial Archivist, who refused them. Some volunteer groups in the Metropolitan Toronto area are seeking interim accommodation and permanent homes for the documents and the consensus is that the collection should be kept together.

A delegation from the organizations will seek a meeting with the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the Honourable Norman Sterling, and request that a change be made in the Act or the Regulations applying to such records on a province-wide

basis. The recommendation will be that documents first be offered to the Provincial Archivist and if they are not accepted, then be offered to heritage groups, public libraries and municipalities.

It has also been agreed that records should remain in the communities where they were generated, but failing that possibility, a province-wide backup system is needed to ensure that no material is destroyed.

Heritage groups across the province are advised to contact

their local registry offices and express their interest in the disposition of documents and in receiving material should the need arise. Under the Act, registrars have the power to dispose of documents as they see fit, but, at present, any intent to destroy materials is not known.

Do not wait until a crisis arises. Plan now to make your interest in receiving records known so that important documents relating to the history of your community can be preserved.

Important meeting

The OHS will be hosting a meeting at our headquarters on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss cuts in provincial funding for historical societies and strategies for the future. For further information, please see "Executive Director's report" on page two of this issue. Plan to attend!

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Presenting the OHS Board of Directors for '96-'97

President: Rowena Cooper

Rowena was born in England and has lived in Canada since 1965. She was a founding member of the Albion/Bolton Historical Society and later served as Chair of the Peel County Historical Society and the Caledon East and District Historical Society. She has also served as a member of the Town of Caledon LACAC. Rowena has volunteered for the OHS for many years and was elected to the Board in 1990. She works at the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton.

First Vice President: Robert Surtees

Bob has been a Professor of History at North Bay's Nipissing University for 28 years. He has published many articles on native history, and is a specialist in collecting historical information through oral testimony. His most recent publication was *Northern Connections*, focusing on the history of the Ontario Northland Railway. Bob has served on the Society's Editorial Advisory Committee for *Ontario History* since 1993 and joined the Board in 1995.

Second Vice President: Bruce Richard

Bruce received his M.A. in Public History from the University of Waterloo. He is currently the Curator of the York Region Board of Education's Heritage Schoolhouse in Markham. He joined the Board in 1993 as Chair of the Museums Committee. Over the past few years, he has pre-

sented the workshop "Education and the Common Curriculum" to historical society and museum workers across the province.

Treasurer: Jim Clemens

Jim has held the position of Treasurer for the Society since 1972, and also currently serves as Book Review Editor for *Ontario History*. He successfully chaired the New Home Task Force exploring ways to raise funds for the Society's home at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. After retiring from his position as Education Officer with the Legislation Branch of the Ministry of Education and Training in Toronto, Jim established Clemenshof Consulting Services.

Secretary: Patricia Kennedy

Patricia is a native of New Westminster, British Columbia. She joined the Manuscript Division of the National Archives of Canada in October 1968, and is currently the senior specialist in the State and Military Archives Programme, with particular responsibility for preserving and making available pre-Confederation state records. She has served on the Society's Board of Directors since 1994.

Past President: Judy McGonigal

Judy has lived and worked in several communities across Canada and the Society has benefitted from her experience. She moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1988 and was hired to research and design exhibits at



Rowena Cooper (right) was elected President of the OHS at the Society's annual meeting held in Ottawa in early May. Judy McGonigal (left), Past President, completed a very busy and successful year as head of the Society's Board of Directors.

the Sault Ste. Marie Museum. Judy is now Curator/Administrator there, and is very successful in implementing programmes and projects that reflect the heritage of the area. She has served on the Society's Board of Directors since 1990.

Museums Committee: Lydia Ross Alexander

Lydia is the Director of the Museum of Northern History, The Sir Harry Oakes Chateau in Kirkland Lake. She also teaches part-time in the Fine Art Department of Northern College in Timmins. Prior to moving to Kirkland Lake, Lydia was the Director of the Timmins Museum. We welcome Lydia upon her election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

Directors

Linda Ambrose is a Professor with the History Department at Laurentian University in Sudbury, where she teaches Canadian social history, Ontario history and women's history. She is the author of a centennial history of the Women's Institute founded in Ontario in 1897 and has served on the Board in 1995.

Bruce Elliott, elected to the Board in 1995, is currently a Professor of History at Carleton

University in Ottawa and is a well-known author, specializing in the local history of eastern Ontario. One of his most recent works, *The City Beyond - A History of Nepean, Birthplace of Canada's Capital, 1792-1990*, won him the Society's 1992 Fred Landon Award for the best book on regional history published in Ontario. Bruce has also played an essential role in the OHS' workshop, "Writing and Publishing Community Histories", which is presented across the province.

Geoffrey Hayes is an Assistant Professor in the History Department of the University of Waterloo, where he teaches Canadian political and military history. He is currently working on a history of Waterloo County. A native of Waterloo, Hayes earned his B.A. and M.A. at Wilfrid Laurier University and his Ph.D at the University of Western Ontario in London. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1994 and has served as chair of the Society's very active Preservation Committee.

Wyn Millar has written several articles for *Ontario History*, and co-authored the 1994 publication *Professional Gentlemen: The Professions in Nineteenth-Century Ontario* with her husband, Robert

Gidney of the University of Western Ontario in London. Wyn recently completed her term as editor of the journal, *Historical Studies in Education*. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 1995 and will continue to chair the OHS' Publications Committee.

Laura Suchan received her Bachelor of Science degree from Trent University in Peterborough and is currently the Director of the Oshawa Sydenham Museum. She has served on the Society's Museums Committee and until recently has been editor of the Museum News page of the *OHS Bulletin*. She was elected to the Board in 1995.

Bryan Walls has been a speaker at OHS workshops in the past, most recently at our "Cultural Celebrations in Ontario" series. He is the founder of the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum in Maidstone Township, Essex County. The site is named after Bryan's great-great grandfather who escaped slavery in North Carolina in 1846 and built the cabin that year. Bryan is the author of *The Road that Led to Somewhere*, a documented novel about the underground railroad. An Order of Ontario recipient, Bryan joins the Board this year.

Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

Calling All Historical Societies!

The OHS is hosting a meeting on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. at our headquarters, for historical societies and heritage groups to discuss the decreasing support, both in money and manpower, from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

Recent announcements confirm that the heritage organization development grants will be cut by 52 percent over the next two years. Other programmes are vanishing or suffering cuts, as well. What will this do to your programmes and projects and the community you serve? Confirm your attendance by calling (416) 226-9011 and come prepared to discuss the issues and possible strategies for the future.

Cemetery Defence Fund

The OHS has established a fund to protect one of Ontario's most vulnerable heritage resources - its pioneer and historic cemeteries and burial places. As our members know,

the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society are currently appealing the closing and disinterment of the Clendennen Cemetery in Markham. That hearing will reconvene in July with Catherine Bray of Borden and Elliott representing our two organizations.

The cost of this appeal to date is close to \$100,000.00 and despite the support and generosity of Catherine Bray, Borden and Elliott and OHS staff and members donating their time, the OHS and OGS are bearing an unexpected and significant financial commitment as this precedent setting case continues to be heard. In addition, our mail brings us news of other proposed closures and disinterments throughout the province.

We believe that this obsession with discarding our ancestors, our sacred places and our history and replacing them with modern construction will accelerate as land values continue to rise in Ontario unless the heritage community takes a firm and united stand on this issue. Consider a donation to the OHS today and note that it is for the Cemetery Defence Fund.

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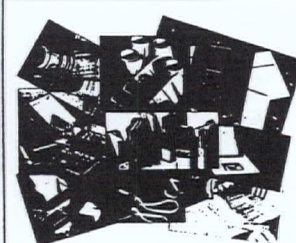
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Across the Province

By Laura Suchan, Chair,
Local Societies Committee
and Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

The **Guelph Arts Council** has announced the Historical Walking Tour schedule for 1996. Call (519) 836-3280 for details.

In honour of Canada Week, the **Grimsby Historical Society** has invited the Lincoln Concert Band to lead the celebration at Coronation Park, Main Street West, Grimsby on June 27. Call (905) 309-0309 for further information.

The **Kingston Historical Society** is planning to honour Molly Brant this year and Earle Thomas is working on the book *The Three Faces of Molly Brant* to be published by Quarry Press. At The **Ontario Historical Society's** Annual Conference in May, Jane Errington presented Rowena Cooper, incoming OHS President with a Commemorative Kingston Sesquicentennial Dollar, 1846-1996, on behalf of the Kingston Historical Society.

The **Innisfil Historical Society** has announced that the Document Centre will be open by appointment in 1996. Please call Ross Wallace at (705) 436-2812 to book your visit.

The **Grenville County Historical Society** newsletter, *The Grenville Sentinel* brings the welcome news that "Ontario's oldest public school in continuous use", located in the village of Algonquin has been incorporated into the new Augusta Township Public Library complex. Built in 1833, it was feared that this landmark would be lost when it was no longer suitable for modern education purposes.

The **Gananoque Clock Tower Restoration Committee** is appealing for donors to reach the projected \$100,000.00 needed for the project. If you can assist, send your donation to Box 100, Gananoque K7G 2T6 and keep this 93-year-old treasure working.

The many friends of Pat Zimmer will be pleased to learn that she has recovered from her year-long convalescence and is now back on the job as Director at the **Aylmer and District Museum**.

A new journal, *Environmental History*, Volume 1, #1, January 1996, has arrived, co-published by the **American Society for Environmental History**, the **Forest History Society** and **Duke University Press**. For subscription rates and/or contributor's guidelines, contact 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, North Carolina, 27701 or (919) 682-9319.

The Amherstburg Bicentennial will be celebrated this year at many historical and cultural events. Call the **Fort Malden Volunteer Association** at (519) 736-1421 for details.

The historic **Penetanguishene Midland Coach Lines**, established in 1867 with stage coaches, has announced a programme of tours and cruises for the coming year that you may

want to utilize as a fundraiser for your organization, institution or community. Call (705) 526-0161, (519) 371-1000 or (416) 777-9510 for schedules, rates and locations.

Markham Museum has started a new project in conjunction with the **York Region Board of Education** called Project Milliken. Eight students from Milliken Mills High School use the Museum as their classroom while following a curriculum that includes academic and technical lessons. For more information, call (905) 294-4576.

North America's longest running training programme for administrators of historical agencies is now accepting applications for 1996. Many Ontarians have benefitted from the Seminar for Historical Administrators hosted annually by the **Colonial Williamsburg Foundation** and co-sponsored by the **American Association for State and Local History**, the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** and the **American Association of Museums**. If you are interested in applying to attend the seminar from November 3 to 23, contact Peggy McDonald Howells, Manager, Museum Professional Services, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Box 1776, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187, (804) 230-7211.

The **Association for Great Lakes Marine History's** annual meeting will be held at the Bruce County Museum, Southampton, September 12 to 14. Contact Vice President, Maurice Smith at (613) 542-2261 for details.

Tired? Stressed? Too much pressure? Take a cue from the **Sault Ste. Marie Museum** staff who are sponsoring Line Dancing classes as a fundraiser on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call (705) 759-7278 for more information.

The **Glengarry Historical Society** welcomed Royce MacGillivray as guest speaker this month, coinciding with the publication of his latest book, *The Bibliography of Glengarry County*. Professor MacGillivray is taking early retirement from the University of Waterloo and will move to England. His many friends at the OHS wish him continued success.

Ontario's Rural Heritage Preservation Committee is dedicated to preserving the site, buildings, artifacts and archives of the **Ontario Agricultural Museum** and the **Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame**. If you have questions, suggestions or donations, contact #619, 200 Jamieson Parkway, Cambridge N3C 4B5, (519) 651-2118.

The sympathy of the heritage community goes out to families of the late John Fortier and William Angus. His many friends will remember John as Head of Research and Park Superintendent at the **Fortress of Louisburg** and Director of the **Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums** in Pennsylvania. Dr. William Angus of Kingston was well-known in the heritage community for his strong support of the preservation of Ontario's his-

tory and built heritage. We remember, with much pleasure, Margaret Angus' term as President of the OHS from 1969 to 1971.

Congratulations to A. B. McKillop, author of *Matters of Mind: The University in Ontario* and the **Ontario Women's History Network** on receiving Regional History Certificates for Ontario from the **Canadian Historical Association**.

Good news from the **Old Fort Niagara Association** that the Campaign for the Colours of \$200,000.00 has been met and work on the restoration and conservation of the 1813 flag will probably be completed in time for an exhibit this fall.

The **South Norwich Historical Society** has created a Trust Fund to assure that the extensive work of the Society is supported in the future.

The **Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill** will host the 200 Years Yonge Festival Ball on September 19 at the **Historic Heintzman House**. To reserve tickets, contact (905) 773-0602.

The **Burlington Historical Society** recently donated a microfilm copy of the 86 year history of the *Burlington Gazette*, 1899-1986 to Mills Memorial Library, McMaster University, Hamilton.

Congratulations to Marcy Ardis, the University of Windsor student who has been awarded the Botsford Award named for David Botsford, **Fort Malden's** first superintendent and well-known historian and author.

The **Pass Lake Historical Society** contribution to the **Federation of Danish Associations in Canada** 1996 Conference Book is an account of the Harry Hansen family, written by granddaughter, Evelyn Huston. To order the book, contact the Pass Lake Historical Society, R. #1, Pass Lake P0T 2M0.

President's message

By Judy McGonigal,
OHS President

Co-chairing the Honours and Awards Committee was one of my early committee assignments after I joined The Ontario Historical Society's Board of Directors in 1990. Now I want to conclude my term as President by thanking the award recipients for the examples they have set for others to follow in the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The OHS Honours and Awards programme began in 1967, stimulated by the excitement generated by Canada's Centennial. Two of the first awards were the Cruikshank Gold Medal, conferred on rare occasions on a person who has performed with distinction on behalf of the Society, and the Scadding Award of Excellence, presented to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Over the years, new awards have been instituted to recognize the contributions of authors of historical works, and to commend businesses and Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees for their activities in heritage conservation. Many of the awards are designated to commemorate the work of individuals distinguished for their scholarship and dedication to history.

Ernest Alexander Cruikshank (1853-1939) born in Welland County, Canada West, was a farmer, soldier and historian. After a 40 year career with the military, he was appointed director of the Historical Section of the

General Staff at Ottawa in 1918. Upon retirement, and until his death, he chaired the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. For 50 years, he contributed papers to the journals of The Royal Society of Canada, The Ontario Historical Society and to publications of local historical societies.

Henry Scadding (1813-1901) born in Devonshire, England was a teacher, clergyman and author. At eight years of age, he came with his parents to their home near York, Upper Canada. He attended the Home District School, Upper Canada College and journeyed back to England where he graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge. After teaching for several years at Upper Canada College, he became incumbent of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Toronto. Ill health forced his retirement in 1875, but he continued to publish pamphlets on historical and antiquarian matters. His interest in the history of Toronto and in documenting his own recollections and those of other early residents culminated in the publication of *Toronto of old: collection and recollections illustrative of the early settlement and social life of the capital of Ontario*. He served as President of the York Pioneer and Historical Society from 1880 to 1898, and was a founding member of The Ontario Historical Society.

The names of those who have received Honours and Awards for 1995 are published in this issue of *OHS Bulletin*. On behalf of OHS members, I extend hearty congratulations to them all.

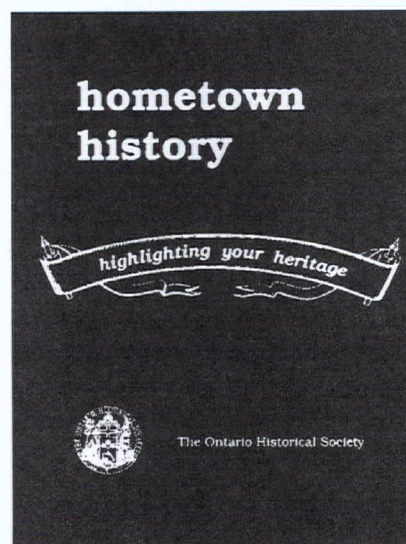
Our featured publication

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to announce the publication of six new papers in our resource binder, *Hometown History - Highlighting Your Heritage*. Launched in 1992, the series of leaflets provides technical advice and expertise on a variety of topics to help heritage organizations and institutions carry out the vital work of preserving Ontario's heritage.

Hometown History now contains 15 papers which include: forming a new historical society; an introduction to incorporation for non-profit organizations; designing a walking tour; creating and maintaining the image of your historical society; conducting a walking tour as a special event; effective newsletters; what is archaeology anyway?; museums and archaeology; researching a property; and the six new additions: basic bookkeeping and financial management for non-profit groups; including ethnic and cultural groups in your local history; museums and schools - partners in learning; outreach programmes for people with special needs; producing effective publicity materials; and tips on planning a festival or special event.

Hometown History is available free of charge to all heritage and cultural organizations and institutions in Ontario. If your group or site already has the blue binder, be sure to keep it up to date by ordering the six new papers, which will be sent to you at no cost. If you are interested in purchasing the publication, please forward a cheque for \$15.00 to The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

The Ontario Historical Society gratefully acknowledges the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for the generous support of this publication.



Upcoming Events

June-August 6: Dinosaur mania has invaded Belleville! Glanmore - Hastings County Museum launched **Dinosaurs Downtown** earlier this Spring to raise funds for its much needed restoration project. The 3500 square foot exhibit on loan from Research Casting International, whose work can be seen in the film, Jurassic Park, takes place at Century Place in downtown Belleville. The exhibit is open seven days a week. Contact Christine Zaporzan at the Museum, (613) 962-2329.

June 29: What made Yonge Street famous in North York? Join tour guide, Frank Whilsmith of the North York Historical Society, as he provides answers to this question during **North York's Yonge Street Bicentennial Bus Tour**. The tour heads north from the York Mills Toll Gate to "Bird in the Hand Inn" and Steeles Hotel, identifying 20 sites in between. Contact the Gibson House at 5172 Yonge Street in North York for ticket information at (416) 395-7432.

July 1: Take in Penetanguishene Centennial Museum's annual **Canada Day Celebrations**. Enjoy local entertainers, craft displays and a special exhibition, "Views of Penetanguishene. Contact the Museum at (705) 549-2150.

July 1: Celebrate **Canada Day in Ramsden Park** in the community of Yorkville in Toronto. Activities in this park, on the site of the old Yorkville brickyard, across from the Rosedale subway station, include entertainment from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with early Canadian music, dancers, instrumentalists, First Nations, special food, exhibits and period costumes. The event concludes with walk-

ing tours. Contact Jane Beecroft at the CHP Heritage Centre, (416) 515-7546.

July 13: Don't miss the Victoria County Historical Society's **Blooms of Summer Garden Tour** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. featuring sites in and around Lindsay. The tour includes music and refreshments in a private garden setting. Box lunches are available by reservation. Tickets are \$10.00. Contact Lorraine at (705) 799-6672 or Dorothy at (705) 324-5987.

July 13, 14: Visit the Bell Homestead in Brantford for a **Barn Sale and Barbecue** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Homestead at 94 Tutela Heights Road, (519) 756-6220.

July 14: Barnum House hosts **A Country Fair** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Explore booths selling unusual and unique objects for home and garden, and enjoy refreshments and old-fashioned afternoon tea. Contact the House on Highway 2, 1 km. west of Grafton, (905) 349-2656.

July 15-18: Create a mini-holiday with a heritage theme this summer through **Heritage Summer Experience '96** taking place in Perth. Participate in a series of two-day workshops on a variety of topics including researching the history of buildings, exploring period gardens, collecting antique hand tools and decorating a heritage home. The Perth Campus of Algonquin College hosts the event. For registration fees and times, contact (613) 267-2859, ext. 5622.

July 21: Lundy's Lane Historical Society in Niagara Falls presents the **Battle of Lundy's Lane Commem-**

orative Service at Drummond Hill Cemetery. Return to the area on August 25 for a **Walking Tour of Historic Chippawa**. For times and tour information, contact Sherman Zavitz at (905) 356-7926.

July 21: Explore the medicinal, culinary and spiritual uses of herbs at the Scugog Shores Museum's **Scugog Festival of Herbs**. An herb luncheon served in the Historic Church's Tea Room, combined with workshops, lectures and vendors make this a day not to miss. Scugog Shores Museum Village is located 2 km. east of Port Perry on Island Road. Contact (905) 985-3589 for times and ticket information.

August 3, 4: The East Gwillimbury 200 Years Yonge Committee has planned two significant events to celebrate **Yonge Street's 200th anniversary**. On the 3rd and 4th, approximately 100 military reenactors in period costume will create a living history encampment at Anchor Park in Holland Landing, representing life in Upper Canada from the 1750s to 1800. On the 4th, a 153-year-old time capsule located in the cornerstone of Christ Anglican Church in Holland Landing, will be opened and displayed to the public at a special service. Contact Gordon Fraser at (905) 853-4574.

August 4: Picturesque Port Sydney is the site of a **Heritage Tour of 10 Homes, Cottages and Churches** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the self-guided tour, sponsored by Heritage Huntsville, are \$12.00 and include a map of heritage buildings on the tour and information on the community. Tickets are available in July at several outlets in Muskoka including Muskoka Lakes

Museum in Port Carling. Contact (705) 789-7244 for further information.

August 10, 11: Don't miss the Cannington and Area Historical Society's 18th annual **Quilt and Craft Sale** at the Cannington Community Centre. The event features over 70 exhibitors, 100 quilts for sale and display, a quilt raffle, home cooked food and craft demonstrations. Contact (705) 432-3053 for ticket information and times.

August 10, 11: Experience the **Siege of Fort Erie** as War of 1812 re-enactors demonstrate living history at Historic Fort Erie. Period encampments, settlers, tactical displays and special lantern tours of the fort following the siege are featured. Contact the Fort at 350 Lakeshore Road, (905) 356-2241.

August 10: Calling all members of the Nelles family. The annual **Nelles Family Association Reunion** takes place at Centennial Park Baptist Church Hall, 11 Kennedy Avenue in Grimsby. Contact the Church for times, (905) 945-8932.

August 11: Myrtleville House Museum in Brantford welcomes you to its **Cavalcade of Corn - Mid-Summer Festival** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Museum at 34 Myrtleville Drive, (519) 752-3216.

August 16, 17, 18: Attention all bear and Pooh fans. White River is hosting the **8th Winnie's Hometown Festival**. Bear workshops, family entertainment, contests and more are featured. Last Autumn, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada designated White River's CPR Station as a heritage railway station under the Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act. During the festival this August, a plaque will be unveiled commemorating the designation. Contact Bernice Makepeace, White River Museum Director at (807) 822-2657 or 822-2783.

August 22-25: The Alumnae Association of Trafalgar Castle School hosts its fifth annual **Antiques Fair**. On the 24th at 2:00 p.m., Conrad Biernacki of Ritchie's Auction House presents a lecture exploring all aspects of the Gothic style and its influence on the decorative arts. Tickets are \$5.00. Contact (905) 844-7062.

August 24, 25: Enjoy good old-fashioned fun for the whole family at the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society's 25 annual **Steam Threshing Days**. The show, taking place at the Uxbridge-Scott Museum in Uxbridge, features entertainment, living history displays, home baked pies and BBQ'd sausages. Contact (905) 852-5854 for ticket information and times.

Visit with the OHS on Simcoe Day

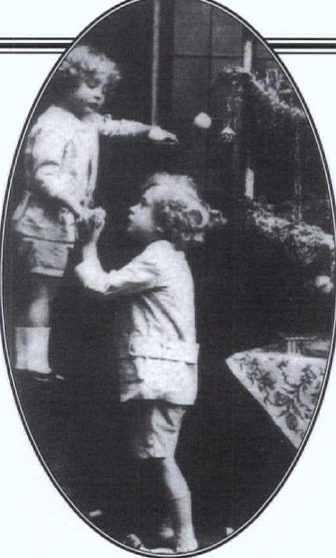
On Monday, August 5, The Ontario Historical Society will be participating in the Simcoe Day Celebrations taking place at Todmorden Mills Museum in East York. Young people can try writing and drawing on birch bark, just like Elizabeth Simcoe, wife of Upper Canada's first Lieutenant Governor, John Graves Simcoe. The event takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Museum located on Pottery Road between Bayview and Broadview Avenues in East York. Regular admission rates will be in effect.

Be sure to stop by and visit with the OHS. For further information, please contact the Society at (416) 226-9011.

Upcoming OHS Workshops

DATE	WORKSHOP	LOCATION
August 7	Herbs in History: Medicine and Magic, Food and Fragrance	Kagawong
September 26	Discover Your Community	London
October 2	Let's Bake Bread	North Bay
October 9	Discover Your Community	St. Catharines
October 19	Discover Your Community	Hamilton
November 9	Celebrations of the Early Settlers	Milton
November 23	Preparing for a Victorian Christmas in the 19th Century	Kirby

For further information on these training programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.



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The cemeteries of Yonge Street

Yonge Street and Penetanguishene Road Cemeteries

Prepared by Marjorie Stuart from material provided by Josephine Boos and Stella Gianetto of the Simcoe County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and Ross Wallace of Innisfil Historical Society.

We continue to celebrate 200 Years Yonge, and remember those who lived, worked and died along the route begun in 1796 to connect the Town of York with the Naval Establishment at Penetanguishene. As we head north through West Gwillimbury Township, **Mount Pleasant Cemetery** is the first cemetery on this part of the road. It is located about two miles north of Bradford on land that was purchased in 1869 for a Wesleyan Methodist Church.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery and **St. John's Presbyterian Cemetery** are both located at the 11th Concession and Yonge Street at Coulson's Hill. Dating from 1855 and 1858 respectively, both cemeteries were once a part of the farm of John Coulson.

In July 1850, James Tindal donated the land for a Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery to be located at Deerhurst. **Ebenezer United Church Cemetery** remains to mark the site at Concession 12 and Yonge Street.

Zion Cemetery, now located in Innisfil Township on the east side of Yonge Street, dates from 1868, when land for Zion Primitive Methodist Church and Cemetery was bought from one of the Church trustees, John Wood, for £1. The church burned about 1920 and the well maintained cemetery is now under the care of Gilford United Church.

St. Clement's Cemetery which is also known as Cherry Creek Cemetery or Second Line Cemetery is possibly the oldest known burial location in Innisfil Township. It is located on land donated in 1837 by Lewis J. Clement UE on Concession Line 2, a little to the east of Yonge Street.

In 1846, Colonel George Duggan gave two acres to the Diocese of Toronto for **St. Peter's Anglican Church** and

Cemetery at Churchill. The first burial was that of George McLelland in 1849. There is an unmarked section at the southern boundary of the cemetery where many children who died of diphtheria are buried.

Sixth Line Cemetery is located two miles further along the Highway, at the southwest corner of the Sixth Line. Established in 1844 as a Presbyterian cemetery, it is the burial location of many of the Dalhousie Settlers. A memorial cairn in their honour was erected in 1932. Andrew F. Hunter, the author of *The History of Simcoe County* is also buried there.

St. James United Church Cemetery at Stroud, once known as Victoria, was established in 1851 when Peter Lawrence reserved three quarters of an acre for a burial ground for the Wesleyan Methodist Church. There are many monuments to pioneers of the community, among them soldiers from the Napoleonic Wars, the War of 1812, the U.S. Civil War and more recently, World Wars I and II. Of particular significance to 200 Years Yonge is the burial site of George Warnica. George and his brother John secured the contract for the construction of an 11 mile stretch of Yonge Street from Churchill to Kempenfeldt Bay in 1825. They were paid \$55.00 or \$5.00 per mile!

St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, located at Concession Line 12, was established in 1845 by John Pratt who donated the property. Squire Benjamin Ross is buried here. He was the Postmaster for Innisfil Township for many years. Each Sunday he placed the mail in his top hat and passed it to the parishioners.

Travelling along the Penetanguishene Road, we reach

Crown Hill, now a part of northern Barrie. A Wesleyan Methodist Church purchased land in 1844 from John and Clarissa Lawrence. The chapel was never built but **Lawrence Cemetery** remains. Premier E. C. Drury, who helped to found The United Farmers of Ontario, came from Crown Hill.

Continuing along we come to **St. James Anglican Cemetery** before reaching Highway 400. Here Yonge Street and the Penetanguishene Road (Highway 93) part company. Space will allow only a quick look at the cemeteries along the latter road, though deserving of much more than a brief mention. At Dalston, in the Dalston United Church Cemetery, a plaque was erected to the memory of Peter White, one of the earliest settlers.

St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery is located at Craighurst in Oro Township. Craighurst Presbyterian Cemetery and Hillsdale Presbyterian Cemetery are in Medonte Township and Hillsdale Methodist, now United, Cemetery is located in Flos Township. Also located in Flos Township are Waverley Methodist and Waverley Gospel Hall cemeteries. Good Shepherd Anglican Cemetery and Wyebidge Cemetery are located in Wyebidge.

St. James-on-the-Lines Anglican Church in Penetanguishene was established in 1818 to serve the naval and military base as well as the community which grew up close to it. The cemetery is believed to have been established in the mid 1820s.

"The Old Barrie Road" led east from Dalston to Orillia and was one of the routes travelled by the early settlers of the area. We will explore more fully that route and "The Ridge Road", commonly known as "Shanty Bay Road", in the next issue of the *OHS Bulletin*.



At the recent Milton Heritage Awards ceremony, six people were recognized for their architectural achievements. (From left to right) Don and Ann Corker conserved a non-designated property, a 140-year-old cottage; Jim and Patricia Douglas restored a designated property, an 1887 house owned by a prominent merchant of early Milton; and Paul and Judy Boivin built a Queen Anne style home across from the Milton fairgrounds and were applauded for appropriate in-fill construction. (Photo courtesy of the Milton Historical Society.)

We gratefully acknowledge

By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Some of the history you didn't know

By Terry Crowley,
Editor, *Ontario History*

Fascinating new worlds of history continue to be unearthed and presented for our enjoyment in the June 1996 issue of *Ontario History*.

Who was the first woman civil servant in Upper Canada? You probably lost that trivia question, but find out all about her and her vicissitudes as a widow. As she was employed as government housekeeper, learn the secrets to which she

was privy in a stimulating and slightly titillating article by Keith Johnston, recently retired from Carleton University in Ottawa.

The early 19th century settlement of parts of the Queen's Bush by people of colour has been known only dimly until the appearance in this issue of the informative investigations of Linda Kubisch-Brown of the state archives of Missouri. Our multicultural past keeps expanding.

So does our interest in the environment. A third article explores the devastation wrought so that agriculture could be pursued in southern Ontario and successful conservation efforts to redeem part of the countryside during the early part of the 20th century. The before and after photos alone speak volumes.

The June issue of *Ontario History* brings in focus a past once obscure but now more fully illuminated.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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Museum News

Mushinski visits Stratford-Perth Museum

On Saturday, April 13 the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation visited the Stratford-Perth Museum in Stratford. Accompanied by local MPP, Bert Johnson, the Minister toured the site and previewed the new exhibits.

Following her tour, the Minister was treated to an informal reception where she and Johnson were each presented with a unique gift of decorated glove forms by the museum's Board Chair, Harry Brightwell.

The presentation was part of a launch of the museum's fundraising campaign involving sales of the delicately decorated forms, produced by the old Ballantyne Glove factory that was in operation in Stratford until the 1950s. These truly



Stratford-Perth Museum Board Chair, Harry Brightwell (left) presented pairs of decorated glove forms to the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and local MPP, Bert Johnson at a recent visit to the museum. The presentation helps to launch sales of the glove forms to raise funds for the museum. (Photo courtesy of Karen Vanden Brink.)

unique gifts will be on sale in the gift shop in many styles to fit any taste.

For further information,

please contact the Stratford-Perth Museum, 182 King Street, Stratford, Ontario N5A 4S1, (519) 271-5311.

Ontario Agricultural Museum makes plans for the future

Despite an announcement by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to cut the Ontario Agricultural Museum's budget by 50 percent this year, and cease funding altogether on March 31, 1997, the Milton site continues to make plans for its future.

A Peter Etril Snyder painting, which depicts a threshing operation from the early 20th century, will be used for a poster to publicize this summer's Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days at the Museum. The scene includes a steam engine, threshing machine and water wagon, all made by the Waterloo Manufacturing Company, which will be highlighted at this year's event from July 19 to 21.

Snyder, who will be the Museum's 1996 Artist-in-Residence, is well known for his paintings that depict Mennonite country life. Copies of the poster are currently for sale

with proceeds going towards future Museum projects.

Before the announcement came about the cut in funding, Museum staff had begun planning a major celebration to take place in 1997 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Canada's best known farm machinery manufacturer,

Massey-Ferguson. While the site's future remains unclear, the decision has been made to go ahead with the celebration at next year's Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days taking place July 17 to 20.

For further information, please contact the Ontario Agricultural Museum at (905) 878-8151.

Doon offers a look behind the scenes

Doon Heritage Crossroads' Curatorial staff offers a look behind the scenes at the new Waterloo Regional Curatorial Centre on the third Monday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In addition to a tour of the Region's new home for heritage preservation, staff highlights a different part of Doon's collection at each visit. Regular admission applies which also includes entry to the 1914 living history site.

July 15 - Rocking Horses

August 19 - Toys

September 16 - Cook Books

October 21 - Bottles

November 18 - Greeting Cards

December 16 - Christmas Collectibles

For further information, please contact Doon Heritage Crossroads at R. R. #2, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 3W5, (519) 748-1914.

White River Museum on the move

The Museum in White River will be on the move this summer to the downtown of this northern Ontario birthplace of the famous bear, Winnie-the-Pooh. The old Royal Bank building has been donated to the Township of White River

and has been designated for use as a museum.

The present location of the museum is overflowing with Pooh memorabilia and bears of all descriptions donated by various companies and individuals. A former resident of the area,

whose father operated a general store, has recently contributed several boxes of artifacts. The relocation to a new site could not have been more timely.

This year, the museum will be presenting a special exhibition in memory of Christopher Milne, author of the many Winnie-the-Pooh stories. On display will be three of Milne's autographed books and two of his father's Milne autographed. Over the years, the museum corresponded with Milne and copies of the letters will be exhibited, as well.

For further information on the White River Museum, please contact Director Bernice Makepeace at (807) 822-2657 or 822-2783.

Help move the Denfield General Store to Fanshawe Pioneer Village

Fanshawe Pioneer Village launched an \$80,000.00 fundraising campaign earlier this year to move the Denfield General Store to the Village site near London. Southwestern Ontario residents have been very supportive of the campaign, and just over one-quarter of the amount has already been raised.

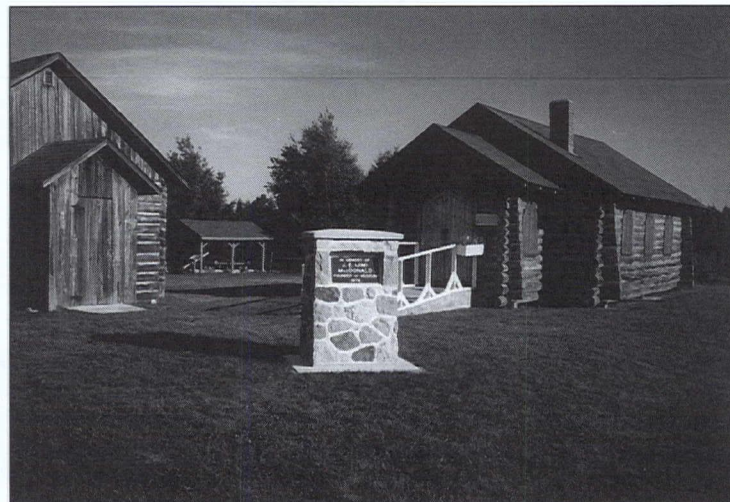
The Denfield building has not operated as a general store for over 40 years, but Fanshawe intends to bring it back to life in a new location and add to its collection of over 25 restored and reconstructed buildings.

Built in July 1877, the store represents a time when people made outings to buy food, collect mail and hear the latest news, tales and gossip all in one place. The structure has an elongated original layout, typical of many early country stores. A storekeeper's residence occupies the second floor and on the front of the

building is an original two-storey verandah with gingerbread work. The original windows remain intact on the store front and antique tongue and groove sidings are displayed on the front and west sides. The interior of the store also features one original counter.

The 19th century crossroads pioneer village hopes to be able to move the Denfield store this summer and has a number of events planned to assist in the fundraising programme. You can support the campaign in a number of ways. Donations can be made at any Canada Trust Branch in southwestern Ontario or CIBC branches in Ilderton and Ailsa Craig. Volunteers are needed in the actual restoration of the store and donations of building materials and antiques for an auction sale are being accepted.

For further information and to offer your support, please contact Jennifer Polci at (519) 473-1360.



In memory of the late Jim MacDonald, the Thessalon Township Heritage Association unveiled a plaque at the Little Rapids Museum in Thessalon Township in northern Ontario. MacDonald worked tirelessly to record and preserve the history of the area and was also the driving force behind the founding of the Museum. (Photo courtesy of the Thessalon Township Heritage Association.)

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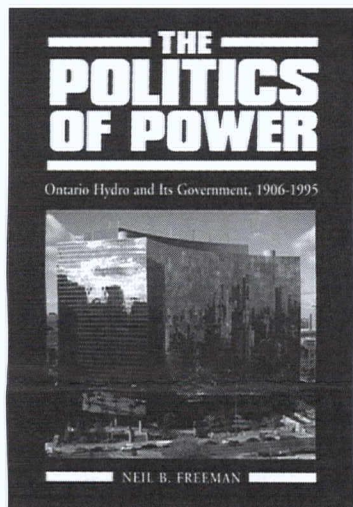
From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors

67 Years Yonge

The Yonge Street Story: 1793-1860. By F. R. Berchem. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 192 pages. \$19.95 paper.

With simple and direct narrative, this book tells the story — or, rather, the stories — of the first seven decades of one street, our street, Yonge Street. Exploration, settlement, war, trade, politics and rebellion are all here. This is no slick quick run-through of anecdotes and events. It is the product of thorough research and is enriched by maps and striking woodcuts, all of which testify to the author/artist's devotion to his subject. A reprint of a long-out-of-print book, it arrives just in time for this year's celebrations. May its success prompt issuing the (never published) second volume, carrying the street's story into its second century.



Current Events

The Politics of Power: Ontario Hydro and Its Government, 1906-1995. By Neil B. Freeman. University of Toronto Press. 252 pages. \$55.00 cloth, \$18.95 paper.

Conceived in controversy, Ontario Hydro was created with the public purpose of providing cheap and efficient electrical power to all Ontarians. In the course of its succeeding history, the giant corporation became much more than a municipally owned independent enterprise; it was used by each provincial government for its own social and political objectives. All who would engage in discussion of current proposals for Hydro's privatization will find this careful study most enlightening.

Real Estate

Deeds/Abstracts: the History of a London Lot. By Greg Curnoe. Brick Books. 200 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 paper.

Here is an extraordinary exercise in historical investigation and imagination. The purchase of a house in London prompted Curnoe to probe its past. His digging into written records (and into the earth in his back yard) took him back in time, much further than the printing establishment which once operated there or the various families who formerly lived there, into the area's earliest

human history. As an artist — abstract paintings inspired by his property are in the book — he shaped the fruits of his investigations into a chronological journal covering ten thousand years, layer by layer presenting a history, from the camps of hunter-gatherers to the recent death of the family dog.

Sweet Sault

The Border at Sault Ste. Marie. By Graeme S. Mound, John Abbott and Michael J. Mulloy. Dundurn Press. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$14.99 paper.

Two history professors and a photographer have combined their skills to sketch both sides of a single line, the boundary between two nations, the river which separates the communities of Sault Ste. Marie. With quick vignettes, the authors tell of the unitings and dividings, from the fall of Michilimackinac in the War of 1812 to the gambling controversies of our own time. Two centuries of development and debate — political and religious, economic and cultural, military and legal — have always been energetic.

Family History

Cloud of Witnesses. By Lucy McNeil. Privately published. 93 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00.

This is the tracing of the Gamble family from the American Revolution through its emigration to New Brunswick and eventually to this province, where some members associated with (and married into) the Family Compact. This narrative is enriched by its reprinting of a number of original letters, petitions and other early documents, including some relating to the early years of Upper Canada.

First Nations

Iroquois Fires: The Six Nations Lyrics and Lore of Dawendine. By Bernice Loft Winslow. Penumbra Press Poetry Series #40. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 paper.

Like her mentor Pauline Johnson, Bernice Loft Winslow or Dawendine (her Native name) wrote and recited poems, stories and legends about her people's fast disappearing heritage and culture. *Iroquois Fires* brings all her writings together. This attractive book is enhanced by a number of illustrations, including several by C. W. Jeffreys, who originally proposed publication of this book some 50 years ago.

Public Service

Saturday's Child: Memoirs of Canada's First Female Cabinet Minister. By Ellen Louks Fairclough. University of Toronto Press. 178 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 cloth.

"You should write a book!" Ellen Fairclough was repeatedly told and now at the age of 90 she did! She was the first woman to become a federal cab-

inet minister, appointed Secretary of State by John Diefenbaker in 1957. She also served Canada in numerous other capacities, including at the National Gallery, the National Film Board, the Dominion Archives and the National Library. Written with style and wit, Fairclough's memoirs make a valuable contribution to the history of women and politics in this century.

Social History

Much to be Done: Private Life in Ontario from Victorian Diaries. By Frances Hoffman and Ryan Taylor. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 278 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 paper.

Snippets from diaries and letters — 50 women and 6 men — are skillfully combined with the authors commentary to give a glimpse of everyday life in the latter half of the last century. Arranged according to subject, these extracts provide a fresh perspective on courtship and marriage, childbirth, home, cooking, servants, poverty, illness, visiting and entertainment and funerals and mourning.

Prescription for Change

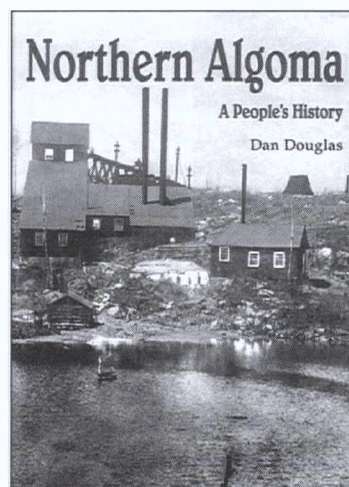
Changing the Pattern: the Story of Emily Stowe. By Sydell Waxman. Napoleon Publishing. 64 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 hardcover, \$14.95 paper.

This attractive book for children and young people tells the story of Emily Stowe, the first woman to practice medicine in Canada, founder of Women's College Hospital, and tireless crusader for social reform, particularly equal opportunities for women. It also presents a vivid picture of life in Ontario during the second part of the 19th century.

Around Ontario

Northern Algoma: a People's History. By Dan Douglas. Dundurn Press. 143 pages. Illustrations. \$14.99 paper.

Industry of various sorts changed the Algoma area — fur trading over two centuries ago, the railway construction a century or so ago and more recently, gold mining. The memories of those who lived and worked through Algoma's



most recent and perhaps most eventful era are still alive. Here, compiled into a coherent narrative, are tales of the lives of the residents from Wawa to Hornepayne, from White River to Missanabie.

Caledonia: Along the Grand River. By Barbara Martindale.

History Noted

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

Historical Plaques & Cairns in Bruce County. Edited by Shirley McClure, Marion McGillivray and Isobelle Underwood. Bruce County Historical Society. 156 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00 paper.

A comprehensive guide to one county's many historical sites, including maps of how to find them.

A Partisan's Memoir: Woman of the Holocaust. By Faye

Schulman. Second Story Press. \$18.95.

The words and the photographs of one who escaped from the Nazis, joined the partisans and survived, and who now lives in Canada.

Man of Mana: Marius Barbeau. By Laurence Nowry. NC Press. 448 pages. Illustrations. \$27.95.

The first biography of an eminent figure in Canadian anthropology, whose life was spent working with Ottawa's Museum of Civilization.

Turning the Pages

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Two recent volumes in the Ontario series are *The Bank of Upper Canada* by Peter Baskerville, which traces the rise and demise of that famous (or infamous, depending upon your political perspective) and influen-

tial financial institution, and *The Eldon House Diaries: Five Women's Views of the 19th Century*, edited by Robin S. Harris and Terry G. Harris, which presents the private diaries of an upper middle class family whose home is now a public museum in London.

Our knowledge of our heritage depends upon our being able to consult informative works like these. Along with other benefits, members of the Champlain Society (\$50.00 a year) receive an annual volume automatically. For a limited time, the Society is reducing its inventory by offering a number of its earlier books at special prices to members and non-members alike.

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Cemetery news

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

Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) will hold its Annual Cemetery Recording Day on Sunday, June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery** in Mississauga. Anyone interested in preserving the information on the markers in this cemetery is asked to call Ron Hibbert at (416) 494-5350.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society Annual Walking Tour will take place Sunday, June 30 at 1:30 p.m. The tour starts at Stouffville Park and covers the eastern part

of the town and **Stouffville Cemetery**.

A Memorial and Decoration Service will be held at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery** in Scarborough at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 14. This lovely cemetery was established in 1818 and is one of the oldest Presbyterian cemeteries in Ontario. Many of those buried there were among the first settlers in Scarborough. Toronto Branch, OGS has published a transcription of this historic burial ground.

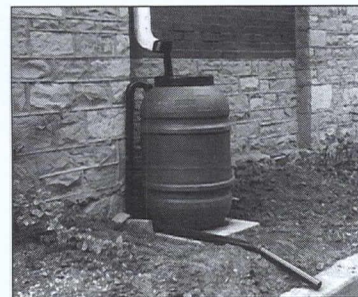
The Sherk Family Reunion will take place at the Markham Fair Grounds on Saturday, July 20. Special arrangements have been made for descendants of

this pioneer family to visit **Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Cemetery** in the Township of Whitchurch-Stouffville and **Dickson's Hill and Wideman Cemeteries** in the Town of Markham.

Congratulations to Fred Habermehl and Donald Combe who have published *Stones, Saints and Sinners: Walking Tours of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Large Historic Cemeteries*. You can purchase the publication from the Niagara Historical Society, 43 Castlereagh Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0.

The Lloydtown Rebellion Association has recently re-activated their Cemetery Committee

and plans to devote immediate attention to the **Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery**. The markers are crumbling and the cemetery is in poor condition. The committee is anxious to contact descendants of those interred - rebel and non-rebel. Toronto Branch, OGS also recently published a transcription of the cemetery. For further information, please contact the Committee at Grousewood Farm, R.R.#3, Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0, (905) 939-7670.



An old-fashioned idea renewed. The Rain Barreler, (416) 229-0459, donated this 200 litre rain barrel to the OHS for an environmentally friendly start to our garden restoration. (Photo courtesy of Robert Levery.)

Canada-wide telephone information network established

The Centre for Research in Information Studies at the University of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine, has established a new non-profit toll-free reference, advice and communications service. The Canada-wide network is specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials and others find answers to research problems and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and medical archives. The number is 1-800-281-INFO (4636) or in Toronto (416) 978-6738.

The Network uses a menu-based voice-messaging system to route callers to recorded information on specific topics. The system also allows callers to record personal messages requesting advice and assistance about specific problems and issues to be answered by Network administrators or referred, as appropriate, to various consulting advisors.

Callers may also announce events, programmes and activities of interest to the archival and medical history research communities in Canada. New publications and work-in-progress, upcoming meetings and conferences, professional archival edu-

cation and training opportunities and new acquisitions are some examples. In addition, callers can use the Network to request copies of research resources, such as a bibliography of research tools used by health archivists and medical/healthcare historians.

For further information or to contribute an announcement for distribution, please contact Barbara Craig, Director of the Centre for Research in Information Studies, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A1, (416) 978-7093, fax (416) 971-1399.

Giant Canada Day Garage Sale

Don't miss the OHS' Giant Canada Day Garage Sale, a sale of everything from collectibles to cast-offs on **Monday, July 1** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have something for everyone ranging from unique to everyday items, books of all descriptions, furniture and furnishings and much, much more.

The sale will take place at the Society's headquarters, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, two blocks north of the North

York Centre subway station, east of Yonge Street. Proceeds from the sale go towards the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie property, the OHS' home.

Do you have something you would like to donate to the sale? Please contact the Society to arrange for delivery or pick-up.

For further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society at (416) 226-9011.

Information wanted

Mysterious places

John Robert Columbo is preparing a publication devoted to mysterious places in Ontario, including haunted houses, crop circles and UFO landing sites. He is eager to feature smaller communities and local traditions. If you have information you would like to share, please contact the author at 42 Dell Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M6B 2T6, (416) 782-6853, fax (416) 782-0285.

History of Elgin County

A new heritage society has been formed in Elgin County to

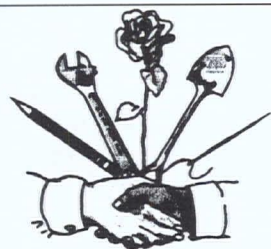
promote local and regional information of a cultural and historical nature. The group is seeking diaries, books, manuscripts, letters, photographs, documents and journals relating to the history of the County. The society hopes to transcribe the material with a view to possible publication. Full recognition will be given for all materials, whether on loan or sold to the society. For further information, please contact Duncan McKillop at (519) 631-6249 or Jane Hughes at (519) 633-4218 or write to 22 Centre Street, St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 2Z2.

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Appeal reconvenes

The appeal of the closure of the Clendennen Cemetery in the Town of Markham is scheduled to reconvene on **Tuesday, July 2** at 9:30 a.m. at 1 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor in Toronto. Please help support the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society by attending and by making a donation to the Cemetery Defence Fund (see "Executive Director's report" on page two). For details, contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

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