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Chief Hearing Officer for Clendennen Appeal forced to withdraw

By Robert Leverty, OHS Programme Co-ordinator

Last October, the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) were informed that Judith Killoran, Chair of the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal, presiding over the appeal to close (which the Tribunal has ruled means move) the Clendennen Cemetery could not continue with the hearings. In fact, last August, just after the Honourable David Tsubouchi, (MPP for Markham where Clendennen is located), was appointed Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Killoran received notice from the Ministry that her appointment to the Tribunal would not be renewed.

Catherine Bray of Borden and Elliot, counsel for the OHS and OGS, immediately informed the Tribunal that it is normal practice for hearing officers to complete the hearings with which they have been involved, even after their term expires, and that the governing legislation expressly provides for them to continue. In the Clendennen case, the Tribunal already had heard 16 days of testimony spread over 14 months,

and Killoran had also chaired the pre-hearing meeting of all parties in September 1995.

Although Killoran was willing to complete the Clendennen Hearing when the Tribunal reconvened on December 2, Gail Midanik, counsel for the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, filed a motion against Killoran on behalf of the Registrar, Cemeteries Act (Revised), Gary DeMers. The Province argued that because of a reasonable apprehension of bias, intentional or unintentional, Killoran must immediately withdraw from the hearing and that the appeal continue with the two remaining panel members.

In opposing the motion, Bray argued that there was no evidence of a reasonable apprehension of bias and that removal of a hearing officer at this point in the hearings was prejudicial to the OHS and OGS. Furthermore, the Province had created the problem by not renewing Killoran's appointment. In the opinion of the OHS and OGS, Killoran had shown enormous integrity, her conduct was above reproach and she had been fair to all the parties.

On December 10, the various parties assembled to hear the decision. When panel members entered the room, an OHS member immediately noticed the Chair was dressed in black. Killoran informed the hearing that "without conceding the merits of the motion", she concluded that it was untenable for her to continue to preside at the hearing and that she must withdraw from the panel. She added that, "while I sympathize with the position taken by counsel for the OHS and the OGS that it is distasteful that a party (the Province of Ontario) which has participated in an abusive process (removing the Chair) should achieve the results which it seeks, I am satisfied that the situation is such that I am unable to continue."

Given the situation, the rules of procedure are clear: either the hearing continues with the two remaining panel members or a new member is brought in to replace Killoran. If all parties do not consent to either option, then the entire proceedings would be abandoned and a new appeal hearing would be launched. The OHS and OGS felt that it was sen-

sible to continue the hearing with the remaining two panel members.

Departing from its original position, the Province then stated that it would only proceed if a new, third member joined the panel, and then actually proceeded to recommend a particular replacement. To ensure that the hearing was not abandoned, the OHS and OGS had no alternative but to agree to continue the hearing with a new panel member. The Tribunal is now expected to reconvene in May and June.

Does anything positive come out of this most recent and shabby episode of the Clendennen Hearing? Well, yes! In its motion of apprehended bias against the Chair of the Tribunal, the Province argued that this landmark, precedent setting case needed a clean decision because all future decisions on cemetery closings and disinterment in Ontario would be based on its outcome. The OHS and OGS have always believed the appeal was a landmark case, and now the Province has publicly admitted it.

With the stakes so high and both organizations having to fight every single step of the way, your letters of support and donations to the Cemetery Defence Fund are certainly appreciated.

For close to a month, The Ontario Historical Society attempted to obtain the photograph which was to appear here. Despite our best efforts, Swan Lake Villages and the *Markham Economist and Sun* were not able to provide us with a copy of the photograph, titled "Swan Lake Breaks Ground", which appeared in the September 16, 1995 edition of the newspaper. The photo shows the Opening Ceremony of the Village of Swan Lake in Markham, where Clendennen Cemetery is located. Officiating at the ceremony were Brad Warren, President of Swan Lake; Markham Mayor Don Cousens; Henry Stolp of Swan Lake's management team; Regional Chairman Eldred King; Councillor Ralph Aselin; Markham MPP and then Minister of Community and Social Services, David Tsubouchi; Jack Crosby of the management team; Markham Planner Niomie Massey; Regional Councillor Bill Fisch and Councillor Stan Daurio.

From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition

This day-long symposium, co-sponsored by the OHS and the University of Guelph's School of Hotel and Food Administration, will explore Chinese food and its important contributions to Canadian cuisine over the last century.

Topics will include Chinese Food Traditions; Manners at the Chinese Table; Chinese Ingredients: Usual and Unusual; Vegetarian Buddhist Cuisine; the Magic of Red Cooking and the Secrets of Stir Frying; Observations from Northern China and the Cuisine of Northern China.

Speakers will include Valerie Mah, Principal, Bruce Public School, Toronto; Dr. Jacqueline M. Newman, Editor in chief, *Flavor and Fortune*, New York;

Dr. Huipeng Zuo, Associate Professor, Dizi'an Jiatong University, Beijing; Professor Bill Wong, George Brown College; Ella Yoa, food specialist and consultant; and K. Michael Haywood, Jean Hume, Karen Fan, Rana Chow, Brian Zhang, Judy Sato, Diana Hsieh, University of Guelph.

The symposium will be held in the Council Chambers of North York City Hall, with easy access from the North York Centre subway station.

For further information and a detailed brochure listing registration fees, please contact the OHS, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740.

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Attention Historical Societies!

Many of our member historical societies are eligible for support funding from the Heritage Organization Development Grant programme to develop programmes and projects that serve your communities and the people of Ontario.

Organizations in the programme received a letter from Pam Craig, Manager, Heritage Properties and Museums Programmes Unit of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, in April 1996 informing you that this programme would be cut by 25 percent in 1996-97. That letter also noted that a further reduction of 26.3 percent could be expected in 1997-98.

We understand that these reductions, both real and proposed, will be disastrous to your programmes and it is important that you inform the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recrea-

tion and your MPP immediately.

It is essential to keep your present level of support to maintain services and to expand in the future. As you know, the Archives of Ontario and the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations are preparing to offer Land Registry office documents from 1868 to 1955 to local historical groups to preserve. No

funds, however, are available to carry out this task.

This challenge is just one of many facing you. Write those letters today and protect this grant programme as it now exists. Make the case that the funds you lost last year should be restored also, so that you can continue your important work across Ontario.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

It's Time for a Little Good News!

Several good news stories in recent weeks have gladdened the hearts of those working in the heritage field.

First, we learned of the successful restoration of the exterior of St. George's Round Church in Halifax. The tragic fire of June 2, 1994 did not destroy the spirit of Canadians who vowed to see this magnificent structure rise again. Despite the challenging nature of the restoration, it is on time and on budget!

Also from Nova Scotia, we learn that the tiny, painted house of Maud Lewis, Canada's Grandma Moses, has found a home. The Art Gallery of Nova

Scotia has received \$1.5 million from the Province to expand and house the little structure that Mrs. Lewis covered inside and out with paintings of flowers, birds and woodland scenes.

And closer to home, George and Helen Gardiner have endowed the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art with \$1.5 million to ensure its future and its independence. The Gardiner, already a superb museum, recently has undergone renovations and reopens this month.

The response of OHS and Ontario Genealogical Society members to the creation of the Cemetery Defence Fund has been very positive. In addition, letters and calls of support, as well as

donations have arrived from interested individuals and organizations across Ontario who support our position that cemeteries are an important and sacred part of our history.

I am also pleased to report that the McNaughton Cemetery, located in the City of Vaughan, and recently threatened with closure (which, of course, means moving) is now secure due to our intervention. Congratulations to both the Topaz Group Development Corporation and the City of Vaughan for recognizing and understanding our concerns, and changing their position on the moving of this pioneer cemetery. They clearly have worked in the public interest and on behalf of all the citizens of Ontario.

Silent Auction raises over \$1000.00

To raise funds for the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie House, historic headquarters of the OHS, the Society held a Si-

lent Auction of four items. The bids were opened at Cook Book Caper held December 1, 1996.

A hush fell over the room as the successful bidders were an-

nounced: Ellen Kimura of Toronto for the Virginia Reel pattern quilt donated by Ruth Keene of Victoria, British Columbia; Claus and Lorna Kruger of Palgrave placed the successful bid on the low back Windsor armchair donated by Carol and Sandy Agnew of Penetanguishene; Judith McGonigal of Sault Ste. Marie took home the slat back side chair donated by William Hollowell of Willowdale; and Barbara Truax of Toronto was the highest bidder for Frank Bartoszek's donation of a Gourmet Continental Dinner for four.

The OHS gratefully appreciates the generosity of the successful bidders and donors to our Silent Auction.

Please consider a donation to the OHS' Cemetery Defence Fund. For information, call (416) 226-9011.

Algonquin College takes lead in teaching heritage skills and technologies

In response to the ever-increasing demands of heritage preservation, the Perth Campus of Algonquin College has created the Centre for Canadian Heritage Trades and Technology. For several years, the campus has offered diploma programmes in carpentry, millwork and masonry, but the new Centre will have much wider scope, offering different educational opportunities, experiences and resources in skills relevant to the Canadian historical experience.

Courses are offered in a range of times, durations and formats to cater to the needs of people seeking professional de-

velopment, career training, skills upgrading and general interest. Students can achieve diplomas or certificates through the completion of full or part-time programmes or they can take individual courses or workshops. The Centre also provides training sessions in heritage studies for organizations, institutions, agencies and companies.

For further information, please contact Nelson Rogers, Director, Centre for Canadian Heritage Trades and Technology, Algonquin College, Perth Campus, 7 Craig Street, Perth, Ontario K7H 1X7, (613) 267-2859, ext. 5602, fax 267-3950.



A new owner and location must be found for the Phillips-Teasdale house in Richmond Hill or it will be demolished to make way for a commercial-industrial building. (Photo courtesy of George Duncan.)

Berczy settler's home needs new owner

By George Duncan, Heritage Co-ordinator, Town of Richmond Hill

Time has finally caught up the the Phillips-Teasdale house, a frame Ontario farmhouse on the fringes of Richmond Hill's Beaver Creek Business Park. After being maintained in a rural state by the Lee family since the 1920s, the last corner of the family farm was sold for development in the Spring of 1995.

The current owner intends to tie new construction in with the emerging character of the business park, making the historic house surplus to his needs.

Richmond Hill LACAC has been working with the owner to negotiate a window of opportunity to find a new location for this significant early building.

Research indicates that the Phillips-Teasdale house may be the last dwelling constructed by an original Berczy settler to remain standing in the municipality. The ground floor of the front section of the T-shaped house is believed to have been constructed circa 1835 by Peter Godfried Phillipsen, or Godfrey Phillips, as

he was later known. The walls were built using plank-on-plank construction.

The house was enlarged and remodelled to its present appearance about 1880, by blacksmith William Teasdale, who moved another early house from elsewhere on the Phillips farm to become the rear wing, then re-clad the entire structure in vertical tongue and groove siding to create a unified appearance. This type of siding is indigenous to Markham Township and vicinity.

A new owner and location for this remarkable historical building must be found by the Summer of 1997. The building is eligible for relocation to Richmond Hill's Heritage Enclave, but other locations will also be considered by LACAC. Anyone interested in acquiring a fine example of early Ontario domestic architecture is invited to contact the Heritage Co-ordinator, Town of Richmond Hill, Box 300, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 4Y5, (905) 771-8910.

Information wanted

Missing Centennial Flag

The Penetanguishene Centennial Museum is trying to locate a replacement for its Centennial Flag, the first one that was given out by the late John Robarts, former Premier of Ontario to the four boys who walked from Toronto to Penetanguishene in July 1967. If you have a Centennial Flag that you would like to donate to the Museum or know where one could be located, please contact Helen DuBeau, 35 Harriett Street, Penetanguishene, Ontario L9M 1L1.

Bible Christian Church, Pickering

J. D. O'Brien of Pickering is searching for information on the Bible Christian Church that was built at Frenchman's Bay, Township of Pickering. When the Church was built is not known, but the land on which to build it and establish a cemetery was purchased from David Gardiner in 1847. The building was demolished in the 1980s, but the cemetery is still active and well-maintained by the United Church in Fairport. If you can provide any information, please contact J. D. O'Brien, 699 Front Road Fairport, Pickering, Ontario L1W 1P1.

Help Find These Communities

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Thomas G. Miller of North Carolina is trying to locate two communities that may have existed in mid-1800 Ontario. He found the names on an old document his great-great grandfather had. The two communities are Cunham, Ontario and Hardemui, Upper Canada. Any assistance would be appreciated. Please contact Mr. Miller at 310 W. Richardson Street, Selma, North Carolina U.S.A. 27576.

Copyright Owner Sought

The Thunder Bay Historical Society would like to publish portions of *The Anonymous Diary of a Trip to Lake Superior in August 1867*. The diary is in the collection of the Archives of Ontario (MU 848, diaries II-3-August 1867). If you have any information about the author or the owner

of the diary, please contact the Curator, Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, 425 Donald Street East, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 1B5, (807) 623-0801, fax 622-6880.

Cider Making in Upper and Lower Canada

Alain Ménard of Abbotsford, Quebec is doing research on the general history of production and sale of cider in Lower Canada (Quebec) from 1600 to the present. Ménard is interested in receiving information about the sales of cider between the two provinces between 1825 and 1900 and who was selling it.

Any information on the sale of Charles Penner's cider in Upper Canada and Ontario between 1825 and 1850 is also appreciated. Penner's press was in Lachine (now Lasalle, in the Montreal area).

Please send any information to Alain Ménard, 2445 Papineau Road, Abbotsford, Quebec J0E 1A0, (514) 379-9164 (telephone and fax).

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Across the Province

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

The Ontario Black History Society, in co-operation with the **Caribbean Historical Society**, has successfully petitioned the City of Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto and the City of Ottawa to proclaim August 1 Emancipation Day. Congratulations!

Congratulations, as well, to Miss Edna Ash, Secretary of **The Ontario Historical Society** 35 years ago, who celebrated her 102nd birthday in January. If you would like to send greetings, her address is 717 Broadview Avenue, Toronto M4K 2P5.

Local residents have formed a **Pioneer (Presbyterian) Cemetery Committee** in St. George to restore the local cemetery. The Hunter family (Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, founder of the **Women's Institute**) has a plot there and the Committee is seeking donations. If you can support this project, send your donation to: Jean Hedges, Secretary-Treasurer, Pioneer Presbyterian Cemetery, Box 40, St. George N0E 1N0.

The **Lennox and Addington Historical Society** has updated the historical sites brochure that is a remarkably handy guide for visitors to the County. If you are travelling in that direction, write Box 392, Napanee K7R 3P5 for your copy.

The **Anderson Farm Museum** in Lively has produced a fascinating book, *Gretta's Kitchen*, edited by Tanya Saari. This entertaining collection of classic Finnish recipes includes tips for the turn-of-the-century household on health and beauty, cleaning methods, laundry and more! Contact the Museum at (705) 692-4448 for availability and price.

Do you have a collection that could be displayed in the showcases in the Ryerson-Guillet Room in **Victoria Hall in Cobourg**? Call Barbara Garrick at (905) 372-3064 if you wish to share your collection.

Congratulations to the **Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society** on the successful restoration and unveiling of the Gore Park Fountain in Hamilton. The original fountain was unveiled by HRH Edward, Prince of Wales in 1860; however, a century later, it was deemed unsafe and removed. Dennis Missett's suggestion that the Society's sesquicentennial project be a reproduction of the fountain that had given so much pleasure to Hamiltonians was the largest project ever undertaken by the Society. What's next Hamilton historians?

The **Milton Historical Society** welcomes former mayor, Mike Ledwith, as the guest speaker in Hugh Foster Hall on March 20. The 115-year history of the Evergreen Cemetery will be the topic. Call (905) 878-6391 for details.

Margaret Gibson of Grimsby was honoured recently with the

dedication of a bench located in the garden of **Lincoln Memorial Hospital** in commemoration of her contributions to, and support of, the **Grimsby Historical Society** and the community. The Society has announced the Anniversary House Tour will be held May 31, so call (905) 945-9518 to reserve your tickets.

The **Toronto Historical Board** won a bronze medal at the Royal Winter Fair for The Romantic Estate Garden. Wendy Woodworth, Head Gardener of Spadina (and an OHS Gardens and Grounds Committee volunteer) was part of the team that developed the exhibit with a \$10,000.00 donation from Lancôme cosmetics.

The **Canadian Railroad Historical Association** is calling for nominations for awards to recognize noteworthy books, people or achievements by March 31. For nomination forms, call (416) 962-1880.

With regret, we learned that Dr. Barbara Efrat, Managing Director of the **Ontario Museum Association**, tendered her resignation in October. Barbara has been an active member of the **Ontario Heritage Alliance** and is also an OHS volunteer. Best wishes, Barbara, as 1997 provides new opportunities for you to use and share your many talents.

Congratulations to Edna Staebler, well-known author and lecturer who received the Order of Canada in the literary arts division, and was also honoured by **Cuisine Canada** at its national conference in Vancouver with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The heritage community was saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy Houston of Earlton, who was President of the **Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association (TAHA)**. Dorothy's community contributions were legion: former Reeve of Armstrong Township, Secretary of the **Temiskaming Municipal Association**, co-organizer with her husband, Hartley, of the **Earlton Steam Show**, national fiddling champion and author. She will be sorely missed. TAHA is planning the next Local History Workshop for Saturday, April 26 at the **Classic Theatre in Cobalt**. As always, a full programme will highlight the history of the area, including a session commemorating Dorothy Houston.

The **Welland Historical Museum** celebrates its 20th anniversary this year and has started renovations with the support of several local businesses.

The **Association of Manitoba Museums** celebrates its 25th anniversary with the publication of a book recognizing the achievements of Manitoba's museums.

The **Kempark Historical Committee** recently launched *Kempark: Then and Now*, at the **Gloucester Public Library**. Call Bev Clark at (613) 521-1819 for availability and costs.

Congratulations to **Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum** in Ancaster on winning the Sixth Trillium Award from the **Ancaster Horticultural Society**.

Dr. Gerald Killan, Academic Dean of Kings College, University of Western Ontario, gave the keynote address at the opening of "Beginnings: **The London and Middlesex Historical Society Collection**", at the **London Regional Art and Historical Museums**. Dr. Killan, a past President of the OHS and author of *Preserving Ontario's Heritage*, in congratulating the LMHS, made several points that historical societies and heritage groups should not forget in these trying times: "The Society's credentials as an important cultural agency have been established by virtue of its many noteworthy efforts to record, interpret, publicize and preserve the material and built heritage of London and region. Londoners would be culturally deprived in many ways were it not for the activities and successes of the members of the LMHS." We add our congratulations to those of Dr. Killan to the London and Middlesex Historical Society, and to all of the hundreds of historical societies across Ontario that, with unflagging diligence and dedication, continue to serve their communities in recognizing and preserving the rich history of our province.

Friends and supporters of the **Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/Conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa** should be aware of the Council's new address: 172 Guigues Avenue, Ottawa K1N 5H9, (613) 244-4476.

A highlight of the 100th anniversary of **Grace Presbyterian Church** in Millbrook was the opening of a time capsule sealed into an exterior wall of the church a century ago. With the assistance and advice of staff from the **Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives**, the capsule revealed local and provincial newspapers of 1896, Canadian coins, minutes of church meetings and other documents, all in good condition.

The **Oshawa Historical Society** is selling Historic Oshawa 1997 calendars in recognition of its 40th anniversary. Thirteen never-before published historical photographs, the history of the Society and events from Oshawa's past are also featured. Call (905) 436-7624 for details.

And still in Oshawa, our congratulations to Laura Suchan (**Sydenham Museum** Director) and her husband Bernie, on the birth of their son, Dylon Jared. While Laura is on leave until mid-1997, Cathy Molloy is Acting Director and Kim Shipp is Assistant Curator.

The **Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society's Newsletter** brought the announcement that Glenn Craig, President, was presented with a \$125,000.00

President's message

By Rowena Cooper, OHS President

As I write this message, we are in the process of being ploughed out from the first major snow storm of the new year; however, by the time you read it, Spring will be just around the corner.

We used our "wonderfully" snowed-in driveway as an excuse to stay home for the weekend to read and relax in front of the fire. Heritage issues seemed remote and it was a thoroughly enjoyable two days. Today brought renewed vigour and a feeling of "let's get on with it." I hope that you have that same feeling as you pursue your heritage activities and interests around our great province.

1997 will prove to be another exciting year for our Society. In May, we join forces with Nipissing University in North Bay to co-sponsor the conference **Visions of the North, Voices of the North**. In this new venture, we will hold our Annual Meeting and Honours and Awards Ceremony. Join us for a few days of fun in the "near north". We

promise that the black flies will not bother you - honest!

If you are unable to attend the Conference, join us for one of the many excellent educational programmes that the Society presents each year throughout Ontario. See the article on page one about **From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition** taking place on Saturday, April 12 in the Council Chambers of North York City Hall.

Co-sponsored by the University of Guelph's School of Hotel and Food Administration, the symposium will explore Chinese food and its important contributions to Canadian cuisine over the last century. Doesn't it sound mouth watering and yummy?

Perhaps your society is interested in co-sponsoring a workshop, which is a great way to attract new members and create interest in your local heritage. Give the OHS a call at (416) 226-9011; we would be delighted to discuss it with you.



Ellen Kimura of Toronto proudly displays the Virginia Reel pattern quilt she successfully bid on in the OHS' Silent Auction. The bids were opened at Cook Book Caper held at our headquarters on Sunday, December 1. (See "Silent Auction raises over \$1000.00" on page 2.)

grant by the Honourable Stan Dromisky, MP for Thunder Bay Atikokan on behalf of **Canadian Heritage's Museum Assistance Programme** for the construction of exhibits in the new museum.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Colonel Talbot Branch #81, Aylmer, has agreed to fund the cataloguing and curatorial expenses for the **Aylmer and District Museum** and, in exchange, the Museum will research, print and provide historical articles about the Legion. Here is a wonderful, modern, version of barter at its best!

Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society is planning Summer Camp 1997 to be held the first week of June. Contact Jane MacNamara at (416) 463-9103 for details.

Thousands of people in Ontario learned handspinning, weaving and natural dyeing under the expert instruction of Edna Blackburn Boycott. For years, Edna was, an historical interpreter at **Black Creek Pioneer Village** and also owner of the **Albion Hills Farm School of Spinning and Weaving**. News of Edna's death in December was a shock to all who knew and loved her.

Burford Township Historical Society announces the publication of *Burford Township Congregational Cemetery Index and Map, 1834-1995* by Society member, Clayton Barker. Selling for \$25.00, this excellent source of information includes a short sketch about the author, information about the cemetery and church in Burford, an index and map. To add this publication to your library, contact Treasurer Margery Hedden, 184 8th Concession Road, R. R. #1, Harley N0E 1E0.

February has been an exceptionally busy month in Ontario as we commemorate Black History Month, Heritage Day and Heritage Week. Programmes and projects recognized people and places, ancient and modern history and everything in between.

In many communities, such as Niagara Falls, everyone became involved to celebrate "Discover Our Spiritual Heritage" - historical and heritage societies, libraries, the City, the Arts and Culture Commission, places of worship, museums and the general public.

Start planning now for Heritage Month 1998!

Upcoming Events

February: The Guelph Civic Museum explores the local Black Community in the ongoing exhibition **Black History of Guelph and Wellington County**. Contact the Museum at 6 Dublin Street South, (519) 836-1221.

February-April 6: Get a picture of the past at the Markham Museum's **A Portrait Gallery** featuring many samples from the Museum's extensive collection. Paintings and photographs of the area's early residents are highlighted, along with early photographic techniques and a studio vignette. Contact the Museum at 9350 Highway 48 in Markham, (905) 294-4576.

March 8-16: Historic Fort York's popular **March Break Time Machine** returns with hands-on fun focusing on Toronto's history. New this year is the **Garrison Theatre Workshop** specially designed for young people 7 to 10, where they can explore life in the 1800s by actually playing the part. Contact the Fort at (416) 392-6907.

March 8-16: The Seagram Museum in Waterloo invites young people to participate in its March Break programme, **Experimental Science**. The Museum's Activity Room is the scene for new hands-on science experiments every day. Budding scientists aged 7 to 10 can sign up for a weekful of activities during the **Science on the Spot** programme from the 10th to the 14th. Contact the Museum for times and fees at 57 Erb Street West, (519) 885-1857.

March 10-14: Young people of various ages can enjoy daily craft activities at Oakville Museum's **March Break 1997**. For times, ages and programmes, contact the Museum at 8 Navy Street, (905) 845-3541.

March 10-14: Young people ages 9 to 11 can enjoy **19th Century Pastimes** at Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke. The week-long programme provides hours of stimulating and educational fun, including weaving an Easter basket to open hearth cooking. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West, (416) 394-8113.

March 21-23: The Institute for Contemporary Canadian Craft is presenting its second symposium.

sium at the Canadian Centre for Architecture and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Titled **Common Ground: Contemporary Craft, Architecture and the Decorative Arts**, some topics to be explored include historical and contemporary relationships between craft, architecture and the decorative arts and the influence of museums on the interpretation of objects in the constructed environment. Contact the Institute, 40 Dennett Drive, Agincourt M1S 2E7, (416) 291-5441.

April 23-26: The Royal Ontario Museum and the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art team up with the Institute for Contemporary Canadian Craft and the Instituto Italiano di Cultura to present the three-day course **The Decorative Arts Institute: The Makers of Masterpieces: Romance and Reality.** Explore the complex and changing relations between the designers of beautiful objects and the artisans who make them, from medieval times to the end of the 20th century. Contact the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art in Toronto at (416) 586-8080.

April 25-27: The Ontario Genealogical Society is presenting **Seminar '97 Rural Roots and Other Connections** at the Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston. Workshops, tours and the J. Richard Houston memorial Lecture with speaker Grant Maltman, Curator, Banting Museum and Educational Centre in Alliston are the features. Contact OGS Seminar '97, Box 47518, Don Mills M3C 1P0 for a detailed brochure.

May 3: Put on your investigator's hat and your comfortable walking shoes for the tour **On the Lonely Common - A Parkdale Late 19th Century Mystery**, presented by the Toronto Field Naturalists and Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology. Meet at the northeast corner of Gladstone Avenue and Queen Street West in Toronto at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Contact (416) 968-6255.

May 7: Broadcaster Ted Barris discusses **Writing and Researching History** as part of Owen Sound's "In Search of Learning" series, taking place in the Auditorium of Division Street United Church at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$3.00 and are avail-

able in the Church office or at the door. Contact the Marine-Rail Heritage Centre, (519) 371-3333.

May 24, 25: Enjoy a weekend of demonstrations and creative hands-on activities at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum's **Fruits of Winter, Promise of Spring**. The weekend event also launches the exhibition **Fruits of Winter**, featuring quilts and quilted hangings by Suzanne Elder. The exhibit runs until June 8. Contact the Museum at 3 Rosamond Street East in Almonte, (613) 256-3754.

Our featured publications

March Break is coming. Are you prepared with some activities to entertain and educate your young people during their holiday from school? The Ontario Historical Society has three excellent publications which will provide lots of information on our history, as well as many hours of enjoyment.

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In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Toronto's Eaton Centre, the Centre is hosting a tribute honouring 250 individuals, each of whom has made a substantial contribution to Toronto's vitality. The ceremony, "Salute to the City" will take place in early March.

The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to learn that our Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan, has been selected as a recipient. She was recognized as one of the City's leaders in the preservation and restoration of many historic sites in the Metropolitan Toronto area.

In addition to the honour, the Toronto Eaton Centre will make a donation in the name of each recipient, to the non-profit organization of his or her choice. (As you probably have guessed,

Dorothy has chosen The Ontario Historical Society!)

The Eaton Centre plans to donate over \$60,000.00 to charities for its anniversary celebrations.

Upcoming OHS Educational Programmes

DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
April 12	From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition (symposium)	Willowdale
April 19	Writing and Publishing Community Histories (workshop)	Almonte
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For further information on these educational programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact Robert Levery, Workshop Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

Please Note!

The OHS' lecture series, "Calling All Rebels" is now full. We are delighted with the response, and are planning to present another series in the Autumn. To receive information, please send your name and address to the OHS office (address to the right).

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The cemeteries of Yonge Street

By Marjorie Stuart, OHS Cemetery News Editor

Cochrane to Hearst

Cochrane's cemeteries are located north of the town some distance from Highway 11.

Smooth Rock Falls Cemetery, now administered by the Town, was originally **St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Cemetery**. The church burned approximately 30 years ago. The Town is gradually replacing the many wooden crosses in the cemetery with more permanent markers.

Kapuskasing Public Cemetery and **Notre Dame de la Paix Roman Catholic Cemetery** are located west of town on the north side of Highway 11.

The **Internees Cemetery** dates from World War I when the Canadian Government detained persons from various countries who were thought to be security risks. Macpherson Station, a large internment camp, was located at **Kapuskasing** until 1917. The internees, most of whom were Ukrainian, were joined in 1917 by German and Austrian prisoners of war. The remains of the prisoners of war have been removed and returned to Germany, while the remains of approximately 32 internees remain at the

site. The Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association has placed a commemorative plaque and statue in the cemetery to honour the many Ukrainians interned at the camp.

Early settlers in **Moonbeam Township** saw flashing lights in the sky and "moonbeams" that fell near the creek. This tradition of UFOs continues and the Township now has a flying saucer to welcome tourists. Visitors are encouraged to tour **Moonbeam Cemetery** located on the north side of the highway.

The two cemeteries along Highway 11 near **Val Rita** are

Val Rita Cemetery, associated with St. Rita Roman Catholic Church and **Harty Cemetery**, with St. Stanislas Roman Catholic Church. Both cemeteries date from the 1940s.

St. Antoine de Padoux Cemetery in **Opasatika**, a lumbering centre, is adjacent to the church. Many who are buried in the cemetery worked in the lumber camps in the surrounding area. The cemetery is visited annually by those seeking family members who were loggers and died in the camps.

Reesor Cemetery, located at **Mile 103**, in what was known as Reesor Settlement, was established in the late 1920s. A group of German Mennonites led by a group from Markham Township settled in the area. They farmed in the Summer and cut wood in the Winter. All that remains of a once bustling community is the cemetery. A Finnish family, who were Lutherans, are buried in one corner. Mennonite descendants meet every four years and have placed a commemorative plaque in the cemetery. Plans are in progress for a gathering in 2000.

Mattice-Val Côté has three cemeteries. **Val Côté Cemetery** is associated with the parish of St. Barthélemy. **St. François Xavier Cemetery** opposite the Township office, is administered by the municipality, which has an on-going improvement programme to place markers, with historical information and the Township logo, at the entrance to the cemetery.

The **Old Native Burial Site** is also administered by Mattice-

Val Côté. The burial ground was established in the 1930s by the Anglican and United Churches and was abandoned for many years. A few years ago, Fred Neegan spearheaded a drive to restore the cemetery. In recognition of his efforts, the Ontario Heritage Foundation presented him with a pin and a Certificate of Achievement.

The **Town of Hearst** administers two large cemeteries. **Monseigneur Pierre Grenier Cemetery** is the Catholic burial ground, named after Monseigneur Grenier who served Notre Dame de L'Assomption Parish for many years. The municipality assumed the cemetery in the early 1970s.

Riverside Cemetery, the oldest in the area, was established about 1900. The European names on the markers reflect the development of the community. The first homesteaders were drawn to the area by the railway and later by the highway and the many large lumbering operations.

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Ontario History - the March issue

By Terry Crowley, Editor

In March, *Ontario History* looks at women's education in mid-19th century Ontario, political women at the beginning of the Cold War and the political battle over the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Completing a trilogy of articles that have added to our understanding of the education women received in the last century, Bert den Boggen tells us about the Cobourg Ladies' Seminary and the Burlington Ladies Academy. What is likely to surprise readers is that standards at these institutions were very high,

thus questioning the perennial assumption that women always got the short end of the stick in the past. Among the schools' most famous graduates was Letitia Youmans, who founded the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union and taught at the latter before marriage.

Ontario women are seen in a new light in the post-1945 era in an article analyzing anti-communism within the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF). Politically active women like Marjorie Mann were unwilling to take a back seat to anyone in order not to compromise their party through association with communism.

Few seem to know how long improvements for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway were under discussion between Canada and the United States before work began on the seaway in the 1950s.

A third article in this issue examines how federal/provincial relationships in Canada complicated the picture. In looking at the dynamics among Ontario's fiery Mitch Hepburn, Canada's Mackenzie King and Franklin Delano Roosevelt of the United States, this contribution portrays a battle of the titans.

Trent archives acquires historical Robinson papers

The late Stewart Bagnani, granddaughter of John Beverley Robinson, has bequeathed a collection of her grandfather's personal papers to Trent University in Peterborough.

His correspondence with such eminent early Canadians as Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Francis Bond Head, Ontario Premier Oliver Mowat and Bishop Strachan is included in the historical documents acquired by Trent, where Bagnani's husband,

Gilbert, taught classics for many years.

The papers include land documents, notices of political appointments, household accounts and speaking notes from the 1870s and 1880s. The collection also contains photographs of Robinson family members.

For further information, please contact Trent University Archivist, Bernadine Dodge, Trent University, Peterborough K9J 7B8, (705) 748-1413.

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Museum News



This artist's rendering of the new Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum features the new expanded lobby area which will be a highlight of the museum. (Photo courtesy of the Royal Ontario Museum.)

Ground floor of ROM features new space

As of March 3, visitors entering Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) will notice a remarkable change in the 82 year-old building as soon as they walk through the front doors. The former Currelly Gallery, located just beyond the Rotunda entrance has been transformed into an architecturally stunning space that will highlight the magnificence of the original structure, showcase samples from the museum's collection, provide a sophisticated system to orient visitors and direct them to their areas of interest and act as an after-

hours function hall with a capacity of 1000 for receptions. Named in recognition of benefactors Ernest and Elizabeth Samuel, the 7000 square foot Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery will feature a higher luminous ceiling made of glass and suspended alabaster dishes and be ringed with wide bands of glass mosaic tiles, re-exposed stained glass windows and wall murals and samples from the museum's collections. The Royal Ontario Museum is located at 100 Queen's Park in Toronto. For further information, please contact (416) 586-5549.

More groups join move to save Agricultural Museum

The Perth County Board of Education is joining 27 other school boards across the province in an effort to see the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton stays open. Perth County trustees directed administration to forward a letter of support to the Halton Board of Education, which initiated efforts to preserve the museum. It is estimated that between 40,000 and 50,000 students visit the museum each year to learn about Ontario's rural heritage. In fact, students make up the bulk of the museum's visitors. In reponse to the government's intent to close the museum, an action group calling itself the Ontario Rural Heritage Preservation Committee was set up, consisting of former politi-

cians and representatives from various agricultural groups. The group hopes the museum can one day pay for itself. Annual operating costs are \$1.5 million, but revenue has only reached between \$350,000.00 and \$450,000.00. It is anticipated that students will continue to pay a \$2.50 admission fee while the previous adult rate of \$4.50 may increase. The new committee is hoping that by the year 2000, the museum will be self-supporting, with the assistance of major agricultural industry sponsors and the addition of such money-making ventures as a food booth. The heritage preservation committee is now in the process of setting up a board of directors and taking over day-to-day operation of the museum.



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Sheila Copps visits Stratford

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Sheila Copps, was in Stratford last November offering a blend of personal anecdotes and political insights during a luncheon. Copps also spent some time answering questions from the close to 100 people in attendance. Among those who spoke were Stratford-Perth Museum Curator Karen VandenBrink and St. Marys Museum Curator Mary Smith, who wanted to know what, as Minister of Canadian Heritage,

could Copps do in the way of introducing funding for small rural museums. The Minister said that while the government "has had a tough three years getting our financial house in order", cultural budgets have actually been cut less than other budgets. She explained that funding criteria has tended to be established more on a regional than a federal level, but indicated her Ministry is in the process of reviewing the criteria to ensure its fairness. One of the questions the

Ministry will be asking, she explained, will be "how the funded project relates to nation building", while sites will also be encouraged to develop inter-community linkages with other museums and related projects. Copps said the government will "not be opening the flood-gates", but instead will become more strategic in the way it allocates funds.

Mackenzie volunteers are tops!

The men and women volunteers who have served on the Mackenzie Heritage Printery Committee for the past six years have been officially recognized as Ontario's "out-standing volunteer group" by the Ontario Museum Association. The Mackenzie Printery, Canada's largest operating printing museum, is owned by the Niagara Parks Commission in association with the volunteer committee which founded the unique heritage facility in 1990.

The 1995/96 award of merit for "significant contribution to the museum field in Ontario" was presented at the OMA's annual meeting banquet at the University of Windsor late last year. It was one of four provincial merit awards presented by Marilyn Havelka, OMA Nominating Chair, before 150 delegates representing heritage organizations throughout Ontario. The other three awards were: "The Discovery Team" of the Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives, Peterborough Public Library and the Peterborough Art Gallery for Programming Interpretation; Doon Heritage Crossroads, Waterloo Regional Municipality, Kitchener, for Collections Management and South Simcoe Pioneer Museum, Alliston, for Fundraising for the museum restoration.

Cutbacks threaten small museums

Some community museums in Ontario are worried they may soon be history due to municipal and provincial funding cuts. For example, the Norwich Museum plays host to thousands of school children and history buffs each year, who come to the town to see the museum's fully restored 19th century "salt box" house, a Quaker meeting house and exhibits of Victorian homes and shops. The 25 year-old museum, operated by the Norwich and District Historical Society, however, faces a financial crisis. A campaign to save the financially troubled museum got off to a modest start following a public meeting held in November. About 25 people attended the meeting to discuss various means

of replacing dwindling county and provincial grants, such as forming partnerships with area service clubs. In a similar story at the Aylmer and District Museum and Tourist Centre, the municipally-run museum will have to look to new fundraising techniques to stay afloat. Some strategies being considered include user fees or asking people who donate items to make a contribution to pay for the cost of restoring or preserving the item. With many museums in Ontario already bordering on closing and having minimal paid staff, how much more can we afford to lose and how much more support can we expect from the community?

Bell Homestead achieves national historic significance

After 86 years of service as a public museum, Brant County's historic Bell Homestead has been awarded national recognition. At the June 1996 meeting of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, a recommendation that the Bell Homestead be formally designated as a national Historic Site was submitted to the Honourable Sheila Copps, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Canadian Heritage. The Homestead, including the house and surrounding property, has been designated given its association with consequential events in the life of Alexander Graham Bell. Specifically recognized are the invention of the telephone in 1874 and the formative influence of Dr. Bell's parents, who stimulated his interest in working with the deaf, an interest that was fundamental to the development of the telephone. The Homestead's symbolic importance as the Canadian site most widely associated with the telephone has also

been recognized by the Board. It is anticipated that a new plaque will be unveiled at the Homestead during Brantford's Sesquicentennial celebrations later this year.

The final report from the St. Lawrence Parks Commission Task Group on Collection Management at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg has been completed. To receive your copy, please contact the Commission, R. R. #1, Morrisburg, Ontario K0C 1X0.



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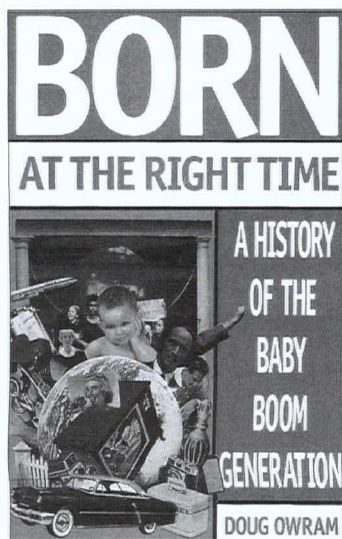
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From the Bookshelf

Cold Type

Travels in the Shining Island. By Roger Burford Mason. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 78 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

In the beginning was the Word — and a Methodist preacher, to make a beginning, needed the word of God, the Bible. However, until James Evans created one, there was no way to translate Scripture into written Cree or any of the other languages of Canada's First Nations. Evans not only invented a syllabary alphabet, he cast his own type and built his own press, thus becoming the first printer/publisher in the Northwest. All the while, the missionary had to do battle less with Satan than with the Hudson's Bay Company.



BOOM!

Born at the Right Time: a History of the Baby Boom Generation. By Doug Owrham. University of Toronto Press. 292 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 hardbound.

A generation quite unlike any other, the baby-boomers comprise a powerful force. In this study, Owrham concentrates on their (and his) formative years, from the immediate post-war period to the end of the 1960s. Owrham believes the boomers' power and sense of self were largely attributable to four factors: sheer numbers, nurture in prosperous times, urge to create and embrace controversy, and above all, the aura of the glamorous and free-wheeling '60s. The baby boomers were also greatly influenced by the television set. "In a way that radio never could, television gave this generation a common perspective on the world and their place in it." Owrham provides a thoughtful review for the boomers to enjoy — and for their parents and children to understand!

Looking Back

The Orillia Spirit. By Randy Richmond. Dundurn Press. 150 pages. Illustrations. \$19.99 softbound.

Champlain would be amazed, Leacock amused, yet each contributed to creating and sustaining this lakeside commu-

nity. Here are historic vignettes, sketches (in sunshine, in storm and in the duller days between) of a little (but growing bigger in spite of itself) town. Everyone who cares about Orillia (which must be almost all of us) will find this sprightly written journey through its history enjoyable and informative.

Bats and Bullets

The Wagner Whacker. By Joseph Romain. Vanwell Publishing. 224 pages. \$6.95 softbound.

A baseball fantasy, with a young man for a hero, set in Fergus both now and 70 years ago. Incredible, but that's the fun of it.

Stone Orchard. By Susan E. Merritt. Vanwell Publishing. 192 pages. \$6.95 softbound.

Death is a major character in this story of a young girl set in the time of the 1866 Fenian raid at Ridgeway. More fancy than fact.

Milne

Painting Place: the Life and Work of David B. Milne. By David P. Silcox. University of Toronto Press. 423 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound.

This large format book is a stunningly attractive biographical and critical study of one of Canada's most gifted artists. Born near Paisley, Ontario, Milne moved to New York in 1903. The peak of his career was the famous 1913 Armory Show which introduced Modern Art to North America. He returned to Ontario in 1929. His rich legacy of nearly 3,000 paintings and other works are represented in all major Canadian galleries and private collections. The 190 colour and 240 black and white illustrations included in the publication offer a well-chosen sampling of Milne's art.

War Story

Heroes in Waiting: the 160th Bruce Battalion in the Great War. By Allan Bartley. Bruceale Press. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$35.00 hardbound.

"The raising of a battalion of 1200 men in Bruce County is bringing the war home and there will not be many homes unaffected", wrote the editor of a local paper in January 1916. Based on a legacy of poems, stories, letters, diaries and photographs, Bartley has recreated the story of the 160th Battalion of its recruitment, training and action in the trenches of the Western Front, and finally the return of many, but not all, to civilian life.

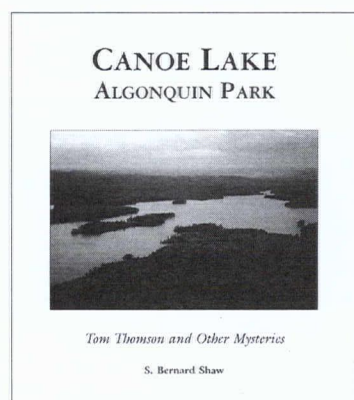
Light Reading

Bonfires & Beacons: Great Lakes Lighthouses. By Larry and Patricia Wright. Boston Mills Press. 96 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 hardbound.

The romantic lighthouse is today a landlubber's luxury, but in their time these noble edifices served a literally vital purpose.

Larry Wright's splendid photographs feature 43 of the lighthouses dotted around the Great Lakes. Each is accompanied by Patricia Wright's informative page of description and history.

Double Trouble



Canoe Lake, Algonquin Park: Tom Thomson and Other Mysteries. By Bernard Shaw. General Store Publishing. 156 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Two stories, two tragedies one economic and industrial, one artistic and personal are closely associated with Algonquin's Canoe Lake. The former is the story of the Gilmour lumbering operation and the failure of a fantastic scheme to move lumber by water, tramway and causeway more than 400 kilometres to supply mills and furniture factories in Trenton on Lake Ontario. The latter is the mysterious death of artist Tom Thomson and the speculations about it which have continued for more than half a century. Both tales are worth telling and in this volume are well told indeed.

Rebellion Reviewed

Bluebloods & Rednecks: Discord and Rebellion in the 1830s. By Charles D. Anderson. General Store Publishing. 263 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

A welcome addition to the ever-growing library of books on the era of the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada. Author Anderson explores both familiar and unfamiliar ground in this chronicle of events before, during and after the uprising, all from the perspective of eastern Ontario. That region is not remembered for exhibiting much sympathy for the Rebellion, but Anderson leaves little doubt on which side he would have been.

Around Ontario

The Story of the Markham Berczy Settlers: 200 Years in Markham 1794-1994. Stewart Publishing. 54 pages. \$6.00 softbound.

William Berczy's influence on early Upper Canada is a story often told. Here is the collected story of the many including all their names and places of settlement who followed him to Markham in 1794.

A Stamford Poet. By Celia Wallace. Friends of Stamford Village. 40 pages. \$3.00 softbound.

Reflections on the life of a church in Stamford, now part of the City of Niagara Falls.

The Reverend Nevin Woodside and the Pittsburgh and Ontario Reformed Presbyterian Presbytery, 1883-1910. By Eldon Hay. Presbyterian Historical Society of the Upper Ohio Valley. 56 pages. Illustrations. \$5.00 U.S. softbound.

A carefully researched sketch of the history of a presbytery whose boundaries included parts of Canada and the United States.

Fifty Years in Huntsville, 1934-1984. By John A. Laycock. Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village. 200 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

This volume, the memoirs of a teacher and later school principal, sketches the recent history of the small town he adopted and tells some charming stories about many of his fellow citizens. One chapter deals with the founding and funding of Muskoka Pioneer Village.

Street: The Man, the Family, the Village. By Mary E. Manning. Streetsville Historical Society. 250 pages.

Many a local historian and genealogist will welcome the reprinting of this comprehensive history. The village has been swallowed up by Mississauga, but no one will forget the story of the life and tumultuous times of its founding settler and his family.

History Noted

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

William Thomas, Architect: 1799-1860. By Glenn McArthur and Annie Szamosi. Carleton University Press. 168 pages. Illustrations. \$59.95 hardbound. \$39.95 softbound.

J.E.H. MacDonald, Designer: An Anthology of Graphic Design, Illustration and Lettering. Carleton University Press. 152 pages. Illustrations. \$45.95 hardbound.

The first two volumes in a new art book imprint: The Archives of Canadian Art.

Law Society: The Law Society of Upper Canada and Ontario Lawyers, 1797-1997. By Christopher Moore. University of Toronto Press. 352 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

A work especially commissioned to mark the society's

bicentennial.

The First 200 Years: A Brief History of Darlington Township; From the Oak Plain to the Lakefront: A Brief History of Clarke Township and Along the Gravel Road: A Brief History of Cartwright Township. By Sher Leetooze. Lynn Michael-John Associates. Illustrations. \$18.95 each, softbound.

Three volumes in a projected series of six dealing with the history of the former Durham County.

Also, please note: With the death of Larry B. Turner, two Petherwin Heritage imprints, *A Boy's Cottage Diary, 1904* and *Merrickville: Jewel on the Rideau*, are now distributed from Natural Heritage/Natural History.

The Waterloo Historical Society will reprint its *Waterloo Township through Two Centuries* if enough prepaid orders are sent (\$75.00 + \$10.00) directly to them.

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Friends of Muskoka Pioneer Village, 88 Brunel Road, Huntsville, Ontario P1H 1R1.

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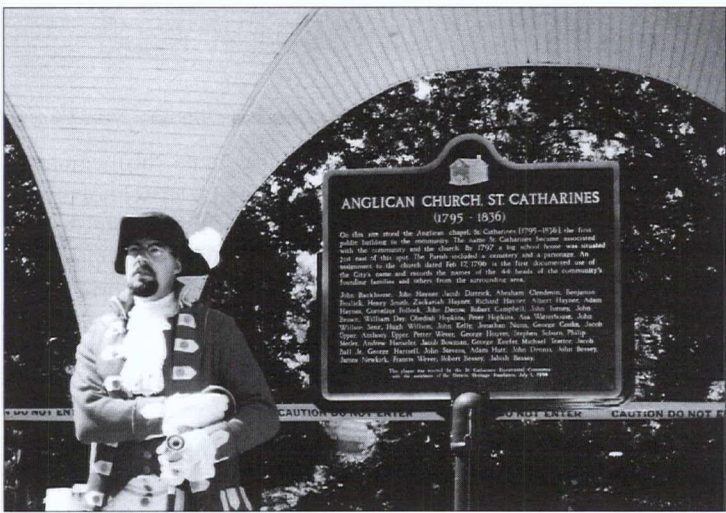
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In celebration of St. Catharines' 200th anniversary in 1996, the City erected a plaque in honour of the community's first church, which stood from 1795 to 1836. Early documents show that the church bore the name 'Anglican Church St. Catharines', proving that the community's present name has been used for over 200 years. (Photo courtesy of Jon Jouprien.)

History of early church helps solve mystery of St. Catharines' name

To mark its bicentennial in 1996, St. Catharines Deputy Mayor, Bill Wiley and the St. Catharines Bicentennial Committee unveiled a plaque commemorating the community's first public building, the Anglican Church St. Catharines. The plaque was erected in Memorial Park, near Oak Hall, the former Merritt house, now home to radio station CKTB.

The earliest reference to the church appears to be a brief note in an annual report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel dated 1795. Another early document recording the history of the church, dated February 17, 1796, records the first use of the name St. Catharines. For many years, local historians believed that the community was first known as Shipman's Corners, but the use of the name St. Catharines on this document appeared some years before Paul Shipman purchased Adam's

Tavern. The document also proves that the name St. Catharines was used before the death of Catherine Hamilton and before the famous Merritt family had arrived in the community, putting an end to old theories that St. Catharines was named after members of these families.

The community of St. Catharines grew up around this early frame church. During the War of 1812, the structure served as a hospital, caring for British regulars and Canadian militia. It suffered sufficient damage during the war to qualify for reimbursement from the Upper Canadian government. In 1836, it was accidentally burned to the ground, and was replaced by St. George's church in 1840, which still stands.

For further information on the church and on other bicentennial projects, please contact Jon Jouprien, St. Catharines Bicentennial Committee at (905) 684-7986.

Marsh for Life works to brighten future of Durham Region's heritage

Over 80 percent of the wetlands in the Greater Toronto Area have been lost to development and urbanization. Along with these resources, many valuable habitats and cultural and historical elements have also been lost. To preserve the remaining resources and educate the community, the "Marsh for Life" project has been created, to focus on the importance of the coastal marshes and heritage of the Durham Region.

While several groups and organizations currently are active in preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the area, no linkages exist to connect them and collectively communicate the message of caring for what remains. Marsh for Life will provide a central link for interested groups and develop a Natural and Cultural Heritage Network. The group will also be responsible for establishing an infor-

mation centre focusing on heritage issues of the area, and hopes to obtain space in the former Ontario Psychiatric Hospital buildings on the waterfront in Whitby.

Working with Youth Service Canada, an organization which develops community-based groups to support an identified need and provide work experience for youth servicing that need, Marsh for Life is attempting to catalogue the wildlife corridors, watersheds and rediscover the Mississauga's ancient pathways in order to protect them. The group hopes to have the project completed within eight months. Also planned is a Marsh for Life Festival to celebrate the beginning of the network and the opening of the centre. The event will provide an opportunity for groups in the network to share information and resources and to educate the community.

For further information on

The Thunder Bay District Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is seeking details on people buried in a small private cemetery in **Strange Township**. The cemetery is located on the property of Hannes Karila on the north shore of Whitefish Lake, 30 miles southwest of Thunder Bay.

A small cemetery also exists in the abandoned community of **Jackfish** on the CPR line east of Terrace Bay. The cemetery is located south of the railway line, a few miles east of the station. Anyone with information on these two cemeteries is requested to contact Art Gunnell at (807) 767-1587.

Keith Philips of the Belleville area has requested information on an unmarked burial site in **Huntingdon Township**. Philips plans to construct a home and does not wish to disturb the site. When it is located, the site will be marked appropriately.

Congratulations to Harold Stewart of Richmond Hill, whose ancestor, Matthias Sanders, died in April 1813 at the Battle of York. The inscription on the monument in **Thornhill Community Cemetery** is now faded, and Stewart has arranged to place a small plaque in stone at the monument's foot, recording the inscription for generations to come.

Haldimand Branch, OGS volunteers would like to know about **abandoned or private cemeteries** in their area. Contact Gladys Ricker at (905) 774-6837.

Concern has been expressed that **East Sullivan Baptist Cemetery**, now known as **Golden Valley Cemetery** in Sullivan Township, Grey County, will not accept any further burials. Very few burials occur at the cemetery and it may be necessary for the Township to assume maintenance.

Marsh for Life, please contact Margaret Cornfoot, 404 Byron Street South, Whitby, Ontario L1N 4R1, (905) 666-4461.

Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, OHS Cemetery News Editor

Congratulations to the Hamilton Branch, OGS which has set up a **"vigilante" committee** to watch for closure (meaning closed and moved) notices. The committee will be watching for notices in local newspapers and possible signage. Their concern is to protect older cemeteries.

A number of "strayed" tombstones have been reported. Arrangements will be made to have the marker to Lucy Stover, who died February 15, 1867, restored to **Reesor Mennonite Cemetery**. The marker to George Bartlett Washington, who died March 12, 1867 has been returned to **Mann Cemetery**. We are still seeking the original location for the following tombstones: "Elizabeth, wife of John Marks, died October 2, 1849 aged 36 years" and "William Greig, son of Henry and Susan, who died 25 May 1873 aged 4 years". A third broken stone has been found and the remaining piece reads: "... Robinson, 1884-1896". Anyone with information relating to these tombstones may call Marjorie

Stuart at the OHS, (416) 226-9011.

Discussions have been underway with representatives of The Alexander Muir Retirement Residence in Newmarket which is the site of **Prospect Hill Cemetery**. A few legal technicalities need to be resolved, but we are hopeful that the site can remain undisturbed. All parties agree that this solution would be best.

Concern has been voiced over the **future care of cemeteries** in areas considering municipal restructuring. Many municipalities have assumed care for abandoned cemeteries, but some sites have not yet been assumed. We have learned that in some municipalities, cemeteries and their maintenance have not been discussed during the study period. It is to be hoped that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Cemeteries Regulation Section of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations will discuss this matter with local governments before it is too late.

Proposed federal legislation will affect heritage community

So many new pieces of legislation are in the air these days, at both the federal and provincial level, that it is almost impossible to keep up with developments.

Heritage Canada appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance during pre-budget hearings to emphasize a number of heritage related tax concerns. The Committee has released its report, *The 1997 Budget and Beyond: Finish the Job* which supports many of Heritage Canada's suggestions.

Contact Heritage Canada for details at Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa K1P 5R4, (613) 237-1066 or fax (613) 237-5987. Read the report, and if you agree with the suggestions, write the Minister of Finance asking for their implementation, copy your MP and talk it up among your friends

and colleagues.

A new copyright measure, Bill 32, now before the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage will severely affect researchers, historians, journalists, authors, genealogists, legal scholars and museum personnel if it passes unamended. This Bill does not grant an exemption to unpublished work for "research and study" as it does to published work, and it also has an adverse effect on users in the area of the copyright "right" period for documents created by now-deceased authors.

Again, we urge our members to read this Bill, contact your MP, write to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Sheila Copps, House of Commons, Ottawa K1A 0A6 and make your concerns known.

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