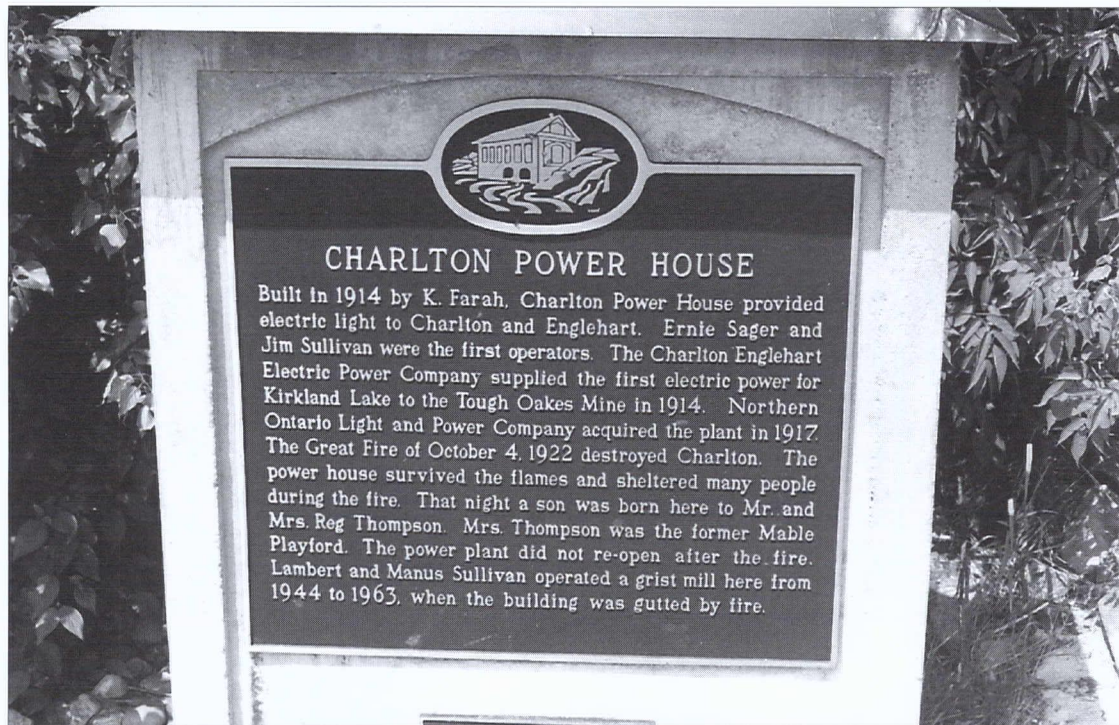




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The Haileybury Heritage Museum is sponsoring an event from October 2 to 5 to commemorate the Great Fire of 1922. Bus tours will visit sites affected by the fire, including the Charlton Power House, which survived the blaze and provided shelter for many people. The Power House has since been destroyed by fire, and a monument was erected to honour its role in northeastern Ontario's history. (Photo courtesy of Haileybury Heritage Museum.)

Recognize excellence in Ontario's heritage with an award from the OHS

By Bruce Richard, Chair, OHS Honours and Awards Committee

Thursday, October 30, 1997 is the deadline for receiving nominations for the 1997 OHS awards. We need your help to recognize the excellent work being done in heritage preservation, interpretation and publishing in your community and area of interest.

Nominations for the following categories are invited:

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS
Cruikshank Gold Medal: presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the Society.

Carnochan Award: to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community.

AWARDS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
Scadding Award of Excellence: to an historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Museum Award of Excellence: to a non-profit, public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement. Employees, paid or non-paid, may not nominate their

own institution.

Dorothy Duncan Award: to a non-profit organization which must be nominated by a First Nations' Band council or a municipal council, for outstanding service to its region. A cash award accompanies the certificate.

AWARDS FOR LACACs
B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit: to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Ontario for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past.

AWARDS FOR AUTHORS
Riddell Award: for the best article on Ontario's history published anywhere in Canada during 1997, the award year.

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Hot Dog! The OHS is having a barbeque!

The perfect highlight to the perfect Summer is the OHS' Barbeque. This fun-filled event will take place at Albion Hills Conservation Area on Highway 50 north of Bolton on Saturday, August 23 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

While away a leisurely afternoon swimming at the nearby beach, taking a tranquil stroll in the woods or simply relaxing in good company.

All this and more can be yours for \$10.00 for adults and

\$5.00 for children (ages 5 to 14). Tickets are limited and must be ordered in advance. They include admission to Albion Hills Conservation Area, the barbeque and all the fun you can pack into the afternoon. The event takes place rain or shine.

Send your payment, payable to The Ontario Historical Society, to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. For further information, contact us at (416) 226-9011.

Event marks 75th anniversary of the Great Fire

On October 4, 1922, a great fire swept through northeastern Ontario killing over 40 people and causing massive destruction in 18 municipalities.

The 75th Anniversary Committee and the Haileybury Heritage Museum are presenting a commemorative event from October 2 to 5 to remember the fire, tour many of the sites touched by the devastation and celebrate with the survivors.

Throughout the weekend, bus tours will be divided into

three areas, exploring many significant sites. A parade celebrates the survivors of the disaster and a formal dinner with entertainment complete Saturday's agenda. On Sunday, the stage play, "Fire in the North" is performed at the Classic Theatre in Cobalt.

Registrations for the event must be received by Monday, September 1. For further information, contact the Haileybury Heritage Museum, 451 Meridian Avenue, P.O. Bag "D", Haileybury P0J 1K0, (705) 672-1922.

Tea and history - what a combination!

Spend a Sunday afternoon browsing through a broad assortment of books related to history and heritage, then relax on a spacious verandah and enjoy tea and homebaking. The Ontario Historical Society is hosting the ever-popular, annual Tea on the Verandah on Sunday, August 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our historic home, the John McKenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

This year, for the first time, several organizations are joining the OHS at Tea on the Verandah to present a History and Heritage Book Sale including the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Huguenot Society of Canada, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, Ontario Archaeological Society, Ontario Black History So-

ciety, Ontario Genealogical Society, Ontario Museum Association, York Pioneer and Historical Society and there will be publications available from the former Women's Canadian Historical Society. This sale will offer a unique collection of history and heritage-related books, both new and used, modern and historical.

Sittings for Tea on the Verandah will be at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 per person. Admission to the History and Heritage Book Sale is free.

Proceeds will support the heritage organizations' programmes and projects across Ontario. The sale and tea will take place rain or shine.

For further information, please contact the Society at (416) 226-9011.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Meeting with the Minister

The moment we went to press with the last issue of the *OHS Bulletin* describing our requests to meet with the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, the Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, our President Robert Surtees received a telephone call confirming a meeting for July 9.

During the meeting with the Minister and her staff, we were able to bring a number of concerns, both to the OHS and the heritage community, to her attention. Thank you Minister Mushinski.

Amalgamation Handbook

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario have prepared a manual to assist local communities, organizations and institutions with the amalgamation process.

Under the section on Recreation and Cultural Services, there is a sub-section on Museums with a very short list of issues to be addressed. We learned at the meeting with the Minister that her staff had not been consulted about the manual and we encouraged the involvement of the Heritage Programmes Unit to expand this important section.

As the heritage organizations and institutions in Metropolitan Toronto are learning, this very complex issue has no easy answers on how to continue services to the community while preserving our fragile heritage resources when such major changes

are underway.

McKenzie House Gets a New Hat

The severe storm that hit Metro Toronto and other parts of Ontario a few weeks ago did severe damage to the roof of our historic headquarters. Suddenly, a new roof that had been a part of our distant future is now an important part of our present. To facilitate present and future work (and expenditures) painting of the exterior trim will go forward at the same time. We are very grateful to Para Paints for the generous donation of paint for the exterior work.

Thank You Volunteers

July 1 was again a very successful fundraising event at the OHS headquarters with about \$1400.00 raised during our four hour sale. A salute to Jeanne Hughes, Barbara Kane, Edith and Geoff Geduld, Sarah Walker, Jean Burnet, Hazel Kitto, Glenn Bonnetta, Ruth Freeman, Rowena Cooper, Gordon Duncan and Bev Hykel and staff members Cathy Febraro, Robert Leverty and Barbara Truax for their volunteer work that made the event such a resounding success.

An Update on Land Registry Office Documents

For 14 years, the *OHS Bulletin* has been keeping our members informed of the proposed destruction of these important historic resources. In 1983, Wesley Turner, then OHS Presi-

dent, wrote under the heading "POLARIS Endangers Land Records" to alert the community. At the OHS Annual Meeting in 1984, Ron Logan and Robert Blomsma from the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations spoke to the membership and followed it up with a letter confirming, "that the Property Rights Division will provide information articles from time to time for the *OHS Bulletin* to keep members informed and to ensure the involvement of persons with an interest in historical records in the decision making process."

Hearing nothing further, it was with surprise and concern we learned in June of 1988 that a programme of destruction had begun. Approximately 50 national, provincial and local heritage groups held a press conference at Queen's Park, resulting in a moratorium while an Advisory Committee was formed to make recommendations on the issue. The Committee was chaired by Dr. Gerald Killan of the University of Western Ontario and Past President of the OHS, with representatives from many heritage organizations in Ontario.

The report of the Committee was forwarded to the Ministers of Culture and Communications, and Consumer and Commercial Relations in March of 1990 and, in their responses the Ministers accepted some of the recommendations, while rejecting others, and maintained the moratorium until options for disposition could be considered.

Last year, the Archives of Ontario and Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations called a series of meetings with provincial heritage organizations to give us an update on what had actually happened (some recommendations implemented, some not, some partially implemented) and to outline their plans for the disposition of the 1868 to 1955 records that were now under consideration.

The original solution was for the Archives of Ontario to take specific records and the remainder were to be offered to provincial and local organizations and institutions to store and preserve, as the Province has no available funds for this project.

As discussions continued and the provincial organizations strenuously protested this course of action, two new pieces of information emerged: the Province does not know how many records there really are in the various offices, nor does it know what they actually contain!

Early in 1997, a group of researchers came together under the name, the Association for the Preservation of Ontario Land Registry Office Documents (APOLROD), and volunteered to inventory the contents of the offices and to work on the transfer of the documents to local repositories. The OHS' position, and that of many other provincial or-



Penny Potter (right) leads a session at the workshop "Discover Your Community" last year in Milton. She has been a speaker and workshop leader at many OHS events. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

Thank you Penny Potter!

On Tuesday, May 27, the many friends and colleagues of Penny Potter gathered at Lillian Public School to honour her on her retirement from the North York Board of Education.

At Penny's request, in lieu of a gift, donations were directed to the Young Ontario Programme of The Ontario Historical Society and close to \$2000.00 was donated.

Thank you Penny and all the donors:

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Information wanted

Gordon Morton McGregor

David Roberts is preparing a biography of Gordon Morton McGregor (1873-1922), a Windsor native and the founder of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited. Roberts is interested in hearing from anyone with any recollections or unpublished documents pertaining to McGregor and Ford before 1923. If you can assist, contact David Roberts, Senior Manuscript Editor, *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, University of Toronto, 243 College Street, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R5, (416) 978-6744.

ganizations, is that this is a three-part process, comprising an inventory, an evaluation of the inventory and a strategic plan for preservation of all land registry office documents. If you are interested in reading the most recent update on this issue, contact the Archives of Ontario, 77 Grenville Street, Unit 300, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3.

Union Station

ACT, the Summer 1997 edition of the newsletter of the Toronto Region Architectural Conservancy, is devoted to Union Station and its proposed sale to the Toronto Maple Leafs. This is a great analysis of the situation, so contact the Conservancy at Box 7162, Station A. Toronto M5W 1X8 if you would like a copy.

Across the Province

By Richard Gardiner, Chair, Local Societies Committee and
Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

The **Grenville County Historical Society** will hold a Historic House Tour of Prescott on September 27. Five houses will be open for viewing and afternoon tea will be served. Call (613) 925-0489 for information.

The **Komoka Railway Museum** is searching for artifacts, photographs and memorabilia relating to the railroads of southwestern Ontario. If you can assist, call (519) 657-1912.

Congratulations to the **Innisfil Historical Society** celebrating 25 years of serving the community on Saturday, October 18 with dinner at the Grange Hall in Lefroy. Contact Ross Wallace for tickets, (705) 436-2812.

A "Rainbow of Costumes" gives you an opportunity to buy or rent Victorian style costumes for your special events. Call **Martin Rainbow** for details: (416) 757-4555.

One of Simcoe's renowned Alligator Warping Tugboats has been rescued, restored and launched in the Lynn River. Congratulations to the **Norfolk Historical Society**, the **Alligator Committee** and the volunteers on this successful event.

Tillsonburg Museum and Annandale House have sponsored many innovative events to commemorate the town's 125th anniversary. The latest was a contest asking residents to state 125 reasons why Tillsonburg is "My Kind of Town." How about using that in your own community?

The **Town of Latchford** celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, surviving many challenges: In 1912, the largest employer, Empire Lumber Company, closed and the steam boat lines ceased operations; the A.J. Murphy Lumber Company closed in 1962; William Milne's sawmill and the Sherman Mine both closed in 1990. Despite these setbacks, Latchford continues to survive and prosper. Congratulations!

The **Oshawa Historical Society** will celebrate at the 40th Anniversary Dinner, November 19 at The Officer's Mess with the Honourable Colonel Michael Starr as guest speaker. To reserve tickets: (905) 436-7624.

Gillian Morden of the **East Gwillimbury Historical Society** has received the Dorothy Eves Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Society.

The **Halton County Radial Railway**, operated by the **Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association**, is in full operation. Call (416) 241-9262 or (519) 856-9802 for prices, schedules and special events.

Home Sweet Scarborough, a publication of the **Scarborough LACAC**, 1996 winner of the OHS B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award, is an attractive and timely publication as amalgamation approaches. Call (416) 282-2710 for costs and availability.

The **Muskoka Steamship**

and **Historical Society** reminds us that the R.M.S. Segwun, now in its 111th season, will remain in service this year until October 19. In 1997, the Segwun is joined by the restored steam yacht Wanda III for a wide range of cruises - breakfast, dinner, mystery, gourmet and more. Call (705) 687-6667 for details.

The **Bell Homestead** in Brantford, winner of the OHS Museum Award of Excellence for 1996, hosted Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth when she visited Ontario in June.

The **Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical Society** was successful in saving the historic 1840 Old Stone Jail in Beaverton. The Society raised over \$80,000.00 to relocate and restore the building in Centennial Park at the museum and held the official opening on Canada Day. Well done!

Canada Blooms 1998 will take place from Wednesday, March 11 through Sunday, March 15 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building. For further information, contact (416) 461-0572.

The **Lakeshore Genealogical Society** has presented to the **Barnum House Museum Foundation** the results of an extensive research project on the Barnum family history. The three massive binders of documents and data were unveiled in July at a gala evening at Barnum House in Grafton.

Join a **Discovery Walk** at the Downsview Lands in the City of North York. Call (416) 952-2226 for times and locations.

The **Mackenzie Heritage Printery Museum** will present The Playing Card Colloquium on October 4 at the Queenston Heights Restaurant. Call (905) 262-5676 for programme details.

Elwood Jones, President of the **Peterborough Historical Society** and former Board member of the OHS, has launched *Peterborough Golf and Country Club, 1897-1997*, tracing the history of golfing in Peterborough.

Norfolklore '97 announces that the 21st annual Genealogy Fair, hosted by the **Norfolk Historical Society**, will be held at the Simcoe Armouries on Saturday, September 27 with 30 exhibitors. A visit to the research archives at the **Eva Brook Donly Museum** is included with admission to the Fair. Call (519) 426-1583 for details.

The **Bruce and Grey Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** will present the Annual Fall Event on September 20 at the Durham Memorial Arena with Jim Tyrrell of Salt Lake City, Utah as guest speaker. Contact Art Harvey, 355 Beattie Avenue, Owen Sound N4K 6K3 for registration forms.

Lang Pioneer Village in Keene plans to mark its 30th anniversary with the *County of Peterborough Anniversary Cook-*

book featuring historic recipes from area residents.

The **Bruce County Historical Society** will hold the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Bruce Township Community Centre, Underwood, on Saturday, October 11 with Patricia Bellamy speaking on the Lewis Settlement. Call (519) 797-3526 for tickets.

The **York Region Group of the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society** has prepared a register of surnames which the family historians of the group are researching. The list consists of two parts: the names being researched and the persons seeking information about those names. For your copy, contact the Arthur Hill at (905) 713-1426.

Congratulations to **Mark Crane**, University of Windsor History student and recipient of the Botsford Award. The award honours David Botsford, first head of the **Fort Malden National Historic Site** and Essex County historian.

If you are in the Port Carling area, visit the **Muskoka Lakes Museum** to see the new exhibit on resorts in Muskoka showing until Thanksgiving when the Festival takes place October 11 and 12. Call (705) 765-5367 for details.

The **Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum** will host a new event this fall called the Hands-On Heritage Fall Fair on September 7, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call (905) 727-8954.

The **Law Society of Upper Canada's** 200th anniversary has been commemorated by Canada Post with a stamp showing Osgoode Hall and a reproduction of a wax seal based on the Society's original crest. Founded in 1797 when ten of Upper Canada's 16 licensed lawyers met in Wilson's Hotel in Newark, the Society now has 27,000 members making it the largest in Canada.

The **International Plowing Match** will be held September 16 to 20 at Ivy in Simcoe County. For information: (705) 727-1997.

Members of the **Ontario Marine Heritage Committee** take note! The Fall Meeting has been rescheduled to November 1 and 2 in Tobermory.

Several community organizations have banded together in Whitby to save the **Old Whitby Psychiatric Hospital** grounds from residential development. The area is significant in that Lynde Marsh - a Class-1 wetland - forms part of its waterfront, the structure is of national importance and the site has a rich First Nations heritage. Several preservation proposals from Whitby Municipal Council and local groups have been formulated to protect the area, but in late June a \$100 million development on land adjacent to the site was announced. For further information, contact Margaret Cornfoot, 404 Byron Street South, Whitby L1N 4R1.

President's message

By Robert Surtees, OHS President

As this new year opens for The Ontario Historical Society, my single most serious hope is that of being able to assist our Society in persevering in the goals that have maintained it for almost 11 decades.

These aims found succinct expression in the preface to *Preserving Ontario's Heritage*, Gerald Killan's 1976 history of The Ontario Historical Society. Killan declared that the Society's "credentials have been established by virtue of its many efforts to record, interpret, publicise, and preserve Ontario's heritage, and its policy of coordinating and encouraging the work of local historical associations and museums".

That volume, still available through the OHS, demonstrates that this dual goal has been consistent since the inception of the Pioneer Association of Ontario in 1888 (the name changed to The Ontario Historical Society in 1898) and has very much shaped the activities and directions of the organization. The latter goal, that of coordinating the many local societies, has followed a direct and relatively, though not totally, uncontroversial path to the present. The task of preserving and recording our province's past has been more awkward to define and to implement.

Part of the problem in this respect is the general consensus that when telling a story from the past, one should attempt to make it a complete story. It might be expressed in colloquial terms as "telling the full story, warts and all".

This goal was not always present. The original founders of our Society, it would seem, sought to engender a sense of a particular nationalism, that of the UEL tradition and the British connection. Given the prevailing sentiment of a century ago, and the relatively homogeneous nature of Ontario society then, this thinking is understandable.

Today, these two features of our past, while prominent and important, form only a portion of the story. The province has become too diverse, and our current knowledge of the past so much more complete, for that emphasis to predominate. Yet in trying to be complete, in trying to include warts, one might create a portrait of the past that is overly grim. The goal should be balance, and the best way to ensure that, it strikes me, is to include the full context within which the story occurred.

For example, in a 1984 article in *Graduate: The University of Toronto Alumni Magazine*, Donald Smith outlined, with obvious pride as a University of Toronto alumnus, the manner in which that university's graduates rallied to the standard when the call went out for volunteers to assist in the suppression of the 1885 Riel Rebellion. Smith balanced this with an account of the conditions in the West that led to that rebellion.

Currently, The Ontario Historical Society espouses such a balanced approach but does not shy away from noting warts. Our awards for scholarship encourage both and the recent recipient of our Joseph Brant award, *We're Rooted Here and They Can't Pull Us Up: Essays in African Canadian Women's History*, coordinated by Peggy Bristow, serves as an illustration. It is that same search for balance that has prompted the Society's stance with respect to the current issues of land records maintenance and cemetery closings, both of which will no doubt be the subjects of discussion in this *OHS Bulletin*.

My space in this corner is limited. Thus, I shall close with the hope that this balance continues, and with an expression of my gratitude to Past President Rowena Cooper for leaving me with a clear slate and a solid foundation.

Our sympathy to the families, friends and colleagues of Beth Langford, President of the **North York Historical Society**, Edna Avery of the **Bruce County Historical Society** and John Scott, former Board member of **Heritage Toronto**, who passed away recently.

The **Archives Association of Ontario** has appointed Brian

Masschaele as Archives Advisor. For further information: Box 46009, College Park Post Office, 444 Yonge Street, Toronto M5B 2L8, (416) 792-1173.

Looking for a speaker for an upcoming meeting of your historical society or heritage group? Contact Paul Bator, Historian, **The Ontario Heritage Foundation**, (416) 314-4911.

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Upcoming Events

August: From Shells to Loonies, the travelling exhibit from the Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada in Ottawa arrives at the Sault Ste. Marie Museum during the last week of this month. Visit the Museum and explore how currency has changed in Canada from wampum used by the First Nations to the loonie. Contact the Museum at 690 Queen Street East, (705) 759-7278.

August 17: Visit Barnum House Museum from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a **Corn Roast**. Enjoy country music entertainment and hike the nature trail. Contact the Museum on Highway 2, one km. west of Grafton, (905) 349-2656.

August 23: The Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology invites you on a free three-hour walking tour exploring **Cave Dwellers of the Don**. Meet at the northwest corner of Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East (Riverdale Library) in Toronto at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon learning about the buried excavations and cave and hermit dwellers of the Don River. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 968-6255.

August-September 7: The Chatham Kent Museum presents the exhibition, **Under the North Star**, examining Chatham's black heritage through dioramas depicting important events, institutions and individuals. In addition to the exhibition, the Museum is also presenting a lecture series. On August 20, Alice Newby of the Buxton Settlement and Historic Museum discusses **William King and the Elgin Settlement**. Con-

tact the Museum at 75 William Street North in Chatham, (519) 354-8338.

August-September 1: Shiver me Timbers! The Marine Museum on the CNE grounds in Toronto presents **Pirates!**, an exhibit designed to stir your imagination. Local history tells of many pirates who sailed the Great Lakes from the 1600s to the War of 1812. This exhibition outlines pirate lore and provides several activities for young wanna-be buccaneers. Contact Heritage Toronto at (416) 392-6827.

August-September 28: Visit **Remembering the Oshawa Railway**, a part of the Thomas Bouckley Collection of Historical Photographs at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa Civic Centre. The exhibition commemorates the Oshawa Railway from the 1880s to 1964. Admission is free. Contact the Gallery for hours at (905) 576-3000.

September 14: Follow the old stockyards trail, forming part of the historic Davenport Trail, for the free two and one-half hour walking tour, **Rails to Trails**. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the northeast corner of Dundas Street West and Runnymede Road in Toronto and explore the physical and natural remains of the old stockyard site and vicinity. This tour is sponsored by the Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 968-6255.

September 20-26: Enjoy a festival of the art, history and archi-

tecture of the **Township of Storrington** at Inverary United Church Hall, Inverary. Artist Shirley Gibson-Langille has compiled an exhibition of 90 paintings and the proceeds support beautifying the four cemeteries of Storrington Township. Contact Shirley Gibson-Langille at (613) 549-8360.

September 19-21: Enjoy the **Ninth Annual Commemoration of the Surrender of Detroit**, a living history event presented by Windsor's Community Museum and the Museum Volunteer Group. Local school students are invited to participate in the surrender of Detroit in special education programmes on the 19th. On Friday evening, experience "An Evening with Tecumseh" at the Sandwich Bicentennial Dinner Theatre. Tickets must be purchased. On Saturday and Sunday, a host of activities including soldiers' encampments, mock battles and an 1812 fashion show are yours for free admission on the grounds of the Duff-Baby House and Interpretation Centre at 221 Mill Street in old Sandwich. On Saturday evening, take a candlelight stroll through the streets of Olde Sandwich Towne and learn about the characters and events behind the heritage buildings. Tickets are required. Contact Windsor's Community Museum: Francois Baby House and Duff-Baby Interpretation Centre at (519) 253-1812.

September 20: People will come from miles around to take part in the **41st Annual Pioneer Festival and Mennonite Quilt Auc-**

tion at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto. The Festival is the Village's most popular event and the day is filled with entertainment, lots of Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German foods and an auction of handmade quilts. Contact the Village at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue West, (416) 736-1733.

September 21: The Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology and the Toronto Field Naturalists invite you to join them for a free three and one-half hour walking tour of **Lower Taddle Creek**, one of Toronto's many lost creeks. Retrace the lower path of the creek through the University of Toronto grounds and southward. Meet at 2:00 p.m. outside the entrance to the Royal Ontario Museum, Queen's Park and Bloor Street West. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 968-6255.

September 21: Celebrate the potato harvest at the County of Grey Owen Sound Museum's **Pratie Oaten** from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Enjoy a variety of potato dishes, Celtic music and dancing and demonstrations of Celtic crafts. Contact the Museum at 975 Sixth Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

September-October: The travelling exhibition, **The Women's Institute 100 Year Anniversary** stops at the Prince Edward County Museum for these two

months, then continues on to other county museums in 1997. The Prince Edward County Museum is located at Macaulay Heritage Park in Picton. Contact (613) 476-3833 and for information on the exhibit, contact Marion Casson at the Ameliasburgh Museum, (613) 968-9678.

October 4: Heritage York unveils a federal plaque honouring Father of Confederation, Sir W.P. Howland in front of the newly-opened Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas Street in the City of York. Contact (416) 767-7633 or 766-6642 for times.

October 22: Plan to attend the Fourth Biennial **Museum Colloquium** presented by the Ontario Museum Association from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Burlington Art Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Road in Burlington. The programme focuses on education, issues and practices. Contact the OMA, (416) 348-8672.

October 24-26: The Ontario Archaeological Society and the Midwest Archaeological Conference present the **1997 Joint Symposium**, Taming the Taxonomy: Toward a New Understanding of Great Lakes Archaeology at the Novotel Hotel in North York. For registration forms and further information, contact the Toronto Chapter, Ontario Archaeological Society, 260 Adelaide Street East, Box 48, Toronto M5A 1N1.

Food workshops at Gibson House

The Gibson House Museum in North York is presenting a wide variety of food-related workshops and events this Autumn. Hearth Cooking Workshops invite participants to roll up their sleeves and experience 19th century cooking techniques and recipes and throughout the sea-

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For further information and to register for the workshops, please contact The Gibson House, 5172 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario M2N 5P6, (416) 395-7432.

Our featured publication

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Upcoming OHS Educational Programmes

DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
September 20	Heritage Gardening: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow (workshop)	Schomberg
October 4	Herbs in History: Medicine and Magic, Food and Fragrance (workshop)	Oshawa
November 1	Understanding Oral History (workshop)	Willowdale

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

Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, OHS Cemetery News Editor

The annual memorial service at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery**, Bolsover, will take place on Sunday, September 1 1997 at 2:30 p.m.

The North York Historical Society and the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society will host a tour of historic **St John's York Mills Anglican Church and Cemetery** at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 7 or, if it rains, Sunday, September 14. The title of this tour is "Symbols of the Past". Artifacts from the church's archives will be on display and some descendants of the original settlers of York Mills/Hogg's Hollow will be on location to tell stories of their ancestors and the area they settled.

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead in St. George is seeking assistance for the restoration of the **St. George Presbyterian Cemetery**. Those interred there were pioneers in the area, as well as the family of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, a domestic crusader and co-founder of the Women's Institutes. In the 100th year since the founding of the Women's Institutes of Canada,

the Homestead seeks funding for the cemetery. Those interested should contact Sue Dorion, Curator, The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, R. R. #1, Blue Lake Road, St. George, Ontario NOE 1N0.

The **Brockville Cemeteries -Oakland and St. Francis Xavier** - invite the public to visit these cemeteries. They were established c. 1860 and reflect the rich history of the area.

From *Journey*, October-November 1996, we learn that **Sacred Heart of Mary Cemetery** on Wolfe Island has been restored. David, Peter, Paul and John Nourry, four brothers from Battersea repaired, cleaned and remounted 122 stones. The cemetery dates from c. 1847 and many of those buried there are island pioneers and their descendants.

Dr. Jennifer McKendry is writing a book titled *Into the Silent Land*. Special attention is to be given to garden cemeteries with curved roads and paths, specimen trees, statuary, flower beds and urns. The book will include touching and unusual head-

stones, iron enclosures, designs for various cemetery buildings and the landscape. Dr. McKendry invites readers to write to her about favourite cemeteries in Ontario. Early views, histories and site plans would be very helpful. Contact Dr. McKendry at 1 Baiden Street, Kingston, Ontario K7M 2J7.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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Hamilton: Jaqueline Brown, Ontario Genealogical Society, Hamilton Branch
Ingersoll: Middlesex and Oxford Living History Association
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Toronto: Harry Allen, Mark Daniher, Janet Findlay, Mellie Grix, Elizabeth Lewis, Gina Matesic, Sheila Yates

Ontario History - the June issue

By Terry Crowley, Editor

The concept of mission in Christianity has been radically revised since World War Two and decolonization. I well remember hearing former surgeon Bob McClure, China missionary and moderator of the United Church of Canada, declare about ten years ago that there were no more missionaries left, only co-partners in development. Yet throughout Canadian history, Christian missionaries have figured prominently.

In the September issue of *Ontario History*, Frederick Dreyer of the University of Western Ontario explores the Moravian mission to the Chippewas in the southern part of the province early in the 19th century. The article elucidates both First Nation's life in this part of Ontario and the beliefs of a little-known Christian denomination more prominent in the United States, even though it also had a previous mission in Labrador. In explaining why the Moravians failed in their initial conversion efforts, Frederick Dreyer contributes to ongoing revision about missionaries in North American history.

Nicholas Gardner of the University of Calgary also

takes a fresh look at the ethnic question during World War One by examining recruiting efforts in the Kitchener/Waterloo area where German Canadians were heavily represented. Recruiting for the 118th Overseas Battalion was fraught with difficulties not seen in most other parts of the province, but most were due to initiatives devised by militia minister, Sir Sam Hughes, the author concludes. People interested in military and ethnic history are likely to enjoy this article, as well as a note entitled "Report on Camp 'W': Internment Camp '100' North of Lake Superior in World War II."

Another contribution in September brings to light a once prominent, but now largely forgotten figure, William Meredith, prominent Conservative politician in the late 19th century. As we today worry about the independence of Quebec, author Peter Dembski reveals how divisions over federal and provincial powers helped to detract from Conservative success in Ontario at the time.

There is much to enjoy in *Ontario History's* September issue.

Awards

(continued from page 1)

Joseph Brant Award: for best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1995 to 1997.

J.J. Talman Award: for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years, 1995 to 1997.

Fred Landon Award: for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years, 1995 to 1997.

Alison Prentice Award (NEW IN 1997): for the best book on women's history published in the past three years, 1995 to 1997. (Please note that two copies of each nominated book are required

with the nomination.)

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Historic plaque honours local doctor and telephone pioneer

Alexander Beatty was born in the village of Elizabethtown on October 10, 1860. After graduating from high school in Port Hope, he taught school in an effort to earn enough money to put himself through medical school. Following an apprenticeship and marriage to Sophia Trull of Leskard, he moved his practice in 1895 to Garden Hill in rural Hope Township.

In an effort to ensure his patients could reach him throughout the farming district, Dr. Beatty purchased and installed four telephones in the area. Later, more and more farmers wanted access, thus the Beatty Telephone System was born.

In the early days, everyone was on a party line, and listening in was encouraged as a way of

passing on information.

For his pioneering efforts, Dr. Beatty was made a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He died on September 14, 1946, and his wife continued the system until her death ten years later. Eventually, Bell purchased the system, thus ending independent telephone in Hope

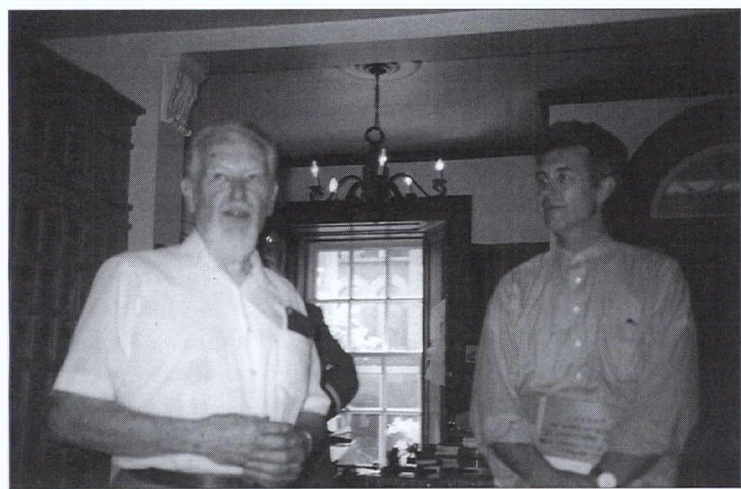
Township.

Earlier this year, the East Durham Historical Society, with assistance from The Ontario Heritage Foundation and Bell Canada, placed a commemorative plaque at Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill, honouring the accomplishments of Dr. Beatty.

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Museum News



John Ridout, President of Toronto's First Post Office (left) welcomes Don Loucks, the 500,000th visitor to the historic site since it opened to the public in March 1984. (Photo courtesy of Toronto's First Post Office.)

Toronto's First Post Office welcomes 500,000th visitor

On Wednesday, June 11, Toronto's First Post Office at 260 Adelaide Street East welcomed its 500,000th visitor.

Don Loucks was announced by Town Crier, John Webster of Markham, who read a formal proclamation. Loucks was welcomed by John Ridout, President of The Town of York Historical Society, which operates the historic site depicting an 1833 British North American Post Office thriving today as an outlet for Canada Post.

Among the many well-wishers and heritage supporters were Lin Mok, Canada Post Manager of Retail Field Support for Toronto; Bob Jamieson, the founding President of The Town of York Historical Society; Kyle Rae, Councillor for the City of Toronto; George Waters, Managing Director of Heritage Toronto; and Barbara Truax of the OHS.

For further information, contact the museum's Curator Victoria von Schilling at (416) 865-1833.

Visit the Tillsonburg Museum for "A Wilde Weekend"

Tillsonburg Museum and Annandale House invite you to embrace the theories of the aesthetes who believed that "life itself must be lived as a work of art" at a mini-conference taking place at the historic site September 21 and 22.

Learn about Oscar Wilde, self-appointed apostle to the arts and vocal supporter of the Aesthetic Art Movement. Discover Oscar's influence on the art, architecture and interior design of his day, as this often forgotten period in history is explored. Through hands-on workshops, experience a variety of techniques popularized by the artisans of the Aesthetic Art Movement.

Annandale House is an excellent venue for this conference as this Victorian Home is a surviving monument to the vision of the Aesthetic Art Movement. From its painted ceilings to its parquet floor, the House is provincially designated for this stunning interior decoration.

Theatre Tillsonburg will also be participating in the weekend's event with its production of "On the Wilde Side" performed on the Saturday evening. Enjoy excerpts from Oscar's better known literary efforts culminating in a visit

from the "man" himself.

For more information and registration forms, contact The

Tillsonburg Museum, 30 Tillson Avenue, Tillsonburg, Ontario N4G 2Z8, (519) 842-2294.



The breathtaking interior of Annandale House is an excellent testimony to the influence of the Aesthetic Art Movement, supported by Oscar Wilde. Learn more at "A Wilde Weekend" this September. (Photo courtesy of Tillsonburg Museum.)

Toronto's Waterfront History Project launched at Pier 4

By July 1, 1998, Heritage Toronto plans to launch its new Marine Museum in warehouse space at Pier 4, next door to Harbourfront Centre's culture site. The change of venue from the CNE grounds where the museum has been located since 1959, would allow for the restored steam tug, Ned Hanlan, to be in the water, once again.

According to an independent study cited by Heritage Toronto, the move would also attract over 100,000 more visitors a year.

Despite opposition from Harbourfront Centre, which wanted to have a commercial tenant in the site, the former Toronto Historical Board preferred Pier 4 to another one proposed by the City of Toronto. The warehouse site, located right on the waterfront would allow visitors to learn about the area's marine history, then actually tour it right outside the building.

For further information, please contact Heritage Toronto at (416) 392-6827.

Boat House project marks innovative partnership

The historic Gordon Street boat house along Guelph's Speed River waterfront has been undergoing restoration this Summer.

The structure, built in the early part of this century, will offer a diversity of attractions including an ice-cream parlour, tea room, visitor information and an interpretation centre providing an account of the history of the boat house and river.

The project demonstrates an innovative co-operative partnership among a variety of local interest groups and citizens. LACAC, the River Systems Advisory Committee, Guelph Museums, City of Guelph Recreation and Parks Department, J.W. Taylor General Contracting, Super Cow Ice Cream and Guelph Visitor and Convention Services have been working together to develop a facility that can be enjoyed by everyone. An official opening is anticipated in late August.

For further information, please contact Guelph Museums at (519) 836-1221.

Glanmore restores gardens to c. 1890

Glanmore - the Hastings County Museum has been getting a facelift this Summer, thanks to Belleville's Communities in Bloom project.

Phase Two of the historic site's restoration plan involves returning the grounds to c.1890. Preparation for the landscaping has taken place over the last five years, and with the assistance of a number of groups, the final touches are now taking place.

Glanmore's landscape restoration is one of the Belleville's Communities in Bloom projects. Earlier in the Summer, volunteers

began planting the rose bed with species appropriate to the period.

Along with Communities in Bloom, other sponsors and contributors to the project include the Belleville Garden Club, the Hastings County Historical Society and the Quinte Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

If you are interested in contributing to the project, please contact Curator, Rona Rustige at Glanmore - Hastings County Museum, 257 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario K8N 1P4, (613) 962-2329.

Allan Macpherson House appoints Director

Marten Lewis, well-known in the museum community across Canada and a past President of the Ontario Museum Association,

began his new appointment as Director/Curator of the Allan Macpherson House in Napanee on August 1.



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From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
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Gender Bias

Public Men and Virtuous Women: The Gendered Languages of Religion and Politics in Upper Canada, 1791-1850. By Cecilia Morgan. University of Toronto Press. 304 pages. \$55.00 hardbound. \$18.95 softbound.

An academic treatise (a doctoral thesis) on Upper Canadian religion and politics written from a feminist perspective. The author combed a vast range of Upper Canadian published material (mainly newspapers) to demonstrate how words and images reveal strong gender biases. Separate chapters deal with loyalist expressions of patriotism, debates on reform leading up to the 1837 Rebellion, idealized portrayals of the family found in religious discourse, instructions on manners and the politics and public celebrations of the 1840s. This fascinating study is no easy read, but it offers much to ponder.

Two for Tea

Steeped in Tradition: A Celebration of Tea. By Frances Hoffman. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 145 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

Melody Wren's Tea Rooms of Southern Ontario. By Melody Wren. Boston Mills Press. 120 pages. \$24.95 softbound.

Two books charmingly embrace the institution of afternoon tea, celebrated worldwide, of course, but in this case, in the many homes and tea rooms of Ontario. Frances Hoffman gives us a history of the taking of tea and stresses its importance to the new settlers of Upper Canada, the teapot becoming a "constant companion, offering solace, pleasure and comfort". Both books select Ontario tea rooms especially worthy of a visit and include recipes for tea-time treats. Mmm!

Definitive History

Waterloo Township through Two Centuries. By Elizabeth Bloomfield. Waterloo Historical Society. 466 pages. Illustrations. \$75.00 hardbound.

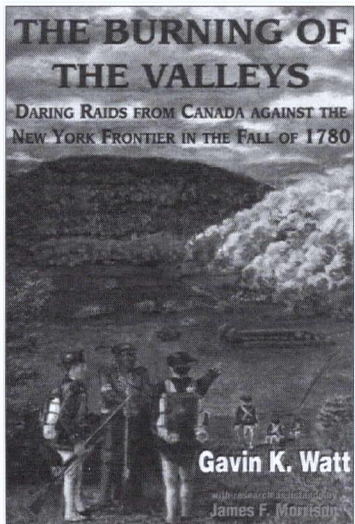
Here is a lovely large (9" X 12") and comprehensive book tracing the changing human history of a significant region of our province. In word and picture, this fine full volume is both enjoyable and informative. Members of the Six Nations, Mennonites, American and British settlers all had their early influence. The railway accelerated the change from a purely rural environment to today's more urban existence. Of special interest are the many computer created maps which put historical data into easily understood form. It is no surprise that this excellent work has already had to be reprinted.

Horses

The Horse Book of the Queen's Bush 1997. Brucedale Press. Il-

lustrations. 60 pages. \$8.50 softbound.

This magazine format compendium covers many facets of equine interest for the Queen's Bush (the counties of Bruce, Grey, north Huron and western Simcoe). Of particular interest to *OHS Bulletin* readers are nostalgic memories of earlier times.



Loyalists in Battle

The Burning of the Valleys: Daring Raids from Canada Against the New York Frontier in the Fall of 1780. By Gavin K. Watt. Dundurn Press. 392 pages. Illustrations. \$24.99 softbound.

A study of four incursions from Canada into New York in the fifth year of the American Revolution — their historical significance is still debated. They may not have determined the outcome of the war, but they were militarily highly successful. As the constant use of loyalist and rebel in the text makes clear, Gavin Watt is a passionate Canadian, but he testifies to his deep dependence on the research of an American colleague. Military historians have a love for detail, especially those who (like this author) enjoy taking part in reenactments of battles as human dramas.

What's In a Name?

Place Names of Ontario. By Alan Rayburn. University of Toronto Press. 404 pages. \$55.00 hardbound. \$21.95 softbound.

There have been several guides to the places of our province published in the past decade or so. This is perhaps the most ambitious, comprehensive and useful. Alan Rayburn, known for his columns in *The Canadian Geographic* and for his recent *Naming Canada* book, has selected 2,285 of Ontario's toponyms — Aberdeen and Aberdeen Additional through Zorra and Zurich. The introduction summarizes different categories for sources, such as British Isles names (397), Biblical and religious names (26) or names taken from pets (3). An essential addition to every historical reference shelf.

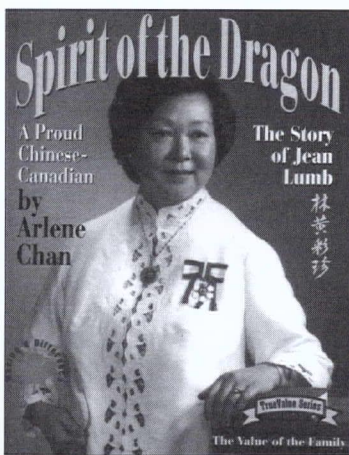
Before the Group of Seven Refining the Real Canada: Homer Watson's spiritual landscape. By Gerald Noonan. MLR Editions Canada. 370 pages. \$39.95 softbound.

This fine biography of the "first great Canadian artist" seeks to re-establish Homer Watson as the true founder of Canadian painting. Internationally famous at the peak of his career, though unduly neglected after his death, Watson painted the Ontario pioneer landscape: the trees, fields of grain and grazing cattle of the "Land of Thrift". The Watson house with studio and gallery is maintained as an art centre in his native village of Doon, now part of Kitchener, and hundreds of his paintings are found in galleries and private collections. Unfortunately, none is reproduced in this strictly biographical work which focuses on his life, his writings and his spiritualist experiments.

Fine Form

Modern Furniture in Canada, 1920-1970. By Virginia Wright. University of Toronto Press. 208 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 paperbound.

Furniture and design are as much the stuff of history as people, places and events. Wright charts the development of modern furniture design in Canada from early Eaton's department store display pieces brought from the Paris Exposition of 1925, through to its establishment as a dominant style. Our nation's distinguished design record includes the Ontario production of moulded-plywood seating for assembly halls in the mid 1920s and the world's first moulded-plastic furniture produced in prototype by the National Research Council in 1946. More than 200 photographs illustrate an all-too-often neglected aspect of Canadian art history.



Proud Canadian

Spirit of the Dragon: The Story of Jean Lumb. By Arlene Chan. Umbrella Press. 32 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 hardbound. \$7.95 softbound.

Despite the hardships of growing up in a Canada that did not welcome Chinese people, Jean Lumb grew from being an "outsider" to becoming a leader throughout the whole of Canadian society. She was awarded the Order of Canada for her role in changing immigration laws that separated Chinese families, as well as for her tireless efforts on behalf of her community. This inspiring biography of a proud Chinese Canadian is written especially for young people ages 10 to 13.

History Noted

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

The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society has issued a catalogue of its publications, a listing of eight books along with many individual papers and reports dating from 1908 to the present.

Kitchener: A City with a Past. By Paul Knowles and Susan Hoffman. English Garden Publishers for the Waterloo Historical Society. Illustrations. \$25.00. A new history of the city to be published later this year, written with special attention to the historical roles of women and including pre-European settlement history.

Computerized Archives Inventory Guide. Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives. MS-DOS 3.5" diskette. \$12.00. An extensive guide to all holdings in the PCMA.

The Regulation Place Hillsdale: The Story of One Ojibway Family. By Frances Collins and Sylvia Holderny. Fran's Creative Writing Services. Illustrations. \$19.95. The story of Waterclouds and three generations of the First Nations from 1819 to 1868 whose gains from the presence of the white men were outnumbered by their losses.

By the Conveyance of a Bicy-

cle: Guelph's Downtown & Its Historic Neighbourhoods. Guelph Museums. Unpriced. Five tours for cyclists (or pedestrians) through some of the city's older areas.

Where Guelph Began and Downtown Walkabout. Guelph Arts Council. \$5.00 each. These two walking tour booklets have just been republished.

The Welland Canal Company: A Study in Canadian Enterprise. By Hugh G.J. Aitken. Canadian Canal Society. \$21.95. This 1954 work, the only substantial study of the Welland Canal Company, has been republished in its entirety, along with an added note on sources and an errata list.

Air Transport in Canada. By Larry Milberry. CANAV Books. Illustrations. 1,000 pages. Two volumes. \$155.00 hardbound. A full treatment of the air transport industry from the earliest days to the present. The publishers also issue a newsletter on aviation and a booklet of their many published volumes.

Official Directory of Canadian Museums and Related Institutions. Canadian Museums Association. \$79.95. Complete, up-to-date information for more than 2,000 institutions, including comprehensive listings for government departments, international organizations and funding agencies.

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Canadian Canal Society, Box 23016, Midtown Postal Outlet, 124 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 7P6.

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Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives, Box 143, 300 Hunter Street East, Peterborough, Ontario

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Thunder Bay Museum, 425 Donald Street East, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 5V1, tbhms@tbaytel.net.

Umbrella Press, 56 Rivercourt Blvd., Toronto, Ontario M4J 3A4.

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Waterloo Historical Society, Grace Schmidt Room, 85 Queen Street North, Kitchener, Ontario N2H 2H1.

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The Society thanks outgoing members Linda Ambrose, Bruce Elliott, Patricia Kennedy, Judy McGonigal, Wyn Millar and Laura Suchan for their service.



Harold Clendenen, one of the OHS' major witnesses at the Clendennen Cemetery Appeal and his sister, Muriel Hoover are pictured at Harold and his brother's dairy farm in Hampton, Ontario, northeast of Oshawa. (Photo courtesy of Rob Leverty.)

Descendant testifies at Clendennen Cemetery hearing

By Robert Leverty, Programme Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society

On May 7, Harold James Clendenen testified on behalf of the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) at the Tribunal hearing the appeal of the Province's order to close and move the Clendennen Cemetery on property owned by Swan Lake (Markham) Limited.

Harold, a farmer since 1943, described how he, his brother and sisters grew up on their grandparents' farm where the pioneer cemetery is located. Their grandfather, James Clendennen, was the youngest child of William and Susanna Clendennen who are buried along with their daughters in the Markham cemetery.

He noted that along with the five headstones still visible, smaller stones were located nearby and he understood, "several infants were buried there in the early years". The Province of Ontario has ordered all human remains to be relocated. Harold stated that based upon what they knew of their family, the burials in the cemetery were an expression of a belief in God and had religious significance. Harold added, "we share these beliefs - it is sacred ground."

Harold also testified that he met Brad Warren and Jack

Crosby of Swan Lake on three occasions, describing the meetings in detail and stating that at each meeting, he had opposed the relocation of the family cemetery. Harold said, "We never changed our minds - once a cemetery, always a cemetery." He noted that when Crosby left the last meeting, "he didn't look happy".

Harold remarked that when they received the notice to close the family cemetery, the family thought it meant, "that it was closed to further burials". Harold said he was shocked to find out from the OHS that to close the cemetery meant relocating it. "There was nothing in this notice about moving...and I don't like that."

He also directly contradicted the sworn testimony of Stuart Smith, the former Ontario Registrar of Cemeteries, who ordered the cemetery closed. Smith testified earlier that Harold's sister, Muriel Hoover, had contacted his office, stating Harold agreed to the relocation of the cemetery. Harold testified that his sister told him this statement was "absolutely untrue".

The Province of Ontario did not cross-examine Harold on his testimony. Harold also noted that

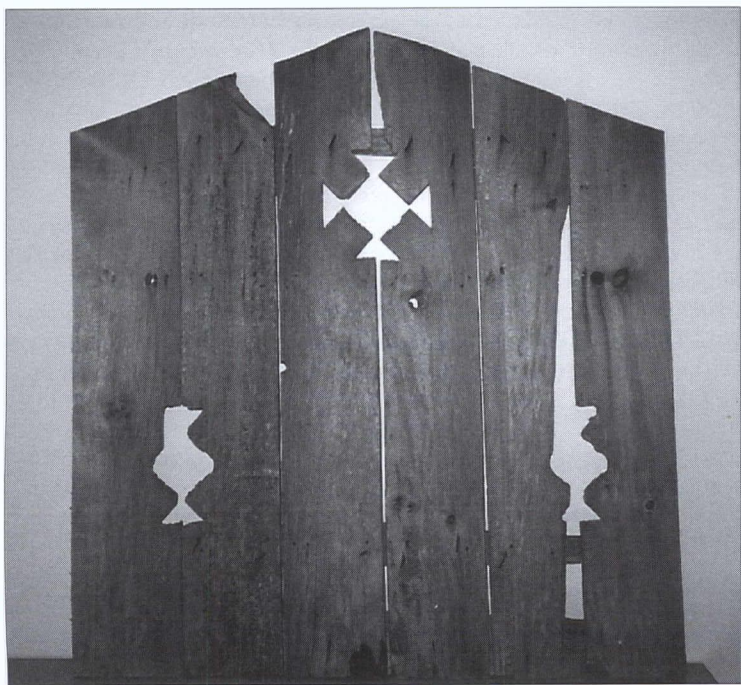
the Town of Markham had never contacted the family about moving the cemetery.

In concluding his testimony, Harold was asked if it was in the "public interest" to move the cemetery. He replied, "No, my family is against relocating it - the cemetery was there first."

In June, all parties appearing before the Tribunal closed their cases. In early July, the Province, Swan Lake and the Town of Markham completed their final arguments, with the OHS and OGS planning to finish their argument on July 28.

Exciting project ahead for Society

Since it was settled as early as 1816, Cavan Township has developed a rich architectural heritage which the Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society plans to record. The Society will be compiling a register this Autumn of all private homes, public buildings and churches built before the turn of the century. If you can help, please contact one of the following: Eileen Cheadle (705) 944-5739, Marsha Plewes (705) 944-5904 or Anne Ramsden (705) 742-2966.



This hayloft door, recently donated to Richmond Hill's Central Library, exhibits decorative cut-outs in geometric forms. Many barns built by people of Pennsylvania-German origin have decorative motifs and symbols. (Photo courtesy of George Duncan.)

Historic folk art becomes public art

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

Richmond Hill's Central Library has recently received a unique gift of folk art to decorate its walls.

A hayloft door, salvaged from a circa 1840 barn demolished this past winter, will join other pieces of public art within the Town's main library at Yonge Street and Major Mackenzie Drive. The door was preserved by the property owners, Gordon and Madeline Macartney, at the request of Richmond Hill's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee.

The decorative openings on the door served various purposes, but the symbolic meaning of the motifs is not known. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact George Duncan, Heritage Co-ordinator, Town of Richmond Hill, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Box 300, Richmond Hill L4C 4Y5.

The barn was built on the farm of John Tipp, son of Pennsylvania-German immigrants William and Catherine Tipp of Markham Township. John Tipp received the patent for the east 100 acres of Lot 24, Concession 2, Markham Township in 1836. Richmond Hill LACAC is currently working on a strategy to preserve Tipp's circa 1840 plank-on-plank farmhouse, designated under The Ontario Heritage Act.

The LACAC has been collecting architectural pieces from demolished buildings and offering them to property owners undertaking restoration of heritage buildings listed in the Town's *Inventory of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Importance*. The use of a salvaged artifact as a piece of public art is a first in the community, and may inspire others to make similar innovative uses of fragments of our past.

The Upper Canada Documentary History Association has begun general distribution of the Upper Canada Documentary History Series free of charge to local historical societies, libraries, archives, museums, heritage centres, and soon to schools. For further information, please contact Leo A. Johnson, Box 274, Norwood, Ontario K0L 2V0, (705) 639-1264.

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