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On August 6, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation launched the official kick-off of construction on its new home in West Bay on Manitoulin Island. The campaign objective is \$2.7 million, of which the Foundation has raised all but \$750,000.00. Here, the children from M'chigiing Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs West Bay Day Care Centre unveil the current campaign objective. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation starts construction of new centre

After many months of fundraising, the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in West Bay on Manitoulin Island began building its new Cultural Centre. The official kick-off for construction took place on Wednesday, August 6 at the new site of the Centre, which is located next to its present location.

The Foundation's target is \$2.7 million, of which

\$750,000.00 has yet to be raised. A number of funding bodies have made significant contributions to the project including the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, Department of Canadian Heritage, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and FedNor, the federal government's economic development initiative in northern Ontario helping the region to be successful.

The Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, a non-profit corporation, represents 14 First Nations on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore. The organization's mission is to preserve and promote Anishnabe heritage, culture and language, foster cross-cultural awareness and support economic development for its membership through cultural tourism and the co-ordination, marketing and retail sale of art and handcrafts by member artists.

Former OHS Board member

and Elder, Mary Lou Fox of Manitoulin Island has been instrumental in the success of the fundraising project so far.

For further information or to send your donation, contact the Foundation at Box 278, West Bay, Ontario P0P 1G0, (705) 377-4902.

Deadline is fast approaching

Thursday, October 30 is the deadline for submitting nominations to The Ontario Historical Society's honours and awards programme.

Nominations will be accepted in the following categories: Awards for Individuals: Cruikshank Gold Medal and Carnochan Award; Awards for Non-Profit Organizations and Institutions: Scadding Award of Excellence, Museum Award of Excellence and Dorothy Duncan Award; Awards for LACACs: B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of

Merit; Awards for Authors: Riddell Award, Joseph Brant Award, J.J. Talman Award, Fred Landon Award and Alison Prentice Award; Awards for Businesses: President's Award.

For further information and nomination forms, please contact the Society at (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

John Filion to receive award for heritage conservation

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society, a Special Award of Merit was confirmed for John Filion of Willowdale.

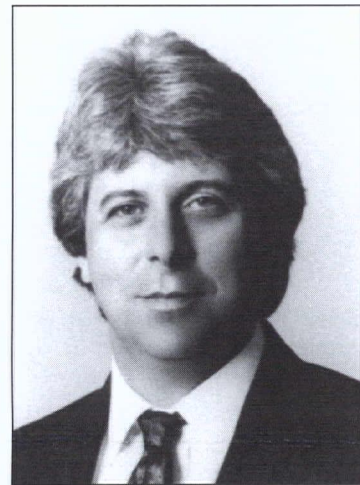
John is a former journalist and a graduate of York University with an Honours BA in History. He has a long history of community service, both on the North York Board of Education and the Metro Toronto Board of Education, and for the last six years as a member of North York Council.

John has taken a leading role in the preservation of historic structures and the natural environment in the City of North York.

From time to time, the Board of Directors of the OHS has recognized outstanding individuals for their contributions to heritage conservation in Ontario. Our members will remember that the last Special Award of Merit rec-

ognized Elder Dan Pine of the Garden River First Nation.

The special award of Merit for John Filion will be presented at a ceremony in 1998.



The Ontario Historical Society will present a Special Award of Merit to Willowdale resident, John Filion in 1998. (Photo courtesy of John Filion's office, City of North York.)

'Lost Treasures' seek new homes

The OHS has been blessed in recent weeks with a flood of donations so we are hosting 'Lost Treasures' on **Saturday, November 8** between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Books, craft items, antiques, collectibles, toys and junk are waiting for you. For further information, please contact (416) 226-9011.

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Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks

What do you get when you take dozens of new and used cookbooks, add two demonstrations and one workshop, a dash of authors to autograph their books and a sprinkle of festive atmosphere, mixed together for several hours?

Visit the OHS' home at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale on Sunday, November 23 between 1:00 and 4:30 p.m. for **Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks**, an afternoon of pro-

grammes and cookbook browsing and buying that will prepare you for the holiday season.

Sign up for one or all three programmes: sweetmeats, cookies from Scandinavian traditions (checkerboards and krum-kaker) and the art of napkin folding for your holiday table at \$5.00 each or all three for \$12.00. The rest of the fun is free!

To register for the programmes and for more information, call us at (416) 226-9011.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Fundraising Events

The Ontario Historical Society has sponsored a number of fundraising events since my last report including the ever-popular Tea on the Verandah and the History and Heritage Book Sale in August at our headquarters, a BBQ at the Albion Hills Conservation Area a few days later and Notions and Nostalgia at Black Creek Pioneer Village in September resulting in over \$3000.00 revenue.

Our thanks to volunteers Barbara Kane, Rowena and Russell Cooper, Penny Potter, Margaret Machell, Bev Hykel, Jean Burnet, Gordon Duncan, Edith and Geoff Geduld, Ronda Margolese, Jeanne Hughes, Alison Hughes-Rowlands, Hazel Kitto, Sarah Walker, Adam Truax, Anita Pang and chefs Frank Bartoszek, Neil Hughes and David Goldenburg for their assistance.

Several organizations joined us for the book sale on August 17 including the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Hugu-

not Society of Canada, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, Ontario Archaeological Society, Ontario Black History Society, Ontario Genealogical Society, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Ontario Museum Association and the York Pioneer and Historical Society.

Staff members worked as volunteers at these events and our thanks go to them as well.

Out and About

The OHS joined Todmorden Mills in celebrating Simcoe Day; Riverdale Farm and Black Creek Pioneer Village at their Fall Festivals and the John R. Park Homestead in Essex County for the Harvest Festival. In addition to the volunteers already mentioned, we thank Bob McGregor and Glenn Bonnetta for their assistance and support.

Internships and Summer Programmes

The Society has also been blessed with assistance and support from Claire Campbell, a stu-

dent in the Public History programme, University of Western Ontario and Josie Bonadie and Lisa DiMarco with the Summer Experience Programme sponsored by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. Each of these students made a unique and much-needed contribution to the Society in the projects that they completed for us.

Celebration

On Sunday, November 16, I am looking forward to joining the members and friends of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society in Napanee for the Society's 90th birthday party. Clarence Warner, a young Napanee businessman, called the first meeting in 1907 to consider forming a society and affiliating with the OHS. What an incredibly successful 90 years the Society has had, and much celebrating will take place on November 16.

The Home Stretch

Our headquarters has been a hive of activity as painters of the exterior of the buildings, using paint generously donated by Para Paints Limited, have come and gone. Next were the roofers who installed a splendid new roof to replace the existing one severely damaged in August. Finally, came the men and machines to work on the grounds, fence and plantings.

You will hear and see more about this work in the next issue. Our goal is to have our grand? gala? glorious? opening in the Spring of 1998 and acknowledge and thank all of you who have given us such incredible support in the preservation and restoration of this complex of buildings.

Stay Tuned

"From Cathay to Canada: Chinese Cuisine in Transition", the popular symposium that we presented in co-operation with the University of Guelph in April, has resulted in a publication. Professor Jo Marie Powers of the University of Guelph is the guest editor and several donors have assisted us with support funds for publishing. We will have the launch early in 1998 and hope you will join the speakers/authors in celebrating with us.

In the meantime, I hope that you can join us on Sunday, November 23 for **Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks** our annual sale of food-related books and items, that includes many new features this year.

Call for nominations

The Canadian Historical Association has put out a call for nominations for its award programme. Please contact the CHA for further information on deadlines and categories at 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3, (613) 233-7885 or fax 567-3110.



Hot dog! The chefs were in fine form at the OHS' first annual BBQ held August 23 at the Albion Hills Conservation Area north of Bolton. New Board member Frank Bartoszek, David Goldenburg and Neil Hughes (left to right) cooked up a storm. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

And then there were three (Editor's Note)

By Meribeth Clow, Editor, OHS Bulletin

My husband, Wes Rochester, and I are pleased to announce that we will be starting a family later this year.

According to my obstetrician, December 9 is the deadline for delivery. As the publishing business has taught me, deadlines are sometimes met and sometimes missed. We are anxious to see if "Junior" will be punctual, or, like the real world into which he or she will be born, deadlines

can float. My plan is to begin maternity leave at the end of November, if Junior is on schedule.

I will leave you in the very capable hands of Lorraine Lowry, whom many of you will remember as our former Workshop Coordinator. Lorraine will be pleased to assist you regarding editorial content, advertising information and any other enquiries you have regarding the *OHS Bulletin*.

Information Network Up and Running

The Centre for Research in Information Studies at the University of Toronto, in association with the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine has established a non-profit, toll-free reference, advice and communications Network specifically designed to help practitioners, researchers, custodians of archival materials and others find answers to research problems and get advice on practical issues associated with keeping healthcare and

medical archives.

For further information or to contribute an announcement for distribution through the Network and website, contact Canada-Wide Health and Medical Archives Information Network, The Centre for Research in Information Studies, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 3G6, 1-800-281-4636 or in Toronto, (416) 978-6738, fax (416) 971-1399 or email: research@fis.utoronto.ca.

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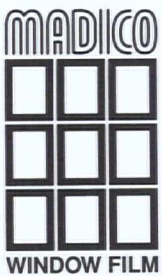
The proceedings of the Niagara Heritage Registry workshop held last year in Niagara-on-the-Lake are available. The video sells for \$25.00, proceedings for \$5.00 and a commemorative poster for \$4.00 plus mailing and handling. Contact the Secretary-Treasurer of the Niagara Regional LACAC Association, 62 Carleton Street South, Thorold L2V 2A1, (905) 227-5899 or fax (905) 227-8526 to order yours today.

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Across the Province

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

Congratulations to Allan McGillivray, well-known curator of the **Uxbridge Scott Museum** on his appointment as the Official Historian of Uxbridge Township. The **Uxbridge Scott Historical Society** made the recommendation and Mayor Gerri-Lynn O'Connor made the presentation at the Society's annual service at the Fifth Line Church on the Museum grounds.

The **Canadian Firearms Centre** will be publishing a series of bulletins every two weeks until January 1, 2003 to provide basic information on the Firearms Act and Regulations. For information call 1-800-731-4000.

Are you interested in taking advantage of the new Stamp Retailer Programme that the **Canadian Museum Association** has negotiated with Canada Post on behalf of museums and heritage organizations? Call 1-800-565-4362 for details.

The **North York Historical Society** and **Recreation Department of the City of North York** are co-sponsoring "The Artists' York Mills: C.W. Jeffreys, the Group of Seven & Beyond" with Robert Stacey, co-founder of the **Archives of Canadian Art** on Monday evening, November 3. For reservations and details: (416) 395-7896.

The **Northland Tavern**, one of Latchford's landmarks, was destroyed by fire this Summer despite the heroic efforts of volunteer fire brigades from Cobalt and Haileybury assisting the Latchford Department.

The **York Pioneer and Historical Society** announced a new agreement with Eaton Hall Inn and Conference Centre for the use of the historic Eversley Church for weddings to complement the facilities at the Centre for receptions.

The **Manitoba Historical Society** has developed the 1998 Red River Calendar to promote the province's history in a light-hearted manner. Contact Manitoba Historical Society, #470-167 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0T6 for costs and availability.

The **National Museum of Scotland** will host a new exhibit "Emigration to Canada" and is searching for information, artifacts and photographs. Contact Dr. C.M.M. Macdonald, National Museum of Scotland, York Buildings, Queen Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 1JD.

John Steckley will speak at the **Albion/Bolton Historical Society** meeting on November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Hall, Bolton United Church on the "Ontario Huron Culture of the 17th Century."

On October 25, the **Toronto and York Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association** will host the Archives Open House and officially dedicate The Lawrence H. Partridge Reading Area at the new location,

99 Atlantic Avenue, Unit 58, followed by the 25th Anniversary Dinner at the York Banquet Hall. Contact Richard Montgomery, (416) 368-3760.

The **Temiskaming-Abitibi Heritage Association (TAHA)** has published the papers presented at the Local History Workshop at the Classic Theatre in Cobalt in April. Contact **Hailebury Heritage Museum** at (705) 672-1922 for costs and availability. TAHA has also created a History Scholarship Fund in memory of the late Dorothy Houston. Congratulations to the first winners: Kelly Egers, Englehart High School; Scott Leaton, Temiskaming District Secondary School and Christine Poussin, École Secondaire Sainte-Marie. To make a donation to the Fund send your cheque to TAHA, Box 995, Haileybury P0J 1K0.

Saskatchewan Historian, **Ernie Neufeld** wants to learn more about Ontario settlers who moved to Saskatchewan. He is interested in media reports and letters sent back home. If you have information, write to him at 525 Scott Street, Weyburn, Saskatchewan S4H 1T2.

Dr. Patricia Jasen of Lakehead University and winner of the OHS' J.J. Talman Award for *Wild Things: Nature, Culture and Tourism in Ontario 1790-1914*, was unable to attend the Annual Conference in North Bay in May. We are pleased to report that **Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society** President Glenn Craig will present the Award to Dr. Jasen on Sunday afternoon, October 26 at the **Thunder Bay Museum**. Our thanks to Museum Director Dorette Carter for coordinating this event on behalf of the OHS. For further information: (807) 623-0801.

The **Huguenot Society of Canada** will hold the next meeting at the John McKenzie House (OHS headquarters) in Willowdale on Saturday, October 25. Contact President Dick Pogson for details: (416) 222-1967.

The **Lewis Bradley Pioneer Museum** was founded in 1967 by volunteers of the **Township of Toronto Historical Foundation**. Over the last 30 years, the **Mississauga South Historical Society** and the **Mississauga Heritage Foundation** have evolved and the Museum has welcomed thousands of visitors.

Known for years as the "Tallest Tree in the Forest", the Kirkwood Giant White Pine in Central Algoma was felled by a severe storm this Summer. Standing for 350 years, the tree was dedicated as a tourist site in 1991 by the **Thessalon Township Heritage Association**. This 162 foot long giant will continue to rest where it fell and is still being visited by admiring tourists and local residents.

"Ghost Town Tour III: the Goldfields of Ontario", will be led

by well-known author Ron Brown and hosted by the **Oshawa Historical Society** on Saturday, October 25. Interested? (905) 436-7624 for details.

We are pleased to report that the famous and well-travelled Golden Lion, now has a permanent den at the Gladys Allison Canadiana Room at the North York Central Library. Originally created to grace the Golden Lion Hotel in the Village of Lansing (today the City of North York), the lion has had many temporary homes in the last 150 years, so our congratulations to the **North York Historical Society** and librarian/author/historian Jeanne Hopkins for finding this fine fellow a permanent home.

The **Ontario Heritage Foundation** has announced new appointments to the Board: Elinor Barr, Thunder Bay; Michael Filey and Sandra Ruth Lyons, Willowdale; Thomas McKay, Barrie; Gail McIntyre, Aurora; John Thompson Pepall and Helen Vari, Toronto; Georgina Tupper, Kars. They join ongoing members Joanna Bedard, Mary Ellen Hebb, Margaret MacMillan, Subhas Ramcharan, Gayle Waters, Morris Zbar, Phil Goldsmith, Ken Higgs, Sondra Phillips, Peter Richardson, plus staff members Lesley Lewis, Richard Moorhouse and Catherine Axford who also serve on the Board.

Scots who have a desire to nurture and preserve their heritage in Canada are invited to join the **Scottish Studies Foundation**, a charitable organization dedicated to actively supporting the Scottish Studies Programme at the University of Guelph. Information: Scottish Studies Foundation, Box 45069, 2482 Yonge Street, Toronto M4P 3E3.

If you are interested in learning more about conservation easements, contact Janice Doan, Executive Director, **Muskoka Heritage Foundation**, Box 482 Bracebridge P1L 1T8, (705) 645-7393.

Have you been attending **All-Candidates' meetings** in your community? Better still, have you been sponsoring meetings? Have you been raising the issues that are important to us all if history and heritage is to survive and prosper once we elect the leaders that will take us into the 21st century? If you have, keep up the good work, but if you have not, begin now! Election Day is fast approaching.

The **Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa/Conseil des organismes du patrimoine d'Ottawa** has taken a proactive approach to the upcoming election, and has surveyed candidates on four current heritage questions.

Canada and Russia have been participating in a museum exchange for almost a decade. This September, **Westfield Heritage Centre** in Rockton was invited by **The State Borodino**

War and History Museum and Reserve in Russia to tour the constantly changing museum scene in the region, participate in the Battle Re-enactment of Borodino which attracts over 50,000 spectators and present a paper on Westfield's public programmes at a national museums conference.

Mary Lou Fox, former Director of the **Ojibwe Cultural Foundation** in West Bay on Manitoulin Island, was honoured in October for her outstanding contributions to the First Nations of the area with an Appreciation Night and Traditional Feast. Proceeds supported the OCF Building Fund.

The **Heritage Canada Foundation** has just wrapped up its 1997 annual conference. This year, the focus was on heritage and taxation. If you were unable to attend the conference, which took place October 16 to 18 in Ottawa, contact the Foundation to

see if it will be publishing any of the papers presented. The address is Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R4, (613) 237-1066.

Whatever happened to the Seagram Museum's collection? The September-October edition of *Heritage Canada* magazine, published by **Heritage Canada**, contains a follow-up story on the redevelopment of the museum site in Waterloo to make way for an eight-screen Cineplex Odeon theatre. The collection has apparently been divided among several recipients: the City of Waterloo; the University of Waterloo; Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo and Brock University, St. Catharines. The City's portion, which is concerned with city history and the distillery, will likely be exhibited on a rotating basis at the **Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery** in Waterloo.

How about you?

By Rowena Cooper, Chair, OHS Nominations Committee

As the members of The Ontario Historical Society know, the Annual Meeting of the Society is held each year in May. In 1998, our Meeting will be held in Willowdale at our new headquarters, the John McKenzie House.

The Meeting will be combined with the official opening of our headquarters, the re-dedication of the provincial plaque recognizing our Society's contributions to Ontario over the last century and recognition of our donors.

The Annual Meeting is a time to review the work of the Society and also a time to plan for the future. An important aspect of future planning and policy making is the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

As Chair of the Nominations Committee, comprised of Dennis Carter-Edwards, Cornwall; Geoffrey Hayes, Waterloo,

Jeanne Hughes, Richmond Hill and Bruce Richard, Keswick, I want to remind you that we would like to hear from you if you would like to serve on our Board of Directors or on one of our Committees. It's not too soon to let us know that you are interested.

For further information, please contact Rowena Cooper, Chair, Nominations Committee, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax 226-2740.

The President's message is unavailable for this issue. Please watch for it in the next edition of the *OHS Bulletin*.

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Upcoming Events

October-November 29: Brant County Museum’s “Museum in the Market Square” presents the exhibition, **Hotels and Taverns of Brant County**. Contact (519) 752-8578.

October-November 30: Eldon House in London presents the exhibit, **Treasures from Japan**. When members of the Harris family visited Japan in 1898, they brought back a collection of decorative arts that provide a snapshot of Japan at that time. To learn the story of their trip, contact Eldon House at 481 Ridout Street North, (519) 672-4580.

October 24-26: Dive into the **Save our Shipwrecks Forum 1997** and Annual General Meeting at the Frank T. Sherk Recreation Centre in Leamington. Friday’s session is devoted to Shipwreck Preservation through Diving Tourism. Contact 1-800-250-3336.

October 25: Plan to attend **All Hallow’s Eve**, a special exploration the the early traditions of Hallowe’en being held at Historic Fort Erie. The Fort is located at Lakeshore Road at Niagara Blvd. in Fort Erie. Contact the Niagara Parks Commission at (905) 356-2241 ext. 222.

October 25-26: Searching for a safe night time Hallowe’en event for the kids? Look no further than Black Creek Pioneer Village’s **Hallowe’en Happening** and **Pumpkin Party for Kids**. Trick-or-treat at lamp lit Village houses, carve a pumpkin or take part in witch-pitch. Contact the Village at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York for details and registration at (416) 736-1733.

October 26: Enjoy lots of fun for the whole family at the Oakville Museum’s **Haunted Happenings**. Return on November 29 for a **Christmas Craft Workshop** where ages 7 and up can make a variety of Christmas crafts to get into the spirit of the season. Contact the Museum at 8 Navy Street, (905) 338-4400.

October 26: Benares Historic House in Mississauga features **Tricks or Treats: Historic Hallowe’en Fun** for the whole family. Enter the costume contest, make some Hallowe’en crafts, play games and listen to spooky stories. Contact the House at 1507 Clarkson Road North or call the Ghoul Line at (905) 822-2347.

October 26: Join the Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology and the Toronto Field Naturalists for a free two and one-half hour walking tour of **Fairbank: on the Toronto Frontier**, once literally on the edge of Toronto in 1911. Meet at the southwest corner of Eglinton Avenue West and Blackthorn Avenue. Two other similar walks to former industrial sites are also scheduled: on November 1, visit the **Lost Ponds of Swansea**, meeting at the northwest corner of the Queensway and Windermere Avenue and on November 16, visit **York Springs and Area**, meeting outside the west entrance of York Mills Subway Station on Yonge Street. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists at (416) 968-6255.

October 31: Take a walk through Picton’s historic Macaulay Heritage Park and meet the spirits from the past at the **Hallowe’en Spirit Walk** at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and treats for the

kids at Macaulay House. Contact the Park at (613) 476-3833.

November-January 1998: The Burlington Museums present two special exhibitions in celebration of the holiday season. The Joseph Brant Museum looks at different Christmas traditions in Burlington and around the world in **Christmas Traditions**. Ireland House highlights the festive seasons of the past as celebrated by the Ireland family in Victorian times at **Christmas on the Farm**. In addition to the exhibition, the Museum holds **Carols, Crackers and Christmas** on November 30 featuring festive crafts and activities for all ages. On December 7, Ireland House invites you to share the magic of the season at a special **Victorian Christmas** programme where you can enjoy choir singing, demonstrations and sips of hot apple cider. Contact the Joseph Brant Museum at 1240 North Shore Blvd. East in Burlington, (905) 634-3556 and Ireland House, 2168 Guelph Line, (905) 332-9888.

November: Throughout the month the Peel Heritage Complex is complementing its major exhibit **Days of the Dead, Dias de los Muertos** with special highlights. The “Family Fiesta Open House” takes place on November 2. On the 9th, a slide presentation and discussion on the “Days of the Dead in Mexico” is featured. “This Mortal Coil: Images of Death and Mourning” on the 16th explores death and mourning in historic and contemporary art and artifacts. On the 23rd, a tour of the “Days of the Dead” exhibition focuses on the celebration of All Saints and All Souls as it is celebrated in Mexico. Contact the Peel Heritage Complex at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton, (905) 451-9051.

November: Rebellion! Mackenzie House, operated by Heritage Toronto, features activities commemorating 160th anniversary of the 1837 Rebellion. Contact the House at 82 Bond Street, (416) 392-6915.

November 8: Learn the art of open hearth cooking as you warm yourself by the fireplace of Bradley House in Mississauga. From 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., enjoy **Warm by the Hearth**, a 19th Century Adult Cooking Class where you can use 19th Century utensils and traditional recipes. To register, contact the Museum at 1620 Orr Road, (905) 822-1569.

November 11: Heritage Toronto and the I.O.D.E. (Toronto Chapter) present a **Remembrance Day Service** honouring Canada’s war dead at the Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery, west of Historic Fort York at 10:45 a.m. The ceremony includes costumed military staff from the Fort. Contact Historic Fort York at (416) 392-6907.

November 12 : Ray Tokarek of the Royal Ontario Museum discusses **Identifying Wooden Antiques** beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Elman W. Campbell Museum in Newmarket. Contact the Museum at 134 Main Street South, (905) 953-5314.

November 13: Canadian Railway History, a performance in story and song, is presented by the East Gwillimbury Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. at the Holland Landing Community Centre, 19513 Yonge Street. For details and ticket prices, contact (905) 478-2542.

November 15-December 24: Black Creek Pioneer Village is decked out to celebrate an Upper Canadian Christmas, complete with evergreen garlands and handmade tree ornaments. **A World of Difference**, the exhibition in the Visitors Centre, features trees from countries near and far decorated in the traditional manner. Plan to return to the Village for the evening programme **Christmas by Lamplight** on November 28, December 5 and 12 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are required. The Village is located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York. Contact (416) 736-1733.

November 17-December 31: Enjoy a quiet interlude during the rush of the holiday season at the historic Gibson House Museum in North York. Return to 1851 for a **Country Christmas**, a time before the Christmas tree became popular. As a special feature on November 22 and 23, the Museum presents a **craft sale** where artisans offer handcrafted items for sale. Explore the traditions of **Hogmanay or the Scottish New Year** from the 27th to 31st. The house needs to be cleaned, bills paid and brass and silver polished. Contact the Gibson House Museum at 5172 Yonge Street, North York, (416) 395-7432.

November 28-30: The warmth of Christmas in a small town is brought to light in the many **Down Home Country Christmas** festivities taking place in several venues in Tillsonburg. For information and a community spirit you will not want to miss, contact (519) 842-6151.

November 26: Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre is presenting its **first gala event** at Fantasy Farms located directly across from the Museum on Pottery Road in East York. The evening features a 19th Century Christmas meal, period entertainment and music. Contact Todmorden Mills (416) 396-2819.

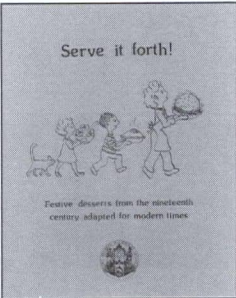
December 6: Plan to attend **Christmas at McFarland**, a festive celebration of the season. McFarland House is located on Niagara Parkway North, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Contact the Niagara Parks Commission at (905) 356-2241 ext. 222.

December 6-7: Myrtleville House Museum in Brantford is hosting the following **Victorian Yuletide Celebrations:** “Myrtleville by Moonlight” on the 6th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on the 7th, “Yesterday’s Christmas” from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Plan to return on December 28 for “Winter Frolic: 3rd Annual Winterfest” from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Myrtleville House Museum, 34 Myrtleville Drive, (519) 752-3216.

December 20: Tickets are limited for **A Christmas to Last** taking place at the County of Grey-Owen Sound Museum. Music, sleigh rides, the lighting of Christmas tree candles and home made fare are all part of this special event. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

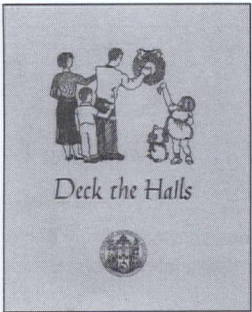
Our featured publications

If you are thinking about hosting a Christmas dinner and are looking for some simple, but really effective finishing touches or if you are looking for new, easy-to-teach ideas to students of all ages and capabilities, you need look no further. Our two feature publications go hand-in-hand to fill you in on the background of some of the traditions which perhaps began in Britian, but were adapted to simpler conditions in Canada.



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found in the home, but which once were carefully gathered and preserved by our ancestors.

Serve it Forth is 28 pages and is chock-o-block full of recipes and resource information. **Deck the Halls** contains 24 pages of patterns and customs. Each publication sells for \$4.00 including GST and handling. To place your order, send your payment (payable to The Ontario Historical Society) to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

Upcoming OHS Educational Programmes

DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
November 1	Understanding Oral History (workshop)	Willowdale
November 4	Discover Your Community (workshop)	Stirling
November 23	Cookies, Candies and Cookbooks (demonstrations and workshop)	Willowdale
December 6	Preparing for a Victorian Christmas (workshop)	Lindsay

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

Congratulations are long overdue to the members of the Highland Creek Village Heritage Committee, preserving the oldest community located within the City of Scarborough at Old Kingston Road and Morrish Road. Area landmarks have been protected and Artist John Hood has painted a mural showing the **Highland Creek Cemetery** as it was in earlier days. The property, which was given to the Wesleyan Methodist Church about 1864, had been used as a burial ground since the early 1800s.

Martha Hemphill U.E. has written about the **Job's Lane Cemetery or Union Burying Ground and United Empire Loyalist Cemetery** in the June issue of *Fidelity*, the newsletter of The Toronto Branch, U.E.L. Association. The cemetery, established in 1848 on land owned by the Fisher family, was given to the City of Burlington in the 1970s, along with extensive records and a trust fund for maintenance. Fisher family members still maintain the cemetery for the city.

The SDR group of Toronto has cancelled a 580 hectare project in **Sarawak Township**, 10 km north of Owen Sound. The developers made the decision after learning the Chippewas of Nawash were concerned about a burial site on the property. Naaneebweque, daughter of an Ojibwa chief, and her six children, as well as an Icelandic boy, are believed to be buried there in unmarked graves. She married William Sutton, took the name of Catharine and went to England in 1860 when the Department of Indian Affairs ruled that the land could not be owned by her people.

Tranquility Cemetery in North Brantford is no longer a quiet peaceful burial ground. Descendants and others are enraged that heavy equipment used by developers of the adjoining property has encroached on the cemetery and that a row of trees, including a very old oak tree, has

been cut down. The matter was referred to the Ontario Registrar of Cemeteries. The Batson family donated the property c. 1850 for a Wesleyan Methodist Church and cemetery. The cemetery later became the responsibility of Brantford Township which grouped all but one of the monuments in a semi-circle. The bodies were not disinterred and remain in their original locations.

A Korean Veterans' Wall of Remembrance has been dedicated at **Meadowvale Cemetery** in Brampton. Five hundred and sixteen Canadian soldiers lost their lives and 1255 were wounded during the conflict that began when North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950.

Donald Combe and Fred Habermehl conducted a walking tour of **St. Mark's Cemetery** in Niagara-on-the-Lake in June. For those who missed the tour, their book, *Stones, Saints & Sinners* contains a description of it.

Stewart Weaver, (519) 376-4931, is seeking records or knowledge of those buried in **St. James' Anglican Cemetery (The Barber Cemetery)**, Concession 3, Derby Township, Bruce County. His request appeared in the newsletter of the Bruce and Grey Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society.

The Hamilton Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, spotted legal notices for the **Young Family Cemetery** in the *Hamilton Spectator*. The Cemetery has been declared abandoned and will be administered by the City of Hamilton.

The Anglican Church of Canada has requested that **St Alban's Anglican Cemetery**, Palgrave be closed and moved.

Descendants of the Augustine family in Kingsville have a two-fold fight underway. Evidence supports the existence of the **Augustine Family Burial Ground** where a corn field is presently located, and will soon become a housing subdivision.

The descendants first have to convince the authorities that a cemetery is indeed present and then fight to preserve it.

The Esqueving Historical Society has requested that the Town of Halton Hills recognize and suitably mark a **Settlers/Native Burial Ground** on Lot 18 Concession 8. The Bennett Health Care Centre is to be built adjacent to the site, and construction supposedly will not disturb the cemetery. Markers were present at the site in 1987, but have apparently disappeared.

Rob Leverty and I were invited to speak to **The University Womens' Club (Antique Group)** of Mississauga on October 9 on the "Heritage of Cemeteries".

We recently received requests for assistance to preserve cemeteries from the Coalition of Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. and Save Texas Cemeteries. The latter is fighting to save Houston's historic **Morse-Bragg Cemetery**, containing graves of 44 African Americans, which developers wish to have declared abandoned in order to build a condominium.

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By Frank Bartoszek and Jeanne Hughes, Co-Chairs, Fundraising Committee

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Support the work of The Ontario Historical Society across the province by making a donation towards our ongoing efforts to preserve Ontario's heritage. All contributions are tax deductible.

Mark your calendar!

On Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the East Durham Historical Society will hold its annual Wassail Bowl at Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill. Historic Christmas displays, music and refreshments will be available and admission is free. For further information, please call (905) 885-5577.

Manitoulin Island hosts two OHS workshops



Dennis Pollock, Head Gardener of Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metro Toronto, congratulates Elda Burt (left) and Shirley Park (right) of the Kagawong Historical Society, who were instrumental in the success of the workshop, **From Garden to Table: Success with Herbs** held August 9 at the Old Mill in Kagawong. The OHS and the Kagawong Historical Society co-sponsored the day-long programme, at which Dennis was a featured speaker. (Photo courtesy of Rob Leverty.)



Storyteller Esther Jacko (left) of the Whitefish River First Nation, accompanied by her talking stick discussed the stories behind several special places on Manitoulin Island at the workshop, **Celebrations of the First Nations and Newcomers**. Linda Kelly (right), Curator of the Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah, site of the OHS workshop on August 7, was the local co-ordinator for this very successful workshop. (Photo courtesy of Rob Leverty.)

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- ♦ **Corporate and Advertising History**
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Museum News



Allen, Norman, Beth, Harold and Robert Good gathered at Myrtleville House in 1976 to unveil the Ontario Heritage Foundation plaque honouring the achievements of their father, W.C. Good. (Photo courtesy of Myrtleville House Museum.)

Fundraiser to support the Brant County Museum and Archives

The Brant Historical Society will be holding its Second Annual Antique Show and Sale at the Sanderson Centre, Brantford's restored 1919 Vaudeville Theatre. Thirty-four dealers will offer a diverse selection of antiques on Friday, November 14 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 and proceeds will support the operations of the Brant County Museum and Archives. The Sanderson Centre is located at 88 Dalhousie Street. For more information, call (519) 752-2483.

Glanmore roof restoration in progress

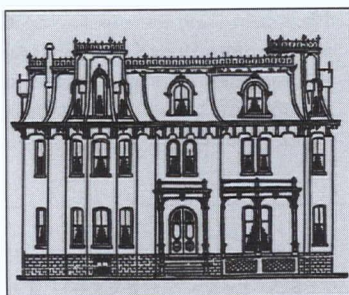
Restoration of Glanmore's elaborate mansard roof system is well underway. Over time, the roof of the home of the Hastings County Museum had become badly deteriorated. The slates, originally of high quality, reached the end of their lifespan.

Using materials and methods as close as possible to those used in 1883, the project is conserving many different elements of the roof system including the stabilization, restoration and painting of the ornate woodwork that supports the inlaid gutter system and surrounds the dormer windows. The restoration of the chimneys, cast iron cresting and the replacement of the original polychrome slate with that obtained from original sources will also take place.

The \$340,000.00 cost for the

work will be covered by a Cost-Sharing Agreement between the City of Belleville and the Department of Canadian Heritage and a bequest left to the City. It is anticipated that the project will be completed this Fall.

A new exhibit on the main floor of the museum describes Glanmore's designation and restoration.



Glanmore (1883)

Glanmore is located at 257 Bridge Street East in Belleville. The telephone number is (613) 962-2329.

WANTED!! MUSEUM NEWS SUBMISSIONS

Let us know what's happening at your site. The Museum News page of the *OHS Bulletin* presents a great opportunity to showcase all that your museum is currently undertaking, has already completed and is planning for the future.

Submissions for the Museum News page are more than welcome. Copy should be descriptive, but concise. Photographs can be included, keeping in mind that not all will be printed due to space restrictions. Copy for upcoming events should be for those that will take place after the newsletter is published.

The Museum News page has a new editor. Brian Wood, Curator of the Bell Homestead National Historic Site in Brantford was recently appointed to the position. Submissions for inclusion should be forwarded to Brian, c/o the Bell Homestead N.H.S., 94 Tutela Heights Road, Brantford, Ontario N3T 1A1 or by fax at (519) 759-5975.

Reminder Notice!

Submit your nominations for the OHS' Museum Award of Excellence by **Thursday, October 30, 1997.**

Dr. Harold Marquis Good (1920-1997)

Harold Good, a driving force and dedicated supporter of the heritage community in Ontario, passed away on July 28 at the age of 77. Harold was one of six children and a member of the last generation of the Goods to live at the family home, which is now Myrtleville House Museum in Brantford.

Along with his sister, Beth, and brothers, Allen, Norman and Robert, Harold was instrumental in promoting the restoration of Myrtleville House. Beginning in the 1960s, the foundation was stabilized and the interior of the 1837 house, refurbished. He helped to recover many of the original artifacts that had belonged to four consecutive generations of the Good family who lived on the farmstead, as well.

Harold was actively involved with the entire restoration project. Several photographs capture him digging the foundation and pouring cement for the supports of the house. In later years, he oversaw the reconstruction of the smoke and ice houses, as well as the outdoor bake oven on the museum property. He was involved with restoring many pieces of furniture

in the collection and was extremely interested in the fine library at Myrtleville as the "gathering place" for the Good's love of knowledge and learning.

Harold also contributed to the museum's programming, loaning artifacts and writing catalogue material for two exhibitions, and presenting the site with a substantial donation from his personal collection of Anglo-Irish cut glass. In 1978, he pursued the preservation of Myrtleville, leading the negotiations that culminated in the deeding of 5 1/2 acres of property, the buildings, and original Good family artifacts to the Heritage Canada Foundation.

Harold worked with the Ontario Heritage Foundation to secure a plaque in honour of the significant contributions, which his father, W.C. Good, made to the agricultural community in Ontario and across Canada. Harold and his siblings were present

when the plaque was unveiled at Myrtleville.

By 1984, Harold saw the need to guarantee the future of the museum through community involvement. He initiated the formation of the Friends of Myrtleville House, co-ordinated the incorporation process, and served as the Friends first President from 1984 to 1987.

Along with Myrtleville, Harold was an active member of several other organizations including the Bell Homestead National Historic Site, Brantford to which he loaned artifacts for the Royal Visit on June 28.

A graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned his Ph.D. in Botany, Harold enjoyed a distinguished career as a Professor of Biology at Queen's University in Kingston. He retired to his farm in Centreville where he made significant contributions to the life of the community.

Get to know your Museums Committee!!

By Karen VandenBrink, Museums Committee Chair

Are you concerned with issues facing Ontario's museum community? Get to know your new Museums Committee; we are here to lend a hand. We have representatives nearby waiting to serve your needs. We welcome your suggestions and will keep you informed of the latest developments in our changing profession.

Allow me to introduce our members to you: Mary Baruth,

Ontario Tobacco Museum and Heritage Centre, Delhi; Susan Hughes, Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum & Arts Centre, East York; Karen Barber, Thelma Miles Museum, Matheson; Valerie Harris, Guelph Civic Museum, Guelph; Robin Ormerod, Timmins Museum, Timmins and Brian Wood, Bell Homestead, National Historic Site, Brantford.

Publication now available

Many of our members may remember when Professor Simon Roodhouse, Head of Academic Development, Bretton Hall College, University of Leeds in England, presented a lecture in Toronto last Winter. His presentation, *Museum Training in the United Kingdom - Developments,*

has now been published by the Metro Toronto Museums Committee, and is available by contacting John Carter, Museum Advisor, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, 77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2R9, (416) 314-7151, fax 314-7175.

Tell us about the museum sign salesman

The OHS has received a number of calls and letters from across Ontario concerning the new regulations governing museum road signs. What has happened in your community? How will this change affect your museum? We welcome your comments on this new challenge to museums large and small in attracting visitors. Address your correspondence to Karen VandenBrink, Chair, Museums Committee or Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

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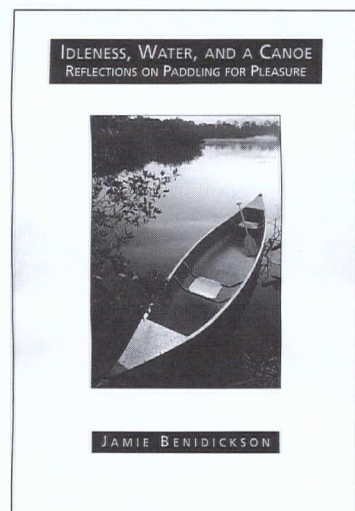
From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors

Post Past

Until Next Year: Letter Writing and the Mails in the Canadas, 1640-1830. By Jane E. Harrison. Wilfrid Laurier University Press for the Canadian Postal Museum - Canadian Museum of Civilization. 155 pages. Illustrations. \$49.95 hardbound.

In our era of instant communication — e mail, fax, phone — it is instructive to look back to a time when keeping in touch was much more difficult. Here is a lovely look at what was involved in writing letters 200 years ago — paper, quills, pen knives, seals and more. One chapter contains fascinating quotations from Canadian personal letters and from instructional manuals on the art of letter writing, accompanied by splendid pictures of desks and writing equipment. Two succeeding chapters discuss the communication links in New France, and the mails and private means of carrying letters in the Canadas after the conquest. The many fine old prints and the specially created modern maps enhance the text and make this a volume to treasure.



Waterways

Idleness, Water, and a Canoe: Reflections on Paddling for Pleasure. By Jamie Benidickson. University of Toronto Press. 299 pages. Illustrations. \$55.00 hardbound, \$17.95 softbound.

"Canoeing: a pastime that takes five minutes to learn and a lifetime to master!" Benidickson presents an anecdotal history of how recreational paddling has developed through the ages and explains the lure of "canoeing down a meandering creek, miles from the nearest soul, drifting silently through sun dappled forests". Other canoers, of course, eschew "idleness", choosing instead the intoxicating experience of meeting the challenge of white-water rapids and unforgiving rocks. *Idleness, Water, and a Canoe* combines memoir, history and practical advice, and will be sure to intrigue the armchair paddler, as well as the avid canoeist or kayaker.

On Track

The Philosophy of Railways: the Transcontinental Railway Idea in British North America. By

A.A. den Otter. University of Toronto Press. 292 pages. Illustrations. \$34.95 hardbound.

If you think that Pierre Berton said it all with his classic volumes, think again. Here is the history of the building of the lines that spanned our northern nation told from a fresh perspective. While popular political rhetoric may have lauded nation-building, the drive was purely money-making, always ensuring that the railways were integrated with those of the United States. For many years, the major interest was in running rails north and south to link with the Americans — commerce cross-border was more important than communication cross-continent. The dominant liberal philosophy — held by politicians of all parties — believed that the new technology should be used to destroy trade barriers. Later the National Policy promoted economic protectionism, but its greatest beneficiaries were central Canadian businessmen, not westerners who suffered from prejudicial freight rates.

The Ex

Becoming Modern in Toronto: The Industrial Exhibition and the Shaping of a Late Victorian Culture. By Keith Walden. University of Toronto Press. 430 pages. Illustrations. \$55.00 hardbound, \$24.95 softbound.

"Every year it seemed like something of a miracle. As soon as the gates of Exhibition Park opened on the first day of the fair, a line of wagons and workers...streamed onto the grounds, fanning out to different buildings to get the show ready...Anxious exhibitors...worked with furious intensity. If comparisons were unfavourable, the whole creation might be dismantled and erected anew...Every year confusion abruptly resolved into coherence. Buildings virtually empty at the start were filled with masses of valuable goods, set out in clever enticing ways. This transformation from vacancy to chaos and from chaos to order was an annual source of surprise and delight, striking testimony to the power of human agency." Thus begins this fascinating study of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition from 1879 until 1903 when it was renamed the Canadian National Exhibition. Walden reviews the variety of social tensions and concerns that pervaded late Victorian culture in Ontario and shows how the T.I.E. influenced the shaping and ordering of the emerging urban culture. This scholarly study is enticingly written and will be sure to have a wide appeal.

Rural Retreat

Bon Echo: The Denison Years. By Mary Savigny. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

Savigny reminisces about the era when famous artists, intellectuals and theatre people visited the strikingly beautiful Lake

Mazinaw area in Ontario's rugged Land O' Lakes district for both stimulation and relaxation. Her focus is Bon Echo, originally created by Toronto feminist Flora MacDonald Denison as a retreat dedicated to the ideals of American poet Walt Whitman. Savigny was, for many years, manuscript typist for author-playwright Merrill Denison and later took on the management of the Bon Echo Inn. Thus, she can tell the "inside story" of those special years before the creation of today's Bon Echo Provincial Park.

Vanished Villages

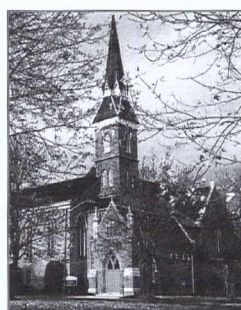
Toronto's Lost Villages. By Ron Brown. Polar Bear Press. 208 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 softbound.

Ghost Towns of Ontario: a field guide. By Ron Brown. Polar Bear Press. 189 pages. Illustrations. \$17.95 softbound.

Every admirer of Ron Brown's cataloging of vanished communities will welcome the publication of these two volumes (along with last year's *Vanished Villages*), especially because all of his earlier "ghost town" books are out-of-print and unavailable. One traces the many hamlets and villages which have been totally overwhelmed by Metropolitan Toronto. The other is an area by area mapping of "lost" towns in which people once lived and made their livings. Each book is fully enhanced by archival illustrations and photographs Brown himself took. Thankfully both books are indexed. But for Brown's tracings, the gone might be otherwise forgotten. If you like to explore old nooks and odd crannies — in city or in country — these books are for you.

The Meaning of These Stones

The Life and Times of Wall Street United Church,
Brockville, Ontario



Mary Beacock Fryer, J. William Lamb and Larry Turner

Around Ontario

The Meaning of These Stones: The Life and Times of Wall Street United Church, Brockville, Ontario. By Mary Beacock Fryer, J. William Lamb and Larry Turner. Wall Street United Church. 359 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 hardbound.

Carefully researched, well-written and handsomely published, this is more than the story of just one church. It is a microcosm of the development of Methodism in Canada from its earliest circuit riding days, through its extraordinary growth in the 19th century, continuing

with its vision of a truly United Church for all Christians, and on to its contemporary struggles to remain relevant to the times.

Bowmanville: A Small Town at the Edge. By William Humber. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 132 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

On the edge of the lake, on the edge of the metropolis, on the edge of the future, Bowmanville is a small town with its own special history. Humber delightfully draws on newspaper archives and

oral traditions to chronicle its nearly two centuries — from the early cheating of natives to obtain title to the land and the cutting of the Danforth Road (now Highway 2) to the modern struggles to retain its identity as it is absorbed into larger political entities. Murderers and merchants, bankers and barbers, controversies and celebrations, sports and schools, and much more are all here. Another of the splendid shorter local histories produced by Natural History publishers.

History Noted

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

Toronto Women: Changing Faces: 1900-2000. By Randall White. Photographic research by Jeanne MacDonald and Nadine Stoikoff. eastendbooks. 150 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound. A photographic celebration of Toronto over the past century — a chronicle of the city growing up, focusing on the efforts of women in shaping its urban life.

Legacy of Stone: Ancient Life on the Niagara Frontier. By Ronald F. Williamson and Robert I. MacDonald. eastendbooks. 170 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardbound, \$26.95 softbound. Two of Canada's archaeologists shed some intriguing light on a forgotten world in this guidebook written especially for a popular audience.

A wide variety of American publications relating to museum management and researching local history are listed in the catalogue of the Altamira Press.

On Watch to Strike: History of 400 (City of Toronto) Squadron. 400 Tactical Helicopter Squadron. \$49.00 hardbound. Written by members of the Squadron, this well-illustrated

book covers the unit's 65-year history, its peacetime service before the war, its triumphs from 1939 to 1945, and its subsequent service in the Air Reserve.

Family Chronicle is a new magazine for people researching their family tree and history.

Tried, Tested, Triumphant: The Life Story and Ministry of Alf Rees. Stewart Publishing. 192 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00. The biography of the service of a minister, in India and in rural Ontario.

Seventh Annual Archaeological Report, Ontario 1996. Ontario Heritage Foundation. \$13.00. Describes the investigations that occurred in the province in 1995.

Memories of Gatchell. Gatchell History Committee. Illustrations. \$30.00. A history of life in "the Gatch" from the turn of the century to the present — contains more than 800 photographs.

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In addition to the awards presented at the Annual Conference in North Bay in May, the OHS held a special presentation at our headquarters in June. Receiving awards (left to right) are Peggy Bristow of Toronto for the Joseph Brant Award, Jennifer Connor of Toronto for the Riddell Award and Katherine Ashenburg of Toronto for the Fred Landon Award. First Vice President Bruce Richard (left) and President Robert Surtees presented the honours. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

Historic Dempsey Store now City of North York Archives

On Saturday, September 13, the historic Dempsey Store, located on Beecroft Road near Park Home Avenue in North York, was officially opened as the City of North York's Archives. Mayor Mel Lastman and local officials were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Archives will house the documentary heritage of North York, including records generated by the municipality, those acquired from residents and the clipping files, photos and other records of the North York *Mirror* newspaper. It will also provide

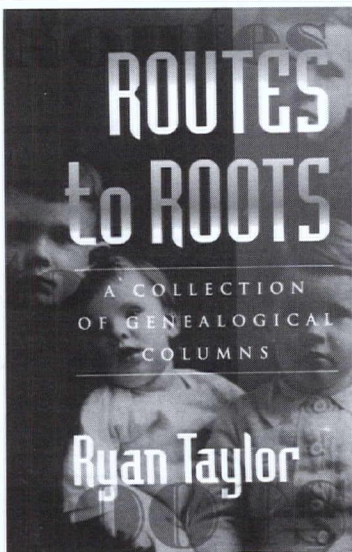
reference services for students, researchers and the general public.

Originally located on the northwest corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue, the Dempsey Store was moved in February of 1996 to its present location. The two and one-half storey red brick building, built in 1860, housed the well-known hardware store that was a fixture of Willowdale for over 100 years.

The Archives is located at 250 Beecroft Road in North York. For further information on hours and services available, please contact (416) 395-7300.

Deadline: November 15!

The Royal Ontario Museum's annual Veronika Gervers Research Fellowship in Textile and Costume History awards a scholar up to \$9000.00 for work on textile or costume history. Research must incorporate or support ROM collections. For details, contact (416) 586-5790.



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Heritage gets boost from Liberals

On September 8, 1997, Port Arthur MPP and Liberal Culture Critic, Michael Gravelle, presented a motion before the Ontario Legislature asking the government to recognize, promote and celebrate arts, culture and heritage in Ontario. Included with his motion was a call to declare a "Culture Matters Month".

In a motion signed by all members of the Liberal Caucus, the party made a number of recommendations including recognizing the richness, diversity and value of Ontario's arts, culture and heritage communities; recognizing the economic contributions of these industries to the provin-

cial economy; acknowledging the necessity for strong public support for the non-profit sector and calling on the people of the province to participate in activities in their communities.

Gravelle also sent a letter to Marilyn Mushinski, Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, urging her Ministry to adopt a "constructive approach" towards arts, culture and heritage in the province.

He noted that, "As we enter into the incredibly busy fall season of arts, culture and heritage activity — a time when artists and organizations begin to plan for and carry out their slate of fall and

winter programming — I believe that now is the time for your government to take a new approach."

He also stated that, "We believe government leadership is important and essential to achieving the very health and growth of arts, culture and heritage in Ontario" and "Arts, culture and heritage activities are essential factors in achieving economic prosperity, quality of life and a better future for the children of this Province".

Gravelle encouraged the Minister to "return arts, culture and heritage matters to a place where the Provincial government is a true and active partner."

History Television aims to popularize our history

On October 17, Alliance Broadcasting launched History Television, a new special channel option available through your local cable company. It is promoted as the first television channel providing a uniquely Canadian perspective on the people, trends, and events that shape our world, and will feature a blend of documentaries, movies and historical programming.

While the channel will present general historic events and issues in the broader world context, it will specifically highlight Canada's past on national and local levels, as well.

Regular segments such as

"The Way We Were" take a nostalgic look at our collective past with footage from the vaults of the National Film Board of Canada. "A Sense of History", using content from the archives of CBC's original Newsmagazine examines stories which made the news 30 and 40 years ago. "Sketches of Our Town" travels from neighbourhood to neighbourhood relating local stories from an historical and cultural perspective. The programme "timeCHASE" is a high energy daily quiz show that makes history entertaining, challenging and fun.

With a commitment to the in-

credible and provocative world of Canadian history, History Television may assist in generating a wider appeal for our heritage. History Television is an exciting prospect indeed.

OHS holiday office hours

The office of The Ontario Historical Society will be closed from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 1997 and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ontario Government proposes raising funds for charities through casinos

Recently, the Ontario Government proposed opening casinos and permanent charity gaming clubs, and installing Video Lottery Terminals throughout the province with proceeds going to charities.

These facilities and services are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Province. Under the *Ontario Casino Corporation Act, 1993*, however, the Ontario Casino Corporation cannot provide

for the operation of a casino, in particular, without the approval of the municipality in which the casino would operate. The municipal council must hold at least one public meeting with respect to any such resolution in order to learn the views and opinions of its residents.

The City of Toronto held a public meeting in September at which residents were invited to express their concerns about the

possible introduction of casinos, Video Lottery Terminals and permanent charity gaming clubs in that municipality. Council has also debated whether to include gaming questions on the election ballot on November 10.

Has this issue arisen in your municipality? What charities will benefit — heritage, culture and the arts, or just sports? Please let us know your thoughts and views on this subject.

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