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The Underground Railroad A Model for Today

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Canada has been left a legacy, in terms of human rights, of which we can be justly proud. This legacy goes back as far as 1793 and the first Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada, as Ontario was called. John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor, an abolitionist from England said:

"There shall no longer be discrimination between those of European ancestry and those of African ancestry."

Each year Simcoe's message echoes in the hearts and minds of the thousands who visit the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum, located just outside Windsor. On August 8, the his-

toric site honoured the memory of Simcoe and celebrated freedom during the tenth annual visit of Mrs. Rosa Parks. The President of The Ontario Historical Society, Bruce Richard, reminded all in attendance of Canada's and Simcoe's legacy of peace, harmony and tolerance of the differences of others. He presented an award on behalf of the Society and affiliated members to Mrs. Rosa Parks, the mother of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement; and Miss Elaine Steele, for educating students about freedom fighters past and present.

Two freedom fighters of the past were John Freeman Walls and his wife Jane King Walls. In a 1905 publication of the OHS by Michael Wallace he states that:

"Perhaps the most picturesque Negro family on the Puce River were the Walls."

At the entrance to John and Jane's farm stands a historic plaque that reads:

"In 1846 John Freeman Walls, a fugitive from North Carolina, built this log cabin on land purchased from the Refugee Home Society. This organization was founded by the abolitionist Henry Bibb, publisher of the *Voice of the Fugitive*, and the famous Josiah Henson. The cabin subsequently served as a terminal of the underground railroad and the first meeting place of the Puce Baptist Church. Although many former slaves returned to the United States following the American Civil War, Walls and his family chose to remain in Canada. The story of their struggles forms the basis of the book *The Road That Led To Somewhere* by Dr. Bryan E. Walls."

The struggles of the Walls family are but a paradigm of the black experience in Canada, or of



The Ontario Historical Society recognized Mrs. Rosa Parks and Miss Elaine Steele at the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum August 8, 1998 with a Special Award of Merit. (Anna Davis)

all families that came to Canada seeking a land of better opportunity and freedom for themselves and their descendants. It is through the study of history and personal family struggles that we can effectively combat hatred, violence and racism in our society today. The Underground Railroad offers us a humanitarian model today. The Underground Railroad freedom movement was the first great freedom movement in the Americas and the first time that good people black and white worked in harmony for freedom and justice.

The pioneer Canadians, who followed the side of the tree that the moss grows on and the light of the North Star, thirsted for freedom. The freedom seekers would run through the woods at night and hide by day and even at times kneel down and drink out of the hoof prints of cattle.

Travelling from one secret safehouse to another they sought the haven that they sang about in their songs, namely Canada, the Canada that Simcoe's Legislation had created, and freedom. Historians estimate that of the 4,000,000 slaves in the United States before the end of the Civil

War, only 40,000 made it to Canada, and after the Civil War 20,000 returned to the United States.

Descendants of John Freeman Walls are committed to use their Underground Railroad story, book, educator's guide and Historic Site as a history and human rights lesson. Working with Chief David Boothby, Dino Doria and the Metropolitan Toronto Police Hate Crime Unit, the Walls family tell students of their eight generations of experience here in Canada.

Although there is room for improvement in terms of race relations in Canada, the Walls family believes that, there is no better country in the world to live than Canada. Armed with this positive message each generation of Canadians do not need to re-discover fire all over again, but

instead in terms of race relations can build on the foundation of the past.

The legacy of John Graves Simcoe, the Underground Railroad Freedom Movement and Mrs. Rosa Parks, reminds us that we must continue to keep love in our hearts for one another.

Dr. Bryan E. Walls is 2nd vice president of The Ontario Historical Society, co-founder of the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum, author of The Road That Led To Somewhere, recipient of the OSSTF Lamp of Learning Award, great grandson of John Freeman Walls and recipient of the Order of Ontario. For further information about the historic site call (519) 258-6253 or visit it at website <http://www.web.net/~proverbs>

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Office Closing

The OHS office will close on Friday, December 18 at 4:30 P.M. for the Christmas holiday and re-open on Monday, January 4, 1999 at 9:00 A.M.

Happy Holidays!

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President's Message

Bruce Richard, President

In an environment where far too often our heritage and the histories it speaks of is marginalized, the OHS can take pride in the recognition of work well done. On the Society's behalf I was given the honour of accepting the Award of Merit from Heritage Toronto for the restoration work completed at 34 Parkview Avenue. The house, the Women's Canadian Historical Society Coach House and out buildings have been restored over the last several years entirely through the contributions of donors, volunteers and JobsOntario; all making a statement that heritage matters. This award commends the work done, but more significantly the success of those who have committed their time, energy and financial contributions to ensure that the Society has the facilities to serve our communities. The product of these efforts assures us of the ability to tend to the huge demands of our daily business, store and protect our vast archival collection, provide a location for lectures and workshops and serve as a base of operations for our outreach to the province.

While having secured the space for our business, the operations of the Society still remain subject to voluntary contributions, fundraising and grant programmes. As everyone is acutely

aware the pressures in all of these areas continue to build. The erosion of governmental support and resulting increase in pressure on alternative funding sources has created undue stress on the heritage sector. This condition forces those working in our field to work harder at fundraising instead of attending to our real purpose. The true impact of this shift in priorities is becoming increasingly evident as organizations face the economics of their survival. The fiscal reality of successfully managing to serve and protect heritage in Ontario is a challenge worthy of the OHS. For over one hundred and ten years now, we have worked to represent interests ranging from academia to the smallest museum and from the north of our province to the south. In all of these areas it is the importance and relevance of history that focuses our attention.

In the face of current adversities we continue to seek new approaches and creative solutions to serve our clients and membership. We unceasingly promote the importance of our past through representation in education, culture and heritage forums at the provincial, regional and local levels. We have recently published *HERITAGE = \$\$ AND \$ENSE* Survey Summary presenting a strong economic endorsement to sustaining heritage

events as a positive economic return for communities. Staff, volunteers and Board members attend and present at meetings and workshops province-wide.

The Society has had to respond to, and plan for, current fiscal pressures through reorganization and reduction in staffing and the continued consolidation in the publication of *Ontario History*. Our delivery of workshops and external activities are weighed by co-sponsorship and cost recovery. It is important that these realities are understood by all those involved and you may rest assured that we continue to clearly present these issues to the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation as well as to our constituents.

As we approach the end of the millennium we must renew our efforts in advancing the role of our past as relevant today and recognize the importance of a shared commitment to preserve and promote the significance of heritage.

Despite the limitations imposed on our field by the current environment the number and diversity of those drawn to history, through universities, genealogy, local history or museums, remain strong. For all those committed to celebrating the importance of heritage in our province the OHS remains committed to you.

Huron County cairn destruction raises grave concerns

Paul Carroll, Seaforth

My family has never been caught up in serious genealogical research. Therefore it is not clear whether Henry and Lydia Carrol(l) are two of my ancestors from an earlier time in Huron County. It is clear, however, that their remains constitute two of some 124 internments at an abandoned burial ground located east of the site of the former County House of Refuge, in Huron County, south of the Town of Clinton, on Highway 4, the old London Road.

The burial ground served as the final resting place for residents of the home for paupers, indigent seniors and unwed mothers in the period between 1896 and 1929. Apparently there were no headstones placed at this site. Neither was the land ever registered as an official cemetery, but in 1931, the then council for the County of Huron erected a majestic stone cairn carrying two marble tablets listing the names of the 124 persons interred. A small area, within the larger bounds of the burial site, was marked off with a smart white picket fence in honour and tribute to those who were buried in the location. The minutes of the

meeting clearly indicate the intent of the council to "enclose the burial ground, level same and erect a suitable memorial with names engraved and that the place receive perpetual care." The actual burial records for this site have been lost; the tablets comprise the only known record of those buried there.

In recent years, the land—as part of a larger tract—has been leased to a local farmer for the production of field crops. In October of 1998, with the approval of Huron County Council, the cairn was demolished, the tablets were removed for an as yet undefined future preservation effort, perhaps in the interior of the current Huronview complex operated by the County as a senior citizens' residence and County offices. While there is no question that steps were required to preserve the stone tablets from further deterioration, considerable outrage and offence has been taken by many community members, the local Genealogical Society and the Huron County Historical Society about the haste taken to demolish the cairn, remove the fencing and redirect the consecrated land, now unmarked,

for farm purposes. Repair and restoration would have been the preferred option. The Historical Society has offered financial support to assist with the placement of a suitable plaque and other commemorative measures.

If we are fortunate, this episode will not develop into a prolonged fight between local government and heritage groups trying to preserve a piece of local history. While cemetery desecration is a growing problem across Ontario, Clinton Reeve Carol Mitchell, Chair of the Health and Seniors Committee, which authorized the cairn demolition, has made it clear that "the committee is prepared to meet with interested parties and review further information" with a view to finding a suitable solution to the current concerns.

Perhaps by the New Year, an amicable solution will have been found to honour the commitment of the 1931 County Council for "the perpetual care," the delicate tablets will have been protected, and Henry and Lydia Carrol(l), along with their 122 late companions will be honoured in some dignified fashion. A bean field is not quite enough.



Pausing to admire the Award of Merit presented to the OHS by Heritage Toronto on October 5 are Geoff Geduld, President, North York Historical Society; Robert Levery, Co-ordinator of the restoration project; Edith Geduld, Past President, North York Historical Society and Bruce Richard. The North York Historical Society nominated the OHS for the Award. (Dorothy Duncan)

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director

As the old year ends

It is time to look back on 1998 and remind ourselves, the OHS membership, friends and supporters that, despite the challenges, this has been a year of accomplishment for our Society.

We are grateful to our donors, aware that our support funding from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation was drastically reduced in 1997, who rallied to our cause, and in many cases, increased the size of their donations. We are also grateful to the Ministry that, when they reviewed our application for support in 1998, restored a portion of the grant. Thank you Minister Bassett and Ministry staff!

For the last three years we have enjoyed a wonderful partnership with Canada's National History Society, with headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were just one of over forty of our partners this year spanning the province from Fort Frances to Kirkland Lake and from Aylmer to Bobcaygeon. In addition to our workshops, "Discovering Your Community," fairs, festivals and fundraisers, we partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department of the former City of North York to present summer programmes at two locations: Blacksmith Public School and York Woods Community Centre.

We officially opened our headquarters, the John McKenzie House, Women's Canadian Historical Society Coach House, Milk House and Stable, combined with the Honours and Awards presentation in May. The Ontario Heritage Foundation officially unveiled our historical plaque (originally presented in 1988) on the same day.

We sponsored countless fundraisers, bringing back many of our old favourites and introducing "Ghostly Gourmet" in October with Lyn Hamilton, Director of Heritage Programmes for the Ministry as guest speaker.

We were blessed with an Experience '98 student, Rinath Maman and with Judith Cummings on a work placement. Our volunteers never faltered in their

support, undertaking every conceivable task with good humour and enthusiasm. Thank You!



Judith Cummings from Omagh in Northern Ireland, who is participating in a work placement sponsored by the Irish Canadian Development Institute at the OHS. (Robert Levery)

As the new year begins

We are relieved to learn that the Ministry is undertaking new support for heritage organizations and institutions—new funding programmes from the Trillium Foundation and in recognition of the millennium. The Millennium Bureau of Canada has also announced new funding programmes. The OHS will be presenting a series of workshops across Ontario called "Money Matters!" to discuss funding and fund raising. Watch for the one near you.

The millennium officially begins on January 1, 2001, giving us all an opportunity to research and present a programme or project that will have a beneficial effect on our communities, tangible evidence that history is a continuum, and we are a part of it!

In the meantime the OHS continues fund raising. Mark your calendar now for March 17 and join the other leprechauns who are planning to celebrate the good St. Patrick at our historic headquarters, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Irish food and beverages, folklore, traditions and history will be the order of the evening. You will be hearing more about this in the new year.

Happy New Year!

Across the Province

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

The **Richmond Hill Historical Society** celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society at the Annual Banquet in October. Congratulations to this Society who has accomplished so much "To Preserve in the Present Community an Awareness of the Culture of Their Forefathers." Keep up the good work for the next 25!

The **Wellington County Historical Society** is inviting submissions for Volume 12 of its annual journal *Wellington County History*. In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the **Ontario Agricultural College** in 1999, articles related to changing agriculture in the County would be welcome. For information: Rosemary Wagner, (519) 824-4120. Ext. 6832.

On November 25, **Canada's National History Society, Warwick Publishing and CBC Radio** hosted the presentation of the Pierre Berton Award at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto. Pierre Berton presented the Award for Achievement in Popularizing Canada's History to Bob Johnstone and the launch of the revised edition of his book *Today in History* followed.

Congratulations to the winners of **Guelph Historical Society Scholarships 1998**: Jenny O'Brien, **Our Lady of Lourdes High School**; Geoff Little, **St. James High School**; Kheya Baq, **Centennial CVI**; Jennifer Klein, **John F. Ross CVI** and Heather Welland, **Guelph CVI**.

Mark your calendar now! **The Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association** is planning the next Local History Workshop in the Classic Theatre and Cobalt Community Hall for Saturday, April 24, 1999.

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill reminds us in the *Newsletter* that forty-five years ago, a tent erected on ten acres of land at the corner of Yonge and Elgin Streets was the first makeshift home of the now famous **York Farmers' Market**. What is the history of your local market? Has its history been researched and written? A worthy project for all historical societies across Ontario!

The **War Memorial Committee of the Princeton and District Historical Society** is to be congratulated on the completion of the new War Memorial in front of the **Cowan Museum-Library** in Princeton in August, thanks to fifty donors who supported this project.

Lyn Hamilton, Director, Cultural Programmes Branch, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation was the guest speaker at two mysterious events recently: 'Ghostly Gourmet' sponsored by the OHS and 'History's Mysteries—Footprints in Time', sponsored by **The Ontario Archaeological Society**. Lyn is the author of the archaeological mystery series that includes *The Xibalba Murders*, *The Maltese Goddess*, and *The Moche Warrior* to be published in April 1999.

Our sympathy to Thelma Miles, founder of the **Thelma Miles Museum** in Matheson and winner of the OHS Carnochan Award in 1997 in the loss of her husband Willard, and to the family and friends of Ruby Bryant, founder of the **Englehart and Area Museum**.

Our sympathy also to the family, friends and colleagues of Mary Manning, a founding member of the **Streetsville Historical Society**, and Margaret Lawrence of the **Mississauga South Historical Society** in their passing. Both Mary and Margaret were recognised as outstanding leaders in the heritage community.

Douglas McNichol, Curator of the **Perth Museum** (recipient of the OHS Museum Award of Excellence in 1993) passed away suddenly on November 3. Our sympathy goes out to his family. In remembrance, contributions to the Perth Museum would be appreciated.

The Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary at the Walper Terrace Hotel in Kitchener with Wayne Wettlaufer, MPP Kitchener, as guest speaker.

The City of Toronto is consulting with the public on the bid for the **2008 Olympic Games**. For information: (416) 397-9411.

The newly restored **Neilson**

House, circa 1860, located at 1575 Neilson Road in Scarborough, was officially opened in October. For information: (416) 396-4811.

The **Uxbridge Scott Historical Society** is launching an oral history of the township. President Heather Hunter wants to hear from anyone with interesting stories to share. Call (905) 852-7213.

The **Toronto and York Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association** has announced that John Spring will speak on January 14 on "A Look at the T H and B." Information: (416) 431-4454.

Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library invite applications for fellowships in 1999-2000 for research in three categories: National Endowment for the Humanities, Winterthur Research, and Lois McNeil Dissertation. The deadline is January 15. Call: (302) 888-4649 for details.

Congratulations to Dorene Hirsch, of Ottawa named "Woman of Distinction" by the YM/YWCA in recognition of local role models. As well as her contributions to community activities, Dorene has served on heritage boards for the **Bytown Museum** and the **Council of Heritage Organizations in Ottawa**.

The **Tool Group of Canada** and the **Atlantic Tool Collectors Association** have been invited to join the **Early American Industries Association's** Annual Meeting in Ottawa in June. If you are interested in tools or techniques call (416) 444-4255 for details.

The Owen Sound Historical Society has a unique collection of over forty volumes of newspaper clippings compiled by the late Izetta Fraser. The collection is kept at the **Owen Sound Marine and Rail Museum** so reserve lots of time on your next visit to spend with this unusual resource.

Congratulations to the **Etobicoke Historical Society**, founded in 1958 for forty years of dedication to preserving history. The Society meets the fourth Thursday of the month at **T. Montgomery's Inn**, a building the Society worked hard to save.

The **Guelph Historical Society** has announced that the subject for the 1998-99 Verne McIlwraith Essay Contest is "Beer and Liquor in Guelph: Making It, Selling It, Fighting It." For information: (519) 824-9345.

Threads of Family History II will be a juried exhibition of textile arts held May 28-30 at the **Ontario Genealogical Society's Seminar '99** in Brampton. You do not need to be an expert craftsman to enter so call (905) 846-3061 for details.

We are sorry to report that David McFall, OHS legal advi-



The Milton Historical Society is planning to restore the Waldie Blacksmith Shop, where three generations of blacksmiths served the needs of the community and the surrounding farms. (Dorothy Duncan)

sor and well known to Ontario's heritage community is a patient in the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

Allan Gottlieb, Chairman of **The Ontario Heritage Foundation (OHF)**, has announced the appointment of Marjorie Mercer as the new Executive Director of the OHF effective November 9, 1998. Ms. Mercer succeeds Lesley Lewis, recently appointed Director General and CEO of the **Ontario Science Centre**.

The **Historical Society of Ottawa** is celebrating its centennial this year. Born as the **Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa** in 1898, the name changed when men were admitted in the 1950s. The Society shared its centennial with **Aberdeen Pavilion** at Landsdowne Park, the oldest fair building of its type in Canada, in a festive celebration at that restored National Historic Site affectionately known as the 'Cattle Castle' on September 19. The year also marked the establishment by the Historical Society of Ottawa of a Centennial Fund, designed to compensate for some of the lost government funding, especially to its **Bytown Museum**, already suffering from the 2-year disruption caused by the rebuilding of the Plaza Bridge, under which visitors to the Museum must pass.

For several years the **Grenville County Historical Society** has encouraged Grade 8 history students by awarding prizes for their efforts in Community Studies. Results have been most satisfying at participating schools, but more schools are encouraged to take part. For information at how you can get your school involved, or develop a project in your community, contact (613) 925-0489.

If you know how to fix old

crank telephones, or would like to be a front desk volunteer and answer the modern telephone, **The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society** would like to hear from you (807) 623-0801.

The **Friends of Fort York** have announced their 1999 lecture series, which is held at the **Royal Canadian Military Institute** on University Avenue in Toronto. The theme is "Fort York at War." For dates and times contact (416) 497-0286.

Earlier this year saw the formation of the **National Historic Sites Alliance (NHSA)** which aims to increase public awareness, provide training opportunities, and a forum for communication between sites and outside organizations. Member sites are owned and operated by Parks Canada, the Ontario Heritage Foundation, municipalities and individuals. Information about the Alliance is available through Glanmore NHS in Belleville: (613) 962-2329.

The **Bronte Historical Society** in Oakville shares its wish list for needed items. Included are: teaspoons, cups and saucers, card tables, a coat tree, folding screen, room dividers, computer desk and an upholstered chair. If you can help, contact (905) 825-5552.

Where do discerning gardeners want to be in March? On a Gardener's Getaway! The 1999 **Canada Blooms** show, March 10 to 14, is produced by the **Garden Club of Toronto** and **Landscape Ontario** to promote the joys and benefits of gardening and to showcase outstanding floral and landscape designs, services and products, with proceeds towards nurturing and sustaining horticultural projects in the community. Contact (416) 593-0223 for information.



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Upcoming Events

December: The **Twelve Nights of Christmas** is a new addition to the popular **Lamplight Country Christmas** programme at Black Creek Pioneer Village at the corner of Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in Toronto. When the Village streets glow with the soft light of candles and oil lamps, and the fresh smell of pine boughs and old-fashioned cooking tempt the senses it will feel like the Christmas you have always imagined! For details contact (416) 736-1733.

December: T. Montgomery's Inn provides just the antidote for families weary of modern holiday commercialism. The **Merriest Days of the Year** programme recalls the joyous anticipation of Victorian winter amusements, crafts and holiday food. Contact (416) 394-8113 for details.

December 19: Feel the magic of a Christmas past as the County of Grey-Owen Sound Museum presents **A Christmas to Last** from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Costumed staff serve home made fare by lamp and candle light, and horse drawn sleigh rides, Christmas tree lightings and music throughout the evening will make it a memorable event. For tickets, contact (519) 376-3690.

December-January 10: The Markham Museum and Historic Village display their weird and wonderful artifacts, most of which have not been on display for years. **A Cabinet of Curiosities: collectors & collecting ex-**

plores how collecting became a pastime, how collections have become more accessible to the public, and how museums developed. Markham Museum and Historic Village is located on the west side of Hwy. 48. Call (905) 294-4576.

December-January 17: The St. Catharines Museum hosts the travelling exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum, **Canada at Play**, featuring 100 years of games, toys and sport. Despite the astonishing developments in subjects such as science, medicine and technology, the games we play and children's toys have changed very little. Then from **January 23-April 25** the museum presents **Hearth and Home** a bilingual exhibition from the Musee Du Bas-Saint-Laurent, Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec examining the struggle against the cold in Canada and the variety of housing adaptations. Visit the St. Catharines Museum at 1932 Government Road, St. Catharines. (905) 984-8880.

December-March 7: The Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives at 300 Hunter Street East, above the Lift Lock celebrates one of the oldest arts, the making of textiles. In **Unravelling: The Secret Stories of Making Cloth** the public is invited to touch and try, play and learn. Silk worms and cotton blossoms, wool, and linen all have a story to tell. The story of cloth is also the story of human society; **Unravelling** has much to tell us

about the slave trade, industrialization, the Cold War and the space race. For details: (705) 743-5180.

December-April 11: The mass production of automobiles has had a profound impact on twentieth century societies. Nowhere is this more evident than at the workplace. **Life in the Fast Lane: Car Makers in Ontario**, a four part exhibit, examines what it meant to be an auto worker in four post World War II Ontario cities: Oshawa, Windsor, Ottawa and Hamilton. The Ontario Workers Arts & Heritage Centre at 51 Stuart Street in Hamilton hosts this unique exhibit. Call (905) 522-3003 for open hours.

December-April 30: The Haldiman-Norfolk Museum and Archives hosts the exhibit **Canada at War: A Selection of Military Dress** featuring battle and full dress uniforms from several museum collections in the Niagara region. The Museum is located at 8 Echo Street in Cayuga. Call (905) 772-5880 for details and times.

January-April: The Oshawa Historical Society holds informative presentations the third Monday of the month. On January 18 the Archaeological Services Group discuss the recent excavation of the **Grandview Site**, a native settlement located in Oshawa from 1330-1400. On February 15, Mark Jackman, Curator of the Clarrington Museums/Clarke Museum and Archives shares his

research investigating Ontario's gravestones and cemeteries. On March 15, Archivist Tammy Robinson showcases **Oshawa's Prominent Citizens** in a slide presentation. Bowmanville Storyteller Sher Leetooze entertains on April 19 with an ensemble of early stories examining military and social history. All talks take place in the Centennial Albert United Church at 19 Rosehill Boulevard at 8:00 P.M. Call (905) 436-7624.

January-June: Beginning in January, a series of family history courses including **Genealogy & the Internet** are offered by the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society at Toronto Public Library/ North York Central Branch. Afternoon and evening classes are available. Pre-registration is required. Costs range between \$20.00 and \$45.00. Call (416) 483-3223 for details.

January 26-March 16: Two concurrent courses are offered Tuesday evening at the Royal Ontario Museum. **Sex in the Ancient World** invites you into the bedrooms of Greece and Rome, Ancient Egypt and the European Renaissance to uncover the attitudes towards love, sexuality, contraception, abortion and marriage through informal lectures, slide shows, gallery visits and a behind the scenes peek at some of the Museum's seldom seen erotica. **Mummy Talks: Facts, Fictions, and Fabulous Fancies** invites you to trace the mummy's journey through space and time and examine Western attitudes, ancient and modern, to these visitors from another world. The ROM is located at 100 Queen's Park in Toronto. Call (416) 586-5797 for costs and to register.

January 28-February 25: A fascinating series of noon hour lectures presented by Heritage Toronto focus on the history of media in the city. Guest speakers at **Toronto's Media History** include some of the men and

women who helped mould the newspapers we read, the radio we listen to and the television we watch. The talks are held at 205 Yonge Street. Contact (416) 392-6827 Ext. 265 for information.

February: is **Black History Month**, celebrating the recognition and understanding of Black Heritage with festivities planned all over Ontario and Canada. The St. Catharines Museum invites children, ages 6 to 10 to participate in **Follow the North Star** and experience the legacy of Niagara's African Canadians through songs, games and activities. (905) 984-8880.

February 15-16: Come out of the cold and enjoy the warmth of the open hearth kitchen at the Gibson House Museum. Enjoy special food, making shadow puppets, trying 19th century wooden toys. Free admission in recognition of **Heritage Day**. The Gibson House is located at 5172 Yonge Street in Toronto. Contact (416) 395-7432.

March 20-21: The **24th Annual Toronto Model Railway Show** is held at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road, Etobicoke, Ontario. Contact (416) 431-4454.

March 24-25: The Society of Heritage Associates invites you to dress warmly and learn about **Maple Syrup at Roy's Square**, an outdoor public education programme about a heritage resource important throughout history. Sugar, syrup and other maple products are on sale and several heritage societies will be present. For details (416) 515-7546.

April 25-29: The 94th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Museums, entitled **Reinventing the Museum: Relevance and Renewal**, takes place in Cleveland. For information contact the American Association of Museums, 1575 Eye Street NW, Suite 400, Washington DC, 20005.

Heritage Toronto's seasonal activities

You are invited to the many activities taking place at Heritage Toronto's most popular sites: Colborne Lodge, Mackenzie House, Historic Fort York, and Spadina to welcome the festive and winter season in the city.

Colborne Lodge
December-January 3: The 1860s country home of High Park founders, John George and Jemima Howard, is adorned for the festive season as it would have been in Victorian times. During **Christmas in the Park**, costumed staff welcomes you inside the cozy cottage for a warm beverage and treat.

January: Come Visit the Parlour where during the bleak winter months, indoor amusements centred around parlour games for family and visiting friends.

February: Well after a century and a half since its introduction to Europe, tea has evolved into an elaborate ritual and habit. Join in the **Mad Hatters Tea Party** and learn about tea etiquette and equipment.

Colborne Lodge is located in High Park. Call (416) 392-6916.

Mackenzie House
December 28-30: Celebrate **Hogmanay! Happy New Year!** with a traditional "open house style" party by reservation only.
January: Explore **The Scottish Heritage of William Lyon Mackenzie** through history of the clan and the connections Mackenzie maintained in Scotland.
January 22 & January 24: Two uniquely Scottish events. On January 22 an evening of **Scotch Tasting**, and on the 24th, **Robbie Burns Day**, drop in for a ceilidh honouring Scotland's well known poet with food, music and dance.

February 15: In recognition of Heritage month, tours of Mackenzie House focus on the efforts of Toronto citizens to save the building from demolition.

Mackenzie House is located at 82 Bond Street in Toronto. For times and costs, contact (416) 392-6915.

Historic Fort York
Historic Fort York offers traditional hospitality when you reserve for your group of 15 or more and become the guests of

the officers' mess in the 19th century. Dine on holiday meals based on heritage cuisine served by soldiers dressed in mess livery. Contact Barracks Banquet 1-800-882-6704.

Spadina
December-January 3: Spadina Historic House and Gardens and Mackenzie House are beautifully adorned during **Christmas in the City** welcoming visitors for tours on the traditions and decorations of yuletide.

January: Learn how the Austin family, residents of Spadina in 1899, prepared to **Celebrate the End of an Era** in contrast to our preparations for a new century and a new millennium.

January 31-February 28: Each Sunday Spadina hosts a series of how-to lectures of interest to green thumbs, from beginners to the experienced, at **Our Growing Heritage**. Topics cover a wide range of gardening subjects of interest to city and country gardeners alike.

Spadina is located at 285 Spadina Road. Call (416) 392-6910 for details.

Upcoming OHS Events

DATE	PROGRAMME	LOCATION
January	Presentation of OHS Award	Montreal
February 17	Money Matters!	Peterborough
March 1	Money Matters!	Town of Essex
March 9	Money Matters!	Orillia
March 17	St. Patrick's Supper	Willowdale
April 17	Money Matters!	Elliott Lake
For further information on these events and others in the planning stages, please contact the OHS, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.		

Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart, Editor

Congratulations to Les McKinnon and the **Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Group** for their persistence for over 10 years. Recently ground probing radar revealed the presence of many graves at the site which was ploughed over in 1930. Those buried there were black pioneers who had settled in Artemesia Township long before records were kept. Much more work is required before the cemetery can be restored. The group is anxious to retrieve buried tombstones so that each grave can be properly marked. They will take care to see that remains are not disturbed and to allow those buried there to rest in peace with the dignity that a tombstone would bring.

Douglas Gilby U.E., representing the Hainer family has been concerned for some time over the destruction of the family burial ground known as **Hainer/Smith Cemetery** in St. Catharines. The Hainers were among the first settlers in 1786. Many years ago the city removed the stones and placed them in a wall, which has deteriorated and fallen. The stones that were set in masonry are now crumbling and exfoliating. Some are beyond repair. The family is asking that the city restore the cemetery.

At the same time the Hainer family draws attention to the deplorable state of the **Smith Family Cemetery** at Henry of Pelham Winery, the **Turney Family Cemetery** on Pelham Road at Power Glen, the **Brown Family Cemetery** on Boy Scout Road, the **Hainer Family Cemetery** at the T.R.W. plant on Regional Road 81, the **Schram Family Graveyard** in West St. Catharines and others including the city's first graveyard which was behind St. Catharines Anglican Church at St. Paul and McGuire Streets. That cemetery was used between 1796 and 1830. In his letter to the Mayor of St. Catharines, Mr. Gilby refers to the recent vandalism in the St. Catharines area where youths have been charged. This crime was considered a racial slur, and Mr. Gilby feels that the destruction of his family cemetery is "a crime of greater ignorance than the former since it reflects the lack of self respect that we project as Canadians for our own heritage."

In September a young man was sent to jail for 10 months for the desecration of 43 tombstones at the **Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery** in St. Catharines.

The Niagara Parks Commission has purchased 210 hectares which contains an 1814 battle-field site. At least 150 men were buried after the battle. Future plans include an information centre and walking tours.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto has opened a specially designed area for cremations. There are gardens, forest pathways and a reflecting stream and pool.

Human remains were uncovered recently during playground construction at St. Paul's Elementary School in Toronto. These were the graves of those buried in **St. Paul's Cemetery** prior to 1857. Archaeological studies are in progress to determine whether there are further burials. The cemetery was established in 1822 and many of those buried there were Irish parishioners of St. Paul's Catholic Church. There is no record of how many were interred between 1822 and 1847 but burial records show that nearly 3,000 were buried between 1847 and 1857. The cemetery was closed to burials in 1857 when **St. Michael's Cemetery** was established. A spokesperson from the Archdiocese of Toronto pointed out that this discovery of sacred ground is the earliest ancestral site of Catholics in Toronto and an important part of Ontario's history.

The King Township Historical Society and The Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery Committee, building on the work of The Lloydtown Rebellion Association, have joined forces to work toward the restoration of **Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery**. The group is seeking designation for the historic cemetery. The land for the cemetery was donated by Jesse Lloyd in 1834. His wife and many of their descendants are buried in the cemetery. Donations, which are eligible for charitable receipts may be made to: The King Township Historical Society, 2920 King Road, King City, Ontario L7B 1L6. These should be marked "Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Fund."

Clendennen Cemetery

In response to enquiries regarding 'We're Still Waiting' Marjorie Stuart has prepared this summary:

Since the end of July 1997 The Ontario Historical Society and The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) have been waiting for the decision on the appeal of the closure of Clendennen Cemetery by the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal. The hearings began in December 1995. This appeal was the result of an official protest by the OGS and the OHS over the decision of the Registrar of Cemeteries to order the Clendennen Cemetery closed. Under the Ontario Cemeteries Act a cemetery that is declared to be closed *must be moved*.

Certain heritage groups must be notified of an intent to close a cemetery. This responsibility falls to the owner of the cemetery and not the Registrar of Cemeteries. In the case of Clendennen Cemetery, groups became aware of pending closure in March 1994. An Information Meeting was held. Family members objected to the closure as well as the two societies. Despite these objections Clendennen Cemetery was officially declared closed in February 1995.

John Clendennen claimed that he had been on the land "upwards of seven years" when he patented Lot 17 Concession 8 Markham Township, York County in 1803. This would make the Clendennen family among the earliest pioneer fami-

lies of Markham. The documentation has not been found but it is believed that John Clendennen may have been a United Empire Loyalist. The Clendennen family remained on the farm until the 1940s. When the Clendennens sold their farm there was a "gentleman's agreement" that the cemetery be maintained. The Town of Markham eventually became the owner because under the Cemeteries Act a municipality is responsible for the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries. The Town of Markham and the present owners, Swan Lake Developments, have done nothing to maintain the site.

There are five tombstones. Those buried in the tiny burial ground are William Clendennen, son of John Clendennen, who died in 1855 and his wife Susannah Stover, who died in 1865. Three of their married daughters are commemorated with tombstones dating between 1855 and 1863. Research has determined that Dickson's Hill Cemetery, the earliest cemetery in eastern Markham, was established circa 1812 while the Clendennen name does not appear on the list of original subscribers. By 1855 there were several established cemeteries within a short distance of the Clendennen farm. The burial location of John Clendennen and his wife are unknown. It is

strongly felt that the Clendennen family burial ground was established long before 1855 and that the earlier burials were either marked with field stones or wooden crosses which have disappeared over time.

The ruling of the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal will be a landmark decision. The outcome will affect many of the approximately 5000 known burial locations in Ontario. Of these about 90% do less than 10% of the annual internments in Ontario and a vast number of these are currently administered by municipalities. Many municipalities take their cemetery responsibilities seriously and do an excellent job of maintenance, but, there are also a great many that wish to be rid of this responsibility. Many small cemeteries were maintained by church boards. Some of these churches have been closed and their cemetery boards are anxious to disband. The cemetery land which was consecrated would be sold or turned over to the municipality.

In 1996 the OHS established a 'Cemetery Defence Fund' to help offset the costs of the hearing before the Tribunal. Tax deductible donations may be sent to the OHS. We urge you to support the OHS and the OGS as they work to preserve an important heritage resource—the final resting places of our forefathers.

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Welcome new members

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Museum News

Brian Wood, Editor



The Fort Frances Museum hosted a Discovering Your Community through Celebrations workshop and participants from northwestern Ontario enjoyed a visit from John B. Hulett (Robert Levery) who described the 70th anniversary of the building of his summer home in the Parry Sound district. (Dorothy Duncan)

Cultural Strategic Development Fund

In an effort to increase the capacity for self-reliance and improving access to non-government sources of funding for arts, heritage and cultural industries, the Cultural Strategic Development Fund (CSDF) has been established by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation (MCzCR) to provide support for projects which provide direct links to the Ministry business plan. Priorities for CSDF include increasing opportunities for, and encouraging the development of, partnerships between and among members of the non-profit, private and public sectors.

Approved projects will be supported on a cost-sharing ba-

sis, up to a maximum of 50% of eligible costs, subject to budget availability and applicant eligibility. Project applications must involve partnerships, and must have the active involvement of more than one organization. Funding will not be provided to individual artists, a single cultural industries company, or a project from a single non-profit arts or heritage organization. Projects may receive support from other levels of government. Total government revenues cannot exceed 75% of total project costs.

For detailed information contact your MCzCR consultant or the Cultural Programmes Branch (416) 314-7124.



The Thunder Bay Museum recently hosted a very successful Antiques Appraisal Road Show. A. Duncan McLean and Barry Hookway of Waddington's-McLean discuss the value of a member's painting. (Thunder Bay Museum)



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New Indemnification Programme and increased MAP funding

On November 2, 1998, Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage announced the introduction of an Indemnification Programme for major travelling exhibitions of fine art and heritage collections. An increase of \$2 million to the Museums Assistance Programme (MAP) budget beginning in 1999 was also announced at a reception at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Indemnification Programme is a partnership between the federal government and Canadian institutions and will draw on the successful experience of other countries. A unique Canadian element is that the programme will provide indemnification for domestic as well as international exhibitions. Legislation will be introduced in Parliament this fall, with the launch of the programme expected in the spring of 1999.

The increased MAP funding means that a total of \$9.4 million will be available next year for projects that encourage excel-

lence in museum activities and increased access to our heritage. Special emphasis will be placed on inter-provincial travelling exhibitions. The Minister noted that these were the first steps in providing more support to cultural institutions that promote Canadian Heritage.

As part of the national strategy on public access to heritage, the Minister also announced federal funding of \$50,000 for the Canadian Museums Association's (CMA) National Sym-

posium on Travelling Exhibitions and the partnership between the CMA, Canadian Conservation Institute and Canadian Heritage Information Network for the operation of a Centre for Exhibition Exchange, enabling Internet users to access information, expertise, and products about the exchange of travelling exhibitions.

The Ontario Museums Association asked individuals to write to the Minister in support of a call for enhanced MAP funding, and thank all who did so.

Terra Firma exhibit at Glenhyrst Art Gallery

Marguerite Larmand lives and works in Burford, Ontario. For almost a decade, she has explored ecological issues through art. In Terra Firma, Larmand explores the rituals and cycles through which we experience nature. The idea of 'ground' plays a central role in this exhibit; it is, after all, the foundation upon which so many human experiences and rituals are built. But Larmand also evokes the historical, ecological, and metaphorical associations of the ground. In so doing, she creates a body of work that celebrates the mythic power of the earth and the reward of living in intimate relation to nature.

The yearly cycle of creation-maintenance-destruction is central to both natural and artistic processes. Larmand gives this cycle concrete form through *Dreamworks*, soil sculptures that are created from the ground, exist directly upon the ground, and are then returned to the ground

by the artist. Five *Dreamworks* sculptures are depicted in a photographic installation at the gallery, representing a daily cycle of human activity; a new work is installed on the grounds of Glenhyrst Gardens, visible through the gallery windows for the duration of the exhibit, beginning the daily cycle anew.

Terra Firma runs until January 10, 1999 at the Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, located at 20 Ava Road in Brantford. For information contact the gallery at (519) 756-5932.



Marguerite Larmand. *Dreamworks: Sleeping*. Burford Series, 1998. Soil, water, plant material. 300 x 300 x 60 cm.

People, Power and Passion

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) is holding its 1999 Annual Conference April 28 to May 1 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The topic is "People, Power and Passion: Museum Performance in the 21st Century."

The conference will explore several issues surrounding the question of the public interest and museums. Reduced government funding, changing demographics, technological advancements and growing competition for the public's time, attention and money are contributing to a new set of operating assumptions for Canadian museums.

The conference sessions will be 'streamed' and advance material will be available. Contact (613) 567-0099 for conference and registration details.

Reminder

Submissions for the "Museums" page should be sent to: Brian Wood, Editor, c/o Bell Homestead, N.H.S. 94 Tutela Heights Road, Brantford, Ontario N3T 1A1 fax (519) 759-5875

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From the Bookshelf

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Prime Punishments

'Terrors to Evil-Doers': Prisons and Punishments in Nineteenth Century Ontario. By Peter Oliver, University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History. 577 pages. Illustrations. \$75.00 hardbound; \$45.00 softbound.

The 1830s brought a major change in the way our province dealt with serious criminals. In the name of reform, local jurisdiction was replaced by central authority. A penitentiary was built in Kingston and a strict regime of silence and hard work was initiated. By such punishment prisoners were expected to repent and eventually return to normal living. At the same time, hiring out their labour would earn the government enough to pay for their upkeep. The sad story of that failed enterprise—and a whole series of further attempts “to make men better by imprisoning them”—is carefully chronicled and clearly explained in this substantive volume by a prominent legal historian.



Layers Beneath Layers

Legacy of Stone: Ancient Life on the Niagara Frontier. By Ronald F. Williamson & Robert I. MacDonald. eastendbooks. 144 pages. Illustrations. \$26.95.

When the graves of Americans killed in the War of 1812 were discovered at Fort Erie a decade ago, archaeologists were called in. As they carefully excavated and analyzed remains, they also uncovered—to their surprise and delight—stone tools and projectile points, evidence of a much older native culture in the Niagara Region. This fascinating book details a double tale; the tale of a modern archaeological research team and the lives of ancient aboriginal peoples.

Haunting History

Haunted Ontario. By Terry

Boyle. Polar Bear Press. 192 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 softbound.

Terry Boyle has spent much of his life travelling the highways and byways of our province, exploring the heritage sites and communities, discovering the stories and histories, and then sharing them with us in books and broadcasts. This volume relates some of the more unusual, perhaps incredible, tales of ghosts he has heard. Some are in old hotels, inns and restaurants. Reports of eerie occurrences, it seems, attract curious tourists.

Tales of the Unusual: 'true' mysteries of Bruce & Grey. By Diane Madden. Brucedale Press. 92 pages. \$9.99 softbound.

The author reports that she has “loved reading and listening to ghost stories and tales of the unexplained” as long as she can remember. Here are twenty-five tales of unsolved crimes, strange experiences and folklore from Bruce and Grey counties.

Cottage Country Views

See You Next Summer: Postcard Memories of Sparrow Lake Resorts. By Bruce M. McCraw. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

The environment of Sparrow Lake in southern Muskoka rapidly changed with the coming of the railway late in the nineteenth century. City people started to come each summer, to the resort hotels and family cottages that sprang up around the lake. Postcards were the way to assure friends back home that they were “having a wonderful time, wish you were here.” The author’s collection of these vintage cards—well over a hundred of them—makes a splendid vehicle for recounting the story of summers on the lake.

Story Histories

There Was a Time: Historical Anecdotes of Chatham-Kent, Ontario: A Collection. By Jim and Lisa Gilbert. 120 pages. Illustrations. \$12.00 softbound.

Chatham, like many another community, is rich in history. But it is different in that it has two creative local historians who research and relate that history in newspaper columns and radio broadcasts. Here is a fine collection of their reports, fascinating but true.

Branches, Fifty Years of Family Secrets: A Sentimental History of Fort William and Port Arthur. By Bill MacDonald Porphy Press. 178 pages. Illustrations. \$12.95 softbound.

A collection of funny, sad and nostalgic stories of one family and the communities in which they took place. One does not need to be a family member or a resident of Thunder Bay to be charmed by these artfully spun yarns of one family that might be any family.

Hold Fast: The Story of William & Catherine McLeod and their Descendants, Glengarry County.

By Ruth McLeod McKendry and Jennifer McKendry. 52 pages. Illustrations. \$12.00 softbound.

Anyone who is considering writing a family history would do well to use this straightforward self-published work as a model. Its narrative is straightforward, its pictures and drawings are clear, its quotations from original documents and early newspapers are extensive, its sources are fully cited, its name index is complete, and its layout and printing are attractive.

Women and the Law

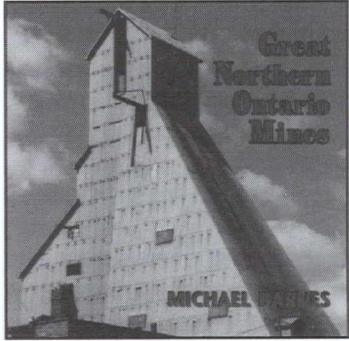
Married Women and Property Law in Victorian Ontario. By Lori Chambers. University of Toronto Press. 237 pages. \$55.00 hardbound; \$18.95 softbound.

In early Upper Canada/Ontario married women had no legal right to hold, use, or dispose of property. Drawing on case studies and court documents, this study examines the gradual expansion of property rights accorded to married women between 1837 and 1900. Despite considerable judicial sympathy and popular support for property law reform, the process was slow and all too often of limited value to women. Indeed, throughout the century, reform was based on the persistent belief in the dependency and inferiority of women.

Lord and Lady Dress Up

Magnificent Entertainments: Fancy Dress Balls of Canada's Governors General, 1876-1898. By Cynthia Cooper. Goose Lane Editions/The Canadian Museum of Civilization. Illustrations. 220 pages. \$50.00 hardbound.

Fancy dress parties were a Victorian passion. Depicted here are four costume balls, one given by Lord and Lady Dufferin and three by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen. Each elicited elaborately magnificent outfits and vast expenditures of money (both public and private). Two of the four balls celebrated characters from Canadian history, adding a veneer of patriotic high-mindedness to their extravagance. This is a fascinating compilation of fact and photograph, illuminating an unexpected facet of our cultural history.



Down Deep

Great Northern Ontario Mines. By Michael Barnes. General Store Publishing House. 140

pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

Some of the most important gold and base metal mines in the world are here in Ontario—at Red Lake, Hemlo, Sudbury and Kirkland Lake. The profits they produce, as this book clearly indicates, depend less on the luck of discovery and more on the massive investment in technology to mine the ore and extract the metal. It takes money—and expertise—to make money.

Genealogical Resources

The Ontario Genealogical Society has announced a number of new publications, many of which will interest historians as well as genealogists:

Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities: A Bibliography. Compiled by Barbara B. Aitken. Vol. 1 1951-1977, \$12.00. Vol. 2 1977-1987, \$12.00. Both for \$20.00.

Before Modern Medicine: Diseases & Yesterday's Remedies. By Elizabeth Briggs & Colin Briggs. 231 pages. \$34.95 softbound. Compiled using documents from the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, the Provincial Archives of Manitoba, and the National Archives of Canada. **STRAYS! An index to the OGS Strays Project: Volume 4.** Compiled by Shirley Lancaster & David J. Browne. \$10.00. A Stray is defined as a person who is described in a record of an event as being from, or connected with, a place outside the area in which

an event took place.

Index to Ontario Settlement Names resulting from the OGS Strays Project. \$10.00.

The Quakers in Canada: A History. By Arthur Garratt Dorland. 124 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00 hardbound. Published 1968.

Faith, Friends & Fragmentation: Essays on Nineteenth Century Quakerism in Canada. By Albert Schrauwers. 103 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00 softbound.

Genealogical Index to the Records of the Canada Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Volume one: Yonge Street Monthly Meeting. Produced by the Canadian Friends Historical Association. 78 pages. \$25.00 softbound. **Records of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs at the National Archives of Canada: A Source for Genealogical Research.** By Bill Russell. 104 pages. Illustrations. \$22.00 softbound.

History Noted

Since our last issue of “From the Bookshelf,” we have received these notices describing publications of interest:

The Iroquois in the War of 1812. By Carl Benn. University of Toronto Press. 288 pages, Illustrations. \$50.00 hardbound; \$21.95 softbound. The first detailed examination of the story of Iroquois participation in the War of 1812,

written by the Curator of Military History at Heritage Toronto.

1901 Census of Canada Transcribed and Indexed. Smokey Hollow Publications. Ancaster, \$31.95. Brantford, \$33.95. Beverly, \$31.95. West Flamborough, \$33.95. South Dumfries \$33.95. Onondaga, \$19.95. East Flamborough, \$29.95.

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Brucedale Press, Box 2259, Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C0.

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Gilbert, Jim & Lisa, 508 King Street West, Chatham, Ontario N7M 1G9.

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McKendry, Jennifer, 1 Baiden Street, Kingston, Ontario K7M 2J7. **Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc.,** Box 95, Station O, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2M8.

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Smokey Hollow Publications, 9090 Ridgeway Drive Unit #4, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 5X5.

University of Toronto Press, 10 St. Mary Street, Suite 700, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 2W8.

Please Note

More extensive reviews of a number of books relating to the history of our province are published in *Ontario History*, the journal of the OHS. Prices of books referred to on this page may not include GST or postage charges. All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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Giving the past a future

On January 30 and 31, 1999 up to 800 teachers, students, researchers and like minded people from across Canada will gather at the Hotel du Parc in Montreal to attend what may be the largest conference ever held in Canada dealing with the teaching and learning of history.

In four out of ten Canadian provinces history has vanished from the curriculum, yet more Canadians than ever are reading history, watching it on television, hunting for their roots, and travelling to historic sites. People are becoming more interested in where they came from; and all communities in our society are demanding space for their history in the common narrative. Who

decides what history is taught, and how? What is the right balance for facts, entertainment, and the goal of "thinking historically?"

Last June several of Canada's leading history and heritage organizations met in Ottawa to assist the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada plan the Conference which will address many important issues facing Canadian historians today including: where Canadians learn their history, the need for a common curricula across Canada, and how people with different and competing histories must learn to share them in the confines of a teaching day.

The conference is built around plenary sessions, hands-

on workshops and a showcase of new learning resources emphasizing multimedia. "History in Motion: The Learning Innovation Expo" is an opportunity to experience the latest in websites, CD ROMs, films, videos and publications.

The OHS participated in the planning sessions and will participate in the Conference with the workshop, "Discovering Your Community."

For Conference registration information contact: Lynne Darroch, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, 3463 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1W7 (514) 398-2658 Fax (514) 398-7336.



The Dorothy Duncan Award was presented to the Manitou Mounds Foundation in recognition for the establishment of the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre, a development showcasing 10,000 years of native habitation in the Rainy River Region of Northwestern Ontario. Pictured are Robert Leverty, Chief James Leonard, Rainy River First Nations, Stacey Bruyere, Director Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung Historical Centre, and Dorothy Duncan.

Calling for nominations

The Canadian Historical Association (CHA) is seeking nominations for two awards. The Clio Award is given annually for meritorious publications, or contributions by individuals or organizations to regional history. Nominations and supportive documentation must be submitted before December, 31 to a regional representative; in Ontario, contact Professor Patricia Jasen, Department of History, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 3M4. For other regional representatives contact the Canadian Historical Association at (613) 233-7885.

Nominations are also requested for the Hilda Neatby Prize in Women's History which encourages the publication of scholarly articles in women's history as it relates to women in Canadian journals and books. Two prizes are awarded, one for the best article in English and the other for the best article in French, which was published in 1998. Send nominations and three copies of the nominated article before the February 1, 1999 deadline to the CHA, c/o the Hilda Neatby Prize Committee, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) request nominations for Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the categories of Museum Management, Collection Management, Research, Presentation and Publications. The deadline for submissions is February 1, 1999 and the programme is open to all in the museum field except members of the CMA's Board of Directors and Awards Committee. For information on nomination criteria and application procedures, please contact Dianna Thompson at the CMA (613) 567-0099 Fax (613) 233-5438.

Visions of the North Voices of the North

From May 14-16, 1999 Temagami will host the Nipissing University interdisciplinary conference on Northern Culture and Development. 'Visions of the North, Voices of the North: Space for Dreams, Visions, and Plans: The North Past, Present and Future' explores the northern experience, culture, lifestyle and economy in small northern towns.

Nipissing University invites artists in any discipline, educa-

tors, critics, community leaders, academics and entrepreneurs to submit proposals and/or abstracts for papers, presentations and panel discussions on the dreams and plans, the successes, failures and visions for the North.

The host site, Temagami, has inspired and been shaped by the dreams, hopes and plans of indigenous people, pioneer settlers and traders and the many cultures of present day Canada. The conference will conclude

with another dream-in-the-making: an Institute of Northern Culture and Development to be created at Nipissing University.

Abstracts should be approximately 250 words. All proposals must be submitted by January 10, 1999 to: "Visions of the North, Voices of the North," Nipissing University, 100 College Drive, P.O. Box 5002, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8L7. For information contact: Jodi Sutherland: (705) 474-3461.

Heritage Day 1999

In 1999, Heritage Day will be celebrated on February 15. Each year Heritage Day celebrates a different aspect of the people, places and events that have helped to shape our country. Activities are designed to encourage young people to explore the heritage of their own community. The 1999 poster depicts the richness and diversity of Canadian habitation with the slogan "The Spirit of Home."

A Heritage Day Kit is avail-

able at no charge to educators across Canada. Each kit includes an attractive poster and a bilingual teachers'/youth leaders' guide. As in previous years, Heritage Canada relies on education departments, school boards and organizations to assist with the distribution of this material.

To order a kit contact: Hagit Hadaya, Heritage Canada Foundation, Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R4 (613) 237-1066 Fax (613) 237-5987.

CHO call for papers

The city of Kingston will host the 1999 Community Heritage Ontario (CHO) Conference from May 28-30. "Making Heritage Pay" will confront heritage preservation as a development issue. To this end, CHO members, LACAC's, heritage organizations, and other interested groups or individuals are invited to submit a presentation.

Topics could include case studies, tax reform and incentives, economic impact and revitalization.

Submissions should be sent to, "Making Heritage Pay," CHO Conference '99, c/o Mary Stephens, 763 Leroy Avenue, London, Ontario N5Y 4G8. (519) 439-3373 or Fax (519) 645-8816, no later than December 31, 1998.

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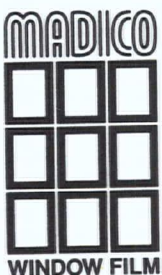
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