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What we really need is a good detective

Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director

There have been many times in my life, as I laboured in the trenches of history, that I have wanted to be a millionaire. Too often, a project or a programme has taken a curious turn, for no apparent reason, and I really wanted to hire a competent detective to find out what went on behind the scenes. I am sure many of my heritage colleagues have had the same urge from time to time.

Never has this been more apparent than now, and the need to understand the circumstances surrounding the future of the historic Dempsey Store and Dempsey Park in Willowdale.

This saga began several years ago when the land on which the Dempsey Store was built at the northwest corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue, was acquired for development including the building of a subway. The City of North York spent over \$1 million moving and restoring the structure to serve as the North York Archives, to house historical displays, accommodate school tours and public programmes. The March-April 1996 *OHS Bulletin* carried a picture of the 12-hour move to 250 Beecroft Avenue where the City also purchased neighbouring properties to create a new public park. Hundreds of residents (and taxpayers)

attended the gala opening and rejoiced in the excellent use of their tax dollars.

Alas, the amalgamation of the the City brought the recommendation that all individual archives should be brought together at the Toronto Archives on Spadina Road and North York complied, leaving the building empty. It should be noted that Scarborough did not do this, and continues to serve its community with its own staff in its original location!

Two very appropriate organizations joined forces and came forward to negotiate with the new City of Toronto to become the paying tenants and to ensure the building remained in public use—the North York Historical Society and the Archives Association of Ontario. This proposal was supported by City staff; the new tenants had keys to the building and, at the City's request, staffed it for the public to visit at the Doors Open Toronto! event May 27 and 28. Residents and (taxpayers) were delighted with this new partnership as the building, repaired and restored for a specific use and all its special needs (humidity controls, etc.) would continue in that use, the groups were paying rent and it would remain in the public domain. A win-win situation!

Suddenly, in early June, the two heritage groups learned that Councillors Feldman, Gardner and Jacobek were promoting the use of the building as a Learning Centre for Children With Autism. The sponsoring group, wanted it for children ages 2 to 5 years, for 5 children in all, and free of charge! No adequate explanation could be given as to why this proposal was being seriously considered in view of all the previous negotiations and agreements.

In the intervening months the City of Toronto Council has supported the Learning Centre to the dismay of the heritage community and many residents, and they have responded by forming a new organization—The Friends

of Dempsey Store. At the time of writing the Friends have retained legal counsel in preparation for an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board. They have four major concerns: 1. A historic structure, preserved, restored, and maintained with public money, will be in private use with no income. Maintenance costs have been estimated at \$36,000 per year; 2. A public park will be partially lost to the public (for a fenced in play area to meet the Day Care regulations, and the need for on site parking); 3. Loss of revenue (\$43,200) as the non-profit historic groups were prepared to pay rent, while the Learning Centre sponsors are also asking that the realty taxes be waived; and 4. Alleged breach of trust between the Council and the taxpayers who objected to the overwhelming Yonge Street development and were given the historic building and park to appease their protests and their fears about density and development in their neighbourhoods.

What really went on behind the scenes? What really happened here? If you know a good detective, that the heritage community can afford, please give us a call!

In the meantime, the OHS, has quite a different arrangement with the City of Toronto for this historic structure that we occupy. First of all, the OHS raised over \$500,000 to repair, restore, and meet all the building and safety codes for the John McKenzie House, Coach House, Dairy, Stable, gardens and grounds. A few months after we moved in, we lost the roof in a dramatic storm and had to replace it at an additional cost of \$12,000. In addition, we do pay rent (not \$1.00 a year!) and we do pay property taxes and all maintenance costs. We host many programmes and events that are open to the public and have many organizations using this space every month, while we continue to serve the people of Ontario.

Yes, the OHS has quite a different arrangement!



On July 7–9 the John McKenzie House hosted the judges and administrators of the 2000 Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History, who reviewed nominations and selected winners. (Dorothy Duncan)

Finalists announced

Canada's National History Society recently announced the finalists for the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History 2000.

They are: Susan Earles and Susan Anderson from Delta, B.C.; Linda Hoffmann, Donald Messer and Gloria Beecham, Crescent Valley, B.C.; David M. Smith, Red Deer, Alberta; Anne Gatha, Alberta; Peter Bjornson, Gimli, Manitoba; Gary R.

O'Dwyer, Cobourg, Ontario; Paul Follett, Lakefield, Ontario; Marc Keirstead, Newmarket, Ontario; Robin Barker-James, Tillsonburg, Ontario; M. Mario Mimeault, Riviere-au-Renard, Quebec; Rae Horsman, Linda Mowbray, Dianna Alain, Dandra Bamford, Lutes Mountain, New Brunswick; and Anne Marie Duguay and Sandra Mitchell, Rothesay, New Brunswick. Congratulations!

Tombstone Tales to be launched

Join us on Wednesday, October 11 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale for the launch of *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* by Harvey Medland. R.S.V.P. (416) 226-9011 if you plan to attend.

Reminder

The deadline for nominations for the OHS Honours and Awards Programme is Friday, October 27, 2000. Send your submission to 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

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President's Message

Dr. Bryan E. Walls, O. Ont.

The OHS is built on the solid foundation of loyal and caring members. The membership consists of lovers of history from beyond the borders of Ontario and even Canada. One honorary member of the Society is Mrs. Rosa Parks of the United States.

I have, during an eleven year period, gotten to know Mrs. Parks as a friend, and I can appreciate the positive light that she shines on an important aspect of Ontario's history. I learned in Bible study that the good Lord sends angels to earth in human form, to give people hope, inspiration, and to change the course of history. For millions of people this definition truly applies to Rosa Parks.

She was born Rosa McCauley in Tuskegee, Alabama on February 4, 1913. In 1932 she married Raymond Parks in Pinelevel Alabama, and in August 1955 she met Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On December 1, that same year she was arrested for not giving up her seat on a

bus in Montgomery. Four days later was the beginning of the bus boycott led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and on November 3, 1956 segregation on buses in Montgomery was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. In 1957 Rosa Parks moved to Detroit, and in 1987 she co-founded with Elaine Steele "The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-development and the Pathways to Freedom Program." In 1991 a bust of Rosa Parks was unveiled at the Smithsonian, and in 1999 she received the Congressional Medal of Honor; only 250 have been awarded in the history of her country.

In 1996 I accompanied Mrs. Parks to the Bahamas where she celebrated her 82nd birthday. She was given a reception by the Bahamian Government suitable to a head of state. It was in the Bahamas that the deeper significance and message of Mrs. Parks' history and our own Ontario history became clear to me. Allow

me to explain what I mean. In the Bahamas in 1492, the explorers encountered the Lucayan Indians on the shores of San Salvadore. The Lucayans were an Amerindian People, a tribe of the Arowak Indians, approximately 50,000 in number. Fifty years later they were extinct. Many were captured and taken to the gold mines of Haiti. They could be seen jumping from the highest cliffs into the waiting waters below to quench their thirst for freedom through death.

In another half century, the story of those of African ancestry coming to the new world began. It is important to note that no group or race of people have a corner on the market of man's inhumanity to man. Many Africans were sold into slavery by their own people. Thus the opening chapter of recorded New World history sends a message of despair and regret to all mankind.

In 1793, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, as

Ontario was then called, John Graves Simcoe, planted seeds of hope in man's humanity to man. He was an abolitionist from England who, in the First Legislative Assembly of 1793 at Niagara-on-the-Lake, said: "There should no longer be discrimination between those of African Ancestry, and those of European Ancestry." His legislation limited, and eventually abolished slavery in Canada. It also led to the first great freedom movement in the Americas, the Underground Railroad.

The Underground Railroad Freedom Movement, was the first time that good people of different races and faiths worked together in harmony to create respect and promote diversity. This rich history of Ontario is ennobled today in places such as Amherstburg, Buxton, Chatham, Collingwood, Dresden, Niagara, Sandwich, St. Catharines, Toronto, and Windsor.

Annually for eleven years, Rosa Parks has ended her Student Summer Education Programme, with a visit to the John Freeman

Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum outside of Windsor. She and her organization have been attracted to the meaning and the power of the Underground Railroad history of changing people's attitudes and state of mind for the better. She reminds youth from all over the world that the Civil Rights Movement in the United States was a continuation of the Underground Railroad Freedom Movement. She tells them also that we should enjoy history and use it to get to know and understand each other. This is a message for the new millennium.

In conclusion, Sayre City Records of Sayreville, New Jersey is soon to release a concept album, with many original songs that ennoble the history of the Underground Railroad. The album will underscore the fact that music is truly the universal language of love; and that people like Rosa Parks, with her great love for humanity, symbolize the pot of gold at the end of humankind's rainbow.

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan

Fund Raising

The Canada Day Street Sale was an unqualified success. The OHS raised over \$2,000 with the help of volunteers: Carol Agnew, Glenn Bonnetta, Edith and Geoff Geduld, Jeanne Hughes, Barbara Kane, Hazel Kitto, Bev Hykel, Robert Leverty, Lorraine Lowry, Grace Matthews, Penny Potter, and Sarah Walker; and then hosted the Parkview Resident's annual barbecue and pot luck supper.

Our next fund raising event is Cook Book Caper scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at our historic headquarters. New, old, historic, and modern cookery books in abundance, a bountiful afternoon tea, food related items, and culinary authors will all be part of the event. Plan to join us, help the cause and do some holiday shopping.

A Successful Experience

Two Summer Experience 2000 students, Allison Norman and Angela Reyes joined the OHS for June, July and August, with support from the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation. Angela produced press

releases and publicity materials for many OHS events, while Allison wrote the text and prepared the illustrations for a new resource *This Little Piggy Went to Market and Came Home With a Full Basket*, filled of course, with fund raising ideas for historical organizations and institutions.

Harvey Medland, one of our most popular workshop speakers, has authored *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* to be launched in October.

In addition, the papers presented at the symposium "Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History" have been readied for publication this fall, and will be available at the upcoming colloquii and OHS events.

Video Available

As well as the publication of the papers presented at the Symposium, the OHS has a 20-minute video available that captures the essence of the symposium and our journey through time. From the world one thousand years ago, to the impact Ontarians have had on the world, this video is an excellent resource for teachers, youth leaders, programme plan-

ners, historical societies and museums. The OHS is grateful for the support of the Government of Ontario, through Ontario 2000 and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for all the Celebrating activities.

The Celebration Continues

The OHS is presenting five Colloquii this fall—the first was at Parry Sound and District Museum as part of the Logging Days Festival. The others are scheduled for the Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island on October 14 as part of the Voyageur Heritage Network's Fall Meeting; October 28 in Thunder Bay partnered with the Thunder Bay Arts and Heritage Alliance; November 8 at the Essex County Civic Centre co-sponsored by the Southwestern Ontario Heritage Council; and November 15 in Kingston, hosted by the Kingston Historical Society.

Hoping to See You There

Our OHS volunteers are looking forward to seeing many of our members at the Global Family History Fair in Milton October 14 and 15 where our new publications will be for sale on our book table.

I hope to meet many of you on October 25 at the National Historic Sites Seminar in Woodstock or at the workshop in Tweed on November 4 "Preparing for a Victorian Christmas and the Celebration of Hogmanay" or at the "Edwardian Christmas Culinary Traditions" lecture at Parkwood Estate and Gardens in Oshawa on December 3.

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Across the Province

Mary E. Simonds and Dorothy Duncan

Congratulations to our sister society the **Ontario Archaeological Society** (OAS) on its 50th anniversary and move to a new headquarters at 11099 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 0N2. The OAS has developed some special anniversary items for sale. For details: (416) 730-0797 or 1-888-733-0042.

Congratulations also to **Thornloe Cheese** located on Highway 11, about 5 miles north of New Liskeard. Drop in and meet Denis Jubinville the cheesemaker and son of the original owner, and don't leave without some of his good cheddar.

The **Peel Heritage Complex** in Brampton is the new home of the "Cawthra Collection," formerly located at **Benares Historic House**. Donated by Rodney Burnham, the collection includes paintings, photographs, military uniforms and small personal artifacts related to the Cawthra families, circa 1840 to 1940. Call the Complex for details (905) 791-4055.

Never overlook your local second-hand stores as a source of historical material. **Laurentian University** history professor Dieter Buse was delighted to find a rare collection of photographs in the TNT Second Hand Store in Sudbury. What does yours have for sale at this time?

The **Simcoe County Archives** has received the 2000 **Archives Association of Ontario** Institutional Award for "outstanding service to the community and acting as an exemplary model for other archival programmes." Well done!

And still in Simcoe County, the **Simcoe County Museum** has purchased an additional 311 acres surrounding the present museum to provide greater opportunities for growth and expansion. A truly good news story.

Mark Jackman, well-known Curator of the **Clarke Museum and Archives** in Orono has resigned his position effective in December to pursue new interests in Toronto. Mark's many friends in the heritage world wish him every success in the future.

The restoration of **Fralick's Tavern** by the **Friends of the Lundy's Lane Battlefield** is underway. This was the last property purchased by the late Ruth Redmond and given to the Friends to preserve it. For information on this and the Friends' Canada Millennium Partnership Project: (905) 358-9776.

The **Maritime Museum of the Atlantic** in Halifax has purchased a mahogany medicine cabinet built for the first-class section of the *Titanic*. With this \$80,000 purchase the Museum has identified James Cobain, a Belfast carpenter as its maker, and is pleased to add another intact artifact to the *Titanic* collection it already owns.

The newsletter of the **Historical Society of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne** carries a plea from Mrs. K. Cleveland to

assist in finding her family. If the names Charles, Henry, David, Emaline, or Margaret Gorkey, or Claude Lewis from the Charleston Lake area sound familiar: 503 McKenzie Street East, Punta Gorda, Florida 33590-6126.

The **Ontario Black History Society** has received an Ontario 2000 grant of \$75,000 to sponsor a series of Gospel Concerts, including "G2K Gospel 2000" at the John Bassett Theatre in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on November 19. Call (416) 867-9420 for times and locations.

The **Toronto Historical Association** has undertaken a research contract for the City of Toronto to identify and document the city's lost historic sites. Information: (416) 967-9728.

Carole M. Lidgold, author of *The History of The Guild Inn* is available to speak to groups about her new book. Programme planners: (416) 267-5867.

Congratulations to the **Kingston Historical Society** on the 75th anniversary of the successful operation of the **Murney Tower National Historic Site** as a museum.

Congratulations also go across the border to one of our member societies, the **Old Fort Niagara Association** on the presentation and designation of **Old Fort Niagara** as a State Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the **American Society of Civil Engineers**. To learn more about the Fort and its programmes: (716) 745-7611.

The Canadian museum community was saddened to learn of the death of George Lammers earlier this year. The **Association of Manitoba Museums**, the **Canadian Museums Association**, the **Western Canada Aviation Museum** and the **Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature** are richer organizations and institutions because of George's leadership and vision.

The **Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society's Oral History Project** has already attracted considerable interest and support, including assistance from OHS Board member Jan Trimble. Call (519) 466-2705 if you would like to help. It is already sponsoring the **Creemore Area Oral History Project** and need suggestions about persons to be interviewed. If you have information: (705) 466-2261.

The **Norfolk Historical Society**, celebrating one hundred years of service to the community, has established the Second Century Capital Fund to ensure the Society's vitality for the next century.

Mary Johnston, Margaret Dickson, and Helen Knepeke, retired teachers and members of the **Waterloo Historical Society** have been researching and leading historic tours of the Waterloo area and Grand River watershed for eleven years. As the tours draw to a close, we can only guess how many hundreds?

Thousands? Of history enthusiasts have been developed and nurtured by these three energetic historians. Thank you!

The **Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group's Reference Library** is located at the **Pembroke Welcome Centre** and open every Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Group members have transcribed several census publications for the area, and these are for sale: Box 972, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 7M5.

The **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** has "Fall Colour" and "Hallowe'en Excursions" planned. To join the fun call (905) 936-5815 for dates, times, costs, and reservations.

The **Latchford/Montreal River Heritage Preservation Society** inducted Wilfred Dubie, Fred Maille, and Mel Giles into the **Ontario Logger's Hall of Fame** during the "Latchford Heritage Logging Days 2000." All three men worked over 25 years in the logging industry.

Ross Township Historical Society reports a busy summer at the Museum beginning with the successful official opening of the newly restored historic drive shed and blacksmith Robert Vaughan demonstrating the craft.

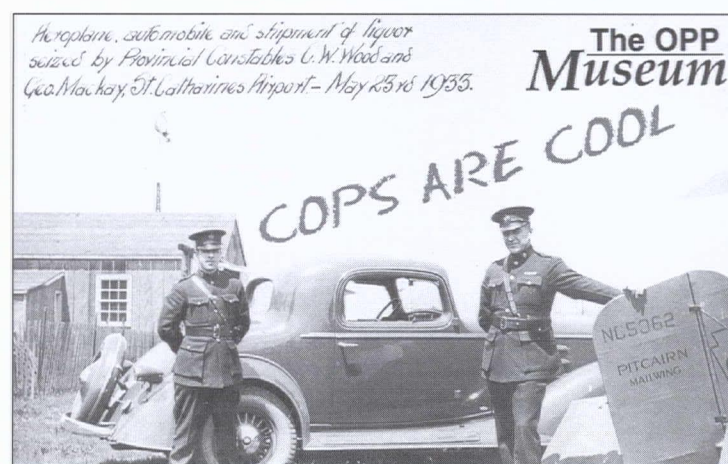
Congratulations to Dr. John Augustine, an Honourary President of the **Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society** on being recognized by the **Canadian Medical Association** for "48 years of compassionate and dedicated service to his patients and to the community" and given the title of "Senior Member," the Association's highest honour.

The **Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association** has created the Alan Skeoch Award in recognition of Alan's 30 years of excellence in teaching history and the social sciences in Ontario's schools. The annual award will be presented at the Association's Fall Conference Dinner to an outstanding member of the Association who has at least 20 years experience teaching history and the social sciences.

Five historical sites in Essex County and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent have formed the **African Canadian Heritage Tour Network**. This includes the **Buxton National Historic Site and Museum**, the **North American Black Historical Museum and Nazrey AME National Heritage Site**, **Sandwich First Baptist Church**, **Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site**, and the **W.I.S.H. Centre (J.G. Taylor Community Centre)**. To learn more about this partnership: (519) 354-7383.

The **Town of Markham** received the first Prince of Wales Heritage Award in September recognizing its preservation of heritage buildings through by-laws and policies.

Congratulations to author Anita Stewart, a founding member of **Cuisine Canada** on the launch of *Flavours of Canada*



The latest exhibit at the Ontario Provincial Police Museum, "Cops are Cool: The OPP and Popular Imagination" offers a glimpse into the life and work of police officers, past and present. The displays also explore the popular mystique of law enforcement through toys, movies, music, and T.V. The Museum is located at 777 Memorial Avenue in Orillia. Call (705) 329-6889 for details. (The OPP Museum)

published by Raincoast Books. Anita has been a great friend and supporter of the OHS and was with us for "Cook Book Caper" last year autographing some of her previous books. Call 1-800-511-6024 for information on *Flavours of Canada*.

Pickering Museum Village is looking for adult volunteers (17 years and older) for the 2001 season. Interested? (905) 420-4620.

The front gardens at the **Sault Ste. Marie Museum** have been landscaped with ornamental shrubs, donated by **New North Greenhouses**. To learn more about the museum or this generous donor: (705) 759-7278.

The **Pen Centre** in St. Catharines will be the venue for Niagara's "World of Words Festival," October 21 and 22. Further information: (905) 937-8887.

The Research Department of the **Minnesota Historical Society** has grants available in several categories to support research and writing about Minnesota history. Details: 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota, U.S.A. 55102.

Congratulations to Bettie Campbell, Marilyn and Jim Connell, Maggie Demeter, Phyllis McGarey, and Betty Ann Moyer, of the **North York Historical Society** on receiving Volunteer Service Awards.

Our sympathy goes out to well-known author Elizabeth Collard of Ottawa on the death in September of her husband, Edgard Andrew Collard, a former editor of the *Montreal Gazette*. Elizabeth's *Nineteenth-Century Pottery and Porcelain in Canada* has become a "must have" in museum libraries across Canada.

Are you located in the Windsor-Essex area and looking for an

unusual venue for your next event? Consider the **Duff-Bâby Interpretation Centre**, 221 Mill Street, Sandwich (519) 253-1812.

The **Lake Scugog Historical Society** is asking for Sugar Maples to be donated to the **Ojibway Heritage Interpretive Lands** at the **Scugog Shores Historical Museum** (905) 985-2263.

Do you have roots or connections in the Whitestone area? If you do, you may want to buy one (or more) of the **Whitestone Historical Society's** new 2001 illustrated calendars. For availability and costs: (705) 389-3747.

The **Esquering Historical Society** has a variety of upcoming free programmes: "Seed House Days" on October 11; "Hurricane Hazel" on November 11; "Barber Brothers and their Families" on January 10. Call (905) 877-6506 for times and locations.

There are many changes at the **Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation** this fall including: Lyn Hamilton, the former Director of the Arts and Cultural Industries Branch leaving to become Director of Public Affairs at the **Canadian Opera Company**; Michael Langford, former Director of Heritage and Libraries moved to Cultural Industries; Sheila Larmer, formerly Manager of Library Services has assumed the Directorship of Heritage and Libraries; Steven Davidson accepted a secondment to the Cabinet Office; Dan Schneider is Acting Manager, Heritage Policy and Programme Development; and Robert Montgomery is Acting Deputy Minister of the Citizenship Division.

It is not too soon to be planning your "Heritage Day and Heritage Week 2001" activities. Send us your ideas, suggestions, and plans so that we can feature them in the next issue.



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Upcoming Events

October 14: Plan to visit the Jordan Historical Museum for the **Annual Pioneer Day** featuring demonstrations of activities and crafts of the Pennsylvania German Mennonite settlers. Highlights include: bookbinding, blacksmithing, dancing, rope-making, samplers, and weaving. Of course, there will also be a generous sampling of food, with apple fritters, cider, pies, sausages, soups, and more. Heritage House, the new research facility will have its grand opening. The Museum is located at 3802 Main Street in Jordan (905) 562-5242.

October 14: The Toronto Field Naturalists invite you to join several nature walks this autumn. The city was once famous for its Lake Ontario fishery, harvesting lake herring, perch, and whitefish. To join the walk **Fishing Girls of Toronto** meet at the south west corner of Queen Street East and Sumach Street at 1:30 p.m. On **October 29** tour the **Railway Lands and East Esplanade** and observe some of the changes since the 1930s when the viaduct opened and railway traffic was re-routed. Meet at the clock outside Union Station, at Front and Bay Streets at 1:30 p.m. On **November 5** visit **Lanes of Old West Toronto** including Dynamite Lane, Grog Lane, and Rush Lane. Meet at the northwest corner of John and Queen Street West at 1:00 p.m. On **November 26** follow **Russell Creek** from its source in old Seaton Village. Meet at the entrance to Bathurst subway at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the Toronto Field Naturalists (416) 593-2656.

October 16: Heritage Toronto invites you to attend the Kilbourn Lecture and Awards Night at the Wintergarden Theatre in downtown Toronto. Following the awards ceremony, Robert Fung and Michael Kirkland present the lecture "The Heritage Implications for the Wa-

terfront Redevelopment." For details: Heritage Toronto (416) 392-6827 ext. 233.

October 21: The Bruce and Grey Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society present the **Annual Fall Event Seminar** at the Durham Arena and Community Centre. Topics include: "Church Records: beyond the BMDs," "Enhancing your family materials," and "Looking at the document." To register, contact Art Harvey, 355 Beattie Street, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 6K3.

October 22: Episode one airs at 8:00 p.m. launching CBC's production, **Canada: A People's History**, the "sweeping story of Canada's past, and presents one of the most dramatic stories ever told: *our own*." The series uses diaries, letters and other documents, re-enactors, and digital graphic effects to tell the stories. Books, videos, a web site, and educational guides supporting the series are all available. Contact CBC Television (416) 205-3745. Stay tuned for all 16 episodes; nine airing October-January and seven in the fall of 2001.

October 26, 27, 28, 30: Campbell House invites you inside for an eerie experience: **Hallowe'en Candlelight Ghost Tour**. Each evening two ghost tours are happening; an earlier one for families, and later one for adults. Book now, if you dare! Campbell House is located steps from Osgoode Subway at 160 Queen Street West in Toronto (416) 597-0227.

October 27, 28: See Hallowe'en magic and mystery for two evenings at Westfield Heritage Village. Ride on the haunted hayride, listen for the ghost train, taste some freaky food, and more. If this is too spooky for you, mark your calendar now for **Christmas in the Country**, the first three weekends of December. Discover long forgotten customs

and marvel at the evolution of seasonal celebrations. Westfield is located off Hwy. #8, near Rockton. Call (519) 621-8851.

October 29: Why not celebrate Hallowe'en with a Victorian flair this year during **Hallowe'en at the Harbour** sponsored by the Oshawa Community Museum and Archives. Games, pumpkin painting, spooky stories, crafts, refreshments and a few surprises will delight all. Don't forget to tour the Harbour Pioneer Cemetery and see the Victorian hearse. The Museum is located at 1450 Simcoe Street South in Lakeview Park (905) 436-7624.

October 29: Glanmore National Historic Site in Belleville invites you to come in costume and enjoy **Historic Hallowe'en Fun**. Fortune tellers, contests, crafts and games will delight the whole family. Future programmes and activities include: **Christmas Centerpiece Workshop on December 10; Children's Christmas Celebration on December 17; and Yuletide Candlelight Tours on December 19**. The Museum is located at 257 Bridge Street East in Belleville (613) 962-2329.

November 9-11: The Garden Club of Toronto presents **Christmas at Home**, when Edwards Gardens will be transformed into a glorious 'theatre' of decorating tips and ideas. Inspiring displays, informative demonstrations, and a beautiful setting promise to make your visit a dazzling and memorable start to the holiday season. Tickets are \$15 and available at the Civic Garden Centre (416) 447-5218.

October-November 12: Drop into the Joseph Schneider Haus for the exhibition **Perpetuation and Adaptation: The Furniture and Craftsmanship of John Gemeinhardt (1826-1912)** developed with guest curator Michael Bird. One focus of the exhibit is the synthesis of the two groups of Gemeinhardt's work: pieces he made for sale to the general public, and that which he made for himself and family, the later of which, incidently, reflects a higher level of craftsmanship. Joseph Schneider Haus is located at 466 Queen Street South in Kitchener (519) 742-7752.

November 22: Voyageurs Ian and Sally Wilson are featured at the annual **John A. McGinnis Lecture** at Black Creek Pioneer Village. A multi-slide projector presentation illustrates their journey as they travelled more than 3000 kilometres across Canada emulating the voyageurs; travelling in a birch bark canoe and with a dog sled team, among other transportation modes. Call (416) 736-1733 ext. 5404 to attend. The Village is located at 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in Toronto.

Society for Industrial Archaeology fall tour: Lambton County's industrial heritage

Chris Andreae, Historica Research Ltd.

The history of oil extraction and refining in Ontario is the theme of the Society for Industrial Archaeology's Fall Tour being held October 19-22 in Sarnia. This region of North America has had 140 years of continuous oil production and associated chemical engineering. The world's first commercial oil well came into production in Oil Springs in 1858, and today the area has some of the most up-to-date petrochemical industries in the world.

A guidebook to the many industrial heritage sites in Lambton County has been prepared for the tour, and will be available to the public afterwards.

The Fall Tour programme features visits to working industrial sites. Highlights include the Bayer, Sunoco, and Imperial Oil refineries. The Bayer plant was built as Polymer Corporation in record time during World War II to provide artificial rubber for the war effort, while Imperial Oil is

the oldest operating refinery in Ontario. The Safety Kleen hazardous waste fill site that provides incineration and landfill will also be visited. In addition there will be a day long exploration of the Oil Springs and Petrolia oil fields, where portions have been worked continuously since the 1860s. One of the wellheads on the Fairbank property will be pulled using horse-powered equipment to clean the well of wax.

The environmental issues of industrialization will also be examined as part of the Fall Tour. The Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association, established by the petrochemical industry as a public relations arm in 1952, will provide an overview of the challenges of operating a concentration of petrochemical industries in a relatively small area.

For further information, contact The Petrolia Discovery, P.O. Box 1480, Petrolia, Ontario N0N 1R0 (519) 882-0897.

Join the OHS at these events

DATE	EVENT	HOST/SPONSOR/ LOCATION
Oct. 11	Launch of <i>Tombstone Tales in Ontario Cemeteries</i>	OHS at the John McKenzie House Willowdale
Oct. 14	Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History -colloquium-	OHS and Voyageur Heritage Network as part of the Voyageur Heritage Network's Fall Meeting at the Centennial Museum, Shesquiandah Manitoulin Island
Oct. 14,15	OHS at the Global Family History Fair	Country Heritage Park Milton
Oct. 28	Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History -colloquium-	OHS and Thunder Bay Arts and Heritage Alliance Thunder Bay
Nov. 4	Preparing for a Victorian Christmas and the Celebration of Hogmanay	OHS and the Tweed Historical Society Tweed
Nov. 8	Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History -colloquium-	OHS and Southwestern Ontario Heritage Council Essex County Civic Centre
Nov. 15	Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History -colloquium-	OHS and Kingston Historical Society Kingston
Nov. 26	Cookbook Caper	OHS at the John McKenzie House Willowdale

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Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart

An archaeological assessment was recently conducted at **Trinity United Church Cemetery** in Grimsby. The Trustees of the church were anxious to increase parking space. The assessment discovered that bodies that were believed to have been removed in 1958 are in fact still in situ. As a result it was decided not to close the cemetery and relocate the remains.

On August 27 a Commemorative Mass was held for some of the descendants of those interred at **5th Line Roman Catholic Cemetery** or **Elmbank Cemetery**, located within the boundaries of Toronto-Pearson International Airport. The original parishioners were Irish settlers. The first-known burial was in 1833. The church and its cemetery were attached to several parishes over the years, but principally to St. Patrick's, Wildfield and St. Patrick's, Dixie. Recently, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese held a private meeting for a few members of the heritage community to outline plans for the closure and removal of the approximately 300 bodies interred at the site. Some descendants have asked for a public meeting to discuss the proposed move. For further information contact Suzanne Scorsone, Director of Communication for the Archdiocese at (416) 934-3400, or a descendant, Michael Harrison (416) 255-9718. J. Brian Gilchrist is also assembling genealogical information. He can be reached at (416) 233-9636.

The Canadian Museum of Civilization has returned the skeletal remains of Haida people that had been stored with the museum since 1898. They were buried in traditional burial ceremonies at Haida Gwaii, an area now known as the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Trustees of **Warner Cemetery** near Niagara-on-the-Lake are pleased with a creative solution to preserve the cemetery. In agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Transport, an earth berm and landscaping will protect the cemetery from the Queen Elizabeth Way when it is widened.

The Heritage Challenge Fund, a joint program of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and the Ontario Heritage Foundation provides First Nations Councils, non-profit organizations, municipalities, local service boards and

conservation authorities with matching funds for capital projects and endowments. Eligible costs include repair of tombstones and monuments in a cemetery designated under the Ontario Heritage Act or protected by a heritage conservation easement. For more information contact your nearest regional office of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

The **Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital/Ontario Hospital Cemetery** in Etobicoke continues to be part of a forensic investigation into the land dealings of the Ontario Realty Corporation. It is not known when that report will be handed down. As this column is being written, archaeologists have recently investigated "anomalies" which occurred inside the proposed development area. In the meantime, the South Etobicoke Ratepayers are appearing before the Ontario Municipal Board challenging the decision of the City of Toronto to amend the by-laws to allow for a crematorium with three torts and space for 10,000 cremation burials.

A Civil War Memorial Service was held at the **British Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery** at North Buxton. The service was conducted by the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops Re-enactors from Michigan and part of Buxton's 76th Annual Homecoming Weekend.

An application to close (and move) **St. Alban's Cemetery** in Palgrave has been received. It is understood that there have been objections to this closure. These have been forwarded to the Registrar of Cemeteries.

OHS member Michael Harrison has received letters from the Cemeteries Regulation Branch advising him that the **Harrison-Hewgill Cemetery** in Toronto Township, City of Brampton has now been properly registered. The confusion arose when the Cemeteries Branch records were altered to show that this cemetery was known by another name. Unfortunately, this matter took two years to resolve.

The Weston Historical Society held a most interesting and well attended tour of **Riverside Cemetery** in Etobicoke. The Committee has done considerable research on the local citizens who lie buried in the cemetery.

Much concern has been voiced over a proposed condominium/office tower development at the Cathedral Church of

St. James in Toronto. It is possible that some of the area covered by the proposal may encroach on the burial ground. The burial registers show that there were burials at **St. James' Cemetery** between 1807-1850. There may even be earlier burials. The (new) **St. James' Cemetery** located on Parliament Street was opened about 1841. At that time it was not the custom to disinter bodies when a cemetery was closed to further burials. It is estimated that there are a large number of remains still at the site of the first **St. James' Cemetery**. Concern has also been raised that some of those buried at that site may have been cholera victims, but The Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto has advised that this does not pose any significant health risk. The Medical Officer of Health must approve every disinterment and may require that certain precautions be taken during the process.

The Whitby branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has planned a **Garden of Peace** to commemorate members of the Canadian military who lost their lives in the defense of their country. Builders, Nick Cortellucci, Faucto and Silvana Palombo and Tony and Desi Auciello have made donations to this project and the Town of Whitby will match these donations.

In June the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Toronto Branch unveiled and dedicated a United Empire Loyalist plaque in the memory of Martin Snider/Snyder at **Cummer Burial Grounds** in Willowdale. Loyalist roses were planted by those taking part in the ceremony led by President, John Warburton. On July 1 the Snyder family gathered to celebrate the life of Martin Snyder and their tour included the burial site at **Cummer Burial Grounds**, **Mount Pleasant Cemetery** and the **Toronto Necropolis**.

A Bi-Annual Memorial Service was held at **Laurel Hill Cemetery** in Bolton. Rain forced the service to be moved to the Anglican Church. This was the first time since 1892 that the service was rained out. The Trustees and plot owners have expressed deep concern to the Town of Caledon Council over the proposed improvement to Centennial Drive. This would cause 900-1200 cars to use this road per day thus destroying the solemnity of the place of rest of the forefathers of over 500 plot holders.

In June, on a very hot day, a group of 40 Army cadets, boys and girls, worked to clear the area surrounding the **Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery** at Fort York in Toronto. When the work was completed they held a memorial service for those who were buried at the site.

In June the Haileybury Heritage Museum in partnership with Frontier College and Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Board held a



Marjorie Roblin, Past President of the Ontario Genealogical Society and Marjorie Stuart, Cemetery News Editor, OHS Bulletin surveying a find during an archaeological assessment to determine the boundaries of the McCullough Cemetery near Georgetown. (Robert Leverty)

Commemoration Service at **Moore's Cove Cemetery** to honour W.J. Walsh, an early Reading Camp Association (Frontier College) Instructor, who lost his life while engaged in Camp Education on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, March 4, 1908.

Remains of early Aurora pioneers were uncovered during construction at Trinity Anglican Church. **Trinity Anglican Cemetery** was established about 1846 and closed to further burials 20 years later. It was presumed that all remains had been removed to **Aurora Cemetery** but as is often the case this did not happen. The newly discovered remains are adjacent to a cremation **Garden of Remembrance**. It is hoped that they remain in situ.

Hermann Helmuth, Trent University anthropologist, has completed a study of the remains uncovered in 1998 at the Peterborough Armory. It appears that not all bodies were removed when the cemetery was closed and there are indications that burials at the site continued after the official closing.

Re-dedication ceremonies took place at **Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery**, Lloydtown, on September 24. This pioneer cemetery is on land donated by Jesse Lloyd and many of his children and their descendants are buried there. The King Township Historical Society, and a group of interested people, raised funds for the restoration of the tombstones, including hosting last year's dinner with guest speaker Pierre Berton. The Committee is to be commended for all the hard work in completing this project.

The developers for Extendicare have agreed to amend their

building plan in order to preserve **McCullough Cemetery** on Trafalgar Road near Georgetown. The property is the site of a cemetery established about 1821 and in use until about 1890. A Wesleyan Meeting House was adjacent to the cemetery. Some of those buried there were not moved although many of the tombstones were taken to **Greenwood Cemetery**.

The Registrar of Cemeteries has issued a Notice of an Order to Close a part of **Prospect Hill Cemetery** also known as **God's Acre** in Newmarket. The cemetery is located on the property of the Alexander Muir Retirement Centre. It was established about 1824 as the burial ground of **Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery**. In 1879 the Trustees ordered the cemetery closed and plot holders were asked to remove the remains to **Newmarket Cemetery**. During construction in 1989 remains were found. These have been reinterred in a small corner of the original cemetery beside those remains that were not disturbed. A commemorative plaque will be erected at the site.

At **South Gower Cemetery** near Kemptville vandals toppled 200 tombstones. They have not been apprehended. The community rallied and with the help of the local monument builder and his equipment and expertise, the stones have all been repaired.

The annual Spirit Walk took place at **Woodlawn Cemetery** in Guelph. This highly successful event is "sold out" each year. The demand for tickets is so great that more tour times were organized this year, as nine historic Guelphites returned to tell their stories.

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Museum News

Cindy Crawford, St. Joseph Island Museum

Standards workshops underway

For the past year, the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation has been updating, reviewing, and revising many of its programmes and policies directly affecting the museum community in Ontario. In response to concerns about the pressing need for useful consultation, several workshops have been scheduled across the province.

It is important that each museum send representatives to receive the latest information, and provide feedback to the workshop facilitators.

The Ontario Museum Association has partnered with the Ministry to co-ordinate the

twelve one day workshops. The programmes are designed to familiarize participants with the requirements within each standard, how the standards will be assessed, advise on strategies for meeting each standard, and provide practical examples and resource materials.

The new and revised Standards for Community Museums in Ontario will apply to any institution submitting an application for funding under the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) Programme beginning in 2001. In addition to the "Standards for Community Museums in Ontario" document, an

"Implementation Schedule" will also be available.

Dates and locations of the workshops are: October 3, Ottawa; October 5, Belleville; October 11, Orillia; October 13, Chatham; November 1, St. Catharines; November 2, Kitchener/Waterloo; November 7, Markham. Workshops were held in northern Ontario in September.

For detailed information on site locations and times, contact the Ontario Museum Association, 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1L4 (416) 348-8672 or fax (416) 348-0438.



The dedication of the Jim Reed Drive Shed, at the St. Joseph Island Museum was attended by: (left to right, back row) Dana Stevens, Micheline Yandea, Annette Fischer, Ross Reed (nephew of the late Jim Reed), Jane Sullivan, (front row) Cindy Crawford, and Margaret McKay. (John Carter)

McMichael Act Bill 112 raises issues

In recent weeks and months much has been written on a number of issues pertaining to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, located just north of Toronto in Kleinburg, at 10365 Islington Avenue. This fall, the Province is set to amend the McMichael Canadian Art Collection Act, Bill 112, and the arts and heritage

community are watching with great interest.

Although any changes to Bill 112 will only affect that institution, the issues are worth noting, particularly regarding: governance of cultural institutions including arms-length management, acquisition and deaccessioning policies, philan-

thropy including the rights of donors and their estates, definition of Canadian cultural heritage, and the role of the government in relation to collections held in the public trust.

At a time when all museums are reviewing their governing policies, these are important decisions to monitor.

Cataraqui: a 'rural garden cemetery'

Marjorie Simmons, Kingston

Cataraqui Cemetery in Kingston holds the unique distinction as the burial place of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. Yet the Cemetery and its history, is unique in its own right.

In 1802, the tiny Quaker community at Waterloo, later to become the village of Cataraqui, voted "to erect a fence around the burial ground to keep the cows out." As the small community six miles west of Kingston grew and prospered, the burial ground was soon nearing capacity. A need for more burial space was required.

In 1850 a farm abutting the little cemetery at Cataraqui was purchased and application made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada for the incorporation of the Cataraqui Cemetery Company. This was granted on August 10, 1850. Frederick Cornell of Rochester, New York was hired to design the new cemetery, drawing on his experience at Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, and Mount Auburn in Boston. The beauty of that design is still evident, with the winding roadways, small rises, and attractive water features. Through the ensuing decades other adjacent lands were added and a small stone Anglican church erected.

The Cataraqui Cemetery has become a notable feature of the City of Kingston. In 1865 the War

Department of Great Britain purchased a large area for a Military Cemetery. Queen's University also purchased a section of plots for interment of its Principals and other distinguished persons. Fraternal organizations bought plots for their members, and many family plots for 16 to 32 graves were bought.

In the late nineteenth century, when the earlier Kingston burial ground was being transformed into a park, a number of monuments were moved to Cataraqui Cemetery. These large and beautiful monuments expressed individual tastes and beliefs, and became beacons for visitors. Slowly the Cemetery became the history book of the citizens of Kingston.

The gravesite of Sir John A. Macdonald is the focus of an annual ceremony on June 6, sponsored by the Kingston Historical Society to commemorate his life and service. Sir John's Will states "I desire that I shall be buried in the Kingston Cemetery near the grave of my mother as I promised her that I should be there buried." The family plot of Sir Alexander Campbell, also a Father of Confederation, and first President of the Cataraqui Cemetery Company is nearby.

There are countless stories in the fields. Here is the hero of the Great Fire of Quebec City in

1889, Major John Charles Short. Here, too, lies Thomas MacLeod, a Scottish lad born 1873 who became a sailor, and survived three of the Scott and Shackleton Antarctic Expeditions, ending his days at Kingston in 1960.

Also buried is Charles Sangster, the Canadian poet who wrote "The St. Lawrence and the Saguenay," and who died in 1893. Emma Louise Folger, who died in 1893, is memorable for her epitaph "She made home a pleasant place," engraved deep into a granite boulder. And one small stone proclaims only that "Joe Paddon was my brother."

The monument to Lt. Comm. Edward Phipps-Walker reads:

*Whenever you hear or read the story of a naval battle
Remember the men shut up in the engine and boiler rooms
Far down in the ship
Great indeed is their calmness and bravery
Without which no battle could be fought or won*

As the City of Kingston grew, the Cataraqui Cemetery has grown with it, yet retaining its peace and serenity. A walk through the Cemetery is a visit with historic personages, a stroll through a park, a communion with nature. While no longer rural, Cataraqui maintains its image as a garden cemetery.

Dental Car reunion

Recently, the Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario celebrated a little known piece of rail history as it hosted the first-ever reunion of "dental car families." The reunion, a millennium project, brought together families of five of the many dentists.

Between 1931 and 1977 three government funded dental cars operated on the rail lines of northern Ontario. One of the dental cars has been restored, while the other two were dismantled long ago.

The dental cars were equipped with a living space for

the dentists' families, a small dental office and a waiting room. The dentists would visit the local school so the children could have a checkup, and if further work was required, appointments were set up so it could be done in the dental car.

The Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario maintains a museum, an archives, a library, and offers a Railway Curriculum Unit to assist teachers and students. The Museum, a National Historic Site located in Smiths Falls, can be contacted at (613) 283-5696.

King Township Archives Project formed

"Of all national assets, archives are the most precious; they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization." These were the words of Sir Arthur G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist, 1904-1935, and they are still true in the year 2000, the 150th anniversary of King Township.

This quote from Virginia Atkins, Chair, King Township Archives Project Committee announces a survey of documents and items of memorabilia relating to King Township. The goal

is to honour the accomplishment of King's citizens. The Committee formed under the auspices of the King Township Historical Society, and does not have the facility, nor the mandate to preserve fragile papers. They are anxious to identify historic materials, and complete an inventory showing the type of material available and the repository where it is retained.

Individuals or groups with heritage material are invited to contact the King Township Museum at (905) 833-2331 or Virginia Atkins (905) 841-5048.



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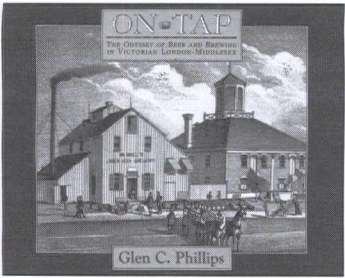
From the Bookshelf

Chris and Pat Raible

Poet and Person

Paddling Her Own Canoe: The Times and Texts of E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake). By Veronica Strong-Boag and Carole Gerson. University of Toronto Press. 331 pages. \$65.00 hardbound; \$25.95 softbound.

Pauline Johnson is best remembered as Tekahionwake, the "Indian Princess" who between 1892 and 1910 crisscrossed Canada, the U.S. and Great Britain, giving poetry readings and mesmerizing dramatic presentations. Johnson readily drew from both her Euro-Canadian and her Native traditions (her mother was English, her father Mohawk) as she chronicled and questioned identity, prejudice and oppression. She said of herself "there are two of me." Her strength as a poet has in recent years been rather discounted and it is her colourful personality that is remembered. In this new biography, written from an appreciative and academic feminist perspective, the authors look again at Pauline Johnson's strengths as a writer and as a person. Theirs is a study of an extraordinary woman, "a complicated, contentious and passionate personality whose life blurs the borders of what it means to be Native, a woman, and Canadian."



Cheers!

On Tap: The Odyssey of Beer and Brewing in Victorian London-Middlesex. By Glen C. Phillips. Cheshire Cat Press. 167 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 softbound.

Two world famous breweries, Carling's and Labatt's, each began and ultimately flourished in Middlesex County. This marvellous volume traces their histories, along with those of dozens of lesser-known breweries. It also offers fascinating details about the chemistry and technology of 19th century beer and ale brewing. Want to know the difference between a puncheon and a firkin? Ever wonder how beer bottles were stoppered before the 1892 invention of the crown cap? Interested in the impact of the early temperance movement's condemnation of spirits, not beer,

on the brewing industry? Care about how the coming of the railway altered the London area's economy? The economics, the politics, and the marketing of the beer business are all carefully described, along with the changing social conditions and the colourful personalities of the times. The extensive text is accompanied by a wide selection of historical images and marginal beer-related quotations. *On Tap* is clear and full-bodied, ample proof that Ontario history is anything but dry!

Helpful Hints

Here Be Dragons, too! More navigational hazards for the Canadian family researcher. By Althea Douglas. Ontario Genealogical Society. 88 pages. Illustrations. \$14.00 softbound.

Researching family history fascinates many of us—it is personally very rewarding but it is certainly not always easy. Here, collected from her own long experience as a professional genealogist (and from the experiences of her colleagues) are guides, suggestions and pointers, all clearly organized and delightfully presented. A companion volume to her *Here Be Dragons!* published in 1996.

Up in the Air

Skippers in the Sky: The Early Years of Bush Flying. Edited by William J. Wheeler of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. Fifth House Press. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 hardbound.

Most of our province—indeed of our country—is too far north for roads or railways. The only year-round communication is by air, mostly planes flown on specific assignments—for miners and prospectors, for trappers and hunters, for natives and government officials, for tourists and missionaries. This anthology is a compendium of the memories of a dozen of the early bush pilots (plus the wife of another) who spent many years ferrying people and supplies, surveying for minerals, fighting fires, and carrying out rescue missions. Despite the hazards and the dangers, all testify that bush flying was a life they loved.

Hamilton High

Mountain Memories: A Pictorial History of Hamilton Mountain. Hamilton Mountain Heritage Society. 151 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 hardcover.

The Hamilton Mountain

area was first settled 150 years ago, about the same time period that photography was invented. This volume is a marvellous collection of heritage photos, many of them borrowed from private collections and scrapbooks, scanned and printed in fine detail. Here are buildings, roads, incline railways, scenic views, and most of all people who lived in the clearer air in heights overlooking an industrial metropolis.

Museum Miseries

The Making and Unmaking of a University Museum: The McCord, 1921–1996. By Brian Young. McGill-Queen's University Press. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound; \$24.95 softbound.

Museums everywhere are hard pressed, in an era of budget-cutting, to serve both the needs of scholarly researchers and the interests of the general public. This is the sad story of the stress of Montreal's McCord Museum of Canadian History, written by one who served on its Board in the early 1990s. All involved in museum governance should read it and, hopefully, learn.

Native Land

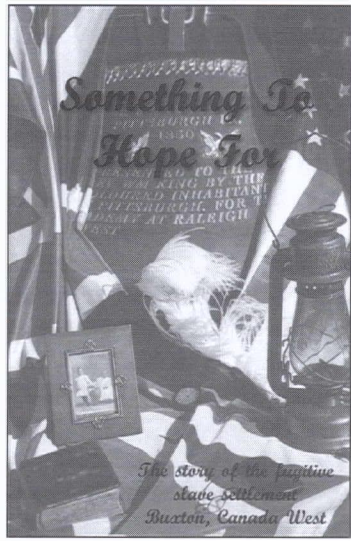
My Home As I Remember. Edited by Lee Miracle and Sandra Lalonde. Natural Heritage Books. 146 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

This collection of poetry, prose and visual art celebrates the concept of "home" for Native women. In her introduction, Sandra Lalonde writes "Home is something that is carried with us everywhere, like the shell of a turtle. Home is the centre of our lives." Lee Miracle adds "In our memory is housed our history. We are an oral people: history, law, politics, sociology, the self and our relationship to the world are all contained in our memory... Memory is significant. We are who we are by what we remember and what we do not." An attractive and inspiring anthology.

Terrestrial UFO

Ring in the Common Love of Good: The United Farmers of Ontario, 1914–1926. By Kerry Badgley. McGill-Queen's University Press. 313 pages. \$65.00 hardbound.

Once upon a time in our province, the UFO was a powerful political movement. It arose out of widespread agricultural discontent during World War I, when, it seemed, the farmers were being pressed to produce more with less, while industrialists were heaping huge profits. This work is a scholarly analysis of the UFO in three counties—Lambton, Simcoe and Lanark—detailing who joined and who voted, what the issues were, what role women played, and much more. It demonstrates that disillusionment can provide the initial energy for a political party, but it takes more than that to sustain it.



Free at last

Something to Hope For: The story of the fugitive slave settlement, Buxton, Canada West. By Joyce Shadd Middleton, Bryan Prince and Karen Shadd Evelyn. Buxton National Historic Site & Museum. 91 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 hardcover; \$15.00 softcover.

The Buxton Museum has published a brief sketch of fascinating history of that southwestern Ontario settlement. Founded in 1849 by an Irish-born Scots Presbyterian minister as a refuge for fifteen of his own newly-freed slaves, Buxton became a haven for other black refugees from slavery and grew into a flourishing community. After the U.S. Civil War, many residents returned to their southern homeland, but many remained. Today, as this book testifies, it proudly remembers and celebrates its colourful past.

Altered Ontario

Making Ontario: Agricultural Colonization and Landscape Re-creation Before the Railway. By J. David Wood. McGill-Queen's University Press. 205 pages. Illustrations. \$55.00 hardbound.

This thoughtful study considers how the concept of "progress" entirely altered the geography of our province—not in the last 25 years but in the first 75 years of settlement. Starting with some 10,000 United Empire Loyalists, hundreds of thousands of others followed after, moved in and settled. As lands were

cleared for farms, as roads were cut for transportation, as streams were dammed for mills, and as towns developed for commercial and social purposes, nothing remained the same. Today, as we landscape our own gardens and argue about garbage and development, we give little thought about how radically different was the ecology of southern Ontario two hundred years ago.

We stand on guard

Fighting for Canada: Seven Battles, 1758–1945. Edited by Donald E. Graves. Robin Brass Studio. 446 pages. Illustrations. \$44.95 hardbound; \$25.95 paperbound.

Despite our vaunted "peace, order and good government," Canadians have been involved in one war or another for centuries. Noted military historian Donald Graves has assembled the studies of several of his colleagues to present seven key battles in our national history. Two of them—Queenston Heights, defending Canada in the War of 1812, and Ridgeway, fighting off Fenian invaders in 1866—were fought here in Ontario. *Fighting for Canada* is another fine work of military history of the quality we have come to expect from publisher Robin Brass.

Almost Forgotten Fort

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York's 1794 Garrison Burying Ground

Michael J. Rudman, Toronto

Heritage Toronto unveiled an historical plaque in Victoria Square Memorial Park earlier this year to commemorate York's oldest surviving burying ground. The Old 1794 Garrison Burying Ground at Portland Street and Wellington West in downtown Toronto is one of the city's earliest historic sites, but it has been a source of confusion and controversy for years. Much of this confusion stems from mistaken notions concerning the Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery west of Fort York. I cannot stress too strongly that that cemetery is not a War of 1812 burial site, it is not the old burying ground for the Fort, and it is not the site of Katherine Simcoe's grave.

According to Stephen Otto's exhaustive research, the Strachan Avenue Cemetery was opened in 1863, after the closure of the original Garrison Burying Ground. In Henry Scadding's 1873 book *Toronto of Old*, the Old Military Burying Ground is clearly situated west of Spadina Avenue, just north of Front Street at what is now Victoria Square Memorial Park, and it is there that he places Katherine Simcoe's grave. This information has particular weight due to the fact that Henry Scadding's father was an associate of the Simcoes and was living in York at the time of Katherine's death.

Hopefully the new plaque in the park will help to clarify the situation. Opened under Lieutenant Governor Simcoe, the Burying Ground is a rectangle of land (approximately 300 feet by 150 feet) oriented to true compass east, set diagonally across the modern park. When the park was created in 1886 all the legible grave markers, both wood and stone, were moved to a specially created memorial terrace on the western side of the lot, and additional earth was added around the now unmarked grave mounds to level the surface of the ground—but the graves themselves were not disturbed. We actually know the position of each grave thanks to a plan of the site which was made before the removal of the markers. Over the years the memorial terrace deteriorated due both to vandalism, and the effects of weather. The wooden markers rotted away, while many of the stone ones were left broken. In 1935 the terrace was dismantled and the grave stones and fragments stored by the Parks Department. Early in the 1950s they were placed in their present po-

sition at the base of the cenotaph which is the centrepiece of the park.

This cenotaph is a remarkable piece of work—a granite plinth with bronze plaques, surmounted by a bust created by William Allward representing an old soldier of the War of 1812 period also worked in bronze. It commemorates the men of the War of 1812–1815; the Defence of York in 1813; the men of the Western Frontier from 1812 to 1815; and all the British troops who died while stationed at York or Toronto. This has led many to presume that the soldiers who died in the defence of York and during the war of 1812 are buried here. Donald Jones in two of his informative "Historic Toronto" articles for the *Star* newspaper states that the cemetery includes the graves of the heroes of the War of 1812. Unfortunately there is no historic evidence of burials from this period other than Captain Neal McNeale—the officer who gave his life fighting at the head of his Company of the Grenadiers of the 8th Regiment in the Defence of York, on the morning of April 27th, 1813—and Captain McNeale was buried by the enemy where he fell on the shore of the Lake, only to be reinterred at this site in 1829. Interestingly, the single reported haunting connected with the Burying Ground relates to the War of 1812 period. Legend has it that at the end of the war, Lieutenant Colonel Francis Battersby of the Glenarry Light Infantry Fencibles, unable to take his horses back to England with him, decided to shoot them rather than leave them to the possible abuse of strangers. They were taken to the vicinity of the Garrison Burying Ground, shot, and their carcasses buried on the spot. It is said that the sound of their phantom hoof beats and plaintive neighing can sometimes be heard on still spring nights. As another example of the confusion connected with the site, John Robert Colombo in his delightful, but slapdash *Haunted Toronto* (1996) mistakenly places the horses in Clarence Square on the east side of Spadina Avenue.

The first known interment in the Burying Ground was Katherine Simcoe, infant daughter of Governor and Mrs. Simcoe. Although he spells her name incorrectly (Katharine, rather than Katherine as we read in her mother's letters), Henry Scadding does

place her burial at the site we are discussing. It was John Ross Robertson, in his 1911 edition of the diary of Mrs. Simcoe, who first confused the issue by situating Katherine's last resting place in the Military Cemetery west of Fort York. Considering the fact that that cemetery was opened in 1863, this is obviously an error, but an error that has become fixed in many people's minds. Other early interments in the 1794 Burying Ground include Christopher Robinson (d. 1798) father of Sir John Beverley Robinson; Benjamin Hallowell (d. 1799) father-in-law of Chief Justice John Elmsley; and Dr. David Burns (d. 1805) who we know from Elizabeth Russell's Journals. Also of interest are John Saumarez Colborne (d. 1829) son of Lieutenant Governor Sir John Colborne; Barbara Mary Hudson (d. 1831) daughter of Reverend Mr. Joseph Hudson who was the military chaplain of the time and sometime assistant to Dr. Strachan at Saint James Church; Sir John Colborne's private secretary, Lieutenant Zachariah Mudge (d. 1831) whose unexpected suicide shook the Town of York; and the brothers John and Kenneth Scobie, who died in the cholera epidemic of 1834, sons of Captain James Scobie and brothers of the noted newspaper man and publisher Hugh Scobie.



Michael J. Rudman, composer and author, addresses the crowd at the unveiling of the commemorative plaques to the Old Garrison Burying Ground, and the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Victoria Square Memorial Park in downtown Toronto. Members of the Fort York Guard are in the background. (Lorraine Lowry)

In all, there are 344 numbered grave mounds on the 1884 survey of the Burying Ground. Given the empty spaces on the survey and the short survival time of early wooden markers, 500 would be a reasonable estimate for the number of graves on the site. There is a slight possibility that there are several interments in each grave, a practice that was followed, for example, in the old Loyalist cemetery in Saint John, New Brunswick, where the burials are sometimes three or four deep. To support this is the fact that a number of the graves at the Victoria Square site are very shallow, in some places only one and one half feet below the surface of the ground, as was discovered when the foundation for the cenotaph was

laid in 1902. This would bring the possible burials up to 1000 or more. The last interment was Private James McQuarrick (d. 1863).

Unlike other historic burying places in York, by some fortunate twist of fate, the graves in Victoria Square Memorial Park have remained virtually undisturbed for over two hundred years. The area around the Burying Ground is now quickly becoming a prime residential area, with condominium and townhouse construction right up to its very borders. If it is to be protected from the developer's grasp and become a focal point for the area rather than an excavation for a parking garage, people need to be made aware of the site and its historical significance. The new identification plaque is a first step.

Ontario History Autumn 2000

Gabriele Scardellato, Editor

This issue presents four diverse articles that range widely in both time and subject matter. Doctoral candidate Greg Gillespie of the University of Western Ontario leads off with an interesting article in which he examines a variety of British travellers' accounts of their journeys in Upper Canada and Canada West for the information they contain about male-oriented sport activities and what they suggest about idealized masculine images for voyageurs, military officers, and others.

The article by Trent University archivist Bernadine Dodge takes us from the world of masculine sport to that of spousal and other male-female relationships in the united counties of Durham

and Northumberland in the second half of the 19th century. Dodge uses a variety of court record documents to analyze a number of themes—including the social and economic status of women, the attitudes of community and public officials faced with evidence of abuse—around the issue of women and domestic violence.

Colin McFarquhar's article generally covers the same time period (1865–1919) although his subject matter is very different. McFarquhar advances our understanding of the relationship between "blacks" and "whites" in southern Ontario in the latter half of the nineteenth century and the first two decades of the twentieth

eth through a study of how the two groups experienced Emancipation Day celebrations. These experiences are extrapolated from extensive readings in period newspapers and other published accounts to commemorate the abolition of slavery.

Finally, Robert and Nancy Wightman, in an engaging article titled "Changing Patterns of Rural Peopling in Northeastern Ontario, 1901–1941" present a detailed analysis of the expansion of settlement into the province's northeast. This is a nuanced history that is sensitive to the ethnocultural make-up of the population that settled in the region as well as the economic and other reasons for doing so.

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