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National History Conference on teaching and learning history

Building on the successful 1999 conference on teaching and learning history organized by the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, a second national event will take place October 19–21, 2001 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. “Giving the Future a Past: Teaching, Learning and Communicating the History of Canada—Challenges and Solutions” will look at the ways in which history can most effectively be taught, and how it can continue to be relevant to our daily lives.

While much attention has recently been focused on a general lack of knowledge of Canadian history, the conference will explore just what constitutes a basic knowledge of Canadian his-

tory and what it should include. As well, an extensive marketplace will feature displays from museums, television, film, multimedia, governments, and other educational resources.

If you would like to submit a proposal for a plenary session or workshop, or would like information on how to attend the conference, please contact: The Association for Canadian Studies, 209 Ste-Catherine Street East, Suite V-5140, a/s Université du Québec à Montréal, Post Office Box 8888, Downtown Station, Montréal, Québec H3C 3P8, tel: (514) 987-7784, fax: (514) 987-3481.



Helen Smith and Pam Wakewich of Lakehead University, winners of the OHS Riddell Award, pose following the Awards Ceremony in Thunder Bay with special guests (from left) Dean Gellert, Faculty of Arts and Sciences; President Frederick Gilbert, Lakehead University; Michael Gravelle, Liberal MPP, Thunder Bay-Superior North; and Tory Tronrud, Acting Director of the Thunder Bay Historical Museum, who assisted the authors with research materials. The winning article was “‘Beauty and the Helldivers:’ Representing Women’s Work and Identities in a Warplant Newspaper” published in *Labour/Le Travail* in the Fall of 1999. The Awards Ceremony was held in conjunction with the “Cultural Connections” Conference and the OHS’s “Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario’s History” Colloquium in Thunder Bay in October. (Dorothy Duncan)

Launch of Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario’s History

On Sunday afternoon, January 21, you are invited to drop into our historic headquarters at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, when we will be launching several new resources honouring the new millennium.

The proceedings of the symposium *Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario’s History*, containing over 40 papers and 4 summaries, will be launched, with many of the speakers/authors on hand to autograph their papers. The 340 page book will be for sale for \$20 per copy.

Throughout the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there will be a programme of video presentations that will also be for sale for your teaching or programming needs.

For more information, call (416) 226-9011.

OBHS brunch to launch February Black History Month

Rosemary Sadlier, President, Ontario Black History Society

The Ontario Black History Society (OBHS), founded in 1978 is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of Black History. Among the many achievements is the declaration of February Black History Month in Canada, and among the many goals is the creation of a Museum of African Canadian History and Underground Railroad Museum in Toronto.

The OBHS invites you to launch February Black History Month on January 28, 2001. This year’s annual kick-off brunch will be held at the Inn on the Park in Toronto at 1:00 p.m. featuring a guest speaker, entertainment, and great food! Reservations are required and available at the OBHS, (416) 867-9420.

As the official organization of February Black History Month (BHM), having initiated and nurtured the formal declarations of BHM at the municipal (1979), provincial (1995) and national levels (effective 1996), the

OBHS and the OBHS brunch is important to this celebration. While the federal government does not fund the celebration of BHM, several initiatives have recently been announced by the Minister of the Department of Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada: Nazrey A.M.E., and the Buxton Historic Site and Museum in North Buxton are now recognized as national historic sites; three Toronto sites—George Brown House, Osgoode Hall, and St. Lawrence Hall, are including African-Canadian contributions in their interpretation information; and, in co-operation with the OBHS, the Department of Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada, is developing an urban,

post Underground Railroad era Black History exhibit which will be introduced at the brunch in January. Join us!

Don’t forget the call for papers for “Convention 2001,” a conference from September 12–15 in Toronto, exploring the issues and concerns of people of African origin in Canada, and honouring the 150th Anniversary of the First Convention of Colored Freeman. Interested academics, historians, and students are invited to submit a 200 word abstract by May 31, 2001 to Convention 2001, Ontario Black History Society, 10 Adelaide Street East, Suite 202, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3 (416) 867-9420, fax: (416) 867-8691.

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Office Closing

The offices of The Ontario Historical Society will be closed for the holidays from Friday, December 22, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. until Wednesday, January 3, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

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President's Message

Dr. Bryan E. Walls, O. Ont.

Lest we forget

The following excerpt is taken from my foreword to *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* by Harvey Medland, one of the most recent publications of the OHS.

"The OHS first became concerned about the protection and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries in Ontario early in the 20th century, when it became apparent that many of them had fallen into a dilapidated state. The Society first urged its many local member societies to pressure local authorities and arouse public interest and concern about their care. When efforts for local reform failed, the OHS lobbied Queen's Park for legislation to protect cemeteries and finally, in 1927, a Cemetery Act was introduced. That first Act needed strengthening and again, after persistent lobbying by the OHS, the Act was improved and by 1932 action had been taken in over half of the counties in Ontario to preserve its pioneer graveyards.

In the intervening years the OHS, through its Honours and Awards programme, has continued to recognize and support those individuals and organizations working both locally and provincially to record, preserve and protect both burial sites and cemeteries. In addition, the OHS has offered a series of workshops in both northern and southern Ontario entitled "The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries" bringing experts such as Harvey Medland to assist and support local participants who are interested in preserving this unique aspect of Ontario's history. The Society has published and distributed materials to assist concerned citizens in their efforts to preserve local sites, and continues to offer "Cemetery News" by Marjorie Stuart in every issue of the *OHS Bulletin* that reaches thousands of readers across Ontario. The OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), that has devoted years of volunteer time to the recording of all the known burial places in Ontario, have collaborated on many projects.

In 1989 when the Province of Ontario introduced a new Cemeteries Act the OHS made a presentation to the Province's Legislative Committee in an attempt to ensure that the new Act would better preserve and protect the over 5,000 then known burial places and cemeteries.

In 1994 a company, #839374 Ontario Inc., who owned a farm in the Town of Markham, applied to the Province of Ontario to close and move a tiny pioneer cemetery located on the property. The Registrar of Cemeteries for Ontario agreed that the Clendennen Cemetery, as it was known, could indeed be moved. The OHS and the OGS appealed that decision to the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal on the grounds that moving the cemetery was not in the public interest. The hearing began in November of 1995 and lasted until July of 1997. The OHS created a Cemetery Defence Fund, which it still maintains, and to which individuals and organizations across North America contribute. In March of 1999 the Tribunal gave a unanimous decision, setting aside the provincial order to close and move the Clendennen cemetery, and supporting the OHS' and OGS' position that it was in the public interest for the cemetery to remain in its original location.

This was a landmark decision, not only for the heritage organizations involved, but for every Ontarian who cares about the rich history of Ontario. Burial sites and cemeteries are still being threatened and it is an ongoing challenge in communities both large and small across both northern and southern Ontario. We must never forget that they are sacred places and must be treated with dignity and respect. In addition, they have important stories to tell about the life and times, the joys and sorrows, the triumphs and disappointments of our ancestors.

Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries by Harvey Medland leads us on a journey of discovery where we, the readers, have an opportunity to learn

more about and cherish our own tombstone tales in our own local communities."

Allow me to close with one of my favourite poems, which always affects me emotionally. It was written in 1915 by Dr. John McCrae, a Canadian field surgeon, whose birthplace is open to the public as a museum in Guelph, the McCrae House.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

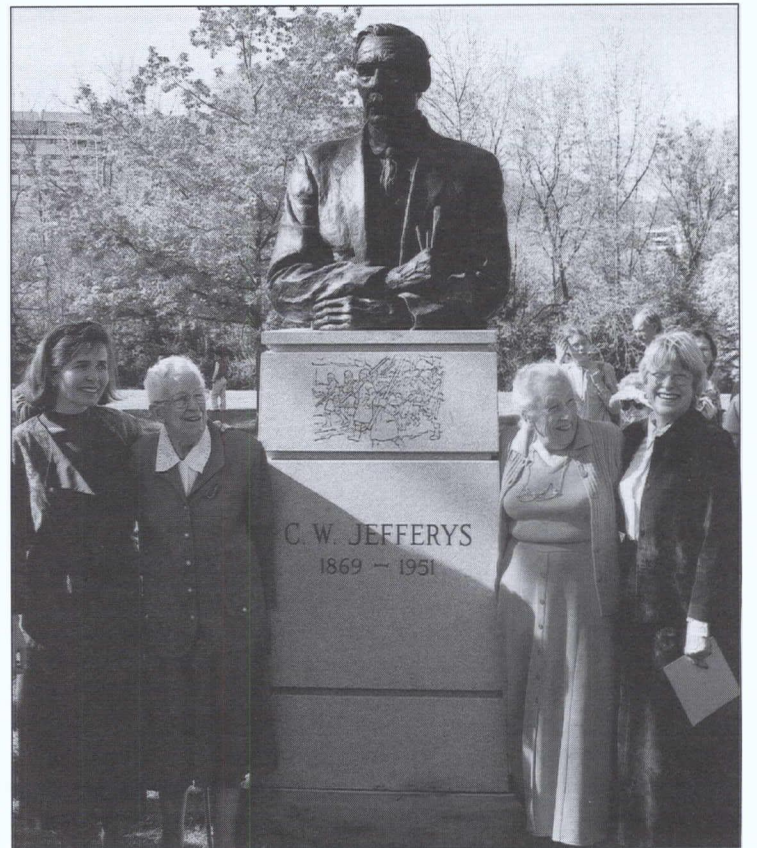
It is my personal feeling that we should not break faith with those who have died, whether it was during times of war or peace. We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before, and it is logical, spiritually right, and a measure of our humanity to respect the sacred soil where they rest.

Unfortunately in our vast province, many applications to close cemeteries, (close means to dig up and move the bodies) loom on the horizon. Please continue to support our Cemetery Defence Fund. I also encourage you to purchase a copy of *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries*. It is a very interesting and informative read. God bless!

Cuisine Canada honours authors

Cuisine Canada, an alliance of food professionals dedicated to raising awareness of, and pride in, uniquely Canadian food styles handed out its third annual book awards in October.

Eight winners were selected in three categories, including: *Canadian Living Cooks Step by Step*, by Daphna Rabinovitch; *The Sticks and Stones Cookbook: the Art of Grilling on Plank, Vine and Stone*, by Ted Reader and Kathleen Sloan; *Cooking at My House*, by John Bishop; *You Eat What You Are*, by Thelma Barer-Stein; *Vintage Canada*, by Tony Aspler; *Le guide du vin 2000*, by Michael Phaneuf; *La gastronomie en plein air*, by Odile Dumais; and *L'alimentation durant la grossesse*, by Hélène Laurendeau and Brigitte Coutu. Congratulations!



A bronze statue of historical artist C.W. Jefferys was unveiled on October 21 in York Mills, in Toronto, where Jefferys lived for 40 years. The commemoration is a millennium project of the North York Historical Society. Left to right: Sculptor Adrienne Alison, daughters Betsy Fee and Barbara Allen, and granddaughter Nancy Bains. (photo courtesy of Adrienne Alison)

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan

The Pope and the Pizza: Buon appetito!

Two thousand pizza chefs from around the world arrived at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican City on October 25 for the Pope's blessing for the Jubilee of the Pizza Makers. In honour of the day 50,000 slices of "Papizza" were given away, confirming the popularity of this Italian specialty. The OHS hosted the launch of *Buon appetito! Italian Foodways in Ontario* in September, while enjoying a fine Italian dinner at Mastro's Ristorante. This new publication, edited by Jo Marie Powers, contains many of the papers presented at the 1999 Symposium and is an excellent combination of historical research, personal reminiscences, recipes, and the utensils needed to prepare the dishes. A great gift for anyone on your Christmas list who loves Italian food, at the modest price of \$10 including postage, handling and GST.

Our Detective Has Work!

Thank you for your letters and calls about our need to find the funds to hire a detective to determine what goes on behind the scenes in many of our daily events (*OHS Bulletin*, September 2000) You, our readers, have come up with some fine suggestions for investigative reporting including: What really goes on at the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation in the preparation (or not) of the support cheques for community museums, historical societies, and provincial associations? At time of writing (November) the cheques have not arrived despite the promise that we would have them by the first of September! Another provocative assignment that has been suggested for our detec-

tive would be to explore the concept and the content of the publication *Passport to Heritage*, published by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. What was its purpose? and what did it cost? are at the top of the list.

A Coincidence Indeed

John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada died on October 26, 1806 in Exeter, England. Simcoe is also credited by some historians with being the founder of Toronto and almost to the day 194 years later historians and archaeologists uncovered foundations and wall remnants believed to be the first parliament buildings in the new province. This building was burned in 1813 by American troops. In retaliation British troops invaded Washington and set fire to the mansion built for the President of the newly independent United States. After repairs and painting it became known as the White House.

The New Millennium Is About to Begin

Despite the celebrations of a year ago, there are thousands (millions?) of people around the world who believe that the new millennium will begin on January 1, 2001. The Ontario Historical Society has a number of resources to help you celebrate, either this year, next year, or any year, the rich history that is ours in Ontario. If somehow you missed our mailing describing the videos and the publication that resulted from the "Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History" Symposium, give us a call at (416) 226-9011, or come to the launch on January 21.

Happy New Millennium!

Farwell

Elaine Irwin of Whitestone Lake passed away suddenly in October. Elaine worked at both the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum when she and her family lived in Hamilton. After moving to the Dunchurch area she became the Secretary Treasurer of the newly formed Whitestone Historical Society and will be sorely missed by her friends and colleagues.

James Pendergast, a career army officer, was a founding member of the Canadian Ski Museum and the Merrickville Historical Society. His work at the National Museum of Man in Ottawa (now part of the Canadian Museum of Civilization) combined with his keen, life-long interest in archaeology was the foundation for a distinguished career as an archaeologist, author and lecturer.

The heritage community mourns the passing of Elaine and Jim.

Across the Province

Mary E. Simonds and Dorothy Duncan

The **Prince Edward Historical Society** will hold its annual Sugar Plum Festival on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at **Macaulay House** in Picton. Take your favourite sweet or savoury for the celebration table.

Four teams battled for supremacy on the newly leveled and seeded croquet pitch at **Hutchison House** in Peterborough in September until House's team won! Scottish Teas were served to round out an exciting and delicious afternoon. Upcoming programmes: (705) 740-2600.

Once again the **Aurora Historical Society's** "Candlelight Tour of Homes" (seven in all) was an unqualified success, raising over \$6,000 for **Hillary House**. Do you want tips on organizing one? Call (905) 727-8991.

After many years of devoted service to the **Oxford Historical Society**, Mary Evans has decided to take it easy. The OHS recognized Mary's service last year with a Special Award of Merit for her support of history and heritage.

And speaking of change, Diane Gallinger, Assistant Director of the **Jordan Historical Museum** is leaving her post and Tanya Zajac, formerly of **Whitehern** in Hamilton will assume those duties.

Congratulations to the **Mississauga Heritage Foundation** celebrating its 40th anniversary on December 6.

The **Welland Historical Museum** newsletter is brimming with reports of successful events and activities. "Passage to Freedom: Secrets of the Underground Railroad" has moved in until June of 2001. Call (905) 732-2215 for details.

The **Greater Harvey Historical Society** will feature the history of Knox Presbyterian Church at the April 26, 2001 meeting. For more information on this and other events: (705) 639-2118.

The Beothuk Institute unveiled a life-size bronze sculpture of Shanawdithit in July at the **Boyd's Cove Interpretation Centre** in Newfoundland.

The Annual Tree Planting ceremony sponsored by the **Guelph Historical Society** honoured Guelph's mayors, past and present.

Bill Barkley, Chief Executive Officer of the **Royal British Columbia Museum** has announced that, after 24 years of service to the Museum, he intends to retire in January.

Gleanings: A History of Campbellford-Seymour has recently been launched by the **Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society**. Call (705) 653-2634 for costs and availability.

The traditional Revolutionary War Weekend at **Fortress Niagara**, sponsored by the **Old Fort Niagara Association** drew close to 3000 visitors. For event information, including the "Cas-

tle by Candlelight" during December: (716) 745-7611. Plans are also underway to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the site.

Do you have tips on walking tours? Charles Taws, Curator of the **Bowmanville Museum**, has held several successful ones, but is still looking for ideas: (905) 623-2734.

The **Cobourg and District Historical Society** reports that the Archives has received 16 filing cabinets full of Land Registry office documents, pertaining to Northumberland County. Call: (905) 372-2005 for information.

Melissa Wakeling, former Curator of the **Beachville District Museum** has been appointed Education and Marketing Co-ordinator of **Glanmore National Historic Site** in Belleville.

The **Grimsby Historical Society** has announced the programmes for 2001, including "If Ponies Rode Men," "Through the Picture Window," and "What I Learned from My Mother." For dates and details: (905) 945-8364.

The **Brampton Historical Society** is seeking stories, anecdotes, and photographs of the community's good old days, for *Changes*, a fundraising publication. Call (905) 451-0113.

In 2001, the **Brantford Historical Society** is sponsoring several international films presented by **The Brantford Film Group**. For information on tickets, dates, and screenings: (519) 752-2483.

And still in Brantford, Elizabeth Hunter has resigned as Director/Curator of the **Brant Museum and Archives** and has accepted the position of Curator of the **Markham Museum**.

The sympathy of the heritage community goes out to Paul Denter and family in the loss of his wife Helen in September. Helen and Paul have worked many years as volunteers for the **Lincoln and Continental Owners Club**.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Nelson-Raffaele and Karen Edwards, on their recent appointments as Curators of **Gibson House/Historic Zion Schoolhouse** and **Spadina/Mackenzie House/Colborne Lodge** respectively.

The **Manitoba Historical Society** has announced the annual Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner will be held January 20 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg with Mel Hurtig as guest speaker. The Society is also calling for papers for the 14th Annual History Conference. Details (204) 947-0559.

If you can't be in Winnipeg to celebrate Sir John's birthday, join the members of the **Orillia Museum of Art and History** on January 11 at the Travelodge Hotel to hear the Right Honourable John Turner. Call: (705) 326-2159.

Members and friends of the OHS can take advantage of a special offer for subscriptions to *The Beaver*, published by **Canada's**

National History Society. The perfect gift for \$25! Call 1-800-816-6777.

Members of the **Streetsville Historical Society** joined the community in September to celebrate the grand re-opening of **Trinity Anglican Church** after a disastrous fire. The Society's archival records were used for the repair and restoration of this historic building.

The **Mariner's Park Museum** in Prince Edward County has two new acquisitions—**Fort Kente**, from the historic Carrying Place, a project of the **Kente Portage Heritage Conservation Society** and an extensive collection of photographs relating to rum-running days from Bill Hunt, author of *Booze, Boats and Billions*.

The **Hastings County Historical Society** is advertising for volunteers to assist in developing the **Hastings Heritage Centre** in the former Thurlow Township Hall in Cannifton. Call (613) 968-5023 if you can help.

The **Gananoque Historical Society** is continuing the historic medallion fundraising project for Christmas 2000 and has chosen Engine 500 or Susan Push as their subject. To learn more about this year's medallion, the previous five, or the project: call (613) 382-3584.

The **City of Toronto Archives**, 255 Spadina Road in Toronto has extended open hours; Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Further information: (416) 397-5000.

Charles Garrad, OHS life-member and former Executive Director of the **Ontario Archaeological Society** was making history as he was digging history on the McConnell property located in Nottawasage-Clearview Township. Over 20 years ago Charles began researching the Petun First Nations and found many of their descendants had migrated to the United States. This year they were urged to return and participate in the excavations and learn more about their ancestors. Charles is known among the Petun as "He who leads the people home" and that's exactly what he did this year. For more information, contact (416) 223-2752.

Stewart Renfrew, Queen's University Archivist (and **Kingston Historical Society** member) has retired. Thank you Stewart for all your support of historical research and researchers over the years.

Lewis Zanderbergen is a busy man as editor of the **Hastings County Historical Society Outlook** as well as the *Quinte KIN*, the voice of the **Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre** that contains the news of the **Quinte Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society** and the **7th Town Historical Society**, replacing two separate newsletters.

Congratulations to Lauren McCormick of Little Current on



Anita Brunet-Lamarque, Regional Consultant, Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, Sudbury, outlines the Ministry's Programmes at the *Voyageur Heritage Network's Annual Meeting in October at the Centennial Museum in Sheguandah, on Manitoulin Island.* (Robert Leverty)

winning the CBC Radio's contest "I Want to Interview J.K. Rowling." Eleven year old Lauren is a student at **Little Current Public School** and likes the Harry Potter books that Rowling writes because they are funny and filled with adventure. After interviewing Rowling on October 24 at the Toronto SkyDome reading by Rowling, Lauren was interviewed by Shelagh Rogers of CBC Radio to discuss the experience.

In October the Department of **Canadian Heritage** and the **Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada** commemorated the **Joseph Schneider Haus** with the unveiling of a plaque. The Haus, owned and operated by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo joins a 'family' of over 800 national historic sites, with approximately 240 in Ontario.

The **Governor Simcoe Branch of the United Empire Loyalists** invite you to upcoming programmes: On December 5 Paul Federico, 48th Highlanders shares photographs from the Queen Mum's 100th birthday celebration in England; on January 9, 2001 Andrea Gutsche of Lynx Images presents "Mysteries of the Great Lakes;" and on February 6 Carl Benn of Fort York describes the role and importance of the "Queen's Rangers, British Light Infantry." Contact (416) 964-7766 for details.

Congratulations to Alexander (Sandy) Graham who has been hired as the new curator of the **Clarke Museum & Archives** effective January 1, 2001.

Congratulations to Museums Advisor John Carter, **Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation** on receiving his PhD in Philosophy at the Spring Convocation at the **University of Leicester** in England.

The **Michael's Bay Historical Society** held its founding

meeting in Tehkummah, on Manitoulin Island in October. Concerned with the disappearance of the once vibrant community of Michael's Bay, the new Society plans to collect pictures, artifacts, and memorabilia about the community. Contact (705) 859-2344 to learn more.

Characters from Edgar Cantelon's paintings will bring 300 years of history to life in old Norfolk County on Sunday evening, December 3 at the **Eva Brook Donly Museum**. For reservations for "Christmas with Cantelon" call (519) 425-1583.

Congratulations to Michele Alderton, Director/Curator of the **Red Lake Museum** for her vision and energy in producing the splendid *Visitor's Guide to the Red Lake/Ear Falls District* in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Red Lake Gold Rush.

The Santa Train is running again in December on the **South Simcoe Railway Heritage Corporation** tracks. Call (905) 936-5815 for reservations.

The Honourable Flora MacDonald was one of the speakers on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Incorporation of **Catarqui Cemetery** in Kingston in August. Look for "Weep Not for Me" A *Photographic Essay and History of Catarqui Cemetery* by Jennifer McKendry.

The **Milton Historical Society** has released its newest publication *Historic Homes and Buildings of Milton, Volume II*, a follow up to the successful first volume produced in 1991. The book features photos, historical research, and architectural descriptions of more than 60 homes and buildings that dot Milton streets. Copies are \$20 each and available from local outlets including Harris Stationery at 182 Main Street and Smithbooks in Milton Mall, or by contacting Ken Hassard at (905) 878-8231.



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Upcoming Events

November–2004: The Chatham-Kent Museum’s continuing exhibit **Moving Forward, Looking Back** examines change in Chatham-Kent in the first half of the 20th century and features personalities, textiles, appliances, vehicles, and other artifacts from the collection. An interesting example of folk art on display are several “ships in bottles” made by German sailors who were taken prisoners of war and worked as labourers in the local area. These marine dioramas were given as gifts or traded; one girl received a “ship in a bottle” with her name, Irene, written on the ship. The Museum, located at 75 William Street North in Chatham, is open daily from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call (519) 354-8338.

November–March 4: The Market Gallery at the St. Lawrence Market on Front Street in Toronto hosts **Time Present: Time Past**, an exhibit featuring drawings of Toronto by Howard V. Walker. Admission is free. Call (416) 392-7604.

December 1–17: The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum hosts **Homes for Christmas** a display of doll houses from the nearby Mildred H. Mahoney Doll’s House Gallery of Fort Erie. In time for Christmas, the Port Colborne Museum invites you to attend **A Grand Old Christmas**, an outdoor festival complete with chestnuts roasted on an open fire, caroling, Arabella’s Christmas puddings, carriage rides, candlelight walks, and more. The Museum is located at 280 King Street in Port Colborne (905) 834-7604.

December 5: At 7:30 p.m., speakers Marjorie Durnford, Rita McPhedren, George Hindley, and Howard Parkinson discuss **Remembering the One-Room School**, at the joint meeting of the Guelph Historical Society and

the Wellington County Historical Society at St. Andrews Church, 161 Norfolk Street in Guelph.

December 7: The Streetsville Historical Society features Marsha Waldie of the Milton Historical Society discussing **Restoring the Waldie Blacksmith Shop in Milton** at 8:00 p.m. in the Streetville Village Hall. All are welcome. Contact (905) 858-0070.

December 9: The Christmas spirit comes alive at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Museum during the **Candlelight Christmas** beginning at 6:00 p.m. Join costumed staff and explore the development of Christmas traditions. Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride, hot apple cider, traditional baking, and carols. Visit the decorated Pioneer Log Cabin and Victorian Farmhouse. Reservations are required. The museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Avenue. Call (905) 727-8954.

December 9: You are invited to share in the celebration of an enduring legacy, and a new beginning for the Ontario Archaeological Society. The Society celebrates its 50th anniversary, and the official opening of the A.J. Clark Interpretive Centre with a Fund Raising Dinner. The programme commences at 6:00 p.m. and features guest speaker Professor Helen Devereux. The new home of the OAS, the Elgin West Community Centre, is located at 11099 Bathurst Street in Richmond Hill. Tickets are \$100 and a tax receipt for a portion will be issued. Contact (905) 787-9851 or 1-888-733-0042.

December 10: You can create a beautiful table centrepiece during the **Christmas Programme** at Glanmore National Historic Site from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. On **December 19** at 7:00 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. take the **Yuletide**

Candlelight Tour when the historic house will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. Enjoy traditional refreshments and perhaps a special visit by Father Christmas. Glanmore is located at 257 Bridge Street East in Belleville (613) 962-2329.

December 15: Benares is the site of a **Victorian Christmas Musicale** featuring former “Phantom of the Opera” cast member Kristina Marie Guiguet. Enjoy this exclusive evening performance in the warm surroundings of Benares Historic House, located at 1507 Clarskon Road North, Mississauga (905) 822-2347. Tickets are \$50. On **December 17**, you can enjoy the spirit of the season, as you are invited **Home for the Holidays** at both Benares, and Bradley House Museum, located at 1620 Orr Road in Mississauga (905) 822-1569.

December 31: The Toronto Field Naturalists and Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology suggest you dress warmly and join one of the many heritage walks. Meet, lunch in hand, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ferry Docks, at the foot of Bay Street to visit **Ward’s Island Fishery, Toronto Islands**, named after the well-known Ward family. On **January 6, 2001**, visit **Rosedale Springs**, meeting at the entrance to Rosedale Subway at 1:00 p.m. and see the site of the springs that yielded drinking water as late as 1920. On **January 20**, meet at 11:00 a.m. at the corner of Elmhurst Road and Rathburn Road, lunch in hand, and explore the **Centennial Park Greenhouses**. On **January 27**, the tour explores the **Victoria Park Pumping Station**, better known as the **R.C. Harris Filtration Plant**. Meet at the TTC Queen Streetcar Loop at Neville Park at 1:30 p.m. The tour on **February 3** visits **Chaffery’s Creek**, meeting at the southwest corner of Dixon Road and Royal York Road at 1:30 p.m. On **February 17**, meet at the entrance to Wellesley subway with your lunch, at 11:00 a.m. to explore **Clover Hill, St. Michael’s College**, adjacent to the University of Toronto campus. For details contact the Toronto Field Naturalists (416) 593-2656.

February 2001: McFarland House, a Georgian home restored to the 1830s, located on the scenic Niagara Parkway presents a special series of romantic outings. On **February 2** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., through music and spoken words you will be transported back to the Victorian era; and the heyday of romantic love for **McFarland Girls in Love** a fanciful exploration of the love lives of John McFarland’s daughters. On **February 4**, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. take a leisurely journey through the world of birding in classical music dur-

CHO call for papers

Community Heritage Ontario, the provincial organization for Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees (LACACs) is hosting its 7th annual provincial conference May 25–27, 2001 in Owen Sound. If you are a ‘teller of heritage place stories’ and would like to submit a proposal, contact Mary Stephens, Chair, CHO Conference Committee, 763 Leroy Avenue, London, Ontario N5Y 4G8 tel (519) 439-3373 or fax (519) 432-0723.

ing **The Music of Nature**. On **February 11** from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. enter the drawing rooms of the 19th century and explore **Music in the Age of Austen**. Registration is \$20 per person and includes wine and hors d’oeuvres. To pre-register call 1-877-642-7275.

February 12–April 29: The St. Catharines Museum hosts the travelling exhibit **From the Hands Of A Master** paying tribute to the work of several artisans including: the Blacksmith, Glass Blower, Weaver, Quilter, Oyster Farmer, Leather Worker, Violin Maker, and Bookbinder. The singular theme of the exhibit is that

“the hands of the artisan act on the raw material by calling upon certain elements to create an object of high quality and great beauty.” The St. Catharines Museum is located at 1932 Government Road, (905) 984-8880.

April 23–May 4: The Allan Macpherson House in Napanee has a bonny offer for you. If you are interested in a trip to Scotland that includes a visit to the Clan Macpherson Museum and meeting the Clan Chief, as well as whiskey tasting and ‘made in Scotland’ visits, and more, contact Marlin/Thomas Cook Travel at (613) 354-5416 in Napanee or (613) 536-5400 in Kingston.

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Jan 21	<i>Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario’s History</i> –launch of book and videos–	OHS at the John McKenzie House Willowdale
Feb 19	Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About an Historical Society But Were Afraid to Ask! –workshop–	OHS and Simcoe County Historical Association at Simcoe County Museum Minesing
Feb 25	<i>Broken Shackles: Old Man Henson– From Slavery to Freedom</i> – book launch–	The Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee at the John McKenzie House Willowdale
April 7	Researching Your Museum Collection –workshop–	OHS and Voyageur Heritage Network at West Parry Sound District Museum Parry Sound
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Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart

Concern has been raised as to the condition of the tombstone marking the resting place of William Henry Draper in Toronto's **St. James Cemetery**. He was a former Premier and Chief Justice of Ontario. The Federal Government has a programme to recognize the burial places of all of Canada's Prime Ministers. It would be appropriate if the Ontario Government did the same for its Premiers.

Alex Ross, a descendant of the Hughson family of Amaranth Township, Dufferin County is concerned as to the fate of the **Hughson Family Cemetery**, a small family burial ground. Proposals have been made for development of the area and since the markers were removed by the township several years ago there is nothing now to mark the site. Out of site—out of mind?

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing relating to the **Ontario Hospital Cemetery** in Etobicoke is slated to begin on November 27.

The Canadian Friends Historical Association recently

marked the 200th anniversary of the Quaker Settlement in Newmarket. Special tours included cemeteries in the Newmarket area, Pine Orchard, Uxbridge, and Pickering.

The RCMP in Morinville, Alberta are appealing to the public to locate the cemetery where a tombstone, now in their possession, should be placed. All sources have been checked in the area to no avail. The white granite tombstone bears the inscription "Brad Cooper 1933–1993 Nature took her beloved guardian for her own." The RCMP may be contacted at (780) 939-4520.

The Gosport Historical Society are taking steps to designate **The Old Gosport Cemetery** in Brighton. The area surrounding the cemetery is under proposed development. The monuments have been removed to the town's public works garage. Hopefully a plan was made showing their original location. Fortunately, local citizens are aware of the site and are acting as watch dogs.

Also in the "Gone and Forgotten" category are those buried

in the **House of Industry Cemetery** near Athens. The Leeds & Grenville Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society has published a plan for a proposed cemetery developed in the 1890s. It is known that many were buried there but their graves remain unmarked.

Jack Gardner of Victoria, B.C. is to be congratulated for his long standing efforts to mark the burial locations of Jewish cemeteries in the Ukraine. His current project is in Sambor. He is quoted as saying, "All I want is to preserve the cemetery as a relic of the past." Hopefully in this case it will be "Gone But Not Forgotten."

The Friends of Fort York have outlined their preservation goals which include First Nations village and burial sites known to have been on the Canadian National Exhibition grounds.

John Haynes is working with various groups to have the **Haynes Cemetery and Pioneer Memorial**, in St. Catharines, designated as an historic site under the Ontario Heritage Act. The

cemetery is on the original land granted to his ancestor, Adam Haines (Heins), a United Empire Loyalist. At least 21 members of this pioneer family are believed to have been buried there. Adam Heins was a close associate of Joseph Brant, and his mother, Ann Heins, was a member of the Mohawk Little Turtle Clan.

At **Richmond Hill Presbyterian Cemetery** a bronze plaque was unveiled identifying this as a heritage site. This non-denomination burial ground was established in 1806 for the use of any family in the community. The octagonal dead house was erected in 1863 and was restored in 1995 through the efforts of the York Chapter of The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Canada.

A service with full military honours took place this summer at Battlefield House in Stoney Creek. Military representatives from Britain, Canada and the U.S. participated to recognize those who died in the War of 1812 whose remains were found during road construction. These

were reinterred at Smith's Knoll across the street from Battlefield House.

A tombstone to the memory of Rev. Anthony Burns was rededicated in a special service held at **Victoria Lawn Cemetery** in St. Catharines. Parks Canada conservationist, Martin Brooks, restored the stone and covered it with a plexiglass shield. The story of Rev. Anthony Burns appears in Harvey Medland's book *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* published by The Ontario Historical Society. See details below for how to order this publication.

A committee has been formed to improve and protect the **Dulcemaine Cemetery** located north of the village of Lansdowne. The cemetery was established about 1841. It was the burial place of many from the community. Funds are being sought to provide fencing, a gate and signage. Contact Evangeline Chisamore c/o the Historical Society of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, Box 332, Lansdowne, Ontario K0E 1L0.

Certificate in Genealogical Studies expands course offerings

Louise St. Denis, National Institute for Genealogical Studies

In the fall of 1999, the National Institute for Genealogical Studies partnered with the Continuing Education Programme of the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto (FIS/CE) to offer the first certificate programme in genealogical studies delivered entirely over the web.

Students who completed eight six-week courses earned the

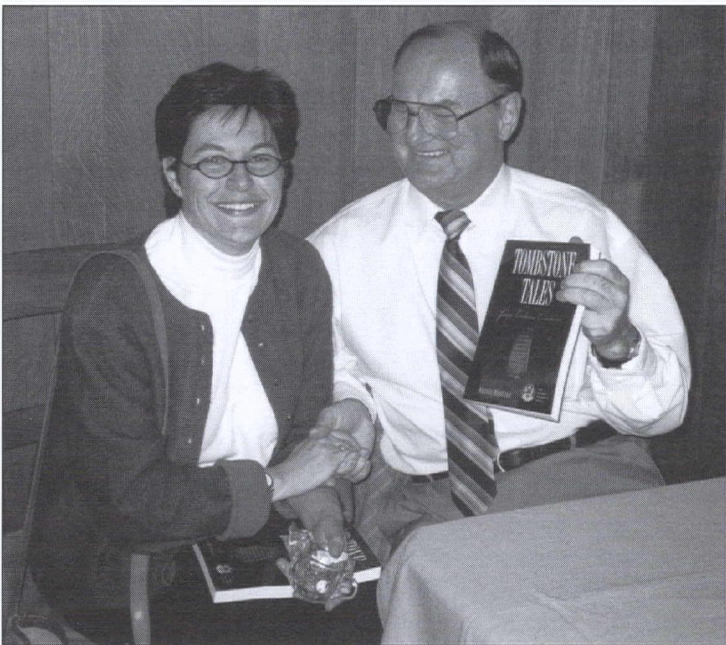
Genealogical Studies Basic Level Certificate, the first stage in a series of courses leading to the Certificate in Genealogical Studies.

Beginning in the fall of 2000 the Intermediate Level course was available as were 16 four-week elective courses covering a wide range of options. In the fall of 2001, the Advanced Level Certificates will be introduced.

The fee for each course is \$60 or \$395 for all 8 courses in a Level or any 8 electives. The registration requirement is access to a computer with an Internet connection and a personal email account.

For registration information contact Louise St. Denis, National Institute for Genealogical Studies at (416) 861-0165.

Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries available



Harvey Medland, author, and Leah Gryfe, cover designer, pose at the launch of *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries* at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale. (Lorraine Lowry)

Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries by Toronto author and historian Harvey Medland takes the reader on a journey of discovery to explore the history and mystery surrounding the burial places of many of Ontario's heroes and characters.

There are some tales that will bring tears and there are others that will bring laughter. Who was the Queen of Romania's Woodstock Lover? What was a tiger hunter doing in the wilds of Guelph? Who were the Tolpuddle Five who did Tasmanian Time? Why was a miner whose exit from the barber's chair a 'highlight of the month'? How did a mother silence a fire with a fairy tale? What were Toronto's trolley cars doing in Northern On-

tario in 1922? These tales and over fifty others will entertain and educate us about the rich history of Ontario and its thousands of cemeteries, as we sink into our favourite chair, put our feet up, and explore these sacred places and the stories they have to tell.

Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries, published by the OHS, sells for \$25 and can be ordered by sending your cheque or money order to The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

Harvey Medland has developed a slide presentation "Tombstone Tales," and is available for a limited number of lectures. He may be contacted in Toronto at (416) 463-8458.

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Museum News

Community museum meetings

Representatives of the OHS have attended all the Museums Standards Workshops delivered by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Museum Advisors and the Ontario Museum Association staff and forwarded reports to the Society for our Museums Committee to review and consider.

Among their questions and comments we find:

- Training in basic skills is sorely needed, particularly in Northern Ontario.
- Is it possible that middle/large institutions will opt out or

be taken out of the programme in the future?

- Are the expectations for the physical plant and the exhibition preparation areas realistic for small museums?
- Financial support is needed for archival collections, many of which have devolved onto the local museum because there is no other repository in the community or the area.
- Most of the standards have a familiar ring to them, but realistically they will take some time to implement.
- There will be increased

pressure on the Museums Advisors as they are expected to work more closely with their clients, however their travel budget has been cut! So, what now?

- Why isn't there funding for research in museums?
- Why isn't the level of funding increasing with the amount of additional work required?
- Many, many questions about the timing of the museum support cheques from the Ministry, without adequate answers.

Please continue to submit your comments and remarks to the OHS Museums Committee.

McMichael Act Bill 112 passed despite opposition from arts and museum community

The McMichael Act, Bill 112 was passed recently despite numerous objections raised by the arts and museum community. As a result, the two founders, Robert and Signe McMichael will be returned to the management board, and the "McMichael Canadian Art Collection will return to its roots emphasizing works by the Group of Seven and similar artists."

The careful monitoring by the arts and museum community, and opposition expressed against the bill, made little impact on the

provincial government given its determination to have the bill passed.

The McMichael's original donation included approximately 200 pieces of art, their home, and 16 acres of land. Of the approximately 6,000 works of art presently in the collection on the 100 acre property, about half will be disposed of in some fashion. Many pieces were received through acquisitions and donations.

One of the main concerns in this controversy is the role of do-

nors and how their support should be recognized. The McMichaels were generously compensated for their donations years ago. What of the many other donors who gave generously to the McMichael Gallery, believing that the institution had accepted their gifts in perpetuity?

The repercussions of Bill 112 will be felt throughout the province if "donor confidence" is undermined and potential donors are reluctant to support a museum or art gallery.

The Vikings invade Woodstock

Woodstock Museum is hosting the popular and comprehensive travelling exhibition produced by the Newfoundland Museum and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and numerous partners. "Full Circle: First Contact-Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador" will be at the Museum until March 15, 2001.

The exhibit recounts the story of Viking and Aboriginal contact at L'Anse aux Meadows,

the only authenticated Viking settlement in the New World, and recognized as a Canadian National Historic Site and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Several crafted artifacts of iron, stone, ivory, and wood are on display, brought together from several museums, for the first time.

Along with the artifact exhibits are a full complement of lectures, workshops, family event days, and educational pro-

grammes. "Hearth and Hall—The Vikings at Home" explores behind the 'Viking raider' to see a society of individualistic farmers, cosmopolitan merchants and talented artisans. "Viking Fun and Games" introduces Viking age pastimes and games. "Native Perceptions of the Vikings" examines the references to contact from the Greenland saga and the Vineland saga to offer an explanation of how the Amerindians perceived the Vikings and why they responded the way they did.

Workshops are either full or half day in duration and explore topics such as "Viking Food," "Wood Carving," "Pewter Castings in Soapstone Molds," and "Enamel on Copper."

On December 16 bring the family to "A Norse Christmas" and discover how the Vikings celebrated Christmas, and on February 24, celebrate heritage week with Viking crafts, games, re-enactors, music and more!

Special educational programmes are available geared to grades 1-8, and group tours are welcome.

The Woodstock Museum is located at 466 Dundas Street in Woodstock tel (519) 537-8411.

Canadian Royal Heritage Trust opens museum in Neustadt



The new Canadian Royal Heritage Trust Museum in Neustadt was, in the late 19th century, the home of Mary and William Diefenbaker, where John and his younger brother Elmer were born. The Diefenbakers moved from Neustadt to Greenwood (Pickering Township), then to Todmorden (East York) and finally in 1903 to Saskatchewan as William's doctor recommended the prairie climate!

The birthplace of John Diefenbaker in the Village of Neustadt was opened in August to the public as one of Ontario's newest museums. Located at Barbara and John Streets, the modest brick house stood empty for about 30 years until it was purchased by Maxine and John Medcof of Toronto, restored and leased to the Trust.

The Right Honourable John Diefenbaker was Prime Minister of Canada from 1957 to 1963 and a noted advocate of royal heritage, so this is a very suitable partnership.

The museum was opened on August 3, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. by

the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Honourary Chairman of the Trust, and has enjoyed a steady stream of visitors since then.

The opening celebrated the 100th birthday of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and because of its timing, (midnight in the United Kingdom) it was recognized as the first event to honour her.

For further information about the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust, the museum in Neustadt, the King George III Memorial Library or The King Louis XIV Memorial Archives, call (416) 482-4257.

Atikokan Mining Attraction initiative

Shawn Allaire, Atikokan Mining Attraction

The Atikokan Mining Attraction, preserves, presents, celebrates, and educates about mining history, with particular focus on the people of the Atikokan region. The Attraction has embraced the web as a vehicle to help raise its profile as other strategies are developed including developing a museum, and stronger links with other sites in Northwestern Ontario.

One aspect of the project involves the Steep Rock Iron Mines Naturalization website which cel-

brates the naturalization process taking place at the abandoned open pit mine, now closed for twenty years. The website contrasts recent photographs with scenes from operating pits, and documentation to explain the various processes.

To contact the Atikokan Mining Attraction contact P.O. Box 921, Atikokan, Ontario P0T 1C0, tel (807) 597-6818, email: amaa@atikokan.lakeheadu.ca or atikokanminingattraction.freesevers.com



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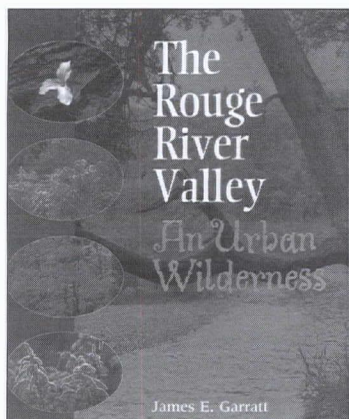
Stories in Stone

Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries. By Harvey Medland. The Ontario Historical Society. 231 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 softbound.

Early in the 20th century, the OHS became concerned with the recognition and maintenance of pioneer cemeteries. To this day the Society continues to recognize and support individuals and organizations working to preserve burial sites. This intriguing book, published by the OHS, celebrates "history in gravestones." Not ghost stories, as the title might imply, it is a collection of brief biographies and anecdotal histories inspired by gravestone inscriptions. Many of the tales recognize individuals—Thomas Talbot, Alice Eastwood; but some focus on events—the wreck of the steamship *Asia*, the Great Fire of 1922; or causes—the Tolpuddle Martyrs, the Fenian Raids. Each story expands the information found on a gravestone and gives life to the person (or persons) interred. Maps show the location of the cemeteries for those who want to visit these historic sites and see for themselves.

Heritage to Cherish

Old Ontario Houses: Traditions in Local Architecture. Text by Tom Cruickshank; photographs by John de Visser. Firefly Books. 206 pages. Illustrations. \$50.00 hardbound. Many are mansions, some are simple homes, a few are farmhouses, one is abandoned, but all are magnificently photographed in colour with their significant architectural and historical features clearly described. Editor/author Tom Cruickshank, formerly of *Century Home*, now editor of *Harrowsmith Country Life*, and John de Visser, perhaps Ontario's most celebrated photographer, have combined their professional skills to create a stunning work which will be treasured by all connoisseurs of both arts and heritage.



Rouge River & Black Creek

The Rouge River Valley: An Urban Wilderness. By James E. Garratt. Natural Heritage Books. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$22.95 softbound.

The field notes of a naturalist's twelve-year study of the Rouge River Valley in Toronto form the basis of this thoughtful volume. More natural history than history, it nevertheless reflects on the changing scene, the

political and environmental battles, and the now lost worlds of earlier native inhabitants.

Black Creek Pioneer Village: Toronto's Living History Village. By Nick Mika, Helma Mika and Gary Thompson. Natural Heritage Books. 108 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 softbound.

All who already know Black Creek Pioneer Village, as well as all who visit it for the first time, will welcome this new edition of its explanatory guide. The modern photographs of folk in period costumes are especially fine.

Down River

Steamboat Connections: Montreal to Upper Canada 1816–1843. By Frank Mackey. McGill-Queen's University Press. 383 pages. Illustrations. \$44.95 hardbound.

Immigrants from Britain may have crossed the Atlantic by sail, but after 1820, anyone going on to Upper Canada went up the St. Lawrence in ships powered by steam. Here are the details of the boats, the owners, the travellers, and the politics. It is a thoroughly researched volume (half the book is appendices, notes, bibliography and index) that will be invaluable to anyone investigating transportation in a seminal period of our province's history.

Lake Shores

Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching. By Mary Byers with photographs by John de Visser. Boston Mills Press. 120 pages. Illustrations. \$40.00 hardbound.

A tour around a lake central to the province's history, with major emphasis on the century from 1850–1950. Here are lake steamers, grand estates of Kempenfelt Bay, the legacy of Stephen Leacock, reflections on ice fishing, and much more. Writer Mary Byers is well known for her books about our province (several co-authored with Margaret McBurney). In this fine book, her text and archival pictures tell the stories from the past, while splendid colour images, captured by the camera of photographer John de Visser, present scenes of today.

Large Family, Big Book

The Junkin Families – from County Fermanagh, Ireland to Victoria County, Ontario and beyond. Launcelot-Dane Junkin Family Group History Society. 488 pages. Illustrations.

The publication of this massive volume, crammed with genealogical data, is a most commendable effort. The excellence of Jane E. MacNamara's design is especially gratifying in a family history. While its main attraction is to those associated with the various families, its lengthy introductory chapters to each of the branches supply information useful to all researchers whose forbears share the geography if not the genealogy.

Jesuits Revisited

Harvest of Souls: the Jesuit Missions and Colonialism in North America 1632–1650. By Carole Blackburn. McGill-Queen's University Press. 173 pages. Illustrations. \$60.00 hardbound.

Thanks to the reconstruction of St. Marie Among the Hurons, many of us may feel we understand the relations between Jesuit Christians and Aboriginal Peoples here in our province. This tough, academic study may make us think further. It examines the domineering language of the Jesuits, as revealed by their writings, and compares it with the limited power they were in fact actually able to exercise over Native peoples. What was being taught was not necessarily what was being learned.

Wilderness Preservation

Protecting Ontario's Wilderness: A History of Changing Ideas and Preservation Politics, 1927–1973. By George M. Warecki. Peter Lang AG. 334 pages. US \$55.95.

History and natural history combine in this academic work (a revision of a McMaster Ph.D. thesis). Not intended for the general reader, it nonetheless details nearly fifty years of activity in the politics of preservation, some of it disturbing and disappointing, but much of it gratifyingly successful.

Multicultural Ontario

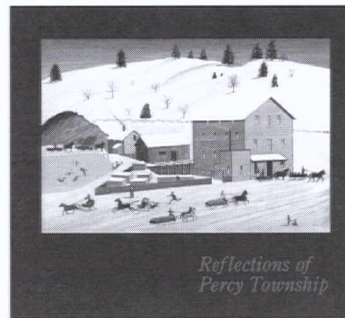
The Portuguese in Canada. Edited by Carlos Texiera and Victor M.P. Da Rosa. University of Toronto Press. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound; \$24.95 softbound.

The Portuguese contribution to the Canadian mosaic is fully presented in this collection of essays. Scholars from a variety of disciplines examine the experiences faced by Portuguese immigrants as they settled in their new country, first in the cod fisheries of Newfoundland, then later in urban areas such as Montreal and Toronto. Of particular interest to OHS readers, perhaps, is a chapter reviewing settlement in Toronto (initially the Kensington Market and Alexandra Park areas) and a chapter recording the "voices of immigrant women."

Cornish Emigrants to Ontario. Compiled by the Toronto Cornish Association. 103 pages. Illustrations. \$15.00 softbound.

The immigration story is continued with this recounting of the Cornish experience. Members of the Toronto Cornish Association have compiled lively accounts of their own ancestors' lives, drawn from letters and diaries and from archival records. Earliest immigration began in the 1830s, spurred by the depression that followed the Napoleonic wars, and continued well into the twentieth century. These family portrayals, illustrated by formal and informal photographs, give a loving sense of the trials and

triumphs of a special group of immigrants.



Records and Memories

Reflections of Percy Township. Warkworth-Percy Historical Society. 156 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

This simple, neatly done compilation of individual memories and personal research presents the past of Percy, both facts and flavour. The project of a recently formed (1997) historical society, assisted by an Ontario Government Seniors' Secretariat grant, the book could well serve as a model for any community that wishes to preserve its past. A timeline of significant events from 1791 to 2000 is an imaginative addition, perhaps compensating for the lack of an index.

Land, Struggle for Settlement. By Bill Shannon. 151 pages. Illustrations. \$19.00 softbound.

Local historian Bill Shannon, known for his illustrated *History of Collingwood Township*, set out to solve a puzzle: why his township, surveyed in

1833, remained largely unsettled two decades later. The answer had less to do with geography and more with the policies and politics of the government both in Britain and in Upper Canada. Land grants, originally given to military officers and to Loyalists, were acquired by absentee owners, speculating members of the political elite. Meanwhile, the land stayed vacant. The book is must reading for anyone seriously investigating the early settlement of virtually any Ontario township.

All Aboard!

Ghost Railways of Ontario, Volume 2. By Ron Brown. Polar Bear Press. 224 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

The railroads that criss-crossed Ontario were once vital links and means of transportation for both people and products. For whatever reasons, short-sighted or otherwise, more and more have fallen into disuse. A town planner and railway buff, Ron Brown continues his quest to discover and document these old lines and their wonderful old stations before they disappear forever. This new well-illustrated volume documents 26 such lines and describes in detail the part they have played in our province's past. Brown also gives clear directions for those who want to see for themselves what remains of these ghost railways of Ontario.

History Noted

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

Total Encounters: The Lives and Times of the Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene. By Robert F. Nielsen. Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene and McMaster University Press. \$25.95. The story of the development of the Centre, of the medical and political shifts that shaped its course, and of the people who have worked, lived, suffered, and dreamed of healing there.

Memories of the Fifties and Sixties. By Helene Brown Weaver. Elmledge Press. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound. The adventures of a post-war family as they engage in their everyday lives in Grey County.

Belden's Illustrated Historical Atlas of County Victoria Ontario, 1881 Millennium Edition. Alexander Publishing. \$125.00 case-bound. This reprint features land ownership maps, community plans, portraits and local views sketched from life, original community history articles, and subscribers' biographies, plus supplementary material spanning the period from 1858 to 1916.

Loyalist Lists: Over 2000 Loyalist Names and Families from the Haldimand Papers. Transcribed and indexed by E. Keith Fitzgerald. Ontario Genealogical Society. 125 pages. \$25.00. Originally published in 1984, now reprinted, these papers are one of the earliest sources for Upper Canada Loyalist information and pre-date the land petitions.

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Launcelot-Dane Junkin Family Group History Society, c/o Ron Junkin, 81 Rameau Drive, Unit 2, North York, Ontario M2H 1T6.

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Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Suite 102, Toronto, Ontario M4R 1B9.

The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

Peter Lang AG, Europäischer Verlag Der Wissenschaften, Jupiterstrasse 15, Postfach 277, CH-3000 Bern 15, Switzerland.

Polar Bear Press, 35 Prince Andrew Place, Toronto, Ontario M3C 2H2.

Toronto Cornish Association, Box 286, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0.

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

Warkworth-Percy Historical Society, Box 29, Warkworth, Ontario K0K 3K0.

Kincardine's historic Walker House Hotel

R.W. "Bill" Kearns, London

When densely forested lands in what was called the "Queens Bush" were opened for settlement in the middle of the 19th century it brought a tide of humanity to the eastern shore of Lake Huron.

In the forefront were a number of entrepreneurs who had recognized that many of the land seekers would require accommodation and supplies as they prepared to trek into the wilderness of Canada West.

Among these enterprising individuals was a native of Sligo, Ireland, Francis "Paddy" Walker, who arrived in Kincardine (then Penetangore) driving from Goderich on the ice along the Lake Huron shore, in a horse-drawn cutter in the spring of 1850.

He brought with him his wife, Jane and their seven sons. The Walker House Hotel was built that same year overlooking the Penetangore River. The sand flats later became the harbour and the centre of intense commercial and industrial activity.

Kincardine was one of several ports along that same shore that welcomed innumerable settlers. It flourished and endured; many others flourished and then disappeared.

An outstanding example of the pioneer entrepreneurs who helped create strong communities, Mr. Walker also operated the schooner, *Mud Turtle*, and was a contractor on the Durham Road

as it was cut eastward through the bush from Kincardine.

Political feelings ran deep and strong in the pioneer settlements. Undaunted, and reputed to be armed with an unmatched vocabulary of profanity, Mr. Walker took an active part in the community and was a member of the first council of the United Townships of the County of Bruce in 1852.

The Walker House was the scene of political activity, including a riot in a fierce controversy over a money bylaw intended to finance the creation of a harbour at Kincardine.

Among many tales about "Paddy" Walker is one about the night he supplied shovels and refreshments to a bunch of the boys to have a bend in the Penetangore River straightened so its confluence with Lake Huron would bring arrivals nearer the front door of the Walker House.

Of course, John Barleycorn was no stranger to the Walker House. From the day "Paddy" Walker opened his hotel it offered a glass of cheer to tired pioneers, sailors, drovers, teamsters and hard-working townsmen.

Lifelong Kincardine resident, Maurice "Newt" Cuyler said his father, Frank, "used to sling beer at the Walker House" likely around the turn of the century.

Revered Kincardine physician, Solomon Secord, was a regular patron. "From what I've

heard," said Newt, "Doctor Secord would have a double shot of whisky and a water chaser. He used to say if everybody drank that way they'd live to be a hundred." Doctor Secord was 76 years old when he died in 1910.

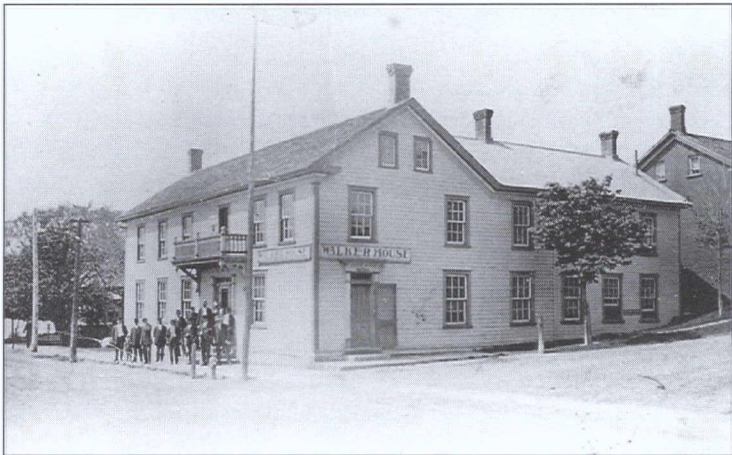
In later years, when prohibition made the sale of alcohol unlawful, a wink and a nod might get a thirsty patron a dram at the Walker House.

"Kincardine was full of bootleggers in those days, recalls Bob "Gunner" Wittig of Kincardine, speaking in particular of the 1930s. "They had to do it to make ends meet. It was the depression. You'd walk in and they'd say, 'How old are you?' If you were 16 or 17 you'd be okay."

The Walker House is considered to be Kincardine's oldest remaining building and the oldest standing hotel in Bruce and Grey counties. For most of its years it was operated as a hotel, later as a rooming house and finally as the personal residence of Marie Gairns.

Time was not kind to the Walker House. On the evening of January 23, 1995, flames tore through its interior and shot through the roof. For several years the charred remains of the building stood derelict, open to the weather.

In 1998 a small group of citizens decided the two-storey, frame structure at Harbor Street and Huron Terrace, deserved to be saved. The Paddy Walker Her-



Kincardine's historic Walker House before the fire. (courtesy of R.W. Kearns)

itage Society, incorporated as a non-profit, charitable organization, is well advanced in refurbishing the building, retaining as much of the original structure as possible.

Kincardine Town Council provided seed money to help get the project started—a \$10,000 grant. Other levels of government have not been as supportive.

However, the project has enjoyed widespread support from the community. Donations from individuals and organizations financed the purchase of the property from Mrs. Gairns who was rescued in her wheelchair at the time of the fire.

As well, a small army of volunteers pitched in to clear the interior of the charred building and start rebuilding it. The President of the Paddy Walker Heritage Society, Robert Cottrill, said "many of the volunteers arrive for work day after day. These guys

won't stop, they just keep going and going."

The future use of the Walker House remains undecided. Suggestions are many and include a heritage centre, archives, tavern, tearoom, bed and breakfast, or a tourist information centre.

Francis Walker was a well-to-do, landed gentleman when he died in Kincardine a quarter century after he arrived. His body rests in the Kincardine Cemetery. The Walker House remains a cherished memorial to the pioneer spirit not only of "Paddy" Walker but also the many who passed that way in search of a new life in Bruce County.

If you would like more information, or to make a donation to the Paddy Walker Heritage Society contact R.W. "Bill" Kearns at 1203-363 Colborne Street, London, Ontario N6B 3N3 tel: (519) 368-4966 or (519) 858-0969.

Heritage and Toronto's waterfront

The plans for Toronto's waterfront redevelopment and revitalization are beginning to be released to the public.

The Waterfront Regeneration Trust and the City of Toronto recently hosted a cruise and conversation aboard the historic paddle wheeler *Trillium* while viewing the 40-kilometre waterfront.

The recent William Kilbourn Memorial Lecture sponsored by Heritage Toronto and the Ontario Heritage Foundation featured Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task force members Robert Fung and Michael Kirkland who addressed the audience in the elegant Winter Garden Theatre. While they referred to Toronto's heritage many times, there were no specific references to how Toronto's history would be recog-

nized and integrated into the building process.

The Toronto Historical Association, representing hundreds of heritage workers and supporters throughout the city, has been co-ordinating, for the City of Toronto Planning Department, a Maps Project to identify present and lost sites of historic and archaeological interest, and has already listed 2,640 in the waterfront area alone.

The federal government, owner of several of the waterfront properties has yet to make heritage a priority. This is an opportunity to provide creative consultation on heritage issues, and not allow the commemoration of Toronto's waterfront heritage to be lost in development.

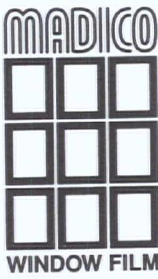
Living City fundraising campaign launched by Conservation Foundation

The Conservation Foundation launched the Living City initiative, a \$35 million campaign to establish partnerships with businesses, community organizations, governments, and residents in support of innovative environmental programmes.

The Living City is a millennium vision of the Conservation Foundation and its partner, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. Together, they will work towards the protection, restoration, and sustainability of the natural environment in three tar-

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