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Proposed Closure of St. James' Cathedral Cemetery

Marjorie Stuart

A notice to apply to the Province of Ontario's Registrar of Cemeteries for an Order to Close part of a cemetery was published in the *Globe & Mail* on 15 January 2001 by The Corporation of St. James' Cathedral. Under the Cemeteries Act (Revised) closure means disinterment and relocation of all human remains. The Cemeteries Act states that "The Registrar may order a cemetery closed if it is in the public interest." The "part of a cemetery" in question is the unmarked burial ground which surrounds the land between the northerly portion of the cathedral, and possibly includes the chancel. It also includes land between the chancel and the parish house and Diocesan Centre, the playground and the parking lot. It is known that there are a number of burials within the chancel building including Bishop John Strachan,

Dean Henry Grasett and Mrs. Grasett.

Since the Notice of Closure was published it has been disclosed that Context Development has entered into an agreement with The Corporation of St. James' Cathedral to purchase the property where the parish hall, the Diocesan Centre, parking lot and playground are located. Further plans also include the excavation of graves behind and adjacent to the Cathedral. Context Development intends to erect a 34 storey luxury condominium on the site. The legality of this agreement is in question due to the 1820 Crown Deed which states that the land is "for the sole use and benefit of the parishioners and inhabitants of said Town of York, forever as a churchyard and burying ground."

It is hoped that the plan to disinter the remains of 3000 people, who have rested peacefully for nearly 200 years, will be discarded. The construction of a luxury condominium building can hardly be described as being "in the public interest." Hopefully the Church officials will work with others in the community to develop a better plan to enhance the Cathedral and allow its outreach programmes, which do benefit the public, to continue.

Concerned citizens and descendants should write, by March 12, 2001, to the Registrar of Cemeteries: Cora de la Cruz, Registrar of Cemeteries, Cemeteries Regulation Section, Ministry of Consumer and Business Services, 32nd Floor, 250 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2N5



Marjorie Roblin, Past President of the Ontario Genealogical Society and Marjorie Stuart, Cemeteries Editor and OHS member in front of the notice of Application for Closure for the cemetery located at the St. James' Cathedral in downtown Toronto. (Colin Agnew)

St. James' Cathedral: A Brief History

William Cooke

Honorary Archivist, St. James' Cathedral

The present congregation of St. James' Cathedral can claim continuity with the pioneers who worshipped on Governor Simcoe's parade ground, or in his tent, beginning in August 1793. Services were moved to the first parliament buildings in York when they were finished in 1797 and in 1807 to a very modest wooden church on the present site. The grounds were designated for a church in the York town plan of 1797, and burials there probably began then. The wooden church was significantly rebuilt and enlarged after the War of 1812, and the grounds were formally granted to the congregation and the inhabitants of York by Crown patent in 1820 for perpetual use for a church and burial ground. Over the next decade even the enlarged church became quite inadequate for the growing Anglican population of York, and in 1832-3 it was replaced with a much larger Georgian stone building. The church burnt down

in 1839 but was immediately rebuilt, probably using the surviving foundations and lower walls of the previous structure. A second fire in 1849, however, completely destroyed the building. Frederick Cumberland obtained the commission for a completely new and enlarged building in the Neo-Gothic style. Construction began in 1850 and the church opened for services in 1853, but was not completed until 1874.

In the 1820s St. James' was serving as a temporary headquarters for the Bishop of Quebec on his visits to Upper Canada. When Upper Canada became a separate bishopric in 1839, John Strachan, rector of St. James', was appointed bishop, and St. James' came to be styled a cathedral, though retaining its status and constitution as a

parish church. From 1883 to 1935, St. Alban the Martyr, near Bloor and Bathurst Streets, was officially the cathedral of the Anglican bishop in Toronto, but since it was never completed all major diocesan services, services for meetings of the General Synod, and public commemorations of such events as coronations, jubilees of successive sovereigns and the beginnings and endings of the South African War and the two World Wars were held at St. James', which by courtesy continued throughout those years to be styled a cathedral. Archbishop Derwyn Owen ended the St. Alban's project and restored St. James' as the diocesan cathedral in 1935.

The church has a long association with the Royal Regiment of Canada and the (continued on page 8)

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The OHS welcomes
**The Honourable
Tim Hudak** as
Ontario's new
**Minister of
Tourism, Culture
and Recreation.**

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of The Ontario
Historical Society will be held Saturday
May 5th 2001 at 2 p.m. at
34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale.

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President's Message

Dr. Bryan E. Walls

A Best Friend to the Heritage Community

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the resignation of our Executive Director, Dr. Dorothy Duncan. I am certain that I speak for the Board of Directors when I say that I have feelings of sadness, love, great respect and admiration. Dorothy is not only a personal friend to me and countless others throughout the province, but also one of the best friends that the heritage community could have.

This fact was underscored in 1996 when the University of Waterloo bestowed the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, on Dorothy Ellen Duncan "for her thirty years of widespread and invaluable contributions to the heritage field in the Province of Ontario, Canada at large, the United States and indeed Great Britain."

By way of professional background, Dorothy has been an elementary school teacher; Curator of Black Creek Pioneer Village; worked with the Toronto Historical Board; Museums Advisor, Province of Ontario; Supervisor, Museums Section, Ministry Of Citizenship and Culture; Executive Director, The Ontario Historical Society from 1982 to the present.

She has had many appointments: Fellow, Canadian Museums Association; Member, Ontario Advisory Committee, Canadian Conservation Institute; Director, American Association for State and Local History; Chair, Ontario Heritage Foundation; Member, Minister's Advisory Committee, New Heritage Legislation, Province of Ontario.

Dorothy has contributed to many publications. She has been a Contributing Editor to *Century Home* Magazine, Port Hope, Ontario from 1982 to 2000 and has authored many articles about museums, heritage sites, preservation issues and youth programmes. Dorothy is an often sought after guest lecturer throughout North America and England.

The culmination of her labour of love and passion for heritage has been many well deserved Awards: Award of Merit, Canadian Museums Association; Award for Outstanding Achievement, Ontario Museum Association; Distinguished Service Award, Interpretation Canada; Queen's

Jubilee Medal; Certificate of Merit, North York Historical Society and the Eagle Feather on behalf of the First Nations, in recognition of her work in promoting their heritage.

Dorothy is a life member of many affiliated societies including the Ontario Black History Society. She leads the way in proclaiming the importance of the history and contributions of all the people of Ontario.

Dorothy leaves the Society on a solid foundation. Her ability to easily work with the Board of Directors has taken the Society from one classroom in Forest Hill Village School to a fully restored complex of historic buildings. Dorothy has been tireless in sharing her wisdom through workshops, seminars, conferences and meetings throughout the province. She has the ability to meet and negotiate with politicians and leaders in big cities, yet never forgets the fact that smaller communities in both Northern and Southern Ontario have real people with rich histories.

Although Dorothy has agreed to facilitate a smooth transition towards the finding of a new Executive Director, through her presence and sharing of wisdom and corporate advice, we will miss her positive personality and continued day to day running of the Society's affairs.

In conclusion, it has been said that we as Canadians often do not properly honour our heroes. Let this not be said of this Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society, about our good friend Dorothy Duncan. God bless you Dorothy!

Black History Month

February has been celebrated as Black History Month for many years. It is time to acknowledge the contributions that those of African ancestry have made, and are continuing to make, in building our nation. Canada is a nation founded upon the principles of peace, harmony, and tolerance of the differences of others. This legacy, historically speaking, goes back to 1793 and the first legislation of Upper Canada, as Ontario was called at that time. Our first Lieutenant Governor, John Graves Simcoe, a visionary and abolitionist from

England said "there should no longer be discrimination between those of African ancestry and those of European ancestry."

We must continue today to be pro-active and include all people in the freedom we enjoy and in our organizations and institutions. For example, the Toronto Police Service is seeking applications from all races and cultural groups and is encouraging Blacks, Native Canadians, Asians and other minorities to apply. Any interested applicant can contact Sergeant Dino Doria at (416) 808-7144 for more information. Let us continue to honour Simcoe's legacy.

Can You Help?

The Smooth Rock Falls Historical Society is looking for a used microfilm reader in working condition.

Please contact:
Lydia Alexander
(705) 567-6947

A Gift For You

The Annual General Meeting of The Ontario Historical Society will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday May 5th at the Society's headquarters, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale. The meeting will be followed by the Honours and Awards presentations at 3 p.m. Through the generosity of **eastendbooks** of Toronto, everyone attending the meeting and presentations will receive a complimentary copy of *Toronto Women: Changing Faces, 1900-2000: A Photographic Journey*. The photographic research by Jeanne MacDonald and Nadine Stoikoff and text by Randall White will transport the readers through a century of change viewed through the eyes and activities of women of all ages. Additional copies of the book will be available for the special price of \$10.00. The perfect gift for Mother's Day and for those other special people in your life.

Welcome new members

Ancaster: Larry W. Rittenhouse
Kingston: Stewart Renfrew
North York: Barry L. Kirshin
Thornhill: Peter H. Eccles
Toronto: Andy Barrie, Kurt Peacock



OHS Executive Director Dorothy Duncan at the OHS Annual Meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan

In 1996 when I learned that I was to receive an Honorary Degree from the University of Waterloo, I was asked to give the Convocation Address. What a tough assignment; I knew that my fellow graduates, who would be sitting in that audience of over 3000, were among the most knowledgeable and distinguished practitioners to enter Canada's technological work force in the history of our nation.

After a great deal of thought and soul-searching, I settled on a simple message. I am repeating it here, because I believe that we in the heritage community need to give some serious thought to what we are doing these days and how we are doing it. For example, do you answer the telephone(s) at your organization or institution? Or do you have an answering machine to screen your calls? For the thousands of Ontarians without a touch-tone telephone, those taped messages telling us to please press 1 or whatever, are completely useless. The press releases that give us nothing but an e-mail address to respond to are pretty frustrating to the museum curator who still doesn't have a telephone never mind a computer. We are living in times of tremendous change, but we must not change so quickly that we leave the real world behind. That real world is, after all, made up of our friends, colleagues, supporters and donors! Is it time to reconsider some of our goals, objectives and priorities?

The 20th Century brought Canada an industrialized and technological society that is one of the finest and most culturally diverse in the world. We rushed to embrace the new and to toss out the old. We are often too busy or too preoccupied with the new technology to understand and appreciate the human sacrifices that made it possible. All too often, we have lost our collective

memory. We have been wooed and won by the new toys – the computer, the voice mail, the Internet, the works! Human relationships are no longer important. We don't need to speak to you, to answer your telephone call, to help you solve that problem; machines can do it better, faster, cheaper, is too often the message! I believe that, if we are to make meaningful contributions to our professions and to our communities we must learn to combine the skills, the knowledge and the new technology with an equal portion of respect for our fellow human beings. Over 30 years ago, an American, Robert Fulghum said it best "Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school. These are the things I learned. Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say sorry when you hurt somebody.... Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.... Be aware of wonder. Remember that little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are like that. Goldfish and hamsters and mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup – they all die. So do we. And remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word that we learned, the biggest word of all – LOOK. Everything we need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living."

As the new millennium begins, let's all give it a try.



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Across the Province

Mary E. Simonds and Dorothy Duncan

Would you like to bring 200 years of fashion to life? Diane Reid, collector and fashion historian, and Sarah Walker, owner of the **Costumemaker Studio**, have designed an historical fashion show of reproduction costumes suitable for educational or special events, entertainment, or fundraising. For more information: (416) 438-5728.

Re-enactors portraying French-Canadian soldiers and civilians will converge on **Fort Niagara** on March 24th and 25th to learn the latest research and practise living history skills. Call: (716) 765-7611 for more information about *L'Ecole du Soldat*.

On the Waterfront is a report resulting from a meeting hosted by the **Culture Division of the City of Toronto** in association with David Crombie, Founding Chair of the **Waterfront Regeneration Trust**. To receive your copy call: (416) 397-5323.

The **Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society** has announced the calendar of events for 2001 including a lobster dinner, a house and garden tour, children's art classes and weekend workshops. To join or to learn more call: (705) 466-2261.

The **Buxton National Historic Site and Museum** will open for the season in April. If you have pictures, letters, medals suitable for the Civil War display please call (519) 352-4799.

Mary Evans of Woodstock (OHS Special Award of Merit winner last year) has completed *Oxford Regional Centre: 1906-1996*. Contact the **Oxford Historical Society** at: (519) 539-8496 for cost and availability of this new publication.

The **Canadian Canal Society**, the **St. Catharines Museum** and the **City of St. Catharines** will host a World of Canals Conference May 24th - 28th, 2004. Can you assist? What could you contribute? Call (905) 356-7926.

Hats off to the **Bronte Legion Auxiliary Branch 486** for the generous donation to the **Bronte Historical Society**. Legion members realized that dollars, as well as volunteers, were needed for the Society to reach its long term goals and objectives.

The **Tillsonburg Historical Museum Society** has announced the schedule of programmes, special events and activities for the year. From "Please Be Seated" to "Our Own Michelangelo" there is something for everyone. Call: (519) 842-2294 for your copy.

The **Historical Society of St. Catharines** has also announced the year's programme. Don't miss those events! (905) 685-4728.

The 2001 **Friends of Fort York and Garrison Common** lecture series began in January

and continues until April 23rd at the **Royal Canadian Military Institute** in Toronto. Details: (416) 864-1300.

The **Ontario Genealogical Society** will return to the **University of Waterloo** "where it all began" forty years ago for Seminar 2001, on May 25th - 27th. Further information: Seminar 2001, Box 32016, 1539 King Street East, Cambridge Ontario, N3H 3R0.

The **Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society** has launched *Thunder Bay Mayors and Councillors: 1873-1945*, a biographical and genealogical dictionary of every mayor and councillor from Port Arthur and Fort William and the predecessor municipalities by Fredrick Brent Scollie. Call: (807) 623-0801 for costs and availability.

Our sympathy goes out to John McIntyre of Aurora on the death of his mother Mary Margaret McIntyre, a member of the **Aurora Historical Society**. John is a past president of the Society and winner of the OHS Carnachan Award.

An Angel Window at **St. John's York Mills Anglican Church** was dedicated to the late Eleanor and Tom Ronaldson of Willowdale on New Year's Eve. Eleanor was a member of the **North York Historical Society** and the OHS, and a renowned gardener. The OHS has many of Eleanor's roses in the garden at 34 Parkview and there will be a celebration of her life and gardening skills later this year.

The **Esquesing Historical Society** invites the world to visit the Archives housed in the **Georgetown Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library**. To learn more about this active Society and its extensive archival collection: (905) 873-7145.

The **Ontario Trillium Foundation** has confirmed a \$75,000 grant to the **Milton Historical Society** for the restoration of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop.

The **Governor Simcoe Branch, United Empire Loyalists'** meetings have moved to St. David's Church Hall, Donlands Avenue, across the avenue from the Donlands Subway Stop on the Bloor Danforth line. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and the schedule of upcoming speakers includes Chief Don Marcle of the Mohawk First Nation on March 6th. Call (416) 767-8074 for further information.

The **Bowmanville Museum** hosted the presentation of Young Heritage Leaders Achievement Awards to the 7th **Bowmanville Scouts**, 10th **Bowmanville Cubs**, 10th **Bowmanville Beavers "B"**, young and adult members of the **Girl Guides of Canada**, and **Central Public School** students. Information on exhibits and programmes: toll free 1-888-567-2598.

Tales From the Uxbridge Valley by Allan McGillivray, Curator of the **Uxbridge-Scott Historical Museum** was completed in three months and covers 200 years of history! Call (905) 852-5854 to reserve your copy or learn more about upcoming programmes of the **Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society**.

The **Greater Harvey Historical Society** has announced upcoming programmes including the History of the Cavendish Community Centre on April 26th and on May 23rd Knox Presbyterian Church and the Lakehurst Telephone and its Operators will be featured. Call: (705) 657-8946 for details. The Society is also trying to locate the Zion Methodist Church (later United Church) records for the Nogies Creek Church. Can you help them solve this mystery?

Congratulations to **Kingston Historical Society** Award winners Marjorie Simmons and the Cataraqui Cemetery Company. The Awards commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1893 and are only presented from time to time in recognition of outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of local history.

The **Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society Herald** has announced that Global Television, purchaser of ONTV, has promised to return the station to its Hamilton roots. As a beginning, a two-hour documentary "Hamilton-City at the Head of the Lake" is being produced by **Red Canoe Productions**, and directed by David Wesley. Information: (905) 521-3060.

The **Brant Historical Society** continues sponsoring the Brantford Film Group's 2001 Season including thirteen international films. Call (519) 752-2483 to confirm titles, dates, times and locations.

Congratulations to Dorothy Martin of Burlington and Deborah Cushing of Willowdale, as they were presented with Associate United Empire Loyalist certificates at the Toronto Branch Christmas Tea, in recognition of their many hours of volunteer work.

The **Lincoln and Continental Owners Club** has established and declared November 6th to be St. Edsel's Day, in honour of Edsel Bryant Ford, born November 6th 1893, the patron saint of Lincoln and Continental marques and their enthusiasts.

Mural Routes Heritage Trail is a spectacular outdoor arts project in south Scarborough. Call (416) 698-7322 for your map and take this self guided tour along (or near) the historic Kingston Road.

The **Friends of the Governor's House and Gaol** have a multi-faceted garden

project for this historic property in Waterloo County. To learn more, or to make a donation: (519) 741-2792.

Congratulations to the **Streetsville Women's Institute** on the ninety-fifth anniversary of service to the community.

Congratulations also to the **Region of York Branch** and the **St. Catharines Branch** of the **Canadian Red Cross Society** on being the oldest in Ontario. York is an amalgamation of Newmarket (chartered in 1900) and Richmond Hill. The **Aurora and District Museum** is hosting an exhibit honouring the work of the Red Cross. Information: (905) 830-9565.

The **Lambton County Historical Society** has published an *Historical Map of Lambton*. Call (519) 344-3235 for costs and availability.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Shirley McManus of Scarborough who passed away late last year. Shirley worked for many years for the **Toronto Historical Board**.

The 75th anniversary of the **Village of Swansea** was celebrated in December by the unveiling of a Millennium Stained Glass Window at the Swansea Town Hall. The **Swansea Historical Society** was one of the many organizations that raised funds for this project or supported it in some way.

The **North Lanark Historical Society** held an informal unveiling of the monument commemorating the Almonte train wreck of 58 years ago. The unveiling was timed to the exact time of the accident, 8:43 p.m. December 27th. The formal dedication will be held later this year. Call (613) 256-1805 for details.

During the restoration of the interior of **George Street United Church** in Peterborough, stencilled borders and murals of angels were discovered under many layers of paint and restored in time for the rededication services late last year.

The Agnes Macphail Award will be presented to a resident of East York on March 24th at the True Davidson Chambers, East York Civic Centre at 7:30 p.m. with Agnes in attendance! Actress Diane Gordon will portray the late Miss Macphail, East York's famous MPP who espoused many important causes including equal rights, social justice and education.

Great Historic Gardens of Toronto and the Lake Ontario Shoreline will be Frank Kershaw's topic at the **Scarborough Historical Society's** March 26th meeting at the Bendale Library at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to **Heritage Mississauga's** 5th Annual Heritage Award winners: James Holmes, Jack Jelilian, Harold Doupe, Friends of the School House and Arthur Grant Clarkson. To learn more about

Heritage Mississauga, its 40 year history and its future plans: (905) 615-4415.

The **Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum** needs you for the Annual Work Bee on Sunday May 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in preparation for a busy year ahead. To learn more about the museum, its projects and programmes: (905) 727-8954.

The **London and Middlesex Historical Society** celebrates its centennial this year with a potluck supper on October 17th at Dufferin Hall (Masonic Temple), 445 Dufferin Street, London. Guests are reminded to bring memories from the Society's past as well as a tasty dish. For more information: (519) 667-1603.

Good news for the **Norfolk Historical Society** on the official opening of the Simcoe Museum Heritage Restoration, a collaboration of the **Canada Millennium Partnership**, the **Norfolk Historical Society**, the **Grand River Branch** of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada**, **The Simcoe Foundation** and the **Town of Simcoe**. The **Ontario Trillium Foundation** has also approved a grant of \$65,000 to fund a new two year position at the **Eva Brook Only Museum**.

The **Ontario Marine Heritage Committee** recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a tour of historic sites in the upper Bruce Peninsula, and an evening programme at Tobermory that included a slide presentation highlighting the Committee's history. The spring meeting will be held April 21st and 22nd at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Details: (519) 596-8243.

The **Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society** has received a Trillium grant for \$24,500 to be used to complete work on the barn located on the Society's site. Money raised from the sale of the new book *Gleanings: A History of Campbellford/Seymour* will also go towards the completion of the barn. For more information: (705) 653-2685.

Congratulations to Tom Symons on winning the **Canadian Nautical Research Society's** Keith Matthews Award for his book *Meta Incognita: A Discourse of Discovery, Martin Frobisher's Arctic Expeditions, 1576-1578*.

The **Colonel John Butler, Grand River** and **St. Lawrence Branches** of the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada** are planning a True Millennium Loyalist Mohawk Valley Trip to celebrate the True Millennium, to learn more about Mohawk Valley Loyalist sites and as a fundraiser. Call (613) 824-1942 or (905) 632-1073 for details.

Congratulations to Anne Unyi, the new curator of **Edinburgh Square Heritage and Cultural Centre** in Caledonia.

Upcoming Events

March 10 - 18: Toronto Museums are offering a variety of exciting and educational March Break Programmes.

Colborne Lodge, Flora and Fauna and Art. March 14, 15, 16. (416) 392-6916

Historic Fort York, March Break Time Machine, March 12 - 16. (416) 392-6907

Mackenzie House, March Break at Mackenzie House, March 13-16. (416) 392-6915

The Pier: Toronto's Waterfront Museum, Pirates and Buccaneers, March 10 - 18. (416) 338-7437

Scarborough Historical Museum, March Break Pioneer Adventure Camp, March 12 - 16. (416) 431-3441

Spadina Historical Museum, March Break Week at Spadina Museum, March 13 - 18 (416) 392-6910

Montgomery's Inn, March Break Fun, March 13 - 16. (416) 394-8113

Gibson House Museum, March Break Adventures, March 13 - 14. (416) 395-7432

Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum and Arts Centre, a variety of programmes, March 13 - 16 (416) 396-2819

You are invited to join the **Toronto Field Naturalists** and the **Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology** for a series of heritage walks.

March 24: Grog Lane - St. Patrick's Market and Vicinity. Explore the Irish heritage of St. Patrick's Ward in Toronto. Meet at 2 p.m. on the southeast corner of Queen Street West and John Street.

March 25: Small's Pond - Tomlin Creek. An urban ecology walk investigating a lost creek and pond. Meet at the northwest corner of Coxwell Avenue and Queen Street at 2 p.m.

April 21:Dundurn Heights Estate. The story of Jessie McNab, the Commander of Toronto Womens' Home Guard during the Great War. Meet at the southwest corner of Oakwood Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West at 2 p.m.

April 24: The Railway Landscape. A case study of railway corridor transportation

geography. Meet at the entrance of the Dundas West subway station at 2 p.m.

April 29: Meadow Creek. An Urban ecology walk of a partly lost creek. Meet at the southwest corner of Dufferin Street and Wilson Avenue at 2 p.m.

May 12: Anne Gwynne Estate. Visit the estate of the former Parkdale humanitarian and naturalist. Meet at the southwest corner of King Street West and Dufferin Street at 2 p.m.

Correction Notice
In the December 2000 issue of the *OHS Bulletin* we incorrectly named the Toronto Field Naturalists' walk Chaffrey's Creek. The correct name is Chaffey's Creek. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

April - October: The **Guelph Arts Council's** walking tours of Guelph's historic core are scheduled on select Sundays, April through October. **Where Guelph Began** April 29, June 3 August 19, September 23; **Downtown Walkabout** May 6, June 10, August 26, September 30; **The Slopes of the Speed** May 13, June 17, September 2, October 7; **Altar and Hearth in Victorian Guelph,** May 20, June 24, September 9, October 14; **Brooklyn and College Hill** May 27, July 1, September 16, October 21. For more information contact the Guelph Arts Council office (519) 836-3280.

April 3-7: The **Canadian Museums Association Annual Meeting** will be held in Ottawa. Topics include: Learning Experiences; Marketing and Promotions; Management Issues; Fund-raising and Development; Interpretation; New Technologies; Volunteerism. To register call 1-800-221-4443.

April 21: A 1 day colloquium sponsored by the **Halton-Peel, Simcoe County, Toronto and York Region Branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society** at the Maple Grove United Church in Oakville. The theme of the colloquium is **Crossings: Borders and Oceans.** Speakers include Miriam McTiernan, Archivist of Ontario; Christine

Bourolias, Special Collections Archivist, Archives of Ontario; Fawne Stratford-Devai, Special Projects, Archives of Ontario; Kathie Orr, Professional Genealogist, Ruth Burkholder, Professional Genealogist; Rick Roberts, Global Genealogy, Milton; Caroline Heald, Policy Advisor, Archives of Ontario. To register write to: Jane Watt, Region V Colloquium, 281 Queen Street South, Mississauga, L5M 1L9.

May - November: The **Windsor Woodcarving Museum** presents its new exhibit **The French Connection** showcasing the rich tradition of French Canadian carving. This display will consist of wood pieces from Quebec, Ontario and Michigan that depict the life and times of the hardy french pioneers who settled along the Detroit River. Call the Windsor Woodcarving Museum (519) 977-0823 for more details.

May 1: Opening day as well as the **Great Pioneer Scavenger Hunt at Lang Pioneer Village** near Peterborough. Details (705) 295-6694

May 5 - July 22: The **St. Catharines Museum** is hosting the unique exhibit **Fabrications: Stitching Ourselves Together.** This exhibit features over 20 wedding dresses created by one woman over a 20 year period and explores the larger issues of gender and generations while honouring the work of the seamstress.

May 25-27: The 7th Annual **Community Heritage Ontario Conference Place Odyssey** will be held in Owen Sound. Confirmed speakers include: Professor Gordon Nelson, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo; Sharon Chase, The National Main Street Centre, Washington D.C.; Professor Thomas McIlwraith, Department of Geography, University of Toronto; John Nicholson, architect; Mike Sterling of Southampton and Marg Zeidler, Toronto developer and architect. To register or for more details call Mary Stephens (519) 439-3373.

August 23-26: Once again the **Battle of Georgian Bay** returns to Midland, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township. Over 1200 naval and military re-enactors, tall ships and smaller vessels and cavalry will take part in this War of 1812/ Revolutionary War naval and military battle. The Battle of Georgian Bay will feature authentic tactics, street fighting, marine assault landings, artillery, tall ships, pillaging, cavalry charges and more. Any re-enactors interested in participating should contact David J. Brunelle (705) 549-5538.

2001: International Year of the Volunteer

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2001 to be the International Year of the Volunteer.

Celebrations in Canada began on December 5th 2000 with the official launch of the International Year of the Volunteer campaign (IYV 2001). The five objectives of IYV 2001 in Canada are:

- 1) Celebrate volunteerism.
- 2) Promote volunteering for all.
- 3) Expand the definition of volunteerism in Canada.
- 4) Improve voluntary organization infrastructure.
- 5) Develop the voluntary sector knowledge base by conducting research on volunteerism.

IYV 2001 will release a series of volunteer resources throughout 2001. In December 2000, the *Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement* was released. This provides voluntary and not-for-profit organizations with a philosophical framework for involving volunteers in upper service levels. The *Annotated Bibliography of Volunteer Management Resources* was released in January 2001. The annotated bibliography lists the top volunteer management resources. *A Matter of Design* examines how to create volunteer opportunities that help fulfil the organization's mandate and are satisfying to the volunteer. It was released in February 2001. Four separate *Volunteer Connections* manuals will be released between January 2001 and October 2001. Each manual deals with a separate

topic ranging from creating an accessible environment to strategies for involving youth.

To order these new resources or to find out more information on the IYV 2001 campaign and upcoming events contact:
Volunteer Canada,
430 Gilmour Street,
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The Province of Ontario has announced three new awards for volunteers in recognition of the International Year of the Volunteer.

The Ontario Volunteer Service Award recognizes volunteers for continuous service with a community group.

The Outstanding Achievement Awards for Volunteerism in Ontario recognizes outstanding volunteer work by individuals, groups or businesses.

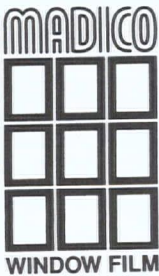
The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers is awarded to volunteers between the ages of 15 and 24 in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation will be preparing an IYV Calendar of Events to provide Ontarians the opportunity to take part in regional and local celebrations.

For more information on the Province of Ontario's IYV celebrations and the three new awards, contact your regional office of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

Join the OHS at these events

DATE	EVENT	HOST/SPONSOR/ LOCATION
April 7	Researching your local history - artifacts and structures -workshop-	OHS and Voyageur Heritage Network at West Parry Sound District Museum Parry Sound
May 5	OHS Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation	OHS at the John McKenzie House Willowdale
June 2	The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries -workshop-	OHS and Heritage Burlington LACAC at St. John's Nelson Anglican Church Burlington
July 1	Canada Day Street Sale	OHS at the John McKenzie House and our neighbours on Parkview Avenue Willowdale



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Cemetery News

Marjorie Stuart

Action Gros Isle, a group who successfully convinced the Federal Government of the historic importance of Gros Isle in the St. Lawrence River below Quebec City, has dedicated several monuments commemorating the thousands of Irish immigrants who died as a result of the great potato famine and cholera. The monuments are located in Kingston in the Great Famine Park, in Peterborough at Hospital Point and in Toronto at St. Paul's School on Sackville Street. The wording on the markers is in Gaelic, French and English.

Concern has been raised over the fate of the **Wolvern Street Cemetery** also known as the **Rohrer Family Cemetery** in Port Rowan. At some point the markers disappeared and with them the memory of the cemetery's existence. The cemetery has since been sold. We urge that all cemeteries, marked or unmarked, be recorded on official town plans and that the Cemeteries Regulation section of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations be notified of their existence.

The Gosport Historical Society continues its fight to preserve the **Gosport Cemetery**. The first known burial occurred

in 1828 and it is believed that burials continued up to 1947. Over the years the cemetery was known as **Pioneer Cemetery**, **Covell's Grove** and **Butler's Burying Ground**. Many years ago the Town of Brighton removed the markers to the municipal garage.

In November, relatives of the victims of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald met for memorial services and expressed concern that those who died in the 1975 shipwreck will not continue to rest in peace. Improved diving technology has allowed teams with high-tech submarines and other sophisticated equipment to visit the site on numerous occasions. The families support proposed legislation that would declare the site off-limits to everyone except government approved researchers.

There has been an objection to the closure of **Elmbank Cemetery** located at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. A date for the hearing before the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal has not been set.

The **Toronto Necropolis** celebrated its 150th birthday in October 2000. The ceremonies included the burial of a

time capsule, the release of doves and a walking tour led by historian Mike Filey.

In Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, sentences were handed down to three young offenders who took part in the vandalism of **Brookside Cemetery**. They were each sentenced to one year in jail, two years probation and 2400 hours of community service.

Recently vandals damaged over 100 stones in **Pinecrest Cemetery** in the Ottawa area. Some stones were knocked over and will not be too difficult to straighten but others were more seriously damaged and will require expensive repairs.

The East Gwillimbury Historical Society is attempting to catalogue all burial locations in the township. They are particularly interested in small family burial sites on farms. Please contact Nancy Eves (905) 478-2149.

The Odd Fellow's Lodge in Tweed voted to assist local cemeteries by making cash contributions to one cemetery a year. Hopefully more groups will develop an "Adopt a Cemetery" plan to assist with the restoration of their local cemeteries.

The Campbell Trust Fund

has been quietly restoring monuments in the Belleville area. Among the many monuments that have been restored is the badly damaged monument to Susanna Moodie. This marble marker topped with an angel has been slowly deteriorating over the years and the Trust Fund hopes to replicate the tribute to the pioneer author.

Congratulations to the team of dedicated workers from Guthrie United Church and St. George's Anglican Church who are working to restore **Clayton Methodist Cemetery** at Bolger's Corners near Clayton. Clearing the underbrush was many hours of hard work; the next project is to restore and repair the monuments.

Concern has been voiced over the state of **Christie Cemetery** in Kanata. The cemetery, now located on a golf course, is the burial location of Alexander Christie and at least 15 members of his family. Alexander Christie, who died c.1840 was the editor of the *Bytown Gazette*.

Jerry Talbot of Gogama has been working with Notre Dame de Rosaire Roman Catholic Parish and St. Mary's Anglican Church to establish the boundries of the two cemeteries

associated with these churches. Fences that marked the adjoining cemeteries have long disappeared, as have any local records.

The Lundy's Lane Historical Museum is featuring an exhibit honouring William Dalton. During his forty years as the Sexton for **Lundy's Lane Cemetery**, Dalton kept journals in which he recorded a variety of information including comments on the people he buried.

The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society, the Town of Lincoln and the Rittenhouse Family have joined together to erect a new monument at **Mount View Cemetery** in Vineland to the memory of Samuel Fry and his wife Anna Nash. Samuel was one of the earliest commercial weavers in Canada and a very prominent member of "The Twenty." The original tombstone will be restored and placed on the site.

Congratulations to James Elliot of *The Hamilton Spectator* who researched and wrote about the cemeteries in the Hamilton-Wentworth area. The seven part series explored early cemeteries and paid tribute to those buried there and to those who work to preserve the record carved in stone.



The Honourable Helen Johns, former Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, launched Black History Month at the John Freeman Walls Historic Site in Lakeshore, near Windsor. Shown in the picture from left to right, Lakeshore Councillor Dan Diemer, OHS President Dr. Bryan Walls, the Honourable Helen Johns, Winston Walls and Allen Walls. (Anne Davis)

Oshawa Community Museum Opens New Gallery

In October 2000, the Oshawa Community Museum and Archives opened the Grandview Gallery. This new gallery showcases the material history of the 15th century Lake Ontario Iroquois settlement known as the Grandview Site.

The gallery is divided into two themes. The first theme is centred around the science of archaeology. An excavation pit

has been recreated where visitors are invited to try their hands at being an archaeologist and learn about the tools and techniques employed to uncover the past. The second theme focuses on the Grandview Site and its inhabitants through the use of interpretive panels, touch screen computers and a recreated section of a longhouse. Contact the Museum at (905) 436-7624.

Heritage Roundtable in the Region of Waterloo

Katherine McCracken

On November 29, 2000, thirty people representing heritage institutions and organizations within the Region of Waterloo gathered for a roundtable discussion on municipal restructuring. The roundtable was coordinated by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and hosted by the Department of Planning and Culture, Region of Waterloo. In light of the "ordered" amalgamations elsewhere in the Province of Ontario, and lack of forethought and planning around heritage issues in these communities, this was an opportunity to discuss some of the issues that museums, archives, historical societies, and LACACs may be facing in the future.

Presentations were made by John Carter and Mary Lou Evans from the Ministry of Citizenship Culture and Recreation, Dorothy Duncan from The Ontario Historical Society and Brian Masschaele from the Archives Association of Ontario.

Participants then broke into smaller discussion groups and discussed fundamental questions regarding their organizations and what effects municipal restructuring might

have. Issues of governance and funding of heritage resources dominated the discussion with both positive and negative potential outcomes expressed.

The roundtable was a successful forum which has initiated ongoing discussion among heritage partners within the Region of Waterloo.

By taking stock of our heritage resources now and

identifying who is doing what, heritage will be organized and ready for whatever political discussion may take place at the municipal and regional levels. Even if amalgamation or restructuring of any kind does not take place for a long time, there is the feeling that a cooperative and more regional approach to heritage could produce some beneficial results.

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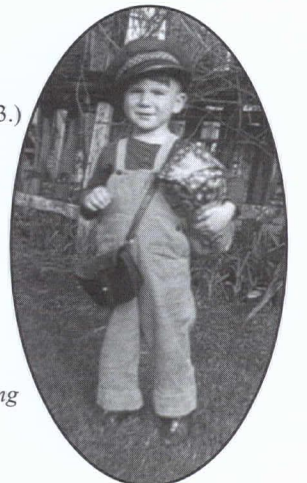
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Museum News

Work Stops on Orillia Museum of Art and History

Confusion over the total funding package of \$1.7 million to renovate the gutted Sir Sam Steele building on Peter Street in Orillia, brought work to a halt in January.

The Board of Directors of the Orillia Museum of Art and History that is to occupy the historic building has raised about \$800,000 and has asked the Orillia City Council to guarantee a \$1.35 million loan, needed to complete the renovation of the century-old building owned by the city.

At the time of writing the council has refused, claiming that the museum deviated from the original approved plan to renovate in phases as the funds became available. The Board of Directors responded that the decision to do the entire project in one tender package was made without their knowledge or consent.

The Board of Directors, city officials and council continue to meet to find a solution to the challenge.

Generous Donation to Hutchison House

Hutchison House Museum in Peterborough received some very good news in July. A very generous donor gave \$100,000 to be invested for the best use of Hutchison House Museum.

The donor said that one of the reasons for her donation to the historic house was to hopefully encourage others to do the same.

Ontario Museums Voice Concerns

In the fall of 2000 the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation (Ministry) and the Ontario Museum Association (OMA) co-hosted a series of workshops to discuss the new Community Museum Standards. The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) asked local representatives from among our 1000 museum members from across Ontario to attend and report on the workshops.

The workshops had been anticipated for some time as the Ministry had originally hosted a single day long workshop in Toronto in December 1999 to which the OMA, OHS and select representatives of the museum community were invited. We were told that day that this would be the only meeting to discuss the proposed new standards.

As a result of the detailed discussion and the issues raised, the Ministry agreed to host 2 more meetings in the winter of 2000 - in Brockville and Sault Ste. Marie - to which again selected representatives of the local museum community were invited. Those in attendance stressed the need for further input and discussion on this important issue.

In May of 2000, the Ministry released the revised Standards for Community Museums in Ontario and asked the OMA to co-host the workshops with a special grant of \$27,000.

The workshops began in Sudbury in September and concluded two months later in Toronto. They were structured as a three hour review of the Standards followed by a policy writing clinic. The OHS reports carried many positive comments:

- grateful that the workshops were held and that their museum representative had been invited
- grateful they had an opportunity to participate
- in 3 locations praised the knowledge and expertise of those conducting the workshops
- in 4 locations confirmed the policy writing workshop had been beneficial

- useful to meet with colleagues for any discussion

In addition, many reports carried a number of concerns, including:

- the process was rushed and many museums were not notified of the local meeting; some learned of it by accident or after the fact.
- there appears to have been confusion on the part of some speakers or unwillingness to answer questions as they did not know what the "official Ministry position" was on specific topics.
- for many museums basic skills and training are still needed, particularly in the area of collections and governance.
- frustration over additional amount of work required versus the reduction in funding
- who is monitoring the new museums coming into the programme? Are they really meeting the standards?
- amalgamation is affecting the governing bodies for museums. Is a museum governed by a municipal committee eligible?
- present buildings and budgets cannot meet the new standards. Where are the funds coming from?

Given the diversity of concerns and challenges raised at the workshops and in the communities where museums are located it is important for the dialogue to continue and solutions to be found to these

important issues. Museum workers, donors and supporters all believe that the Province of Ontario must be realistic about the ability of museums to meet the Standards with the resources available to them.

Community Museums Receive 6% Cut in Funding from Ministry

Ontario's community museums received some very distressing news in the final days of 2000, as their curators answered the telephone or opened the mail. The deadline for applications for the Community Museums Operating Grant Programme was June 30th. From July to December the applicants waited anxiously to hear the results, knowing that last year 28 museums were refused funding and dropped from the programme without warning. Finally in the days leading up to Christmas, when it was far too late to plan a fund raising event

to balance their budgets, the unwelcome news began to arrive - the 167 museums already in the programme would all receive a 6% cut in anticipated funding. The reason? Twenty-one of the museums eliminated last year were accepted this year and six new museums were receiving funding for the first time. As the funding of \$2.7 million remained the same, 194 museums were now sharing what 167 shared last year. The 6% decrease in funding was a severe blow to the many museums who could not make up the shortfall from any other source in the last days of the year.

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Chris and Pat Raible

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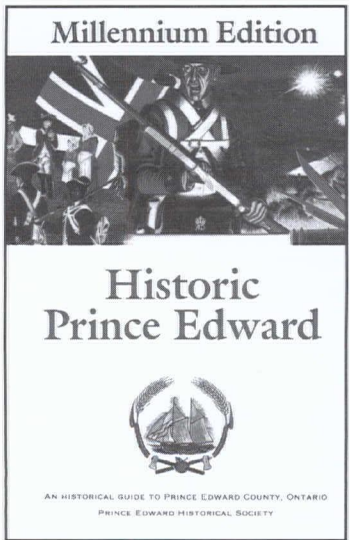
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Rural Relocation

Assisting Emigration to Upper Canada: The Petworth Project 1832-1837. By Wendy Cameron and Mary McDougall Maude. McGill-Queen's University Press. 527 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound.

English Immigrant Voices: Labourers' Letters from Upper Canada in the 1830s. Edited by Wendy Cameron, Sheila Haines and Mary McDougall Maude. McGill-Queen's University Press. 527 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound.

British emigrants to Upper Canada nearly all received, at one level or another, some government support. One major 1830s emigration undertaking in Sussex was the "Petworth Project." The Earl of Egremont, a wealthy and benevolent landowner, agreed to subsidize the emigration of many paupers receiving Poor Law payments from parishes in the area. Ships were chartered, food and supplies provided, and guidance was arranged, all to encourage and assist able-bodied but unemployed labourers and their families to emigrate. The whole history of the project - the political problems and personal stories - is most marvellously detailed in these volumes. Some 1600 of the 1800 Petworth participants are individually and collectively examined.



Around Ontario

Historic Prince Edward, Millennium Edition. Prince Edward Historical Society. 60 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00 softbound.

A new edition of a guidebook to historic Prince Edward County. This clear and detailed booklet is a fine example of what a historical society can do to promote its area. It started

modestly and enlarged its scope as interest grew and knowledge was gained - the first edition of this work (published in 1965) was simply a four-page brochure - with each revision it grew and grew.

Time Present and Time Past. A Pictorial History of Pickering. Altona Editions for Pickering Township Historical Society. 252 pages. Illustrations. \$17.00 softbound.

The most comprehensive published collection of historical photographs we have ever encountered - there are hundreds upon hundreds of them. So many that the volume, most attractive in its design and layout, will be of interest to all students of Ontario history, even those who have no personal connection with Pickering. Its modest price was made possible by corporate and individual sponsors, at six levels of giving no less: diamond, ruby, gold, silver, bronze, copper. And lest you think it is all images, not only are there clear captions to the pictures, there is a helpful and readable introduction sketching the township's history.

Owen Sound: The Port City. By Paul White. Natural Heritage Books. 208 pages. Illustrations. \$21.95 softbound.

In an easy-to-read style, local historian Paul White sketches the history of a diverse and diverting Ontario community, especially the events and anecdotes of the late 1800s. Drawing on the printed columns of early newspapers (three of them) and the recorded memories of long time citizens, he tells of the cutting of the Garafraxa Road, the development of the port, and the coming of the railway. One chapter traces the lives of African-Americans in the area while another tells of competing rivalry between Owen Sound and Collingwood. Some tales - such as one about the damming and then sudden release of river water in order to impress a Governor General with the grandeur of the Inglis Falls - are quite delightful. Illustrations abound and the notes and index are most helpful.

Two Centuries in Hayburn. By Donald Hough. South Fredericksburg Heritage Committee. 178 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

An extraordinarily comprehensive volume detailing the section of South Fredericksburg known as Hayburn. Concession by concession, lot by lot, family by family - all that is known is recorded. Included also are photographs of houses and summary histories of the schools, the churches, the cemeteries. Archival images are especially wonderful, including one of a ferry powered by horses on treadmills. Genealogists and local historians will be especially interested in this book, even if it does lack an index. It is the tenth

book published by a committee convened in 1988. Congratulations!

Better and Better

Doing Good: The Life of Toronto's General Hospital. By J.T.H. Connor. University of Toronto Press. 342 pages. Illustrations. \$60.00 hardbound.

Now part of the prestigious "University Health Network," the TGH continues to fulfil its founders' mission to "do good." In this most readable book, J.T.H. Connor charts the hospital's evolution from a charitable institution opened in 1829 to care for "sick immigrants and the indigent poor" to its standing today as Ontario's pre-eminent medical institution with specialized care for all. In spite of shaky beginnings, it was by 1870 earning praise as a model hospital. Graphs and charts show just who, in the early years, were using the hospital and for what afflictions. Archival photographs show people and places in the hospital's evolution. While lauding its success, Connor notes that from the beginning the hospital has been plagued with financial woes and political intervention!

Professional Identity

A Dentist and a Gentleman: Gender and the Rise of Dentistry in Ontario. By Tracey L. Adams. University of Toronto Press. 234 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00 hardbound.

Adams examines the development of dentistry as a profession during the period from the late 19th century until the end of the First World War. Earlier dentistry had been considered a "trade" rather than one of the "learned professions," its practitioners not necessarily "gentlemen." So dentists worked to change all this. In striving to build a professional image for themselves, they actively sought middle-class, white men as new recruits - obvious candidates for the status of "professional gentlemen." In fact, a few women did manage to get accepted into dental school. Adams says that, generally speaking, women faced fewer barriers than those seeking entrance into medicine or law. Nevertheless, only a few women actually practised as dentists prior to the War and they were never "quite equal."

Amherstburg Twice Told

Echo Soundings. Marsh Collection Society. Quarterly publication, 80-100 pages per issue. \$40.00 year; individual issues \$12.00 softbound.

What a great idea - republishing marine columns from the *Amherstburg Echo* (founded in 1874) as a quarterly booklet. The first issue (vol. 1, no. 1, Spring 1998) covered 1874-75 - launchings and sales of ships, notes of cargoes and prices, and an astounding number

of reports of storms and shipwrecks. This issue reprinting 1892 (vol. 3, no. 4) has just come out.

Conversation Pieces. Marsh Collection Society. Published in instalments, 80-100 pages each. \$12.00 softbound.

The *Amherstburg Echo* also carried social news. Helen Marsh (whose family owned the paper for 80 years) wrote a weekly column beginning in 1942. It was filled not only with immediate local news of note, but with memories and reflections of family and community - all quite charming. Like the marine notices, these columns are being reprinted as attractive booklets. (Genealogists will delight in the complete name index in each volume.) The latest instalment (Vol. IV) contains columns for 1948-49.

For Young Historians

My Mannequins. By Sydell Waxman. Napoleon Publishing. 32 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 hardbound.



Here we have a charming picture book featuring the garment trade in 1940s Toronto. After school, young Dora helps her father in his dress shop by making up cardboard boxes. But she dreams of more exciting tasks, of making pretty clothes herself, and of dressing the mannequins in the shop windows. One day, while waiting for her father to finish his paper work after the shop has closed, she does just that - with surprising results.

History Noted

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

The Provincial Asylum in Toronto. Edited by Edna Hudson. TRAC. \$30.00. Several essays examine the rise and decline of the fortunes of the "late lamented building."

Guelph: Perspectives on a Century of Change 1900-2000. Guelph Historical Society. 288 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 hardbound; \$19.95 softbound. Six authors combine their skills to tell stories of Guelph's more

recent history.

Books from Scotland and Cornwall. A catalogue of dozens of books on history or natural history, all published in Britain but available in Canada from Natural Heritage Books.

Gleanings: A History of Campbellford/ Seymour. Edited by Margaret Crothers, Ann Rowe & Barbara Samson-Willis. Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society. Over 500 pages. Illustrations. \$40.00 hardbound. A historical description of the upper Trent River community from the earliest settlement to the present.

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Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society, 113 Front Street North, Box 1294 Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0
Guelph Historical Society, 100 Crimea Street, Guelph, ON N1H 2Y6
Marsh Collection Society, 235A Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg, ON N9V 1W6
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Rare Immigration Records Return to Ontario

The Archives of Ontario has just acquired 23 volumes of immigration records from the Butler Library at Columbia University with financial assistance from the Friends of the Archives of Ontario. While at Columbia, they were known as the *Toronto Emigration Office Records*, or more informally as the *Hawke Papers*. They are now designated as series RG 11-1 to RG 11-7.

A.B. Hawke (1793-1867), Chief Emigrant Agent for Upper Canada/Canada West from 1833-1864, was instrumental in establishing services to assist immigrants in Upper Canada. These official government records, which include Hawke's letterbooks date from 1831 to 1892.

Other highlights include assistance registers and arrival/destination registers, an inspection record of British Home Children, and an emigrant hospital register from the Irish

immigration following the Great Potato Famine.

The letterbooks, in particular, fill a gap in the historical record of 19th century immigration to Ontario. Now

available on microfilm, they can be used on-site or borrowed through interloan.

For more information contact the Archives of Ontario, (416) 327-1600

Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History

On January 21st, 2001, the video and book *Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History* were launched at The Ontario Historical Society's headquarters in Willowdale.

These two new resources, resulting from the symposium *Celebrating One Thousand Years*

of Ontario's History held in April 2000 are now available.

To order the book and video contact The Ontario

Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, M2N 3Y2 (416) 226-9011.



Authors Dr. Linda Ambrose of Sudbury, Tom Mohr of Pickering and Dr. Carl Benn of Toronto sign copies of *Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History*. (Dorothy Duncan)



Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History authors Dr. Joan Vastokas of Madoc and Dr. Colin McFarquhar of Scarborough pose with Steve Shaw of Oakville, Producer of the *Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History* video. (Dorothy Duncan)

The Heritage Canada Journalism Prize Announced

The Heritage Canada Foundation has announced the creation of the Heritage Canada Journalism Prize. This award is to be presented annually to a journalist, working in either print or electronic media, whose coverage of heritage issues is judged to be outstanding. Through the introduction of this new component of its awards programme, the Foundation hopes to encourage and reward greater and better coverage of heritage issues in the media.

Nominations for the award will be accepted from individuals or organizations, provided that the nominator is not

directly related to, employed by, or in any way directly associated with the journalist in question. These nominations in turn will be assessed by a national jury of outside experts similarly independent of the proposed candidate.

The first Heritage Canada Journalism Prize will be presented in Toronto on October 13th, 2001, at the Foundation's annual conference.

For further information contact Veronica Vaillancourt, Director, Communications or Doug Franklin, Director, Policy and Programmes: (613) 237-1066

Another Broken Promise?

Is it possible that the agreement reached in 1998 by the City of North York and the owners of the historic 1834 Elihu Pease House, located at 34 Avondale Avenue in Willowdale will also be scrapped by the new City of Toronto? The *OHS Bulletin* carried the story last October about the City's sudden about-face concerning the historic Dempsey Store and Park and now it appears that the negotiated plan to preserve the Elihu Pease House is in jeopardy. Avondale Avenue will be widened to 5 lanes to provide a new "Ring Road" designed to relieve traffic congestion in the downtown of the former City of North York necessitating demolition of all the houses on the north side of Avondale Avenue.

When this case went to the Ontario Municipal Board, it ruled that the Pease House must be preserved, either on site or by moving it, and if moved, to a site approved by the City, using

methods approved by the City. The City agreed to negotiate the purchase of the House in October of 1998, and everyone assumed a win-win situation. After 21 months of negotiations, an agreement was reached on the price and timing of the sale.

Suddenly in January, the City's Administration Committee received a report from Corporate Services that appears to be an attempt to negate the agreement, contending that there was no legal reason to proceed with the process. The Administration Committee deferred the matter until April and asked for further information from staff.

If you are interested in learning more about this issue: Donald and Louis Badone (416) 222-1725. If you want to voice your concerns, write or call your local councillor if you live in Toronto. If outside Toronto write or call Mayor Mel Lastman, Toronto City Hall, 55 John Street, 7th Floor., Toronto, ON M5V 3C6, (416) 392-8012.

Heritage Makes the Cut

Culture enjoyed a little of the spotlight in the federal Throne Speech on January 30th, 2001. The government's commitment in the area of sound recording, book publishing, global market development and community arts and heritage development has been publicly promised or widely

hinted at over the past few months. The unanticipated news was the promise of more funding to the CBC.

Affirmation of these cultural initiatives means that the relevant departments, principally the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH), can now begin

moving the wheels of the government apparatus through the Treasury Board and Cabinet, to secure the necessary funding and approvals. The background work like DCH's Arts Policy Framework, is already well underway.

St. James' Cathedral: A Brief History

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Governor-General's Horse Guard; both units continue to hold their annual Remembrance Day services there. King George VI and our present Queen have both worshipped at St. James' as reigning sovereigns. The Queen Mother has made St. James' a regular stop on her visits to Toronto and other members of the royal family, including Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, have attended services at St. James'. All have signed a King James Bible presented to the church in 1860 by Edward VII as Prince of Wales. Monuments and windows in the church commemorate many prominent Canadians of the 19th and 20th centuries. Annual services are, or have been, held for the opening of the law courts and to mark the Battle of the Atlantic. Thus St. James' has been, and continues to be, woven into the civic life of Toronto and Canada as its founders intended.

The church acquired St. James' Cemetery on Parliament Street in 1844, and burials in the churchyard appear to have ceased in 1850. The few remaining visible headstones on the grounds were taken up in the 1920s and can now be seen on the walls of the church and its porches. The unmarked graves remaining must number at least several hundred, if not over a thousand. Some of the most prominent citizens of early York still rest there, as well as soldiers on both sides of the Battle of York and a huge number of victims of the cholera epidemics of the 1830s and '40s.

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