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Calling for Nominations

Wednesday, October 31, 2001 is the deadline for receiving nominations for the OHS Honours and Awards programme. We need your help to recognize the excellent work being done in heritage preservation, interpretation and publishing in your community and area of interest. Nominations of individuals and organizations are invited for the following categories:

Awards for Individuals

Cruikshank Gold Medal: presented on rare occasions to individuals who have performed with distinction on behalf of the OHS.

Carnochan Award: to an individual who has contributed many years of service to the heritage community.

Awards for Non-Profit Organizations

Scadding Award for Excellence: to a historical society or heritage

group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history.

Museum Award of Excellence in Community Programming: to a non-profit public museum in Ontario showing excellence in community programming and involvement. Employees, paid or non-paid, may not nominate their own institution.

The Russell K. Cooper Living History Site Award: to a living history museum showing excellence in programming, ingenious problem solving, or site development. Please request evaluation guidelines.

Dorothy Duncan Award: to a non-profit organization which must be nominated by a First Nations' Band Council or a Municipal Council for outstanding service to its region. A cash award accompanies the certificate.

Awards for LACACs

B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit: to a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) in Ontario for special contributions to heritage conservation in its municipality in the recent past.

Awards for Authors

Joseph Brant Award: for the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years.

Fred Landon Award: for the best book on regional history in Ontario published in the past three years.

Alison Prentice Award: honouring the best book on women's history in the past three years.

J.J. Talman Award: for the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years.

Riddell Award: for the best article on Ontario's history published in the Award year.

Award for Businesses

President's Award: to a corporation or business that has contributed to heritage conservation in the recent past.

The awards will be presented at the OHS Annual Meeting on May 4, 2002. If any of the award winners are not able to attend the presentation in Willowdale, the OHS will arrange a suitable presentation in the local area.

For information and nomination forms contact the OHS, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2 (416) 226-9011, fax (416) 226-2740.

Black History Celebrated



On Sunday, February 25th, the OHS and the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee co-sponsored the launch of the book **Broken Shackles: Old Man Henson – From Slavery to Freedom** (published by Natural Heritage Books). Guests also saw "Speakers for the Dead" a documentary film produced by the National Film Board. Carolyn Wilson, President of the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee (above photo far right) joins OHS President Dr. Bryan Walls in celebrating with Pat Patterson, Norma Turner, Allen Miller, Philip Miller, Helen Miller and David Sutherland the launch of **Broken Shackles** and the film **Speakers for the Dead**. To order the book and/or video call (416) 226-9011. (Rob Leverty)



DOORS OPEN TORONTO Returns!

DOORS OPEN TORONTO on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 will again give thousands of residents and visitors an opportunity to view the interiors of scores of buildings usually closed to the public in the City of Toronto.

Last year DOORS OPEN TORONTO attracted over 10,000 visitors over a two day period to visit historic and architecturally significant buildings.

Once again, The Ontario Historical Society will be opening the John MacKenzie House to the public on both

Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A sale of new, old, historic and modern books in the Women's Canadian Historical

Society Coach House will again be in progress both days. Mark your calendar now! For further information: (416) 392-6827, ext. 223 or 228.

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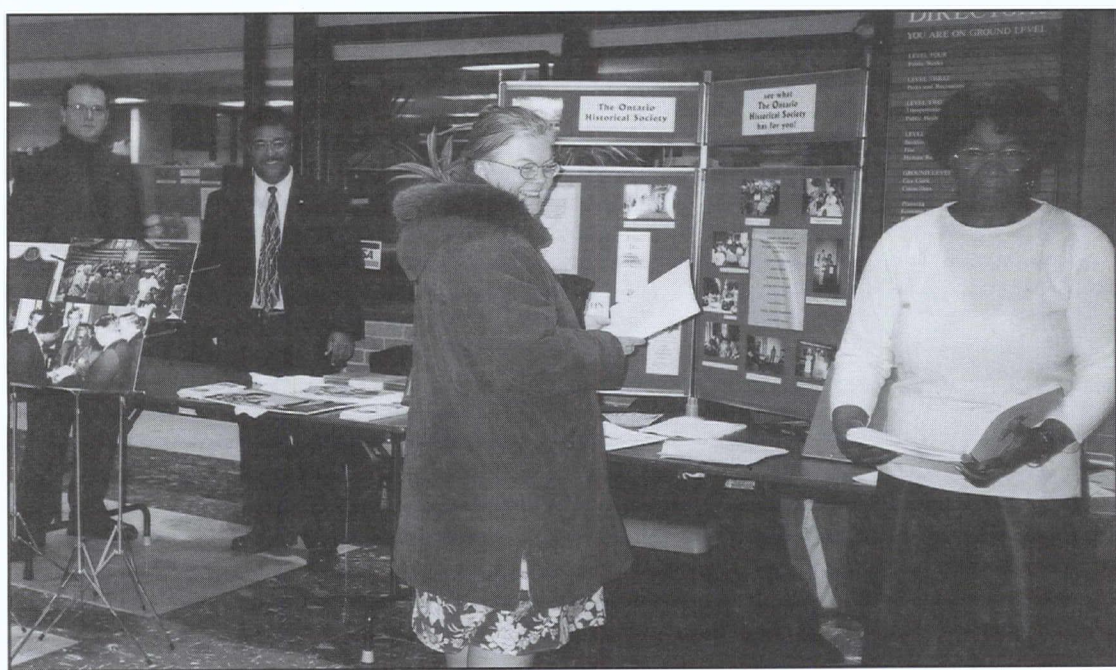
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President's Message

Dr. Bryan E. Walls, O. Ont.



Colin Agnew and OHS President Bryan Walls man the OHS book table at the City of Toronto's Race Relations Board launch of Black History Month. (Dorothy Duncan)

"All Aboard": Building Respect on the Underground Railroad and Through the Building of Canada's Railroad

Setting up educational and historical exhibits and displays can be an effective way to improve public understanding of multiculturalism. Last year, The Ontario Historical Society partnered with the Chinese Canadian National Council; The Ontario Black History Society; The Toronto Police Department; Mr. Ennio Paolo's Intacit Understanding Programme; Proverbs Heritage Organization, a federally registered charitable, not-for-profit organization responsible for the development of the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum; and the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage Multiculturalism. The purpose was to recognize March 21st as the International Day for the elimination of racial discrimination.

On March 21, 1960, peaceful anti-apartheid demonstrators were wounded and killed by people in the South African town of Sharpsville. In 1966, Canada supported a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly to honour the memory of the Sharpsville massacre victims by designating March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In a commemorative message to Canadians on March 21, Nelson Mandela, former president of the Republic of South Africa, said: "I salute you for your continuing tireless campaign to eliminate racism wherever it exists... We

hold in highest esteem Canada's lasting tradition of dedication to human rights."

During the week of March 21, 2000, the OHS and partners put on a major exhibit at Toronto's Union Station in the train terminal lobby. The exhibit educated thousands of students and travelers about Canada's diverse history. This year, with the assistance of Sandra Crozier, instructor, Race Relations and Adult Education, an exhibit was placed in the lobby of the Ontario Police College in Aylmer. Hundreds of future police officers were further educated about Canada's past.

In summary of the exhibits, the OHS featured the John Graves Simcoe legacy with emphasis on his legislative work to end slavery in Upper Canada, as Ontario was called in 1793; the Chinese Canadian National Council focused on the building of Canada's Railway, their struggle for equality and their rightful place of honour as Canadian citizens; The Ontario Black History Society emphasized the fact that Black Canadians, going back as far as 1604, have survived as a strong black thread woven throughout the multicultural tapestry of Canada. Canadians of African descent have made contributions which must not be forgotten or ignored; the Toronto Police reinforced the fact that by working together we can create respect and promote diversity; Mr. Ennio Paola, a Roy Hill

award winning teacher, has been honoured for his ability to inspire students and stimulate their interest in using music as a universal language of love. His Intacit Understanding Music and Dance Presentation performed by his students attracted the attention of the National Geographic Society of Washington D.C. As a result they filmed the presentation and exhibit at Union Station for an upcoming special; Proverbs Heritage Organization's Underground Railway exhibit highlighted the personal family struggle of John and Jane Walls. John and Jane traveled on the Underground Railroad from North Carolina to Canada in 1846. Their true story contained in the pages of the book, *The Road that Led to Somewhere*, was presented in song and documentary video. A single CD titled "*Only the Rainbow*" sung by Stephen Bard was debuted at the Police College. The CD is the forerunner of a full concept CD album and movie based on the Canadian and American history in the book.

The educational and historical exhibits respected bilingualism in Canada and the Federal Government was acknowledged for its financial support. As a leader in the heritage community, the OHS stands ready, not only on March 21, but every day to promote our multicultural history that has helped build a great nation that is the envy of the world.

Welcome new members

Apsley: The Burleigh Road Historical Society
Barrie: Olga and Tom Keys
Bothwell: Bothwell-Zone and District Historical Society
Janetville: Wayne Davis
Moosonee: George J. Lamoureux
North York: Garrett Caldwell

Omeme: Omeme and District Historical Society
Penetanguishene: The Ship's Company of Penetanguishene
Southampton: John Weichel
Toronto: Steven & Diane Clendenan
Toronto: Pauline Lewis

Congratulations!

To Madeleine and William LeSuff (OHS Award winner) on their marriage last October, with the wedding reception held in the main waiting room of the Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario.

Executive Director's Report

Dorothy Duncan

Thank You!

Proof positive that our members read the *OHS Bulletin* has poured into our office since the last issue – visits, calls, cards, faxes and yes, e-mails, to comment on my Report. There have been many requests to reprint it, and of course, please do, so the discussion can continue.

Many of you have commented on society's inability to link the past to the present, the lack of teaching skills about real things, and the removal of our communities from reality. This leads me to my next issue:

What Is An Acceptable Fund Raising Project?

As our members well know the heritage, arts, cultural (and religious?) communities have been under tremendous financial pressures in recent years. We have been encouraged from every side to devise new and different ways to raise funds so that we can serve our communities despite diminishing support from various levels of government. We have all tried our best and have truly amazed ourselves with the results at times. As our members know, the OHS managed to raise over \$500,000 through ingenious projects and programmes to restore the complex of buildings that makes up our headquarters. As part of the big picture, our efforts pale beside some of yours, and congratulations on your success.

This leads us to consider how far can we go? Where is the line in the sand? Is it, for example, acceptable to sell a cemetery as a fund raiser?

The Board of Directors of the OHS has taken a firm stand on this issue on every occasion and in every location in Ontario where it has been raised. Whether there is one burial, or a thousand, the sale of a cemetery in our opinion is not an acceptable fund raiser!

In the Province of Ontario, with the enormous land mass that we have, it is appalling that we even have to discuss this possibility, but we are continually confronted with cemetery owners, pleading poverty, and the cemetery (in their opinion) the only asset they can sell. These

are, in the OHS' opinion, communities that truly are removed from reality!

We Can All Relate To Food

I had the pleasure in March of participating in a meeting at Michigan State University to discuss the relationship between foodways and our Great Lakes culture, resources and future projects. As well as Ontario and Michigan, representatives attended the two day meeting from Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky, and I was able to share with them the multitude of food related public programmes and publications that the OHS has developed and presented.

Relative to other scholarly fields of enquiry, foodways scholarship is still very young, but growing quickly in North America. I hope that the OHS' membership will not lose interest in this important aspect of our history.

In my opinion, eating and drinking, and the rituals surrounding our food history are as important to our cultural identity as all those other topics that have been given pride of place over the years. In 2002 Ontario will host the Cuisine Canada Conference with food professionals from across North America attending who support the objectives of:

- Promoting Canada's food history and the multicultural and regional diversity of Canadian cuisine, leading to increased knowledge and demand.
- Providing members with a national communication link and interaction among Canada's culinary community.
- Encouraging use of quality Canadian products nationally and internationally.
- Offering young members of Canada's culinary community an opportunity to enhance their educational/ work related career pursuits.

Teachers, writers, owners of food related businesses, farmers, chefs, consultants, hotel managers, food stylists, students, gourmards, publishers and many more will be here to discuss, debate and develop recognition of Canada's unfolding culinary traditions. Welcome!



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Across the Province

Mary E. Simonds and Dorothy Duncan

May is Museum Month and May 18 is International Museum Day. Across the province museums large and small are preparing special events, exhibits and projects to highlight the history of your community. Call your local museum and find out what is being planned for you.

The Latchford and Area Moose Call, published in The Best Little Town By a Dam Site, has announced several new writers including Lois Pollard on "Book Talk," Margaret Hinde on "Gardening," Bill Van DenHoogen "Computer Talk," Jean Godden and Carolyn Bigras "Legion News." To subscribe: (905) 676-2129.

Elizabeth Hunter has joined the staff at the **Markham Museum** as Acting Curator. This is where Elizabeth began her museum career and in the meantime has served at **The Toronto Historical Board** (now **Heritage Toronto**), the **Allan Macpherson House** in Napanee, and the **Brant County Museum** in Brantford. Congratulations!

Are you interested in joining a 5 day bus tour to Frankenmuth (a little piece of Bavaria in Michigan)? Sponsored by the **Markham Historical Society**, you can learn more: (905) 294-1925.

The **Burlington Historical Society** launched *Burlington Streets: What's Behind The Name?* in February. For costs and availability: (905) 632-6153.

Windsor's Community Museum volunteers are appealing for items for the biannual summer yard sale, one of their most successful fundraising ventures. So clean out those cupboards and call (519) 253-1812 to let them know you have some treasures to donate.

The **Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill** wants to print your story about "Old Thornhill." Share your memories of buildings, personal recollections or events by calling (905) 882-7442.

The **Waterloo Historical Society** wants to honour their bus tour guides, Margaret Dickson, Helen Kopeke and Mary Johnston for 11 years of dedicated service with a special plaque in the **Trans Canada Trail Pavilion** in Waterloo Park. To learn more or to make a donation: (519) 888-7563.

The **Thunder Bay Historical Museum** needs used ice cream pails with lids and old china that is chipped or broken for the Education Department. After May 15 you can drop by the newest Museum exhibit *Electricity in Action*.

Join the **Richmond Hill Historical Society** on May 14 when Steve Pitt shares his research on Hurricane Hazel. For this, and details of other 2001 programmes: (905) 773-3351.

Congratulations to **OHS** Board member, Jean Cole, editor of *This Blessed Wilderness, Archibald McDonald's Letters from the Columbia, 1822-44*, a new volume in the *Pioneers of British Columbia* series.

To celebrate the millennium **Presbyterian Church** members from coast to coast produced an exhibit of quilted wall hangings and banners that will be on display on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, 47 Owen Street, Barrie.

The **King Township Archives Project** invites anyone with past records about King residents, structures, events, whatever! to call (905) 841-5048. The Project cannot keep the records, only survey where they are to be found.

The **Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society** has a busy programme ahead, including Wayne Townsend, Curator of the **Dufferin County Museum** speaking on "My Grandfather Smells" on May 21. Call (905) 775-7144 for details.

The **Pier: Toronto's Waterfront Museum** has announced Wooden Boat Building Courses for 2001. Here's your opportunity: (416) 338-7437 ext. 307.

The **Welland Historical Museum** needs volunteers! Call (905) 732-2215 if you can help. Don't forget the Passages to Freedom exhibit leaves June 15th.

Did you attend a **Cobourg District Collegiate Institute**? The **West Collegiate** will be celebrating 100 years from July 6 to 8, so call (905) 372-2191 to register.

The **Grenville County Historical Society** is seeking assistance with the scrapbook collection. Would you be willing to clip articles about the communities of Spencerville, Johnstown, Cardinal or Maitland? If so, they have a glue stick and a notebook for you! Call (613) 925-3201.

The **Lincoln and Continental Owners Club** desperately needs bookcases! Must not exceed eighty inches in height. Call (416) 461-6032.

The **Historical Society of St. Catharines** invites you to attend the 25th Annual Oille Fountain Planting Ceremony, Saturday May 12 at 11 a.m. Call (905) 685-4728 for programme details.

The **Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogy Society** now meets in the auditorium of the North York Central Library in the **North York Civic Centre** in Willowdale. This active group is calling for volunteers. To learn more: (416) 656-4433.

Congratulations to Dorene Hirsch and Michel Prevost of Ottawa on receiving awards at the first annual *City of Ottawa Arts and Heritage Recognition of Excellence*

ceremony. **OHS** member Dorene Hirsch has served the **Historical Society of Ottawa** for over 30 years and played a vital role in many other organizations. Michel Prevost is President of the **Societe d'histoire de l'Outaouais**.

York County Mouldings is a new publication currently being produced by George Duncan, **OHS** and **Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO)** member and the Heritage Coordinator for **The Town of Richmond Hill**. It will be published by the ACO: (416) 367-8075.

Old Fort Niagara has a busy spring schedule planned including a Memorial Day Tribute to Niagara's Soldiers, 1700-2001 on May 26 and 27 with encampments from 1700 to the present, tours of the cemetery and the **Fort Niagara Officers' Club**. Call (716) 745-7611 for full programme and events.

The **Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group** has a job for you! No experience necessary. You will learn the "ins" and "outs" of the Research Library, help fellow researchers and more. Call (613) 735-6067 if you are interested.

Join the **Bronte Historical Society** on May 20 for a guided walk through the Bronte Cemetery and for Tea on the Bluffs on June 17 and many other programmes: (905) 825-5552.

Jim Dills, of the **Milton Historical Society** will lead a walking tour of downtown Milton on May 17. To join the Society and for the walk: (905) 878-0657.

The **Smiths Falls Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario** suffered two fires, both believed to be arson, last year. This museum is looking for volunteers; hope you can help: (613) 283-5696. The new curator, Pamela Brooks needs you to work on new exhibits and school programmes.

The **Lanark County Genealogical Society** is searching for a permanent home for its extensive collection. Suggestions? Ideas? (613) 728-4532

The **Scarborough Arts Council** is calling for entries for the Art Naturally 2001 Arts Festival open to craftspeople, painters, sculptors, photographers and multimedia artists to be held August 11 and 12 in the Guild Inn Gardens in Scarborough. The entry deadline is June 4 at 5 p.m. Details: (416) 698-7322.

The Internship Programme of the **National Gallery of Canada** offers experience and training for students. Deadlines: August 1 and December 1. Call (613) 990-4002 for details.

A Botanical History walk at the **Centennial Arboretum Centre** at the **University of Guelph** on June 4 at 7 p.m. will explore the world

of early plants. Registration: (519) 824-4120 ext. 4110.

The **South Simcoe Heritage Corporation** honoured Pat and Bill Hool of Beeton for managing and operating the South Simcoe Railway's gift shop for many years. More volunteers are needed to keep this fascinating railway operating: (905) 936-5815.

The **Oakville Historical Society** May 23rd meeting will feature Sue Powell speaking on "The Niagara Escarpment: a Provincial Jewel" at Knox Presbyterian Church at 7:30. For information: (905) 844-2695.

The **Canadian Museum of Civilization** in Ottawa has announced upcoming exhibits, special events, programmes and demonstrations including a Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Call toll free: 1-800-555-5621 for your brochure.

The members of the **Canadian Federation of University Women** are researching a book to be published in 2002 featuring the significant contributions made by the women of Trenton. Suggestions and information: (613) 392-2128.

The **Ross Township Historical Society of Whitewater Region** plans to open the **Ross Museum** on June 30, and host the Country Garden Tour August 11 and 12. For information or to offer help: (613) 646-2445.

The **Hastings Heritage Centre** in Cannifton, home of the **Hastings County Historical Society** needs sturdy metal shelves, filing cabinets, banquet tables and a stepladder. Can you help? (613) 968-5023.

The **Tweed Heritage Centre**, home of the **Tweed and District Historical Society** lost a dedicated volunteer when Doug Connor passed on, and have named the tool gallery the "Doug Connor Memorial Gallery."

Remember to wear comfortable shoes when you join the **Albion Bolton Historical Society** on June 3 at 1:30 at the Mill Street Parkette in Bolton for the 7th Annual Walking Tour.

The **Mississippi Valley Textile Museum** was the recipient of the Mississippi Mills Local Architectural Conservation Committee Award in February for its work in conserving the former annex of the Rosamond Woolen Mill. Congratulations!

Would you like to hear the ring of an anvil at your next

programme or event? Contact Robert Vaughan to discuss bringing both the blacksmith and his shop to your site, (613) 730-1721.

Dorette Carter, former Director of the **Welland Historical Museum** and the **Thunder Bay Historical Museum** has been appointed Curator/Director of the **Northumberland Art Gallery** in Cobourg. Call (905) 372-0333 for exhibit and event information.

The **Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum** is looking for Lacrosse Stories – good, clean, funny and/or unusual stories that could be published. If you have one or more: (416) 742-8630.

The **Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty** will host an open hearth cooking workshop on May 6 and house tours of the Village of Jordan on May 26. To register: (905) 562-5242.

Delicious Memories, Treasured Recipes of Anne Harris Sayers and Naomi Harris was launched in February at **Benares Historic House** in Mississauga. This is a collection of recipes dating to the 19th and early 20th centuries that were used by the four generations who lived there. Call (905) 822-1569.

The original paintings for the book *Kitche-Uwa'ne'*, authored by David Dupuis are on display at the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum, 13 Burke Street, Penetanguishene until May 31. Information: (705) 549-2150.

Ian Bell, formerly Curator of the **Norwich and District Museum**, has been appointed Curator of the **Port Dover Harbour Museum**.

The **Stratford-Perth Museum** reports that Jennifer Lawrie has been appointed the new Director and Sherri Winter Gropp is the new Curator. Congratulations to Jennifer and Sherri and best wishes to the former Director/Curator (and OHS Board member) Karen VandenBrink. For information: (519) 271-5311.

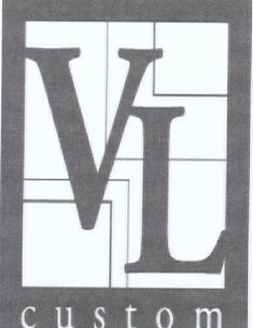
There was a full house at the **London Public Library** in February for the talk about the mysterious airplane crash that killed Dr. Frederick Banting during World War II. Speakers discussed the conspiracy theories about the crash that claimed the life of the noted medical researcher who had been working on chemical warfare research when he died.

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Upcoming Events

May 2: Dr. Richardson pays a house call, circa 1870, to the Norfolk Historical Society Genealogy Group at the Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe. For Information call: (519) 426-1583.

May 4,5: Multicultural Festival and June 28-30: Riverfest. Contact Brockville Museum, for further information call: (613) 342-4397.

May 5: The annual John Brown Seminar **Shake Hands With History** is being held at the Heritage Room, W.I.S.H. Centre, Chatham. For registration call (519) 354-5248.

May 5: Craft Show and June 23: Strawberry Dessert at Bowmanville Museum, call toll free: 1-888-567-2598.

May 6 and May 13: Mother's Day Teas at Historic Bovaird House, Kennedy Road and Bovaird Drive, Brampton. call (905) 874-2804 for times and costs.

May 10: The York Region District School Board, in partnership with Historica, is presenting **Heritage Fair 2001** at the Markham Museum and Historic Village. The Fair involves over 1500 students from across York Region in a celebration of Canadian Heritage. For more information contact Lisa Sabino or Kirsta Richards Murphy: (905) 470-6119.

May 11-13: Paint the Pits Party at Atikokan includes outside painting at the naturalized mine site, tours of the Walleye Hatchery and of the Pictograph Gallery. Sponsored by The Atikokan Mining Attraction, The Pictograph Gallery, The Atikokan Walleye Hatchery and The Atikokan Intergenerational Centre for Arts and Alternatives. Pre-register NOW to celebrate the passive naturalization of the water-filled pits of the former Steep Rock Iron Mines by calling (807) 597-6818.

May 12-July 21: Friends of the Archives of Ontario **Lecture Series** is designed to help both historians and genealogists navigate the extensive resources of the Archives of Ontario. Call (416) 325-4930 for schedule, topics and fees.

May 15: Restoring Heritage Homes with George Duncan of Richmond Hill, and **June 2: Walking Tour of Brampton** by Andrew de Groot, sponsored by the Brampton Historical Society, (905) 451-0113.

May 17: Eastern Canadian Stars and Canadian Elements will open at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. Call (613) 256-3754 for details of workshops and exhibits.

May17,18: The Canadian Royal Heritage Trust presents **Archives Days** at the Fealty Heritage Centre, Suite 209, 3050 Yonge Street, Toronto: (416) 482-2897.

May 19: Gould Artifacts Display opens at the Uxbridge Scott Historical Society Museum, and on **June 9** there will be a **Special Archaeological Day**, (905) 852- 5854.

May 19: Attend the **Gala Opening** of the Milner House, Chatham. For further details call (519) 354- 8338.

May 19: Bruce County Genealogical Society presents **Home Children** with Dave and Kay Lorente of Home Children Canada. Registration is from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and the programme is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics include **History of Home Children** – the many push and pull factors and why they didn't talk about the past – and **The People Involved**. Following the presentation, discuss individual cases with Dave. The programme is in the Rotary Room, Saugeen Shores Community Complex, north end of Port Elgin just off Hwy 21. Pre-register before May 10. Call (519) 797- 5610.

May 19, 20, 21: The Sharon Temple National Historic Site welcomes **Spring with a Family Fun Free Weekend**. Call (905) 478-2389.

May 21: The Toronto Field Naturalists and the Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology invite you to join them on three Heritage Walks: **May 21: Of Schooners and Their Masters**; meet at the southwest corner of Bathurst Street and Queen Street West at 2:00 p.m. **June 2: St. James' Cathedral Creek**; meet at the northwest corner of Church Street and Queen Street at 2 p.m.

June 26: Parson's Creek; meet at the northwest corner of Caledonia Road and Eglinton Avenue West at 6:45 p.m. Call (416) 593-2656.

May 26: Queen Victoria Fête at the Old Britannia Schoolhouse. Details: (905) 459-9158.

May26, 27: Steam-Up and Opening of Pickering Museum Village in Greenwood. Demonstrations of 1800s steam and gas equipment, garden displays, sheep shearing, spinning. **June 10: Walking Through Thyme**, exploring the use of herbs for curative, culinary and cosmetic purposes. Call: (905) 420-4620, (905) 688-8401.

May 27: Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead in St. George presents two events. **May 27: Vintage Lace, Linen and Needlework**; and **June 26: J and J's Roadshow**. Call: (519) 448-1130.

May 28: Kim Arnold discusses **Presbyterian Church Archives** at the Toronto Branch, OGS meeting at the North York Central Library at 7:30 p.m.

May 31: Deadline for **Call for Papers for Convention 2001**, sponsored by the Ontario Black History Society: (416) 867-9420.

June 4-7: Special School Excursions Aboard South Simcoe Railway's Historic Steam Train! Call: (905) 936-5815 for costs and availability.

June 3-8: The OGS, Toronto Branch is organizing its seventh annual Genealogical **"Summer Camp."** The unique hands-on programme for adults gives them an opportunity to spend a week of intensive research in Toronto's archives and libraries. For details contact Summer Camp, OGS Toronto Branch, Box 518, Station K, Toronto, Ontario M4P 2G9, (416) 733- 2608.

June 7-10: United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Conference is being hosted by the St. Lawrence Branch, at the NavCanada Training and Conference Centre, Cornwall. Call: (613) 226-6348.

June 10-15: Association For Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) is organizing its **Annual Meeting and Conference** at Colonial Williamsburg to examine the life of the craft, reflect on where living history has taken us, debate what direction to take in the future, and explore the future of the past. Register early to avoid disappointment! Contact registrar DeWaun Countryman at: (757) 220-7174.

June 16: The Massey Show at the Newcastle Community Hall

and the Lovekin Farm on Highway 115, sponsored by the Newcastle Village and District Historical Society. Call (905) 987-4406 for details.

June 16: Friends of the Brockville Museum present the annual **Heritage House and Garden Tour** from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering carefully selected properties. Advance sale of tickets only! Contact Brockville Museum, 5 Henry Street, Brockville, K6V 6M4 Call:(613) 342-4397.

July 1: Celebrate **Canada's birthday** and the **150th anniversary of the Gibson family home built in 1851**, at 5172 Yonge Street, Willowdale. For information call: (416) 395-7432.

July 14-15: Friends of the Crysler's Farm Battlefield is presenting **1812 Re-enactment Weekend**, which will bring this period in our common history to life. This three-day event will take place on the grounds surrounding the Crysler's Farm Battlefield Memorial, located near Upper Canada Village, For details call (613) 925-5563.

July 23-27; July 30-Aug 3; Aug 13-17; Aug 20-24: Four **Archaeology Learning Vacations** are being organized by the Ontario Archaeological Society at the McGraw Site, Richmond Hill. Space is limited so pre-register by June 13. Contact OAS office at (905) 787-9851.

July 28: St. Catharines Museum invites you to join the fun at the **2nd Annual Dragon Boat Festival** on the historic Henley. It's wet, it's wild, and it's for a great cause! Call for information on how you can be a part of an exciting event, (905) 984-8880 ext. 400.

August 6: Celebrate **Simcoe Day** at Todmorden Mills Museum. For further information call (416) 396-2819; and at the Gibson House Museum, call (416) 395-7432.

September 12-15: In honour of the 150th Anniversary of the First Convention of Colored Freeman, The Ontario Black History Society is pleased to sponsor **Convention 2001**. The Conference will focus on the issues and concerns of people of African origin in Canada. For further details call (416) 867-9420.

September 21-October 7: The Ontario Genealogical Society is organizing the **Annual Genealogical Tour to England**. The tour to London combines sightseeing with in-depth genealogical research. For further information contact Kathy Hartley (416) 653-3901.

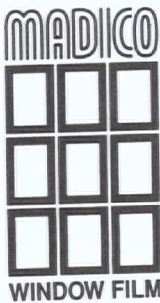
September 29: Norfolklore celebrates 25 years as a genealogy fair. For further information call: (519) 426-1583.

October 13-15: Heritage Canada has announced its upcoming **Annual Conferences: October 13-15, 2001**, in Toronto: the theme will be the economics of heritage consevation. **September 26-28, 2002**, in Halifax, the theme will be heritage tourism. For further information call: (613) 237-1066.

October 27-November 17: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is organizing a **Seminar for Historical Administration** at Williamsburg Virginia. The seminar develops and strengthens leadership within the historical organization and museum community. For further information about the seminar call Peggy MacDonald Howells at (757) 220-7211.

Join the OHS at these events

DATE	EVENT	HOST/SPONSOR/ LOCATION
May 5	OHS Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation	OHS at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale
May 26-27	DOORS OPEN TORONTO - open house tours -	Heritage Toronto at the John McKenzie House Willowdale with "Histories and Mysteries" Book Sale
June 2	The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries - workshop -	OHS and Heritage Burlington LACAC at St. John's Anglican Church, Nelson 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

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

To all descendants of those buried at **St. James' Cathedral Cemetery**, Toronto.

As this is written the decision of the Registrar of Cemeteries as to whether it is in the public interest to close and move the cemetery is pending. It is possible that this decision may be appealed to a Government Tribunal. The OHS and the OGS will want to contact descendants. If you are a descendant or believe that you may be a descendant please contact the OHS office or Diane Clendenan - email: dclenden@netover.com. A partial list of surnames of those buried in this cemetery appears on the Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society Web Site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~onttogs/torbranch.html>

On March 30th, the OHS delivered to the Registrar of Cemeteries its submission as to why closure of part of the cemetery at St. James Cathedral is not in the public interest. The OHS office has received an unprecedented number of phone calls and letters from across the province opposing this closure application. The OGS has also written to the Registrar arguing that closure of the northern part of the **St. James' Cathedral Cemetery** is not in the public interest.

St. George's Church on-the-Hill (Anglican), 4600 Dundas Street West at Royal York Road, and Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke are sponsoring a church and cemetery tour to be held on Sunday 3rd June 2001 at 2 pm. Tickets for the tour, which starts at the front door of the church, are \$4 and include a complimentary afternoon tea at

Montgomery's Inn during 2001. For further information or to purchase tickets call Montgomery's Inn (416) 394-8113.

Harvey Medland, author of *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries*, will show his slide presentation at the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society at 7 pm on 27th June 2001.

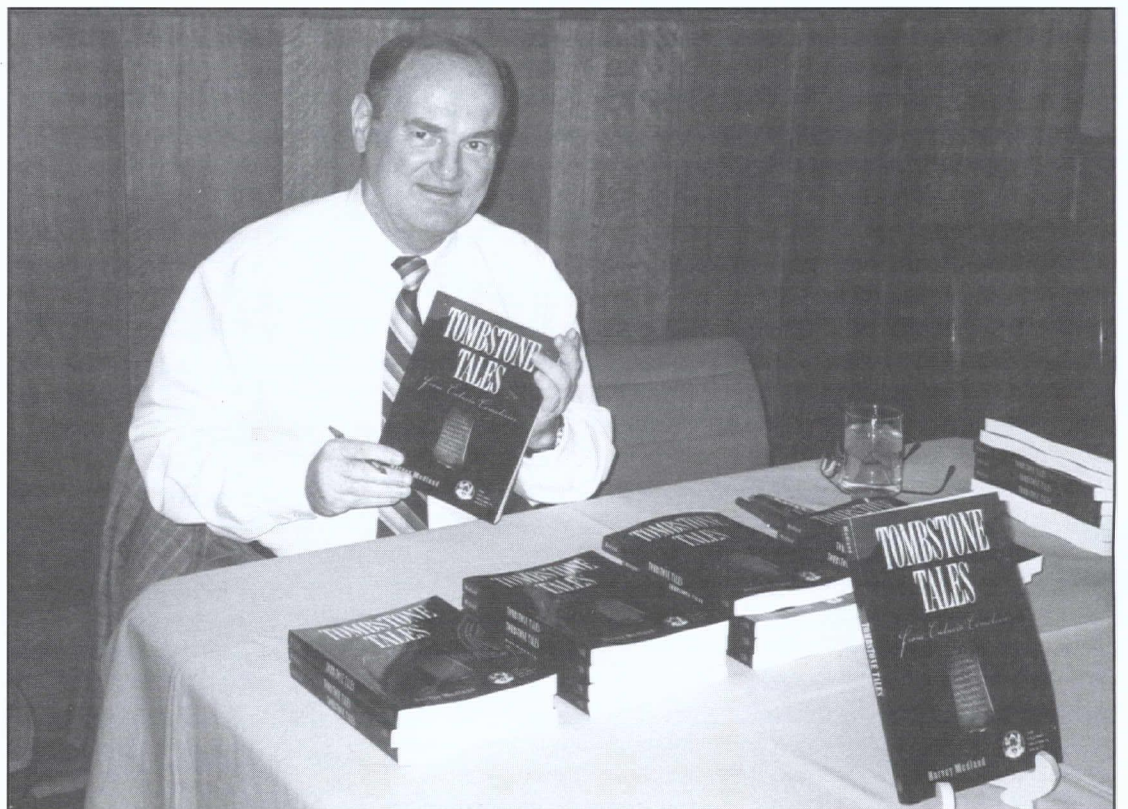
Harvey has shown his slides and told the tales from tombstones at many locations across the province. To arrange for a slide presentation or to obtain a copy of Harvey's book contact the OHS office.

Concern has been raised about the state of **Johnstown Cemetery** in Greenville County. Among those buried in this cemetery is Grace Fraser who is considered to be an unsung heroine of the Battle of the Windmill.

The Bruce County Museum & Archives, The Bruce County Genealogical Society and the Bruce County Historical Society have joined to publish a pamphlet on Cemetery Preservation. This four page publication contains wise advice for those wishing to restore tombstones.

The Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation still has copies of *Landscapes of Memories* for sale. This book was prepared by Tamara Anson-Cartwright, the Ministry's architectural conservation advisor. The cost is \$10. For further information call (416) 314-7133.

Trevor Watson, chair of the **Town of Markham Cemetery Committee**, is retiring after 40 years. Many small burial sites in the town have been preserved and maintained under Mr. Watson's guidance.



Harvey Medland, author of *Tombstone Tales from Ontario Cemeteries*, will be a speaker at the Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries Workshop in Burlington on June 2, and at the Ailsa Craig and District Historical Society meeting on June 27.

Workshop



The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries workshop explores one of our most significant and fragile heritage resources on Saturday, June 2nd, 2001, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, Nelson, 2464 Dundas Street (Hwy #5) South Side West of Guelph Line, Burlington.

Presented by The Ontario Historical Society and the Heritage Burlington LACAC.

For further information contact Rob Leverty at OHS (416) 226-9011.

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New Volunteer Initiatives for Ontario

The Honourable Cam Jackson, Minister of Citizenship, announced in March, grants of \$700,000 to 47 community organizations to host Community Volunteer Summits to enable communities to mark the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). The summits will bring together local businesses, non-profit organizations and government to discuss ways they can work together in the 47 areas.

An important component of the summits will be the volunteer fairs held in each of the communities. Minister

Jackson made the announcement at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto to an audience of volunteers from the health care, culture, arts and history fields.

Two keen observers were Scarlett and Rhett, the Baycrest Centre's resident parrots, who along with the overflow audience, applauded his announcement. Minister Jackson and Dan Newman, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and Scarborough Southwest MPP, presented a

\$45,000 cheque to Roger Cunningham, President of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto, to host the Community Volunteer Summit in Toronto.

For further information: Margaret McGann, Ministry of Citizenship, (416) 314-7395, or Carolyn Chaplin, Minister's Office, (416) 325-6200.

Plan now to attend the Volunteers Summit in your community and become involved in these new initiatives for all Ontarians.

Museum News

IODE Donates Local Hero's Medal to Chatham-Kent Museum

A World War I service medal to Captain Garnet Brackin that bears the Chatham officer's name has recently been donated to the Chatham-Kent Museum by the local IODE Chapter. The medal represents the accomplishments and sacrifices of one of the area's finest up-and-coming young leaders whose life was cut short by war.

Garnet Garfield Brackin, or 'Gan' as those who knew him called him, was born and educated in Chatham. His father was principal of McKeough School and his brother was a prominent local lawyer and one time mayor of the city. He was an immensely personable man and one officer that served with him stated that "nobody could help loving Gan." At the age of 33, Brackin left his management position with the Pere Marquette Railroad to join the 91st Overseas Battalion that was being raised in St. Thomas. Upon receiving word that his home was raising its own unit, Brackin arranged a transfer and became one of the

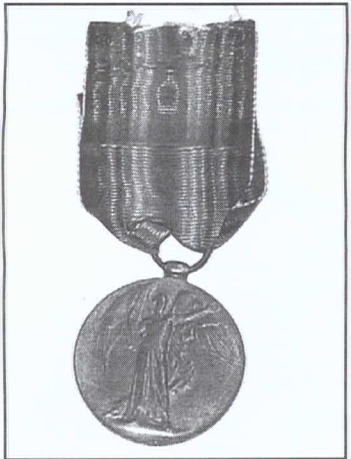
founding officers of the 186th Kent Overseas Battalion. By the summer of 1917, Brackin was commanding a platoon of local men in France.

Brackin served at Passchendale and Greeniappe, where he lost his life.

The Victory Medal donated to the Museum is one of four medals awarded in recognition of Captain Brackin's service. The Museum would be most interested in knowing the whereabouts of the others, including a silver British War Medal, a Memorial Cross and a large bronze Memorial Plaque. Brackin's award will be exhibited in the World War I section of the Museum's new exhibit: *Moving Forward, Looking Back*.

Moving Forward, Looking Back is available for viewing daily, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is by voluntary donation.

For more information contact the Chatham-Kent Museum at (519) 354-8338, or visit them at 75 William Street North in Chatham.



World War I Allied Victory Medal named to Lt. G.G. Brackin

Quilt Celebration 2001 at Woodstock Museum

In honour of Woodstock's 100th Birthday the Woodstock Museum is presenting a collection of quilts made by Woodstock artists to commemorate community and family events. *The Story of Joseph* quilt, made by Frances Petch Park of Oxford County in 1860 is the centrepiece of the exhibition.

The toy sewing machine collection of Linda Goodwin-Mara contains over 40 machines and complements the quilt exhibit until June 9. Call: (519) 537-8411 for information.

Museums Not Eligible for Northern Ontario Heritage Fund

Despite the enormous contributions that museums have made to one of Northern Ontario's most important industries, they are not eligible for funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for their projects. Despite the tourism industry, in which museums play a major role, having supported 34,000 jobs, generated tax revenues of \$346 million in northern municipalities and accounted for direct tourist expenditures of \$1.2 billion (all 1996 figures) they, along with art galleries, are excluded from the Fund!

For further information, contact your local office or consultant for the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, or your local office of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation is located at Suite 200, Roberta Bondar Place, 70 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, P6A 6V8, 1-800-461-8329.

Collaboration Plus Quilt Exhibition at Schneider Haus Museum

The work of the award-winning quilt artists Doreen Hugill and Elsie Moser are featured in a new exhibition at Joseph Schneider Haus Museum. *Collaboration Plus: The Quilts of Doreen Hugill and Elsie Moser* is a retrospective of twenty years of work punctuated by four recent collaborative quilts, which have challenged and provoked fresh ideas for both quilters.

Doreen Hugill lives in Mount Elgin and Elsie Moser lives in Dorchester, Ontario. Both are longtime members of the Oxford Quilters Guild and the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre, where the collaboration takes

place. Doreen and Elsie have been active quilters for approximately twenty years, working on traditional and original designs. Though Elsie's quilt, *Yellow Monday*, received First Prize at the American Quilters Association Juried Show in Paducah, Kentucky, 1995 and Judges' Choice Award, Canadian Quilters Association Juried Show in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1995, it is their collaborative efforts, that have brought them recognition both nationally and internationally. *Path Less Taken* won First Prize, Group Wall-Quilt, American Quilters Association, Paducah, Kentucky,

2000, First Prize for Best Traditional Work and for Piecing, Canadian Quilters Association, Toronto, 2000, and was a prize winner at Quilt Show Yokohama, Japan, 2000.

There will be an exhibit reception and an opportunity to meet the artists at the Museum on Thursday, May 10 at 7:30. Joseph Schneider Haus is located at 466 Queen Street South, Kitchener, Ontario. The Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5. During the Waterloo County and Area Quilt Festival, May 17-27, the Museum is open daily. For further information: (519) 742-7752.

Farewell

Catherine Haskell, Curator of the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum, passed away in January from an unexpected heart attack. Catherine had served the Museum as a volunteer, Board member, Collections Manager and Curator since 1994. Catherine's editorial and design skills, love of history, support of museum activities and her ability to recruit volunteers will be greatly missed by the staff, volunteers and the community.

Orillia Museum of Art and History Hires Consultant

To speed completion of the renovation and restoration of the Sir Samuel Steele Memorial Building in Orillia, the Board of Directors of the Orillia Museum of Art and History has hired a professional consultant, D.V.A. Navion, for the second phase of the capital campaign. The consulting fee of \$16,000 was raised through donations from the volunteer Board of Directors.

One of the key elements of the second phase to raise \$900,000 for the Museum is the number of high profile fund raising campaigns already underway in Orillia for other projects. The consultant will make recommendations in the feasibility study on whether or not the money needed to complete the project can be raised in the community. In the meantime the Museum continues to provide services and programmes from temporary quarters at 11 Peter Street South, (705) 326-2159.

Museum Musings

Annemarie Hagan, Museums Manager, City of Mississauga

What makes a museum a museum? It's a question that we as the staff of the City's Museums frequently debate, particularly in a world where issues of cost-effectiveness and revenue generation can appear to clash with the roles that museums have traditionally played: collecting, exhibiting, interpreting, researching, and preserving our history.

What is clear in any discussion that we have on this topic, whether just among staff, or with our two Museum Advisory Boards, is that our historic buildings, artifact collections, landscapes, and stories truly are the heart of the Museums. This means that any decisions with regard to such activities as rental of the historic buildings and grounds for social functions, are made with consideration to the impact on our "hearts". This has led to a recent change in policy.

Following our pilot project (1997-2000) of renting out the historic buildings for wedding ceremonies and receptions, we have now decided that the historic buildings are no longer available for such functions. However, both the Benares and Bradley interiors may be rented for interior wedding photographs, and outdoor wedding photo permits are also available. No further

bookings will be taken for outdoor weddings at the Benares site, although parts of Bradley site will be available for this use. Obviously, we will honour any bookings taken prior to this recent change in policies and will continue to use the grounds and buildings for any of our own mandate-related activities. We feel confident that this decision will both minimize the risks and ensure the integrity of the sites and collections, while generating revenue and encouraging the public to make use of the lovely facilities through interior and exterior wedding photos.

In terms of location filming, we continue to monitor this situation, and feel that we have appropriate policies and practices in place to ensure that the impact on the buildings, artifacts, property and public access is minimal. The significant revenue from this source (almost \$80,000 in 2000) makes a major difference to the Museum's budget, and has allowed for some key improvements such as the conservation of the Benares' ottoman, Annie Harris' wedding photograph, as well as several important pieces in the Bradley collection. This long-overdue conservation work is very close to the "heart" of the museums.

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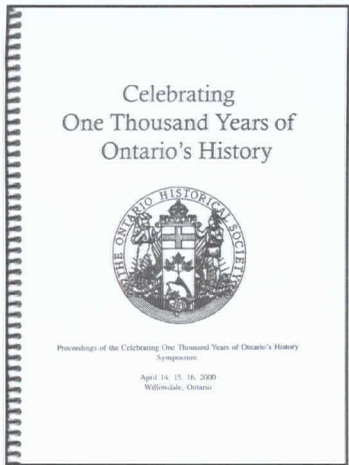
More extensive reviews of a number of books relating to the history of our province are published in each issue of *Ontario History*, a journal also published by The Ontario Historical Society.

The prices of books referred to on this page may or may not include GST or postage charges. All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

The Growth of Guelph

Guelph: Perspectives on a Century of Change, 1900-2000. Edited by Dawn Matheson and Rosemary Anderson. Guelph Historical Society, 278 pages. Illustrations. \$29.95 hardbound; \$19.95 softbound.

This well written and edited, attractively designed and illustrated volume is five separate studies. Especially interesting, even to those who may not know Guelph, is Gloria Dent's insightful and affectionate survey of the community's cultural life. Other authors trace changes in the surrounding agricultural township, business developments from merchants to manufacturers, and Guelph's varied architecture, often a cause of passionate controversy. Lest we think change takes place without forethought, there is a review of a century of growth and planning – by our experience, a unique chapter for a local history. Accompanying all this are charming side-bar anecdotes and personality profiles. Surely John Galt would be amazed could he view today the community he founded in 1827.



Provincial Perspectives

Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History. The Ontario Historical Society. 344 pages, Illustrations, \$30.00 softbound. Video: \$20.00. Both book & video: \$40.00

All who attended this OHS symposium – and all of us who were unable to do so – will welcome this compilation of papers presented there: 40 of them plus five summaries. No matter how much has been written about our province's past, these essays suggest how much more there is to be known. Especially interesting, perhaps, are presentations on changes among the aboriginal people in the 700 years prior to Contact, on women in the marketplace and in the military, and on controversies over spiritualism. Hurrah for the

OHS for once again bringing academics and avid amateurs together!

From Cobalt to James Bay: Preserving our History. Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association. 56 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

The TAHA has been holding history symposiums of its own for ten years now, and once more publishes its proceedings. This collection begins with an analysis of arguments for designating Cobalt as a National Historic Park and ends with an account of the Hannah Bay Murders of 1832. Included also is OHS' own Dorothy Duncan's presentation: "Eating on the Rails."

Ontario Since Confederation: A Reader. Edited by Edgar-Andre Montigny and Lori Chambers. University of Toronto Press. 457 pages. \$70.00 cloth; \$29.95 paper.

This is a collection of 21 scholarly studies on topics ranging from gendered labour in agricultural development to Native reserves, from Oliver Mowat to the CCF in post Second World War politics. The essays are of interest for their very specific subject matter, but the reader needs to have a fairly comprehensive knowledge of Ontario and Canadian history. Each of these monographs must be put in its larger social, political and economic context to be fully appreciated.

What Women Wanted

Roughing It in the Suburbs: Reading Chatelaine Magazine in the Fifties and Sixties. By Valerie J. Korinek. University of Toronto Press. 458 pages. Illustrations. \$75.00 hardbound; \$29.95 softbound.

Chatelaine in the 1950s and '60s was not the traditional women's magazine that at first glance it might appear. Intermingled with features and advertisements promoting housekeeping perfection were a variety of articles and editorials espousing a surprisingly "feminist" agenda. Articles treated such subjects as abortion, spousal abuse, and poverty. Short stories showed that life in the suburbs was not automatically bliss. "It was a potent mix," says Korinek. "Together, the incendiary, the traditional, and the commercial intrigued, infuriated, and inspired nearly two million readers to pick up *Chatelaine* each month." This is a compelling study of those readers and of the writers and producers of a magazine that championed Canadian women.

Philanthropy and Ideology

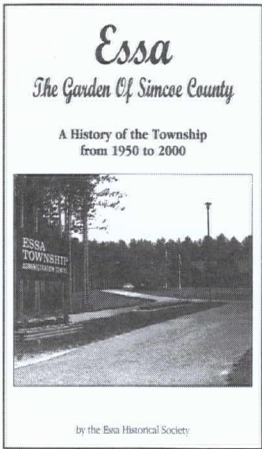
Unforeseen Legacies: Reuben Wells Leonard and the Leonard Foundation Trust. By Bruce Ziff. University of Toronto Canadian Legal History. \$75.00 hardbound; \$39.95 softbound.

An Ontario-born civil engineer, millionaire, and ardent advocate of continuing Canada's imperial connections became one of the country's most generous philanthropists. For sixty years his half-million-dollar trust gave scholarships to Canadian men and (one quarter of them) women, always excluding those "who are not Christians of the White Race... not of British Nationality or of British Parentage, and all who owe allegiance to any Foreign Government, Prince, Pope or Potentate, or who recognize any such authority, temporal or spiritual." No one challenged these prejudicial provisions until the 1980s, when they became a key case in property law. A fascinating, thoughtful, and at times disturbing study.

Name That Place

Place Names of Temiskaming. By Bruce Taylor. White Mountain Publications. 136 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

Horse-drawn wagons had difficulty navigating a steep approach to a bridge across a deep ravine in Dymond Township – hence "Calamity Gulch." Winnie Kirkland was the Toronto stenographer in the offices of the original surveyors of Teck Township, who honoured her when naming a lake – hence "Kirkland Lake." These are but two of the 165 communities (many now exist only as memories) whose names and histories are traced in this compendium. Special kudos to compiler Bruce Taylor for listing the sources for each entry.



Half a Century, A Century

Essa, the Garden of Simcoe County: A History of the Township from 1950 to 2000. Essa Historical Society. 152 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

A tour of the last half century of a township, community by community, with facts and photographs. Essa includes Base Borden and beef farming and the Banting Homestead. Here is eloquent evidence that a township may be ever changing, but it need not lose its pride in its heritage.

Reflections of a Century: Burk's Falls 1890-1990 (updated in 1996). Burk's Falls Centennial Book Committee. Olympic Printing. 92 pages. Illustrations. no price given.

An attractive scrapbook of photographs, quotations, clippings and memories, lovingly created to celebrate a centennial and now reprinted with 12 pages of additional, more recent material.

Building Most Holy

Pioneering Spirit: Ontario Places of Worship, Then and Now. By Elizabeth Luther. eastendbooks. 200 pages. Illustrations. \$23.95 softbound.

A tour of more than fifty historic provincial churches and temples, the homes of a wide range of faith communities. In the process, the religious settlement of our whole province is traced, from the earliest "pioneer" meeting houses to the modern mosques built by recent immigrants. The author has personally visited, investigated and written vignettes of each of them. She writes with sympathy and sensitivity and her accompanying photographs help round out her impressions.

New Magazine

History Magazine. Edited and published by Halvor Moorshead. \$28.00 a year (six issues). This welcome new magazine is published in Ontario, but is aimed at Canadian and American readers. Attractive in format, easy to digest in content and nicely illustrated. It will undoubtedly appeal to a general readership and be of special interest to genealogists, helping them understand their own family histories in a larger context.

On the Home Front

Mary Janeway: The Legacy of a Home Child. By Mary Pettit. Natural Heritage Books. 162 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

As David Lorente points

out in his paper published in the OHS' *Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History*, "shamefully little attention has been paid to the story of Canada's Home Children." All the more welcome, therefore, is this account of one home child, Mary Janeway, who was separated from her Scottish family and sent to Canada in 1891. It is a recreation of her experiences from age 5 to 16, when she ran away from her bleak life with an Innerkip, Ontario, farm family. Although presented fictionally, the book is closely based on both an understanding of life in rural Ontario at the turn of the century and Mary Janeway's own reminiscences as she became a close friend of the author's family. A good choice for young or adult readers.

Beyond the Home Front

Women of Waterloo County. Edited by Ruth Russell. Natural Heritage Books. 320 pages. Illustrations. \$25.00 softbound.

The lives of 33 inspired and inspiring women are celebrated here. Artisits, authors, chemists, curators, educators, nurses, philanthropists, physicians, school trustees – all were leaders in their communities. Each woman has a chapter to herself, describing her life and many accomplishments. Two additional chapters focus on quilting in Waterloo County (renowned for its Mennonite quilts) and on women in sports (from lawn bowling to hockey – an early referee warned the players that he "would not permit hair pulling or other rough stuff"). This attractive book pays tribute to some remarkable women and gives a human face to Ontario history in the 19th and 20th centuries.

History Noted

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

Victoria County Atlas, Millennium Edition. Alexander Publishing. 64 pages. Illustrations. \$125.00 hardbound. A reprint of the Belden 1881 Historical Atlas – of special interest to genealogists and local historians.

London Township: A Rich Heritage, 1796-1997. London Township History

Directory of Publishers

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

White Mountain Publications, Bruce Taylor, Box 1568, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0.

Ontario History Spring 2001

Gabriele Scardellato, Editor

Anyone who attended The Ontario Historical Society's conference "Celebrating One Thousand Years of Ontario's History," might recognize the contents of the Spring 2001 issue (vol. 93, 1) of *Ontario History*. The three authors in this issue were participants in a conference session in which they presented brief versions of the articles printed here. After the session, the authors – Sara Burke, Cynthia Commachio, and Linda Ambrose – kindly agreed to a request from the editor to re-submit their contributions as standard academic studies for peer review and possible publication in *Ontario History*. Thanks are also due to The Ontario Historical Society for permission to publish these versions of the papers presented at the conference. The result is an extremely interesting special issue, guest edited by Cynthia Commachio of Wilfrid Laurier University, and titled "Coeds, Collegiates, and Clubs: Educating Young People in Twentieth-Century Ontario."

The issue opens with a strong, historiographical introduction by the guest editor in which she describes trends in the study of education over the last century or so. Sara Burke, of Laurentian University, follows with an analysis (mostly unfavourable at least on the part of male academics of the time) toward co-education at the

University of Toronto from the late 1880s into the early part of the last century. Comacchio's own contribution for the issue is concerned with the development of extracurricular school life in various Ontario high schools in the interwar period. Participation in school sports teams, drama clubs, and similar activities were all encouraged as a means to engage students more fully in the lives of their academic institutions. In turn, that participation could be used to channel their energies into socially acceptable undertakings. In the concluding piece in the issue Linda Ambrose, also of Laurentian University, presents an analysis of the cartoons published in a post-Second World War publication of the government of Ontario, the *Junior Farmer News*, produced for the membership of the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario. The handiwork of cartoonist Jack Cockburn printed in this publication provides Ambrose with interesting material for her analysis of a variety of topics including attitudes encouraged in young farmers and the gender-based division on Ontario's farms. All three articles, but Ambrose's in particular, are amply illustrated. Finally, the issue includes its typically strong Book Review section with twelve new titles presented for the journal's readers.

Back Issues of Ontario History

As well as many individual back issues, the OHS has broken sets of the journal for sale. A broken set could contain up to 40 back issues, and sells for \$100.00 plus postage. These sets are a valuable gift for your own library or for that historian or history buff on your list. Call (416) 226-9011 to discuss availability.

The Kawartha Heritage Conservancy

Sustaining Our Community's Heritage

The Kawartha Heritage Conservancy is a new initiative being formed in the Kawartha region. Focusing mainly on Peterborough County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy will receive donations of lands and conservation agreements and will raise funds to buy and manage important properties. These properties might be important forests, highly productive agricultural lands, historic and archaeological sites, scenic views or perhaps local trails. The Conservancy's main purposes include:

- to identify, conserve and restore Kawartha's natural and cultural heritage;
- to identify, conserve and restore Kawartha's working and recreational landscapes within the framework of careful and sustainable stewardship;

- to acquire, secure and manage lands of heritage and landscape interest;
- to research, educate, and foster public awareness about Kawartha's heritage and landscapes and their value in enhancing our quality of life; and
- to encourage, support and cooperate and enter partnerships with others.

The Kawartha Heritage Conservancy is currently identifying important sites and willing, conservation-minded landowners.

If you are interested in learning more about the Conservancy, contact: Ian Attridge in Peterborough (705) 876-7576; Phred Collins in Stoney Lake (705) 876-1250, or Mieke Schipper in Bobcaygeon (705) 799-6734.

They Call Us Rebels, We Know We're Patriots!

Circle the afternoon of Saturday, May 12, to hear historian David Moore give a talk on "That Key Decision." His talk will examine the question of why so many early settlers and immigrants in the American Colonies decided to remain loyal to the King, as opposed to joining the revolution. This programme is sponsored by the Upper Canada Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, a non-profit, non-political service organization formed in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education and patriotic endeavour.

Old Oakville is the perfect setting for this theme. Meet at 1:30 at Erchless House, the hub of Oakville's Historical Society, for a tour, then stroll to nearby St. Jude's Church for the lecture and light refreshments. The registration fee covers the tour of Erchless House, the lecture and refreshments. For reservations and information, contact Helen Hatton at (416) 593-5717 or Dede Hacking at (905) 845-4905.

East York Day

Celebrate the 24th anniversary of East York Day at the East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Avenue at Mortimer Avenue on May 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is a self-funding festival with free admission.

Can You Help?

Heritage York is preparing a book on the history of the historic Lambton House/Tavern. We would appreciate any material – photographs, mementos, stories, or interviews – that you can offer. In particular, we have not yet come across interior photographs of the building. We will duplicate and return all original material, if required. please contact Madeleine McDowell at: (416) 767-5472 (leave a message), by fax at: (416) 767-7191.

An Historical Park for Toronto

The Societe d'histoire de Toronto is proposing an historical park to be located along the banks of the Humber River, to run from Dundas Street to Lake Ontario. This parcel of land is one of the most important in Canada's history because it witnessed the history of its three founding nations in the Toronto area: the Huron, the Iroquois at Taieigon, the Ojibway (Mississauga), the French since 1615 with Etienne Brule, followed by Cavalier de la Salle, Fathers Hennepin and La Motte, Douville, the Chevalier de

Portneuf, Jean-Baptiste Rousseaux, Margaret Clyne, Jacques Baby, etc., and the English with the arrival of the Simcoes and the founding of York.

Until a reproduction of a fort is built, the key element of the park will be the Interpretation Centre from which all the tourism, historical, ecological and educational activities will be managed. It should be located either near the Old Mill or at the mouth of the River. For more information call: (416) 497-5354.

Heritage on the Move?

As the Council for the new City of Toronto wrestles with the budget for the coming year (thanks to amalgamation, the exercise is much worse than usual) heritage properties, programmes, projects, museums and staff wait, with bated breath to see what and who will be affected. Two proposals have surfaced during these negotiations including the rental of the property owned by the City at 205 Yonge Street that presently houses the offices of Heritage

Toronto and the Culture Division of the City of Toronto, to a third party and moving the Culture Division into City-owned offices. As Heritage Toronto is an arms-length agency it would relocate elsewhere.

The other proposal under consideration is the closing of the City's newest museum, The Pier, located at 245 Queen's Quay West. If this proposal is adopted the future of the staff and the collections at The Pier is unclear.

Loss of Historic Place Names with Amalgamation

There is a growing concern among historians and historical organizations over the loss of original names of communities, lots, concessions, streets, avenues and townships with the amalgamation of communities. Recent correspondence from Clarke Birhard of Chesley notes "It is my hope that pressure may be brought by geographical and historical associations to bring this issue to the attention of our politicians and that a functional compromise can be arrived at that will accommodate history and cultural geography as well as political administration."

The Bruce County Historical Society President, Mary Schwass, writes on behalf of the membership: "The BCHS has supported and continues to support, the retention of names as far as common usage is concerned while the administrative

structure deals with combining and the blending of the municipalities. We wish to express, in the strongest terms, our opposition to the change and/or loss of names that have been in current usage for five or six generations in this area. This destruction of our heritage has drawn widespread comment from our members and others from the area. Several of our members are working on task forces with municipalities and communities to resolve this conflict between our history and the pressures caused by amalgamation."

How do you and your organization feel about this issue? Have you recommendations for solving this challenge? Let the OHS know your concerns and we will attempt to take action on this matter.

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