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## ST. ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CEMETERY, PALGRAVE

OWNER APPLIES AGAIN –  
THIS TIME TO HAVE ENTIRE CEMETERY CLOSED AND MOVED!

ROB LEVERTY

The owner of the St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery in Palgrave has reapplied to the Registrar, *Cemeteries Act*, Ministry of Consumer and Business Services in order to build a house on the graveyard. This time the applicant wants to have all human remains dug up and reinterred at the Morningside Public Cemetery in Palgrave. The application for closure is signed by Mr. Gordon Barr and dated June 3, 2003. The reasons for the closure are: "The owner intends to preserve the church building and build a residence on the property."

The *Cemeteries Act* clearly states that the Registrar for Cemeteries may order a cemetery closed and relocated "if it is in the public interest."

In June 2001, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) appealed the first order by the Registrar for Cemeteries to close part of St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery and have it relocated to the northwest corner of the property. The OHS appealed this application by Mr. Barr on the grounds that "the closure order served private interests and not the public interest." The Province of

Ontario, the Anglican Church, and Mr. Barr opposed the OHS at these lengthy and costly hearings. In March 2003, three Provincial Hearing Officers ruled that "the Licence Appeal Tribunal finds on the evidence that ... the partial closing of St. Alban's Cemetery is not in the public interest. The Registrar's Order is not correct and is not reasonable."

Since 1992, when the *Cemeteries Act* was proclaimed, The OHS has appealed only one other closure application – The Clendennen Cemetery – which was ordered in 1995 to be closed and entirely relocated off site by the Registrar. The Province of Ontario and The Town of Markham argued that it was in the public interest to move the Clendennen Cemetery so a developer could build condominiums on it. In April 1999, a Provincial Tribunal ruled in favour of the OHS that it was in the public interest for the Clendennen Cemetery to remain in its original location. Since that landmark decision, the OHS has worked successfully across Ontario with all parties including developers to preserve cemeteries in their original locations, notably the preservation of the McNaughton Cemetery in the City of Vaughan; the Burying Grounds at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto; and the Augustine Cemetery in Essex County.

Regrettably, the owner of St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery has decided to try again to build a house on this cemetery. Having failed the first time to close and move part of it, this time he wants to move the entire cemetery. Is this in the public interest?

Under the *Ontario Cemeteries Act*, interested persons must make a submission to the Registrar of Cemeteries within 45 days from the date of application to close and move a cemetery. The deadline for letters on this application is **September 14, 2003**. The OHS asked the Registrar of Cemeteries for an extension but he was unwilling to grant one. However, he did state that he will accept submissions until he makes his decision on this application. Therefore, even if the deadline has passed, we are still asking our members to send letters to the Registrar of Cemeteries expressing your

concerns about this latest application to dig up and move St. Alban's Anglican Church Cemetery to:

MICHAEL D'MELLO, REGISTRAR  
CEMETERIES REGULATION SECTION,  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER &  
BUSINESS SERVICES,  
250 YONGE STREET, 32<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
TORONTO, ONTARIO  
M5B 2N5

Further we ask that you send a copy of your letter to  
THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



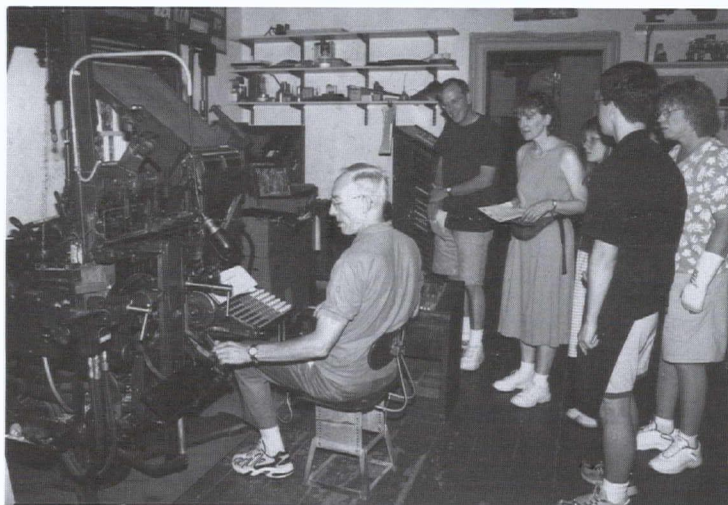
## HERITAGE ABOUNDS IN NIAGARA

For the history enthusiast, the Niagara region has an abundance of interesting, attractive and unique historic sites. The whole area is picturesque and well-maintained by Niagara Parks and there is something for everyone. To find out more information visit their website: [www.niagaraparks.com](http://www.niagaraparks.com).

The Ontario Historical Society is hosting a special bus tour to Niagara-on-the-Lake this fall which will stop at several heritage places including St. Mark's Church & Cemetery, which was established in 1792 by Rev. Robert Addison. The church, completed in 1810, was burned during the War of 1812 and rebuilt in 1816.

The tour will take you on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts – a must see for anyone with an interest in preserving history! Also on the tour will be a stop at The Niagara Historical Society & Museum which was founded in 1895 and houses one of the finest collections of early Canadian artifacts and archives.

See the back page for more about the bus tour to historic Niagara-on-the-Lake.



Top: The beautiful gardens at the gate to McFarland House invite visitors to enter. Located on the Niagara Parkway, McFarland House was built in 1800 by John McFarland and his sons. It is one of the few buildings in Niagara-on-the-Lake which predates the War of 1812. John McFarland's interesting grave marker is located at St. Mark's Church & Cemetery, a stop on the Ontario History Scenes Bus Tour.

ABOVE: James Todd, a retired linotype operator, demonstrates for tourists a working linotype machine at the Mackenzie Heritage Printery & Newspaper Museum.

RIGHT: The Mackenzie Heritage Printery and Newspaper Museum is housed in the restored home of rebel publisher William Lyon Mackenzie. Explore 500 years of printing technology, including the rarest in the museum's collection, the Louis Roy Press circa 1700. It is the oldest in Canada and one of the few original wooden presses remaining in the world. It was used to print Canada's first newspaper the Upper Canada Gazette or American Oracle in 1793 at Newark, Ontario's first capital (now Niagara-on-the-Lake). In this building, Mackenzie printed the first issue of The Colonial Advocate and Journal of Agriculture, Manufacture and Commerce on May 18, 1824.

Photos Sheila Creighton



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JEAN MURRAY COLE

The Society's 2003-2004 Board of Directors is an interesting cross section of the heritage community, and this president's report gives me an opportunity to give our *Bulletin* readers a little insight into the diversity of experience and interests brought together on our executive.

**Lydia Ross Alexander**, of Kirkland Lake, Past President, is a historical researcher, writer and former museum director. **Chris Oslund**, Second Vice-President, and a municipal councillor, is also in the museums community as director of the Haileybury Heritage Museum, as are Museums committee chair, **Dorie Billich**, Curator for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, and the past Museums chair **Gloria Taylor**, Director of the Simcoe County Museum. First Vice-President **Brian Osborne** is professor of geography at Queens University and president of the Kingston Historical Society. Another academic on the Board is **Marcel Martel**, professor of history at York University, chair of our publications committee. **Joe Martin**, Treasurer, formerly of Winnipeg, now teaches at the University of Toronto. Since its founding in 1994, he has been a leading member of the Board of Directors of Canada's National History Society (publishers of *The Beaver*). **Jack Cecillon** is a Ph.D. candidate in Canadian History at York while teaching history at St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, Pickering. **Penny Potter**, Secretary, is also a

former teacher, and is a long serving active member of the OHS and of the North York Historical Society.

Another leader in the heritage field now serving on our Board is **Mary Angela Tucker**, Chatham, who is the past president of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario. **Donna Davies** comes to the Board with broad experience in many community activities and is the author of a recent local history of Caledon East. **Ross Wallace**, Innisfil, has long been active in his local heritage community and in the OHS. Your president, too, is active on the Peterborough area history scene and is a writer of several histories of the region and numerous other publications with a special interest in the history of the fur trade in the Pacific Northwest.

On another note, I would like to remind all members that this is the time of year we look for nominations for our Honours and Awards. Our presentations of the 2003 awards on a sunny Sunday afternoon in May were a highlight of the year – a special event made even more so by the presence of our patron Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman, winner of the Joseph Brant Award for his memoir *Out of Muskoka*, and Mrs. Bartleman. Do give some thought to individuals you think worthy of being honoured for their efforts in the heritage community or as authors of works of historical significance in Ontario. Nomination forms are being distributed and will be available from the OHS office.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) has approved The Ontario Historical Society's application, in partnership with the Ontario Museums Association, for a two-day workshop on Storage Planning for Cultural Facilities. The workshop will take place at the Simcoe County Museum on September 29 and 30, 2003. Registration is limited, so if you would like to attend please contact today. Complete details are available below and on our website [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca).

Many of you may know that this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archives of Ontario. To publicize the history of the Archives and to promote the many collections in its holdings, the OHS is hosting a one-day symposium, in partnership with the Friends of the Archives. The symposium will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2003. Members of either the OHS or the Friends are eligible to register at reduced rates. For more information, please visit the OHS website or phone our offices.

Proposed changes to the

*Ontario Heritage Act* received first reading before the Ontario government's summer recess. The OHS has worked for many years to see changes to the existing legislation and we congratulate Minister of Culture David Tsubouchi for his work on this initiative. We still need the backing of your MPP to see the legislation through. Encourage your local representative to support the new legislation 'without debate'.

We've had many enquiries for information about this year's Honours & Awards program. Nomination forms will soon be available through the office or on our website. The deadline for nominations has been extended to accommodate many local societies' fall meeting schedules. Submit your nomination by November 28, 2003.

Our annual Cookbook Caper is Sunday, November 16, 2003. This year's event is co-sponsored by the Culinary Historians of Ontario and will again include appearances by best-selling authors, a fabulous selection of cookbooks, cooking equipment and more!

Our offices were bustling with activity this summer thanks to the Ministry of Culture's Summer Employment grant program and Human Resources Development Canada. Rebecca Blackman began the formidable task of assessing the many boxes of files of the Society and preparing an inventory and Harsha Raghuraman assisted with the development of a media database. Wasay Rizwan returned to develop the OHS website. Members of the Society can now log-in to a 'members only' section and view the *OHS Bulletin*. Access passwords will be mailed out to members over the next few weeks. Thank you to our summer staff, your contributions to the Society are most appreciated.

The OHS made an application to the Ministry's Cultural Tourism Marketing Fund (CTMF) to promote heritage tourism activities across the province. As of this writing, funding approval is still pending for this and other initiatives. Thank you to affiliated societies and other heritage organizations for your letters of support.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Glenn W. Bennett  
Dorie & Ian Billich  
John P. Macaulay Court  
James C. S. Cowan  
Angela Emerson  
Diana Fink  
Margaret Hamilton  
John Kaler  
Jane Litt  
Joanna P. McMann  
Alison E. Norman  
Reg J. Thompson

Cecile Thompson  
Les Tibbles  
Jean Williams

Canadian Firefighters Museum (Port Hope)  
Heritage & Culture Division, Norfolk County  
Museum Volunteer Group (Windsor)  
Pickering Museum Village  
South Dumfries Historical Society  
Township of Stone Mills Abandoned Cemetery Committee  
Wilno Heritage Society  
Women's Culinary Network (Toronto) Inc.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER NOW FOR THE TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

## STORAGE PLANNING FOR CULTURAL FACILITIES SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2003

AT THE  
SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM, MINESING

INSTRUCTED BY THE CANADIAN CONSERVATION INSTITUTE,  
CO-HOSTED BY THE ONTARIO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION & THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This two-day workshop addresses the process of storage planning and design, including space analysis, layout, structural requirements, scheduling and costing processes.

Damaging agents such as temperature, relative humidity, light, pollution, contaminants, fire, theft, pests, and water are reviewed. Information on determining appropriate storage techniques for different collection types, choosing suitable storage materials, and selecting appropriate storage furnishings and finishes is also provided.

Units covered will include:

- Preliminary Considerations
- Storage Planning
- Preventive Conservation
- Storage Concepts
- Project Design
- Upgrading Projects
- Post-Project Activities

The target audience for this workshop is staff and volunteers of cultural facilities who are responsible for improving or renovating existing collection storage, or for planning and developing new storage facilities or furnishings.

The instructor is **Siegfried Rempel** who graduated from Carleton University in 1973 with a B.Sc. and joined CCI in 1975. From 1981 to 1985 he worked as a conservation scientist in photography at the University of Texas (Austin). Then he was the manager of conservation and preservation at the Canadian Centre for Architecture until 1989, when he moved to Heritage Services/CCI to act in an advisory capacity. His current areas of specialization are collections preservation and Aboriginal Facilities Development.

**Participant fee: OMA & OHS members \$100.00 + GST = \$107.00**  
**Non-members \$125.00 + GST = \$133.75**

For more information, or to register please call  
The Ontario Historical Society at 416.226.9011, Email: [ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)  
or [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca)

## DESIGNATION RECOMMENDED FOR ST. JAMES' BURYING GROUND

ROB LEVERTY

It all began on a bleak and rainy afternoon in November 2000 at a special meeting at St. James' Cathedral. It was then that The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) was informed by The Very Reverend Douglas Stoute, Rector, St. James' Cathedral and Dean of Toronto (Anglican Church of Canada), and Dr. Ronald Williamson, Archaeological Services Inc., that the Corporation of St. James' Cathedral wanted to 'clean up' the northern half of the Burying Ground for 'redevelopment'. The OHS later learned that Context Development Inc. had entered into an agreement with representatives of St. James' Cathedral to build luxury condominiums on the site.

In January 2001, the Cathedral Corporation officially applied to the Province of Ontario's Registrar of Cemeteries to dig up and move part of the Burying Ground. Immediately, an incredible storm of controversy was unleashed which raged for

the next ten months as the OHS was swamped with requests from descendants across North America to fight a closure application which would result in the relocation of over 3,000 burials.

On November 2, 2001 (All Souls' Day), the OHS and the Save St. James' Committee held a very successful vigil with descendants and community groups at the Cathedral. Six days later, on November 8, The Corporation of St. James' Cathedral suddenly withdrew their application to the Province of Ontario to close and move the Burying Ground.

In May 2003, the OHS was informed that St. James' Cathedral had entered into an agreement with Context Development Inc. to transfer development rights to a nearby parcel of land in exchange for financial assistance to rehabilitate and expand the Parish House and Diocesan Centre.

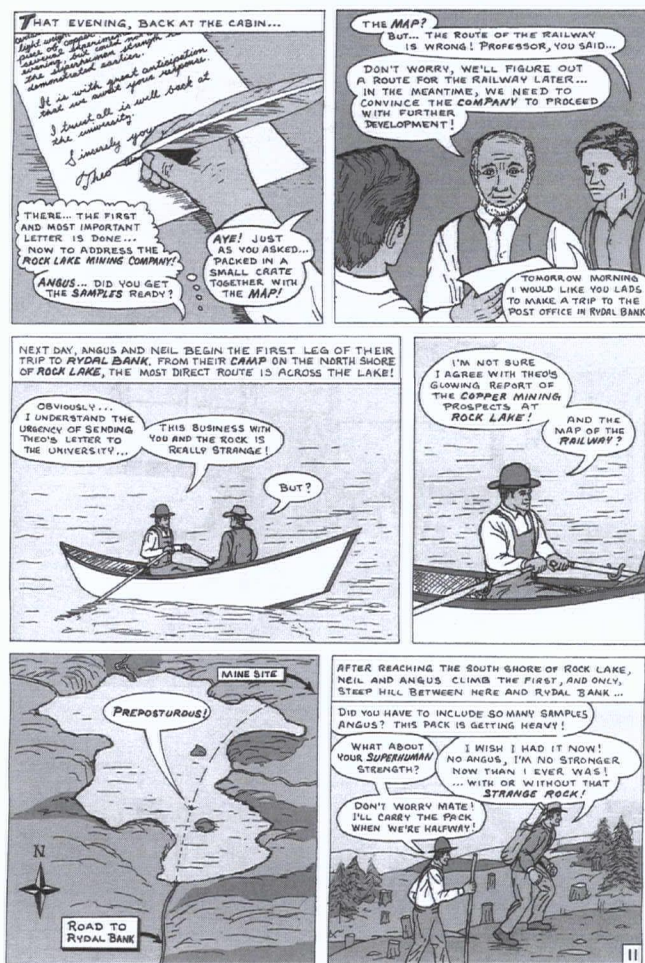


# ACROSS THE PROVINCE



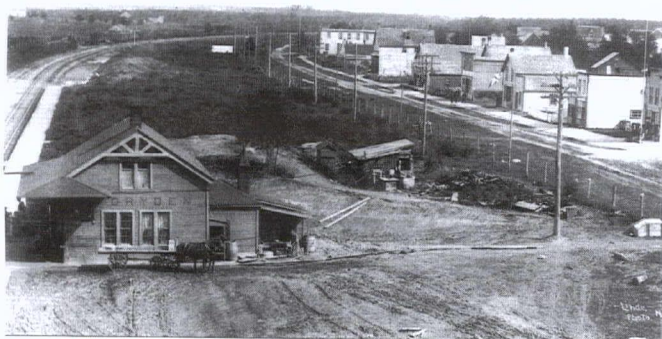
ABOVE: The rural grounds of the former Rosehill schoolhouse provided the setting for Heritage Caledon's inaugural Summer Soirée. Held on June 25, 2003, the Soirée included presentations of plaques for new heritage designations. Seen here is Regional Councillor Marolyn Morrison with John Mason, Ron & Nicole Felix, Helen Mason, owners of the c.1870s Alexander Smith Farm Complex in the former Chinguacousy Township (Caledon's 100th Heritage Designation).

RIGHT: A page from Christian Moes' Marvel-style comic book *Red Metal: Strange Tales of the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway*. Recently, Moes was the guest speaker at the Rydal Bank Historical Society where he introduced his illustrated story. Jean Hershey, Secretary of the Rydal Bank Historical Society writes, "While this new project is a hobby for Moes, his endeavour to achieve an accurate depiction of the history and scenes of Rydal Bank and area were of particular interest to the members of the Historical Society. Moes is well-known for his extensive research on the Bruce Mines and Algoma Railway, better known locally as the Nip and Tuck. Moes' story starts in 1898 with prospectors seeking fame and fortune in the rugged land north of Bruce Mines, but their adventures take them to Rydal Bank, Bruce Station and Bruce Mines. Moes has taken the black and white of history and old photographs and produced a lively colourful story that will appeal to historians young and old."



The Municipality of Red Lake announced in July two major lead gifts for the Red Lake Heritage Centre Capital Campaign: one for \$250,000 from Goldcorp, and a matching personal donation of \$250,000 from Rob McEwen, Chairman and CEO of Goldcorp. Goldcorp is the owner of the Red Lake Mine, Canada's largest gold mine.

Oakville Historical Society hosted a meeting in May to bring historical societies in Halton Region together. Six different groups gave presentations and it was agreed that working together is an important step. An enthusiastic response by participants illustrated all that is being achieved by large numbers of dedicated volunteers!



Queen Street, circa 1909, looking east toward the Dryden Hotel

LEFT: An image from *The Dryden Chronology*, a new book by Dryden historian Gerrie Noble. The preface states, "This is not a history, but a simple chronology of events selected by the author to illustrate advances that occurred in the growth of a progressive Northwestern Ontario town. It is my hope that it will be useful as a quick reference guide to first happenings in the City's development." The Dryden Chronology has 40 pages with interesting archival photographs throughout. It is available at The Bookcase, 25 King St., Dryden, ON P8N 1B4. Cost is \$12.95 plus shipping and handling.

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On June 10, 2003, the OHS appeared before the City of Toronto's East York Community Council to argue that although the developers and the leadership of St. James' Cathedral had reached an agreement, the Burying Ground still remained unprotected. Unfortunately, the Chair of Toronto's East York Community Council, Councillor Kyle Rae, ruled the OHS out of order, continually interrupted its presentation, and eventually turned off the speaker's microphone.

In the next few weeks, Councillors for the City of Toronto were told by the OHS, representing hundreds of descendants, that it was simply unacceptable and unconscionable to approve any development agreement without protecting the Burying Ground. As a result, The Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting June 24-26, 2003, considered the Report of the Toronto East York Community Council and amended it by adding, "It is further recommended that City Council designate the Burying Ground of St. James' Cathedral as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of *The Ontario Heritage Act*." The

entire Council of the City of Toronto supported this historic motion.

It took almost three years of constant struggling but finally the City of Toronto has declared that it is not in the public interest to dig up and move any part of the Burying Ground at St. James' Cathedral. This means that at last the City of Toronto has joined a growing movement of municipal leaders across Ontario who publicly support the preservation of cemeteries and burial sites in their original locations.

The OHS would like to thank Councillors Pam McConnell (Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale) and Jane Pitfield (Ward 26 Don Valley West) for their support; the descendants, and in particular Linda McCaffery (nee Curtis), for appearing before City Council with us; Marjorie Stuart and Diane Clendenan for their superb genealogical research; and the many dedicated volunteers who were members of the Save St. James' Committee. Finally, a huge thank you to all who have donated to the OHS Cemetery Defence Fund. It is again because of you that the OHS will continue to preserve and promote this important aspect of Ontario's history.

## MANVERS TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDS CEREMONY

On July 28, 2003, Manvers Township Historical Society hosted an awards ceremony at Aunt Laura's Tearoom in Bethany. The occasion marked the honouring of the former township's senior citizens (over 80 years of age) and/or those who made significant contributions to the community. Among the dignitaries present were: Art Truax, Mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes; David Marsh, councillor for Ward 16; and Jean Murray Cole, President of The Ontario Historical Society. Linda Kent and Kevin Williams

represented the City of Kawartha Lakes Library Services. Reverend Jan White of Bethany United Church attended on behalf of all the local churches.

Over 80 individuals were presented with honorary membership certificates in the Society. An honour roll will hang in the Bethany Service Centre with the names of all the honourees. Corsages were presented to all the participants and a pleasant afternoon was spent reminiscing and renewing old friendships.

Congratulations to all the honoured guests!

## TAKE A TOUR OF HISTORIC BARNs – VANISHING TREASURES

*The Huron Shores Heritage Farm Building Tour* is being held on Saturday, September 20, 2003, starting at the Sowerby Community Hall at 10 a.m. This tour is being sponsored by the volunteer board that runs the 107 year-old Community Hall at Sowerby, a rural hamlet about an hour east, of Sault Ste Marie.

The tour will visit a selection of heritage farm buildings within the surrounding farm valleys. Selections include a 12 sided polygonal barn, built in 1928 (the newest building on the tour), and other barns and outbuildings dating from 1888. These buildings are up to 60 feet by 70 feet in size with one piece hand-hewn beams up to 52 feet in length! There is a great diversity of construction materials and styles.

The tour will travel by bus to several farms, returning to the Hall for a Barn Raising Bee Supper in the late afternoon. The Tour Guide will be Dr. John Carter,

museum advisor with the Ministry of Culture. He is an expert on Ontario barns. After supper, Dr. Carter will conduct a slide show titled Ontario Barns.

Sheila Currie, a local artist, is busy producing paintings of some of the featured buildings, which will be displayed and for sale along with other farm paintings on that day. A display of old barn building tools, borrowed from local museums, will be at the Sowerby Hall for the day.

It is hoped this tour will heighten awareness of the richness of early farm architecture and the genius of early builders and will help encourage the preservation of these disappearing museum pieces.

For further information or ticket reservations call Will Samis at 705-843-5567.

BELOW: The Samis barn, 1905, is one of the stops on The Huron Shores Heritage Farm Building Tour.

Photo David Ratz





EVENTS & EXHIBITS

**SEPTEMBER 14 – NOV. 1:** *From Heart to Hand*, presented by the Brockville Museum, an exhibit featuring works from Artistic Stitchers, Thousand Islanders Rug Hooking Guild, Thousand Islands Quilting Guild, Craft & Chat and the Basket Weavers Guild. All are welcome, for info 613.342.4397

**SEPTEMBER 19 – NOV. 2:** *Marine Heritage Festival*, at the Huron County Museum. First ten days feature special events. There will be speakers, demonstrations, and artifact displays along with a fine arts gallery for the duration of the festival. For info call 1.800.280.7637 or 519.524.2686, Email [huronhistory@cabletv.on.ca](mailto:huronhistory@cabletv.on.ca) or visit [www.shipwreckwexford.ca](http://www.shipwreckwexford.ca)

**SEPTEMBER 20:** *The Early Music Fair*, hosted by Montgomery's Inn, Toronto. From noon to 5 p.m., mini-concerts and exhibits, local artists and more. Experience music from many eras. Adults \$3; Seniors/Students \$2; Children (under 12) \$1; Family \$10. Free parking, picnic area, light refreshments for sale between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For info 416.394.8112

**SEPTEMBER 26:** *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Dances Workshop*, featuring English Country Dancing from the 1812 period. Experience an evening in the authentic setting of Fort York. Workshop led by The Fort York Regency Dancers. Ages 12 & up, no partners required, historic refreshments served. \$10 per person, register by calling 416.392.6907 ext. 100

**OCTOBER 1:** *The Pickering Township Historical Society's Keene Trip*, includes conducted tours of *Serpent Mounds* and *Lang Pioneer Village*, a boat ride on Rice Lake and a delicious lunch at Elmhirst Resort. Members \$60; non-members \$65. Reserve by Sept. 24, call Carol King 905.509.2744

**OCTOBER 4:** *The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneer Day*, Town of Lincoln's Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy heritage arts and crafts demonstrations, traditional Mennonite foods, children's activities, candle dipping and more. For info and admission cost call 905.562.5242 or Email [jhmtchin@vaxxine.com](mailto:jhmtchin@vaxxine.com)

**OCTOBER 4:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Heritage Festival*, presented by the Oshawa Public Library, a showcase of Durham's heritage resources. New attractions include a panel of experts for genealogical questions and a children's corner. Prizes & giveaways, free admission, for info Email [trobins@oshawalibrary.on.ca](mailto:trobins@oshawalibrary.on.ca)

**OCTOBER 11:** *Re-enactment of the 210<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Simcoe's Canoe Trip*, join in with your canoe, kayak or boat and discover the importance of the 'Lower Landing' to Ontario's history and watch as 'Lord Simcoe' meets with dignitaries to help raise awareness of the danger to this site. Contact Willard Peterson at 905.836.6966 or Email [willhp@rogers.com](mailto:willhp@rogers.com)

**OCTOBER 18:** *The Imagination Workshop: An Exercise in Creativity*, with artist/facilitator Paul Livingston. From 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the MacDonald House, Thornhill. Create original images, some supplies required. \$45, register early. For info: 905.697.9326, or Email [paulivingston@rogers.com](mailto:paulivingston@rogers.com)

**OCTOBER 18 & 19:** *Rural Roots Literary Festival*, at Haldimand Museums, Caledonia and Cayuga sites. Activities for book lovers, open-stage readings, workshops, book fair & appraisals, children's activities, giant used book sale and coffee house. For info call Jennifer at 905.772.5880 or [museum.archives@haldimandcounty.on.ca](mailto:museum.archives@haldimandcounty.on.ca)

**NOVEMBER 2:** *Cattle, Cowboys and Railways: The Texas-West Toronto Connection*, learn about the history of the West Toronto Union Stockyards and their connection to the U.S.A., Southwest Mexico and Alberta. Hear the story of Lord Delaval de la Poer Beresford and his brother, Irish aristocrats for whom Beresford Avenue is named. Walking tour begins at 1:00 p.m., for information call 416.431.4454 or in the evening 416.570.6415

**NOVEMBER 8:** *The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Book Fair*, presented by the Waterdown East Flamborough Heritage Society. Many well-known book dealers and historical and genealogical groups will be in attendance. *From West Flamborough's Storied Past* will be on sale along with a selection of good used books. Light refreshments and lunch may be purchased, ample parking available, for info contact 905.689.4074 or Email [wefhs@hpl.ca](mailto:wefhs@hpl.ca)

**NOVEMBER 15:** *The Ontario Model Soldier Society 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Show & Competition*, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 210, Toronto. Lectures, displays and road-show style evaluations of your treasures. \$5 admission, for info 905.857.6266, Email [postmaster@toysoldiernetwork.com](mailto:postmaster@toysoldiernetwork.com), [www.toysoldiernetwork.com](http://www.toysoldiernetwork.com)

ANNUAL COOKBOOK CAPER

Mark Sunday November 16, 2003, on your calendar for the Ontario Historical Society's annual cookbook sale to be held in the OHS's John McKenzie House from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are partnering with the Culinary Historians of Ontario to make this a bigger and better event than ever.

There will be hundreds of old and new cookbooks offered for sale. Along with the books will be cookbook authors of note to sign and sell their books at a discount. If you are a cookbook collector, enjoy cookery or just like to read cookbooks, this is the event for you.

Every year treasures are found in our collection of books. Included for sale with the cookbooks will also be some cookery equipment. If you have cookbooks or cooking equipment that you would like to donate to this year's sale, they would be much appreciated.

For info 416.226.9011 or [ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](mailto:ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca).

JOIN THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THESE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	HOST/SPONSOR	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER 17	<i>The Antarctic Adventures of Thomas McLeod</i> -presentation	OHS at Kingston History Society	Kingston
SEPTEMBER 25	<i>Tombstone Tales</i> -lecture & slide show	OHS at Etobicoke Historical Society	Toronto
SEPTEMBER 29	<i>Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest</i> -presentation	OHS with Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee	Collingwood
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30	Storage Planning for Cultural Facilities -workshop	Instructed by the Canadian Conservation Institute, Co-hosted by the OHS and the OMA at the Simcoe County Museum	Minesing
OCTOBER 4	<i>Interpreting and Preserving Family Photos &amp; Documents</i> -workshop	OHS with Voyageur Heritage Network at Commanda General Store Museum	Commanda
OCTOBER 5	<i>Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest</i> -presentation	OHS with Centennial Museum	Sheguiandah
OCTOBER 10	<i>Ontario History Scenes</i> bus tour registration deadline	Ontario Historical Society	Willowdale
OCTOBER 25	<i>Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest</i> -presentation	OHS at Symposium by Ontario Archaeological Society, Ontario Provincial Police & OPP Museum	Orillia
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OCTOBER 28	<i>Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest</i> -presentation	OHS with Windsor's Community Museum & Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society at Duff-Baby Interpretation Centre	Windsor
OCTOBER 29	<i>Historic Burial Sites from Sandwich to Kingsville</i> -tour	OHS with Essex County Historical Cemeteries Preservation Society & Windsor's Community Museum	Essex County
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NOVEMBER 28	Honours & Awards Nominations Due	Ontario Historical Society	Willowdale

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS CALL 416.226.9011



ABOVE: From July 25–27, at the John McKenzie House, The OHS hosted Canada's National History Society and judges from across Canada for their deliberations on submissions for the 2003 Governor General's Awards for excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

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ABOVE: Seen here at the Grey County Black History Event held June 28 in Ayton is Norma Blacke Bourdeau (sitting centre) of the Redbank Ministries, Maryland, U.S.A. With her is a group of faculty members and graduate students from York University's Faculty of Education. Norma had just finished speaking and singing about the symbolism and importance of songs to Black History. The 2003 Black History Event was sponsored by the Grey County Archives, the Durham & District Chamber of Commerce and the Bruce & Grey Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Next year's event is scheduled for April 17, 2004.

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# CEMETERY NEWS

MARJORIE STUART

Our readers are reminded to be vigilant. Without sharp eyes we may never learn of potential cemetery closures. This could affect the cemetery where your family lies buried, hopefully, forever. It should be remembered that a cemetery can only be declared closed and moved if it is *in the public interest*.

Each potential closure does not necessarily end up in a costly government tribunal. Using diplomacy, etc., and with the efforts of local members, several closures have been averted. Preservation of McNaughton Cemetery in the City of Vaughan, the Burying Grounds at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto and St. Augustine Cemetery in Essex County are a few examples that show that negotiations can work.

What to watch for!!

- ♦ Signs posted in cemeteries where there is a proposed closure.

- ♦ Public notices in local area newspapers that have been placed there by those that administer a cemetery.

- ♦ Public notices of road widening or other changes that might impact on a cemetery.

Plans are being prepared for the extension and improvement of Highway 11.

Our readers are advised to examine these plans. In the Niagara area the Trustees of Warner Cemetery worked with the Ministry of Transport to preserve their cemetery. A satisfactory agreement was reached. The Queen Elizabeth Highway will be widened and the cemetery will be protected.

What to do!

**Time is of the essence!**

There are only 45 days in which to send in a written submission. Contact the OHS office for further guidance or write to the Registrar of Cemeteries:

Michael D'Mello,  
Cemeteries Regulation Section  
Ministry of Consumer and  
Business Services, 250 Yonge  
Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> floor, Toronto, ON  
M5B 2N5 Tel: 416.326.8393  
Email: MichaelD'Mello@cbs.  
gov.on.ca

The United Empire Loyalists have set a final date of December 31, 2003, for submissions to their Loyalist Burial Project. They wish to locate and document Loyalist graves and stories. Please contact Ray Lewis, 92 Angus Drive, North York ON M2J 2X1 Tel: 416.493.6898 Fax: 416.493.2698 Email: raylewis@sympatico.ca

*The following arrived too late for the last Bulletin.*

The annual service to commemorate Canada's first Prime Minister took place on June 6 at *Cataraqui Cemetery* in Kingston. The date remains the same each year so mark your calendar. Each year there is a distinguished speaker. This year Dr. Ian Wilson, Canada's National Archivist, addressed the group. Cataraqui Cemetery is beautifully maintained and is the final resting place of many notable Canadians. The cemetery is well worth a tour while in the Kingston area.

The Guelph Civic Museum has an exhibition until September 28 titled *Till Death Do Us Part – Victorian Mourning Traditions*. This exhibit explores funeral traditions and superstitions through markers, artifacts and mourning clothes.

Ten municipalities, museums, historical and tourism organizations in the Elgin and London area are sponsoring the Bicentennial of the Talbot Settlement. On September 27 there will be a ghost walk: *When We Dead Awaken* at Old St. Thomas Anglican Churchyard. There will be performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. To order tickets call

519.631.1296 or Diana Player at 519.631.9194 or Email dianna2@sympatico.ca.

In Charlotte, North Carolina, a public outcry from descendants has convinced the city and the Federal Transit Administration to reconsider a proposed mass removal of graves at Elmwood and Pinecrest Cemeteries. The city needs to expand its light rail commuter service and Amtrak is considering using the same corridor. Plans for this expansion have been delayed while alternative routes are explored.

Three cemeteries are taking part in *Doors Open Mississauga 2003* on September 13 and 14. Tours are available at: **St. John's Lithuanian Cemetery**, 2185 Stavebank Road, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday 13, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday 14. **St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery**, 4390 Mississauga Road North, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on September 13 and 14.

**Streetsville Cemetery**, Bristol Road and Queen Street, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on September 13 and 14.

Veterans of the Korean War and their families gathered recently to honour the 516 Canadian servicemen who were killed in the 1950-53 war. The

National Wall of Remembrance is located in Brampton.

Stones have been vandalized in Carscallen (Wagar) Cemetery in North Fredericksburg Township. Anyone with information is asked to contact Marjorie Stuart at the OHS Office.

I continue to get very positive reviews about Rob Levery's presentation entitled: *Ontario's Cemeteries: The Struggle for the Public Interest*.

In May and June, Rob was invited to speak at The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (Toronto Branch); the Oshawa/Whitby Branch OGS; the York Region Branch OGS; the Toronto Branch OGS and the Aurora Rotary Club. Over 300 people attended these five presentations. See the OHS Events on the opposite page to see where and when Rob and Harvey Medland (Tombstone Tales) are speaking in the next few months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many well wishers who wrote after my accident and long hospital stay. Also, I apologize to those whose correspondence has not been answered. I will be in contact shortly.

Below: Diane Clendenan (member OHS & OGS) and Tina Berkhuizen, Chair, OGS, Toronto Branch, give Rob Levery a cheque for \$1,000 for The OHS Cemetery Defence Fund. Rob had just finished his presentation Ontario's Cemeteries: The Struggle for the Public Interest to more than 90 people at the Toronto Branch's May meeting.



## GET ONTARIO HISTORY THIS FALL

The Autumn issue of *Ontario History* contains the usual four articles, and eight book reviews, expertly assembled by our new book review editor, Dimitry Anastakis. If there is a theme in this issue, it is the regularization and disciplining of Ontario society in the nineteenth century, as seen in the growth in formal education, the creation of public parks and gardens, the gradual displacement of religion by science, and increasing legislative protection for abused wives. By coincidence, the years 1858 and 1859 figure prominently in all four articles.

Nineteenth-century gardens and parks tamed small parts of the Canadian wilderness.

Botanic gardens provided medicine to prevent and cure disease. In *An Erosion of Imagination: Unfulfilled Plans for a University Botanical Gardens and Taddle Creek, 1850 to 1884*, John P.M. Court tackles the difficult theme of absences and failures. In this case, the failure to create a botanic gardens on the campus of the University of Toronto. The gardens plan was launched with enthusiasm by the senate of the reconstituted university in 1850-51, but once three of its six acres, on the east side of Taddle Creek, were leased to the city of Toronto in 1858-59, along

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## GRAVEYARD DESECRATION IN HISTORIC SANDWICH

(WINDSOR, ONTARIO)

SACRED  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
JOHN JAMES HUME, ESQUIRE  
MD  
STAFF ASSISTANT SURGEON  
WHO WAS INHUMANLY MURDERED AND HIS BODY  
AFTERWARDS BRUTALLY MANGLED BY A GANG  
OF ARMED RUFFIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES  
STYLING THEMSELVES  
PATRIOTS  
WHO COMMITTED THIS COWARDLY AND SHAMEFUL OUTRAGE  
ON THE MORNING OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER, 1838; HAVING  
INTERCEPTED THE DECEASED WHILE PROCEEDING TO RENDER  
PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THEIR MAJESTY'S GALLANT  
MILITIA ENGAGED AT WINDSOR, U.C., IN REPELLING  
THE INCURSION OF THIS REBEL CREW MORE PROPERLY STYLED  
PIRATES!

Late in May 2003, one hundred and sixty-five years after the murder of Dr. Hume, as described on his tombstone in St. John's Anglican Church cemetery in Sandwich, a party of modern day ruffians (Canadians this time) attacked the very place in which the surgeon's remains lie. The church and its burying ground have occupied a corner of the intersection of Sandwich and Brock Streets in the former Town of Sandwich (now part of Windsor) since 1802. Some gravestones predate the War of 1812, in which Sandwich played an important part, having been invaded by American Generals

Hull and Harrison during that period of unrest, as well as during the Rebellion of 1837 when our Dr. Hume met his fate, and the Fenian raids which, here, were aborted.

The Becker Engineering Group has offered to provide the technical conservation of this historic site as a pro bono Project of Professional Engineers in Ontario. Additional support (both monetary and physical) is being sought from the larger community, since the destruction was of such immensity that a force of well-supervised volunteers is needed to assist with the work on almost two hundred gravestones, many of which have

been toppled and broken into pieces.

The Ministry of Culture's technical standards, *A Guide for Conserving Historic Cemeteries – Repairing Tombstones (1998)*, is being followed to the letter.

Several local historical advocacy groups have raised funds toward the project, including The Friends of the Court (Mackenzie Hall, Windsor) volunteers with the historic courthouse built in 1855 by Alexander Mackenzie which is the church's next door neighbour, and the Volunteer Group of Windsor's Community Museum, which donated proceeds from its annual yard sale. The president of the Windsor District Labour Council is spearheading the formal fund drive which needs to raise at least \$130,000 to have the project completed before the winter of 2003. Windsor's Mayor Hurst has hosted meetings to ensure that adequate public attention is paid to the great need for the conservation of this invaluable site whose history knows no religious limits.

Evelyn G. McLean, President, Essex County Historical Society. Donations may be made to *Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt St. W., Windsor, ON N9A 5L5*

**IF YOU CARE ABOUT ONTARIO CEMETERIES  
AND THEIR PRESERVATION, PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO:  
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THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
34 PARKVIEW AVENUE, WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO, M2N 3Y2**



# MUSEUM NEWS

## PINHEY DIARY RETURNS TO OTTAWA HISTORIC SITE

BRUCE ELLIOT

The Pinhey's Point Foundation in rural Ottawa is celebrating the return of a daily journal written at the Ottawa River historic site by nineteenth-century resident Horace Pinhey. The diary, dating from 1856 to 1865, is a valuable record of work, produce, and expenditures on the family farm at Pinhey's Point in the former Township of March.

The diary has come back to its place of origin thanks to a remarkable sequence of events that demonstrate the value of networking within the heritage community. It was purchased at auction last year by Barclay Holmes, an antique dealer in Vineland. He mentioned his purchase to John C. Carter, a heritage advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Culture. John knows Deborah Scott, the City of Ottawa's museums manager and was aware of the Pinhey's Point historic site. He called Deborah, who passed the word along to Foundation President Michele LeBoldus. John then brokered a sale with Mr. Holmes.

Reportedly, American buyers were interested, but Mr. Holmes readily agreed to part with the diary for less than its commercial value so that it could return to its original home. His example of public spirit and cooperation is stellar, the foundation is grateful to all concerned for having the interest and taking the time to facilitate this acquisition.



John Carter, Museum Advisor for the Ministry of Culture (centre) presents a diary of Horace Pinhey to Bob Gregory, board member of the Pinhey's Point Foundation, with Deborah Scott, Manager of the City of Ottawa Museums looking on. In the painting behind them, Horace Pinhey supervises the exchange.

Photo Bruce Elliot



On Sunday, July 13, over 165 youth from across Canada attended seven workshops conducted by the OHS for the Historica's National Heritage Fair (Sudbury 2003) at the Anderson Farm Museum in Lively. Anderson Farm is one of the City of Greater Sudbury's Museum Sites. Pictured here is a Francophone group of youth from across Canada with their leaders who attended one of the OHS workshops.

Photo Rob Leverty

RIGHT: Have you ever been to the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre (NORMHC) in Capreol? If not, you have to go for it's truly one of Canada's finest community museums. The OHS recently had an inspiring tour of the NORMHC guided by dedicated and hardworking volunteers Fran Michelutti, left, (Treasurer) and Eileen Thompson (Collections Director).

Photo Rob Leverty



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with other land that we now know as Queen's Park and University Avenue, the dream of a gardens on the campus, at least in that location, was effectively ended. (By co-incidence, it was in 1858 that the term "landscape architecture" was coined, by its pioneering practitioner, Frederick Law Olmsted, co-creator of Central Park.) Writing about what did not happen is difficult, but Court pulls it off with writerly skill and perspicacity.

In his article, "The Queen's Park and its Avenues: Canada's First Public Park," David Bain takes a more optimistic view of the same lease. While depriving the university of a botanic gardens, and in fact the entire eastern third of its campus, the lease of 1858-59 signalled a new beginning for the city of Toronto, which by the 1850s was in dire need of a new public park for its growing population. The history of the Queen's Park will surprise most readers. Its roots lie deep in Upper Canada and the Town of York. In the 1790s, Lt. Governor Simcoe rewarded loyal friends with Park Lots running north from Lot Street, now Queen. In the late 1820s, the northern part of three of these Town Lots became the campus of King's College, stretching from near today's St George Street to near Bay Street. Bain traces the evolution of the eastern third of this land, the sector that in 1860 was named the Queen's Park. Since the 1890s, the name has gradually been transferred to the Ontario Parliament Buildings built in the Queen's Park between 1886 and 1892. This beautiful park was the first municipally-owned

public park in Canada. Though much modified over time, it has withstood time to become an influence on subsequent public parks in Toronto and across the country.

How about a good murder mystery? In "Dissonant Voices in a Victorian Court Room: The Murder Trial of Dr. William King, Cobourg, 1858-59," Bernadine Dodge, in the best Mrs. Bradley tradition, investigates a murder in 1858 in Brighton, as well as the subsequent inquest and trial, and finally in 1859 the hanging of the accused, a homeopathic doctor. This case pitted homeopathic medicine against mainstream medicine; it exposed the weakness of Victorian domestic ideology; and it challenged the idea of female passionlessness. (You won't want to miss the vamp of Belleville!) The case foreshadowed the development of a rationalised, central bureaucracy that would gradually supplant more informal local administrative procedures. The spectacle of the public execution contributed to the disciplining of citizens by reinforcing the lessons of the legal system.

And finally, in "Alimony and Orders of Protection: Escaping Abuse in Hamilton-Wentworth, 1837-1900," Lori Chambers and John Weaver deal with the theme of women and the law in the nineteenth century. In early Ontario, wives had few legal rights. Beginning with the introduction of alimony in 1837, and later, certain limited property rights, the subservient position of wives was gradually mitigated, at least in law. To measure the practical success of legislative

reform, Chambers and Weaver explore the long-term survival of women who sought separations from abusive husbands. Though their paper covers the years 1837 to 1900, the late 1850s were important years. In 1859, legislators passed *An Act to secure for married women certain separate rights of property*. At the discretion of a local magistrate, a wife could own real estate. She could also, for the first time, save or spend earnings from work performed outside the home by her minor children or by herself. Also in 1859, an amended Chancery Act added desertion, adultery and abuse as reasons for granting alimony. Thus, legally at least, the status of women improved in the late 1850s, and throughout the century. Ultimately, however, law reform, while essential, was in itself inadequate.

The Autumn issue will be liberally illustrated. Don't miss the fresh images of the Queen's Park, as well as couple of pieces of art on the cover, front and back, and even the architectural drawings for the Cobourg jail in which Dr. King was held prior to being hanged. All four papers are informed and eminently readable. The book reviews will inspire you to rush out and borrow the books discussed.

If you have not yet had a chance to subscribe to *Ontario History*, here's a deal. For \$10 plus GST (total \$10.70) you can preview the Autumn issue. Included in this *OHS Bulletin* is a handy form detailing this special offer of *Ontario History*, or you can find out more at [www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca](http://www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca) R. B. Fleming  
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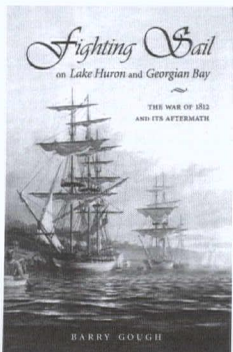
More extensive reviews of a number of books relating to the history of our province are published in each issue of *Ontario History*, a journal also published by the Ontario Historical Society.

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## HOMETOWN HEROES

**For the Love of the Game: Amateur Sport in Small-town Ontario 1838-1895.** By Nancy B. Bouchier. McGill-Queen's University Press. 214 pages. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardbound.

Current events in the professional sports world remind us of how important sports are to Canadians today. This book focuses on the history of amateur sport in 19th century small town Ontario, when sport was a game, not a business. But, says Bouchier, it was also a game with serious moral consequences, promoting "manliness, morality, health and patriotism". Civic leaders and hometown boosters pressed for sports facilities as emblems of community progress and social order. Bouchier reflects on the experience of Ingersoll and Woodstock, Ontario, showing how local culture helped shape cricket, baseball and lacrosse, and how the athletes and teams helped shape their communities.



## WAR ON THE WATER

**Fighting Sail on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay: The War of 1812 and Its Aftermath.** By Barry Gough. Vanwell Publishing Ltd. Box 2131, 1 Northrup Crescent, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7S2. 217 pages of text; 20 pages of illustrations. \$39.00 hardbound.

War of 1812 battles on Upper Canadian land are so familiar to many of us that we are apt to forget that some of the most significant military engagements were fought on water. This comprehensive volume presents the drama of the momentous events and the personalities of the principal players, neatly balancing successes and failures, victories and defeats of both sides. Of especial interest is the full story of the *Nancy* on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, her service and her destruction. Wilfrid Laurier University professor Barry

Gough, a skilled yachtsman as well as fine historian, has thoroughly researched and personally sailed to Michilimackinac, Put-in-Bay, Penetanguishene, indeed to all the historic locations. No wonder that he can so deftly describe these previously untold episodes in the war which determined our province's future.

## FAMILY TREES

**Breaking Ground: The Pegg Family in Scott Township and Related Family Lines.** By Daniel K. Dixon. 238 pages. Illustrations. \$60.00 hardbound.

Family histories, when carefully researched, well organized, and neatly presented, are of interest to readers who are not relatives – this one especially. Daniel Dixon, tracing the many branches of his family tree, has compiled an extensive and impressive collection of family facts and stories, official documents and detailed maps, financial records and archival photographs. He also includes helpful additional information – the building of a mill, the per acre yield of various crops, or the geography of Ireland – which provides a context for the specifics of his genealogy. Stewart Publishing should also be lauded for the design and printing of this comprehensive volume.

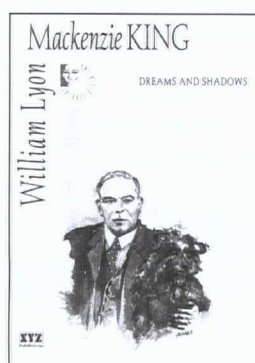
**Family Secrets: Crossing the Colour Line.** By Catherine Slaney. Natural Heritage Books. 264 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

As our genealogist friends would tell us, tracing your ancestors can lead to all sorts of surprises. In Catherine Slaney's case the surprise was finding out about her celebrated forebears. Slaney tell us, "As a white woman writing about my Black ancestors, I have pieced together a very remarkable story." She notes that by 1837 there were at least fifty Black families living in Toronto. One of these was the Abbott family, her family. The Abbotts prospered, and Anderson R. Abbott, her great-great grandfather, was the first Canadian-born Black to graduate from medical school in Toronto in 1861. Over the years, some of the Abbotts married white partners and, as times and economic circumstances changed, chose to identify themselves as white. While Slaney deals openly with the problems of race, her book is also a warm family history, celebrating success as well as difficulty. She found herself "eager to open the shutters that had previously filtered out what I felt to be my rightful inheritance". This inheritance is illustrated by the many fascinating family photographs interspersed throughout the book

## DEFENDING CANADA

**Dunnville Heroes: the W. T. Robb and the Dunnville Naval Brigade in the 1866 Fenian Invasion.** By John Thornley Docker. Dunnville District Heritage Association. 62 pages. Illustrations. \$20.00 softbound.

In June, 1866, our province was invaded from south of the border by members of the Fenian Brotherhood intent on capturing Canada and exchanging their prize for the freedom of Ireland. It was, of course, an impossible endeavour, and there were casualties, Canadian as well as Irish-American. At the centre of the defence of the Niagara area was the Dunnville Naval Brigade. Here is a lively account of their service.



## PRIME MINISTER

**William Lyon Mackenzie King: Dreams and Shadows.** By Lian Goodall. XYZ Publishing, Quest Book. 181 pages. Illustrations. \$15.95 softbound.

Our longest serving and – according to prominent Canadian historians – our most successful Prime Minister may also be our most misunderstood one. Totally devoted to public service, he became an adroit politician. Never a charismatic leader, he was adept in steering Canada through controversies and conflicts, especially during the trials of the Second World War. Author Lian Goodall, a former staff member at 'Woodside' in Kitchener and currently Program Officer at 'Kingsmere' outside Ottawa, knows her subject well. She has researched a massive amount of material and distilled it into a clear and informative narrative. This small volume presents Mackenzie King simply, sincerely and sympathetically – surely the first King biography to do so.

## REBELLION ROMP

**Turncoat: A Marc Edwards Mystery.** By Don Gutteridge. McClelland and Stewart. Map. \$24.95 softbound.

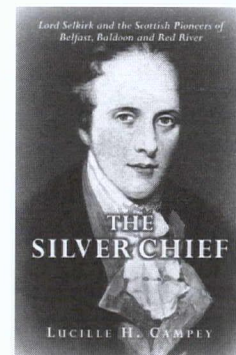
Caught in the political turmoil of Upper Canada in the years just prior to the 1837 Rebellion, a young British officer, Marc Edwards, suddenly finds himself a detective. He is commissioned as Lieutenant-Governor Colborne's personal spy, charged with looking into the mysterious death of a government informer. William Lyon Mackenzie has a role to play and is portrayed as passionate

but not ridiculous. His love of history allows author Don Gutteridge to have great fun with his mystery. The first, we are told, in a series of Marc Edwards whodunits.

## CAVALRY HISTORY

**The Governor General's Horse Guards: Second to None.** By John Martenson. Robin Brass Studio. 320 pages. Illustrations. \$69.95 hardbound.

The story of this regiment is almost as old as the province, for it begins with Canada's first cavalry troop formed in Markham in 1810 in time for service on the Niagara frontier in the War of 1812. It later played a role routing rebels in 1837, repelling Fenians in 1866, and quelling rebellion again in 1885. Abroad it served more significantly (and suffered more severely) in the Boer War and, in due course, the two World Wars. All this and more – a tale of death and destruction, honour and glory – is carefully chronicled and stunningly illustrated with paintings, maps, flag, uniforms, drawings and photographs. For the book's design and image alone, surely this is a regimental history second to none!



## SELKIRK'S LEGACY

**The Silver Chief: Lord Selkirk and the Scottish Pioneers of Belfast, Baldoon and Red River.** By Lucille H. Campey. Natural Heritage Books. 241 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

Lord Selkirk is most famous for his involvement with

the Red River Settlement, but he was also important to our province for an earlier enterprise. In 1804, an emigration scheme planted some fifteen Scottish families in Baldoon, now Wallaceburg. He wanted not only to assist those suffering economic hardships in Scotland but also to secure Upper Canada from excessive American influences. Loyal Scots on the border would help preserve the essential British culture. A year earlier Selkirk aided settlers in Prince Edward Island and a decade later was deeply involved in the ordeals of Red River. This work considers all three enterprises and is significant for its focus on the settlers themselves, who they were and what happened to them. Students of history and genealogy alike will appreciate lists of names and personal details. And Selkirk himself is portrayed as entirely admirable.

## KIRKS WHA HAE!

**Early Presbyterianism in Canada: Essays by John S. Moir.** Edited by Paul Laverdure. Laverdure & Associates. 263 pages. \$19.95 softbound.

No one knows Canadian religious history as well as John Moir, Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto. His specialty has been Presbyterianism – a subject especially intertwined with the history of Upper Canada and Ontario. These essays, written over a period of more than a quarter century, range widely, from early struggles between adherents to the Secession tradition and those wanting the established Church of Scotland to the creation of the United Church of Canada with a third of the Presbyterians refusing to join. A central theme of many of Moir's reflections is the strong Scottish imprint on Ontario Presbyterians.

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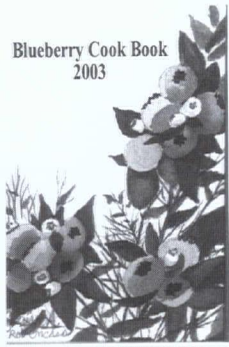
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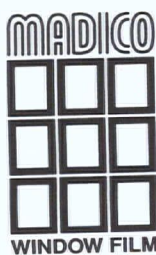
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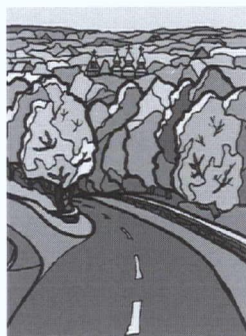
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