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OHS HONOURS AND AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE JOHN MCKENZIE HOUSE

In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society established an Awards Program to honour individuals and organizations who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage. Over the years, new awards have been instituted; thirteen are now offered. The Awards Program is intended to acknowledge the work of outstanding individuals and organizations, and to raise awareness of Ontario's history and the people who work to preserve and interpret it.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the *OHS Honours and Awards*, presented at the John McKenzie House in Willowdale on June 13, 2004.

Winners of the Awards for Non-Profit Organizations are:
Scadding Award of Excellence: Women's Institutes Tweedsmuir History Curators. Museum Award of Excellence: Pickering Village Museum. B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award: Heritage Markham.

Winners of the Awards for Authors are:

Joseph Brant Award: John Bentley Mays for his book *Arrivals: Stories from the History of Ontario*.

Fred Landon Award: Heather Robertson & Melinda McCracken for their book *Magical, Mysterious: Lake of the Woods*; and *Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society* for their publication: *Kingsville 1790-2000: A Stroll Through Time*.

Alison Prentice Award: Ellen Anderson for her book *Judging Bertha Wilson: Law as Large as Life*.

J.J. Talman Award: Robert Cushman for his book *Fifty Seasons at Stratford*.

The winner of an Award for Individuals is:

Carnochan Award: Rodger E. Renton of Grey County.

Interested organizations or individuals are invited to participate in the Awards Program by submitting a nomination. Nominees may be volunteers, professionals, non-profit organizations, businesses or corporations. For more information about *Honours and Awards*, or to obtain a nomination brochure, please call the OHS at 416.226.9011 or visit www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

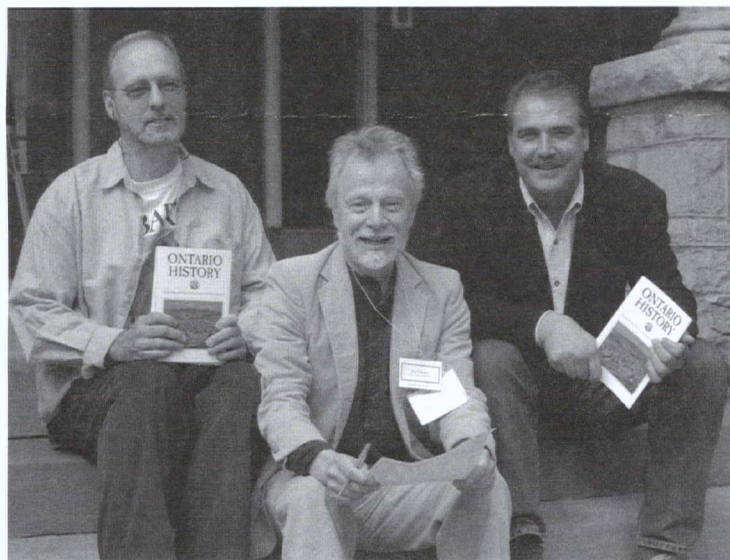


ABOVE: Members of the Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society, winners of the Fred Landon Award, pose for a photograph at the annual Honours and Awards Presentation at the John McKenzie House on June 13. The Fred Landon Award is presented annually for the best book about Ontario's regional history. Kingsville: 1790-2000, *A Stroll Through Time* is a wonderfully accessible two volume history of the Kingsville-Gosfield region.

Photo Rob Leverty

BELOW: Seated on the steps of the John McKenzie House at the launch of the Spring issue of *Ontario History*, held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting are, left to right: Dr. John Carter, guest editor for the Spring 2004 issue; Dr. Rae Fleming, Editor of *Ontario History*; and Ontario Minister of Agriculture Steve Peters. Peters, who attended the launch noted, "As Minister of Agriculture and Food, I am pleased to see that you have selected Ontario's agricultural history as the theme for this outstanding issue. As some of you may know, I am an avid collector of historical memorabilia and appreciate the rich traditions and accomplishments of rural Ontario.... For over 100 years, the OHS's well-researched and engaging articles have contributed to our understanding of Ontario's historical roots. I look forward to many more issues of *Ontario History*."

Photo Sheila Creighton



AUTUMN ISSUE OF ONTARIO HISTORY TO FEATURE FIRST NATIONS – SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

The theme of the Autumn issue of *Ontario History* is First Nations of Ontario, a theme particularly relevant today in the light of negotiations and debates on land claims, treaty rights and residential schools. In Ontario, our Lieutenant-Governor, the Honourable James Bartleman, is himself of Native origin, and his several books, including *Out of Muskoka*, on the subject of his rise from poverty and discrimination to the distinguished ranks of international diplomacy and vice-royalty, have garnered positive reviews among readers and reviewers alike.

The journal's new book review editor, Scott Trevithick, who replaces Dimitry Anastakis, now at Trent University, Peterborough, has assembled an impressive list of reviews, including two on the latest versions of *Destinies*, the

popular and impressive survey of pre- and post-Confederation Canada by Donald Smith, Richard Jones and Douglas Francis.

As for the articles themselves, Michael McCafferty offers the latest salvo in a debate over exactly where the French explorer Nicollet encountered the Winnebago in 1634. While archeologist Robert Hall claims that the encounter took place by

Lake Michigan, near today's Chicago, McCafferty concludes that the meeting took place farther north, in the vicinity of today's Sault Ste Marie. In terms of the grand sweep of world history, this debate is picayune. However, it illustrates one of the most important roles of any historian, that of a detective sifting through fragments of the past in order to arrive at historical truth, knowing full well that someone will follow with other evidence and revised conclusions. Such is history.

William Campbell also offers us revisionist history in an article entitled "Seth Newhouse, the Grand River Six Nations and the Writing of the Great Laws." An Onondaga scribe of the Grand River Six Nations, Newhouse presented a written record of the Great Laws of Haudenosaunee to the Confederacy Chiefs. In 1885, these laws were rejected by the Confederacy, and subsequently have been deemed "unauthentic" by Natives and academics alike. Campbell argues, however, that the Newhouse manuscripts have been misrepresented, not so much because of content but

because Newhouse's methods challenged the centralized political power of the Confederacy Chiefs.

In "Pay no attention to Sero': The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Imperial Flying Training during the Great War," Whitney Lackenbauer explores Government-Native relations over the use of Tyendinaga Reserve lands for air training during the First World War. Issues of loyalty and land protection, along with national and international priorities, complicated this relationship, which was already fraught with questions of identity and personal interests.

In "Nothing left for me or any other Indian': the Georgian Bay Ojibwe and Inter-War Articulations of Aboriginal Rights," Robin Jarvis Brownlie investigates the relationship between the Department of Indian Affairs and First Nations people around Georgian Bay who protested what they saw as a series of ongoing violations of their treaties and rights. While mostly unsuccessful, these

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BRIAN OSBORNE

As the incoming president of The Ontario Historical Society, I should introduce myself. The basic facts are simple: since 1967, I have been a professor of historical geography at Queen's University at Kingston. So what's a geographer doing as President of the OHS? The answer is that throughout my scholarly career I have been concerned with place-making. Indeed, I have long argued that a "sense of place" is a powerful concept that binds people together. This is where history fits in. People live in locations that they transform into homelands by their day to day lives. It is the memory of how we have created these distinct places that helps ground people's identity in a complex world.

Certainly, this is recognized by others, too. My first official duty as President of the OHS was to attend the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Ontario Provincial Historica Fair in Kingston on 21st May. The

Historica slogan is "Your PLACE in HISTORY." Some hundred students from seventeen regional fairs across the province presented their projects on such subjects as "Les Voyageurs," "The Wendatt," "The Knights of Columbus," and "Billy Bishop." And they did so with such enthusiasm! Who says history is dead. I was proud to see the OHS take part in this venture as one of the contributing "Friends of the Fair."

Support of the Historica Fair is in line with what the OHS has been doing since 1888: preserving, interpreting, and disseminating Ontario's rich and multi-faceted heritage. We have more than 1,300 individuals and family members and over 500 organizational members. In addition, nearly 300 historical societies across Ontario are affiliates of the OHS. I wonder how many of you I can visit over the next year to share with you my enthusiasm for the OHS and its mission.



Brian Osborne (right) the new President of The Ontario Historical Society, poses with Past President Jean Murray Cole at the Annual General Meeting of the OHS in May.

Photo Rob Leverty



Top: Antique expert Janet Carlile shows attendees at the Saturday Antique Workshop on Glass a huge variety of antique glass objects. She instructed on how to identify different types of glass from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, what to look for, what is valuable and what is not, how to spot a repro, what is hot for collectors, and much more. It was a fascinating, fun day enjoyed by all, and included a delicious catered lunch. Janet's depth of knowledge on this subject is amazing. There is still time to sign up for the next two Saturday Antique Workshops. September 18 will focus on Porcelain & Pottery, and on October 16, expert Daniel O'Brien will be on hand to educate us about all types of antique furniture. On the Friday night prior to each Saturday Workshop, there will be an I.D. Clinic – a fun evening where you can enjoy refreshments and good conversation and have



antique objects identified for only \$10 each. For more information on these fun, interesting workshops and clinics for collectors, antique enthusiasts, and curators, see page 4 of this issue of the OHS Bulletin or contact The Ontario Historical Society at 416.226.9011.

There's been a blur of activity at the OHS offices for the last three months as we contacted organizations, compiled the list of events, and brought sponsors on board to produce the first ever Heritage Tourism Guide for Ontario. Released on June 5th in the *Saturday Star*, the Guide highlights activities and events across the Province that take place from June through September. If you missed it in your Saturday paper, the Guide is available at Ontario Travel Centres and participating heritage sites. Event listings can also be found on-line on both the *Toronto Star* and The Ontario Historical Society websites. As of this writing, we've received more than 2,000 entries to win one of five fabulous get-away prize packages in addition to many other prizes. If you haven't entered yet, it's not too late. Visit www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca and complete a ballot on-line. The support of the Government of Ontario and the *Toronto Star* made the Heritage Tourism Guide possible. Our heritage partners, participating historical societies, corporate sponsors and advertisers made the Guide a success. Thank you all.

The OHS has been awarded a grant through the Ministry of Citizenship's EnAbling Change program to develop a resource manual and information tool kit to assist heritage and cultural organizations in developing programs for people with disabilities. The tool kit will be developed this year and available to organizations through informational workshops in 2005. We are honoured to work with the Accessibility Directorate on this initiative.

Our annual Book Sale took place during Doors Open this past May. More than 500 people toured the John McKenzie House and browsed

above: Janet Carlile identifies antique silver objects at the Silver I.D. Clinic held on the Friday evening prior to the all-day Silver Workshop. Several guests were pleasantly surprised at the age and quality of their silver pieces.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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the book tables during this weekend event that raised much-needed dollars for the OHS. Our Collectors' Night book sale preview on Friday evening also proved popular, offering buyers an opportunity to beat the crowds and purchase their selections at a leisurely pace while sampling wines courtesy of Willow Springs Winery in Stouffville. Many thanks to Penny Potter and Jeanne Hughes and their team of volunteers for organizing this event, and to Dorie Billich for her work coordinating the preview night.

The Honourable Madeline Meilleur, Minister of Culture, brought Bill 60, the changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, back for second reading earlier this month. Members spoke in support of the proposed legislation with highlights of heritage losses and successes from around the province. For the full text of the discussion go to: www.ontla.on.ca/hansard/house_debates/38_par1/Session1/L061B.htm.

Coming this September will be the third in our series of four workshops on identifying 18th and 19th century decorative arts with Janet Carlile. Janet's wealth of knowledge and hands-on approach to learning (she brought more than 100 artifacts to the glass workshop) has resulted in a growing following for these fun and informative workshops. The Friday night identification clinics are equally instructive. Register today for the porcelain and pottery workshop.

Congratulations to all recipients of the 2004 Honours and Awards. The awards were presented on Sunday, June 13th followed by a reception in the John McKenzie House. Nomination forms for next year's awards program are now available. Watch your mailbox or visit www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca for a copy of the nomination form. The deadline is October 29th, 2004.



Some of this year's Honours and Awards winners pose for a photograph. From left to right: Marilyn Armstrong-Reynolds, Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society; John Bentley Mays, author; Heather Robertson, author; Evelyn Ellison, Susan Casella, Joan Natoli and Julie Christian all from Heritage Markham; Rodger Renton, Grey County; and Ellen Anderson, author.

Photo Rob Leverty

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES

The Ontario government marked the beginning of National Access Awareness Week by announcing new projects that will improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The Ontario Historical Society, in partnership with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, is one of three organizations that have been awarded funding for projects that will make a significant impact on improving accessibility for people with disabilities.

Under the Ministry's EnAbling Change Program the OHS will develop an Information and Resource Tool Kit that will provide Ontario's heritage, culture and tourism sectors with access to information and resources that will enable them to identify, prevent and remove barriers in facilities, programs, exhibits and services for people with disabilities. The Information and Resource Tool Kit will be the essential resource on accessibility issues in the province of Ontario. In the second year of the project,

five one-day information sessions will be held in various communities across the province to promote the Tool Kit.

There are over 1.5 million Ontarians with disabilities. This project will provide Ontario's heritage, culture and tourism organizations with information and strategies that will enhance the level of learning and educational opportunities for visitors with disabilities.

Accessibility benefits all users and staff, and can improve an organization's overall operations and structure. The Tool Kit will contain sections addressing concerns and misconceptions, a self-evaluation component, advice on exhibit and inclusive program design, a discussion of legal obligations, a listing of resources for funding, and more.

The Ontario Historical Society is proud to be part of this initiative. For more information about the project, please contact Rob Leverty or Natasha Uric.

ACROSS THE PROVINCE



GENEROUS DONATION FROM PUBLISHING COMPANY

Hamilton – Publisher James Lorimer (James Lorimer & Co. Ltd.) is seen here (left) giving Rob Leverty (OHS) a \$1,000 cheque for the OHS Cemetery Defence Fund. To the right is Margaret Houghton, Special Collections Archivist, Hamilton Public Library, who organized this ceremony and reception which was held on April 18th at the Players' Guild of Hamilton. This generous donation by James Lorimer was on behalf of the authors and historical societies who

participated in the writing of *The Hamiltonians – 100 Fascinating Lives*. All the societies involved in the writing of this book unanimously agreed with this donation. They were: Ancaster Township Historical Society, Beverly Heritage Society, Dundas Valley Historical Society, Glanbrook Heritage Society, Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society, Stoney Creek Historical Society and Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society.

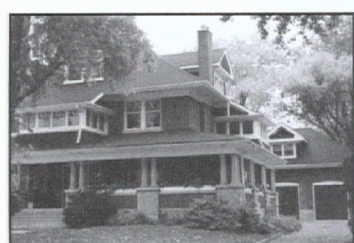
Photo Paul Kuzyk, President, Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society



COMMON GROUND ON HERITAGE PROTECTION

Birch Island – The Chief and Council of the Whitefish River First Nation recently invited the OHS to present *Ontario's Cemeteries – The Struggle for the Public Interest*. Seen here after the presentation at Birch Island are (left) Esther Osche, Lands Manager for the Band Council and Whitefish River First Nation Chief Franklin Paibomsai.

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NEW BOARD FOR THE OHS

Willowdale – Hearty congratulations to the new Board of Directors of The Ontario Historical Society, announced at the Annual General Meeting of the OHS on May 1st, 2004.

These dedicated volunteers come from all over the province and give their time and expertise to support the important work of The Ontario Historical Society. The 2004/05 Board of Directors is: Brian Osborne of Kingston, President; Chris Oslund of Haileybury, First Vice-President; Joe Martin of Toronto, Second Vice-President/Treasurer; Jean Murray Cole of Indian River, Past President; Marcel Martel of Toronto, Secretary; Dorie Billich of Stouffville, Museums Chair; Janet Carlile of Arnprior; Jack Cecillon of Pickering; Naresh

Khosla of Toronto; Edwin Rowse of Toronto; John Sabean of Pickering; and Mary Angela Tucker of Chatham. Thank you for caring enough to give your time and talent!



ABOVE: Jean Murray Cole, OHS Past President (then President) is presented with a copy of the publication *Adam Scott Master Millwright 1796-1838 by W. John Harris, President of Smith Ennismore Historical Society in Bridgenorth, at their General Meeting in April.*



HERITAGE PRESERVATION, NATURALLY

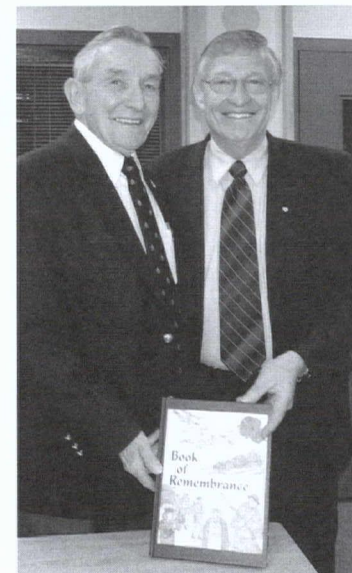
Owen Sound – On Saturday, April 3rd, Rob Leverty (OHS) gave the keynote address "Preserving Ontario's Natural Heritage" to a conference in Owen Sound on managing natural properties and securing them in an undeveloped state. Over 85 participants attended this two day conference which was sponsored by the Owen Sound Field Naturalists (OSFN)

and the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) with support funding from EcoAction, Environment Canada. Seen above, left to right, are Blain Horsley, Publicity, OSFN; Marg Gaviller, Treasurer, OSFN; Bob Barnett, Executive Director, EBC; Don Willmott, President, OSFN; Anne Cathrae, Hospitality, OSFN and Peter Middleton, Programs, OSFN.

Photo Rob Leverty

BOOK LAUNCH SUCCESS

Plattsville – The Plattsville & District Heritage Society hosted a successful launch of *Book of Remembrance*, made possible by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. On May 12th & 15th at the new Plattsville Public Library, Gow Harvey signed two hundred copies. Free copies are being distributed to surviving veterans/spouses.



ABOVE: Gow Harvey (left) and Ernie Hardeman celebrate the launch of *Book of Remembrance*, a project of The Plattsville & District Heritage Society.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT WINS GOLDCORP CEO MUSEUM PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Red Lake – Red Lake Heritage Centre is pleased to announce that the Canadian Museum Association has honoured Rob McEwen, Chairman and President of Goldcorp, a gold mine located in Red Lake, Ontario, with an Outstanding Achievement Award for Philanthropy. At their annual conference held in Quebec City in May, Mr. McEwen was honoured for personally matching Goldcorp's donation of \$250,000 for the Red Lake Heritage Centre.

The Red Lake Museum nominated Mr. McEwen for the award, and the Council of the Municipality of Red Lake supported the nomination. "Mr. McEwen made the donation strictly out of generosity, without any conditions attached or expectations of recognition," said Jim Dodd, Chair of the Museum Board. "This gesture showed leadership and social responsibility and ensured the preservation and promotion of Red Lake's rich cultural and natural history."

The \$3.1 million Red Lake Heritage Centre is a partnership between various local organizations. Scheduled to open in March 2005, it will feature a museum, a tourist information centre, interpretive information on Woodland Caribou Park, a gift shop, a temporary exhibit room and a permanent gallery.

Congratulations to Mr. Rob McEwen for your support of Ontario's heritage! For more information on the Red Lake Heritage Centre please visit the Red Lake Museum website at www.redlakemuseum.com

ANNUAL OHS BOOK SALE

Willowdale – Visitors to the John McKenzie House during *Doors Open Toronto* also had a chance to browse and shop at our Annual Book Sale. This year a new feature was added with the Collector's Night Book Sale on the preceding Friday evening, when visitors also enjoyed a wine sampling and refreshments.

Many members and friends donated a wonderful selection of books, ensuring a good selection of old and new titles. A healthy sum was raised, and we thank all those who donated and attended. A special thank-you is for those members who most generously gave up some weekend time to work at the sale.

If you are weeding your books, please remember our annual sale. We now have space to receive and store donations, and almost anything is welcome, but please, not textbooks.

Our next book event will be *Cookbook Caper* in November, for all those cookbook collectors out there.



Photo Rob Leverty

HISTORIC HOUSE PRESERVATION

Toronto – The Elihu Pease House was built in 1834. Elihu Pease was from Connecticut and married Elizabeth Cummer from a well-known York County family. He farmed his acreage at Sheppard and Yonge Streets and ran a large tannery business, as well as being pathmaster, a teacher and Inspector of Schools.

The house was moved onto Avondale Avenue in the 1920s. The Badone family lived here for 45 years and researched its history.

Since the road must be widened, the house has been moved once again. It will grace a new development, "The Residence of Avondale" at Hwy 401 and Yonge Street, where it will become a social centre for the many newcomers to the area.

Pictured above, watching the move on May 1st, 2004, are Louis and Donalda Badone, their daughter Ellen, and her family.

EVENTS & EXHIBITS

Until AUGUST 29, 2004: *Green Legacy – a Travelling Exhibit.* Presented by the Woodstock Museum National Historic Site. Exhibition of Canada’s rare and endangered native plant species. Includes plant ‘hall of fame’, fun activities and children’s programs. Visit www.nature.ca or call 519.537.8411

Until AUGUST 31, 2004: *Threadworks 2004 – The Garden Party.* An exquisite collection of needlework by Ontario artisans. Simcoe County Museum, Minesing. Call 705.728.3721 for info.

Until AUGUST 31, 2004: *The County Bicycle Shop since 1869.* Features bicycles, tricycles and accessories. Highlights the technological features of each bicycle. Oshawa Community Museum and Archives. Call 905.436.7624 for info.

Until SEPT. 6, 2004: *By These Hands – Native Decorative Arts of Southwestern Ontario.* Tools, clothing, baskets, jewelry, and woodcarving ranging from pre-historic to early 20th century. Chatham-Kent Museum, free admission. Call 519.360.1998 or visit www.chatham-kent.ca/cc

Until SEPT. 6, 2004: *Critical Care, On the Battlefield.* The story of Canadian military medics during the wars of the last century, told through an exhibition of photographs. Canadian War Museum, Ottawa. Call 1.800.555.5621 or visit www.warmuseum.ca

Until SEPT. 26, 2004: *People & Places of Riverdale.* Explore the history of the Riverdale neighbourhood through displays of historic and contemporary maps, photographs and artwork. The Market Gallery, Toronto. Call 416.392.7604 for more info.

Until OCT. 31, 2004: *William Berczy, Man of Enlightenment.* World premiere of “Berczy Portraits”, including some rarely seen works. Varley Art Gallery of Markham, call 905.477.9511 ext. 221 for info.

Until NOV. 30, 2004: *Boudoir to Ballroom, Victorian Curiosities.* Exhibit showcases the customs and beliefs of Victorians, from their fear of being buried alive to the complexities of courtship, etiquette and mourning. Bytown Museum, Ottawa. Visit www.bytownmuseum.com or call 613.234.4570 for info.

JULY 26 to AUGUST 1, 2004: *Haileybury Centennial Celebration.* Activities for everyone! Concerts, parties, heritage tours and more. Visit www.town.haileybury.on.ca or call 705.672.3236 for events, dates and times.

JULY 30 to AUGUST 1, 2004: *12th Mill-Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music.* Downtown Cambridge, free admission. Four outdoor stages, arts & crafts, children’s stage, rain or shine. Visit www.millracefolksociety.com or call 1.800.749.7560 for info.

AUGUST 1, 2004: *Family Picnic in Honour of Simcoe Day.* Bring a picnic lunch, enjoy old-fashioned games and activities. Wildflower gardens, guided walks, historic houses. Todmorden Mills Heritage Museum & Arts Centre, Toronto. 12-4pm, \$4/adults, \$2.75/seniors&students, \$2/children, free for kids 5 & under. Call 416.396.2819 for info.

AUGUST 1, 2004: *In the Footsteps of the Black Victorians, a Walking Tour.* On the 170th anniversary of Emancipation Day, discover the history of the Black community in Victorian Toronto. 1-3pm, begins and concludes at Mackenzie House. Difficulty: Easy. Pay what you can. 416.392.6915 or machouse@toronto.ca

AUGUST 1, 2004: *Walking Toronto’s Pack Horse Trail, a Heritage Walk.* Walk an actual pack horse trail, learn about Toronto’s fascinating past. Meet at SE corner of Bathurst St. and Lakeshore Blvd., 6:45pm. Call 416.482.3032 for info.

AUGUST 4, 2004: *Homemade Ice Cream at Glanmore National Historic Site.* Old-fashioned fun for the whole family. Regular admission. Located in Belleville, call 613.962.2329 for info.

AUGUST 5-8, 2004: *Toronto’s Festival of Beer.* Try over 100 types of beer. Gourmet fare, cooking demos, history of beer lectures and entertainment. Fort York, free parking. Tickets through Ticket Master 416.635.9889, or at the door. For info call 416.392.6907 or email fortyork@toronto.ca

AUGUST 15, 2004: *Festival of Stories.* Georgina Pioneer Village, Sutton. Visit www.georgina.mall.com, email ngyorody@town.georgina.on.ca or call 905.476.4301 ext. 284 for details.

AUGUST 19-22, 2004: *Bus Tour.* Marking the 200th anniversary of the death of Barbara Heck. Includes four historical presentations, trip to Prescott and pilgrimage to Hay Bay Church. Details: lcormick@interlynx.net

SEPT. 4 – NOV. 7, 2004: *Post-Impressionist Masterworks from the National Gallery.* Ivey South Gallery, Museum London. Art from late 1800s to early 1900s, including van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne, Bonnard, Matisse and more. Call Ruth Anne Murray at 519.661.0333 ext. 261 for info.

SEPT. 9, 2004: *Annual Community Corn Roast.* Tasty heirloom white corn, sausage, beverages, and musical entertainment. Admission and parking free, refreshments \$2/item. 5-8pm at Montgomery’s Inn, Toronto. 416.394.8113

SEPT. 21, 2004: *The Joy of Collecting.* Learn about various aspects of acquiring antiques and collectibles. Speaker: Mr. Wayne Townsend. 7-9pm, Station on the Green, Creemore. Tickets \$5.00 each, presented by the Purple Hills Art & Heritage Society. For more info 705.466.2163 or email coulter@mail.transdata.ca

FEAST OF FIELDS CELEBRATES LOCAL HARVEST

Kingston Ontario farmers are preparing to host a celebration of local, seasonal foods at the *First Annual Feast of Fields* celebration in late August. Local farmers and chefs will work together to serve food at Sonset Farm, just west of Inverary, on Sunday, August 29th from 1 – 4 p.m. The public is invited to taste food, tour the farm and talk with farmers, chefs and others interested in supporting locally-grown products.

Organized by the National Farmers Union (NFU) members and friends, the event will be held at the organic dairy farm of Andrea and Orrie Cumpson and their son, Charlie.

“We want people to connect with the land, enjoy real food and raise their awareness of food issues that affect all of us,” says Andrea Cumpson, NFU Local 316 President and co-chair of the event. “We hope that people will leave the *Feast of Fields* inspired to learn more about local food sources.”

Co-chair Sharon Freeman of Battersea, says: “We have had a great response from farmers and chefs already, but we welcome others to participate, to offer a variety of foods and ways of serving them.”

An important part of the afternoon will be the opportunity for visitors to walk in the gardens and fields and see farm animals and crops. Tickets are \$10, with children under 12 free, and a maximum charge for a family of \$30. For more information call Sharon Freeman 613.353.6889 or Andrea Cumpson 613.353.2260.

THE HERITAGE CANADA FOUNDATION’S 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Stewardship of Heritage Buildings: Are We Committed? Saint John, New Brunswick September 9–11, 2004

The Heritage Canada Foundation is pleased to extend a welcome invitation to its upcoming conference at the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Anthony Tung, author of *Preserving the World’s Great Cities* and former New York City Landmarks Preservation Commissioner.

In addition to sessions dealing with crucial issues such as legislation and regulation of heritage properties, policies and programs designed to support heritage conservation, and the insurance of heritage buildings, the conference is offering a series of technical sessions focusing on preserving the heritage character of commercial buildings, repointing and maintaining masonry, preparing conservation plans for heritage buildings, and more.

There will be the celebrated Heritage Canada Awards Ceremony, a selection of five fascinating tours through the streets of Saint John, and the option of dining in privately owned historic homes throughout the city.

Heritage Canada looks forward to welcoming this year’s delegates to a stimulating conference and some Maritime hospitality. For more information about the conference and registration, visit www.heritagecanada.org.

SATURDAY ANTIQUE WORKSHOPS

LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY
18TH AND 19TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ARTS:
PORCELAIN & POTTERY, AND FURNITURE.
DESIGNED FOR MUSEUM CURATORS, COLLECTORS,
AND ANTIQUE ENTHUSIASTS

Workshops will be held on Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale
SEPTEMBER 18 – PORCELAIN & POTTERY
OCTOBER 16 – FURNITURE
each session:

\$65 for OHS members \$80 non-members
Includes lunch and one object ID, plus a.m. & p.m.
refreshments, Pre-registration is required

Join expert Janet Carlile for a fun and informative workshop. She will be instructing on Porcelain & Pottery. Janet Carlile is an independent valuer and appraiser. Her training in antiques is wide and varied.

Daniel O’Brien will teach the furniture workshop. Daniel’s knowledge of furniture and design is extensive and he is currently a Museum Advisor for the Ministry of Culture.

FRIDAY NIGHT ID CLINICS

On the Friday nights prior to the Saturday workshops,
7 – 9 p.m., an ID clinic with Janet Carlile will take place
at the John McKenzie House, Willowdale.

Have an object related to the workshop topic identified
for \$10 per item. Enjoy refreshments

Note: This is an identification clinic not an appraisal.

SEPTEMBER 17 – PORCELAIN & POTTERY
OCTOBER 15 – FURNITURE

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SEPTEMBER 10	Annual Meeting -OHS Guest Speaker-	OHS at The Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society	Hamilton
SEPTEMBER 18	Preserving Ontario’s Cemeteries -workshop-	Voyageur Heritage Network, Callander Bay Heritage Museum & OHS	Callander
OCTOBER 16	In Your Own Words? -oral history workshop-	OHS, Huron County Historical Society & Huron County Museum	Goderich
OCTOBER 23	Victorian & Heritage Gardening -workshop-	OHS & Manvers Township Historical Society	Bethany
OCTOBER 23	Artifact Preservation -workshop-	Haileybury Heritage Museum, Voyageur Heritage Network & OHS	Haileybury
NOVEMBER 6	Annual Meeting and 35th Anniversary -OHS Guest Speaker-	OHS at Seventh Town Historical Society	Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre, Ameliasburg

CEMETERY NEWS

MARJORIE STUART

Vandalism continues throughout the province. The highly publicized vandalism in **Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery** in Toronto and **Beth Jacob Cemetery** in Kitchener has offended many. Hate crimes are among our most serious crimes. Sentencing has to be reviewed by the Attorney-General. Hopefully the sentences handed down will send a message that vandalism in cemeteries is unacceptable. In any of our OHS workshops on cemeteries, we continue to address this matter.

Another act of vandalism has occurred in **Mount Osborne Cemetery** in Beamsville. The Konkle family crypt was desecrated and caused great indignity to human remains. Generations of the Konkle family have been buried in this cemetery since the War of 1812.

A recently published book, *The Hamiltonians: 100 Fascinating Lives*, edited by Margaret Houghton and published by James Lorimer & Company Ltd., reminds us of one hundred "forgotten" Hamiltonians buried in cemeteries in the Hamilton area. Some are buried in the larger well-known cemeteries and others lie buried in small plots, almost forgotten as well. This book commemorates the lives of a wide cross section of men and women who were an important part of Hamilton's past. Many of those chronicled were well known in the upper levels of society but few remember their contribution to the community. Others, like Michael McConnell, were from a lower level of society. His claim to fame and burial location are definitely forgotten.

Marx Brinkley lies buried beneath a tombstone which reads: "When I am dead and buried/ And all my bones are rotten/ Look on this stone and think of me/ Lest I should be forgotten" Few will remember that Marx's son, Jacob, established the Association for Detecting Horse Thieves and the **Brinkley Family Cemetery** is all but forgotten as well.

This book, which is filled with information about the lives of one hundred Hamiltonians, is lighthearted and fun to read. It is also food for thought. On the next walk in a cemetery when one comes across epitaphs like "Gone but not forgotten", will we pause and reflect? Those buried there are indeed gone but – 'not forgotten'?

On 15th August **Riverside Cemetery** in Lindsay will be the site for the second Cemetery Tour organized by the Cemetery Board and the Victoria County Historical Society. The tour will feature interesting gravesites within this large local cemetery, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information call 1.866.747.2010

Woodlawn Cemetery in Guelph will be holding its annual Spirit Walk in early

September. This popular event is by reservation only. The spaces fill quickly. For further information call 519.822.1271.

Doors Open Ontario is underway for the third year. A list of all the sites can be found at the Ontario Heritage Foundation website www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

Listed below are dates and times for cemetery tours August to October.

August 28th and 29th: **St Luke's Cemetery** on the grounds of St Volodymyrs Church, Markham (Thornhill) and **Ebenezer Church Cemetery**, Markham (Milliken)

September 11th and 12th: **Ballyduff Church and Cemetery**, **Downeyville Pioneer Cemetery**, **Emily Cemetery**

September 18th and 19th: **Churchville Church and Cemetery**, Brampton

September 27th: **Union Pioneer Cemetery**, Oshawa, circa 1837, and **Her Majesty's Chapel of the Mohawks**, Brantford

October 2nd and 3rd: **Woodland Cemetery**, London

Heritage Elizabethtown – Kitley received a grant from the Brockville Community Foundation to clean up two pioneer cemeteries during the summer of 2003. A team of volunteers worked at **Dayton Cemetery** in Toledo and at **Horton Cemetery** in New Dublin. Four of the volunteers were descendants of Frederick Moore who was a Quartermaster Sergeant in the War of 1812. His tombstone had deteriorated so the family made arrangements for a new granite marker outlining his military service to be placed in Horton Cemetery. Work at the **Lynn Cemetery** had to be shelved. The township will maintain the cemeteries that have been cleared. About half of the township's 60 cemeteries are neglected or abandoned. Congratulations to the cleanup party – keep up the good work.

A Rededication Mass for **Elmbank/Fifth Line Cemetery** took place on Saturday July 10th 2004 at **Assumption Cemetery** in Brampton. All descendants and interested parties were invited to attend. It was necessary to relocate Elmbank Cemetery to allow for expansion at Pearson Airport. The Archdiocese of Toronto asks that descendants register with their genealogist, Brian Gilchrist at gilchrist@idirect.com in order to provide a complete genealogical record.

The Sir Guy Carleton Loyalist UELAC are planning a day trip to visit Eastern Ontario Loyalist sites. The trip will begin in Ottawa and will visit many important sites. Among the cemeteries to be visited are **St. Andrew's West**, **Bishop Strachan Memorial Church** (Trinity Anglican Church),

Maple Grove Cemetery in Cornwall, the **pioneer cemetery** at Upper Canada Village, **St. John's Lutheran Cemetery** and **Holy Trinity Cemetery** at Riverside Heights, the **Iroquois Point Cemetery** at Iroquois and **Blue Church Cemetery** near Prescott, and Simon Fraser's grave as well as other Loyalists sites and cemeteries. Registrations must be received before August 1st. Contact George Anderson, 64 Saginaw Crescent, Ottawa, ON K2E 5N7 613.226.6348; andrew1@magma.ca or Edward Kipp, 6242 Paddler Way, Orleans K1C 2E7 613.824.1942; ekipp@magma.ca.

Congratulations to the Hotson family. Last summer during their 80th annual reunion they unveiled an ornamental rock and stone bench at **Avonbank Cemetery**. The stone was from the original family farm in Downie Township.

As this is written the struggle to save the **Haynes Cemetery** in St. Catharines continues. John Haynes and members of his family convinced the City Council that there was indeed a burial ground where work had already commenced on a roadway leading to a construction site. Archaeologists have discovered human remains at the site.

The late George W. Kendall Sr. was a long-time member of the Thunder Bay Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. His special interest was in locating early cemeteries. He discovered Sioux Lookout's earliest cemetery located across the lake and accessible by railroad tracks or by water. It had been unused since 1915. Last fall, descendants of those buried in the cemetery, George's family, and friends gathered to dedicate a memorial cairn to the 20th century pioneers. The cemetery was named the **George W. Kendall Sr. Memorial Cemetery**.

Concern has been raised over **Spook Horn Cemetery** in the Napanee area. This is an early United Empire Loyalist Burial Ground which the municipality maintained. The surrounding area is to be sold for development.

Concerns continue to be raised over cemeteries in Pickering Township, West Gwillimbury Township, Onondaga Township and Parry Sound District.

Official notices of road development or other municipal services appear in local newspapers. We urge that these be checked to see if they impact on cemeteries in your area. It is far easier to address these concerns in the planning stages.

We continue to hear about abandoned or little known burial sites. Information on one in Algonquin Park has been forwarded to the Park authorities. Anyone with information about an English family with two little

girls living circa 1888 near Lake Clear or Dickson Lake should contact me.

The Public Inquiry has opened into the 1995 death of Dudley George at Ipperwash Provincial Park. The death occurred when protesters were attempting to protect a **First Nations burial ground**.

Last November a small group gathered at **Farnham Cemetery** in Puslinch Township to pay tribute and to reinter the remains of a middle- to-late age Caucasian woman. The remains had been discovered at a construction site. The developer, Andrew Lambden of Terra View Homes ensured that the remains were properly interred. Rev. Marty Molengraaf of Duff's Presbyterian Church conducted the service.

Warner Cemetery recently held its annual meeting and Pot-Luck Lunch at St. David's. The Grounds Committee continues to make certain that this historic cemetery is well maintained.

This year The Ontario Historical Society salutes Ontario's Military History. For those seeking information on Canada's war dead, the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** arranges for tombstones for those who served in World Wars I and II. They maintain war graves world-wide and some have been photographed and are available on line at www.cwgc.org. They can be reached at 66 Slater Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0P4. The Last Post Fund is a non-profit organization that pays for grave markers for veterans who die while on disability pension or whose estates cannot afford a tombstone. They can be reached at www.vac-acc.gc.ca or Veterans Affairs Canada, Bag Service 4000, Kirkland Lake ON P2N 3P4.

The Maple Leaf Legacy Project is an enormous project underway to photograph all Canadian war graves starting with the South African War (1899-1902) and continuing to the present. The plan is to make these accessible on line. They seek volunteers and photos. They can be reached at www.mapleleaflegacy.ca or South West Region, 240 Harris Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 1Y4.

This summer in honour of Ontario's Military History take time to visit a local cemetery and seek out the plain granite stones placed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Families who lost members in World War I often inscribed their names on family tombstones. These can be seen in many cemeteries across the province. Visit the **Canadian Korean War Veterans Memorial Garden** located in **Meadowvale Cemetery** in Brampton.

Many celebrations commemorated D Day, June 6th

1944 and the Invasion of Normandy. Recently, during Battle of the Atlantic Ceremonies aboard *HMCS Sackville*, now a museum in Halifax, the ashes of 15 Canadian naval veterans were buried at sea in the time-honoured tradition. This annual service recognizes the efforts to protect the convoys of merchant ships that were under constant threat from German U-boats.

Veterans Affairs Canada has announced the creation of the seventh **Book of Remembrance** to recognize members of Canadian forces who died in the service of Canada since October 1st, 1947. This new *Book of Remembrance* will be placed in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower in the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. The other six Books of Remembrance commemorate Canadians who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, the 1885 Nile Expedition and the South African War as well as Merchant Navy and the Newfoundland Forces.

The annual service to pay tribute to members of the Ontario Police who lost their lives in the line of duty was held in May at the Ontario Police Memorial at Queen's Park. This year five names were added in a ceremony attended by the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier.

The Ontario Genealogical Society is developing an **Ancestor Name Index**. This is still in the early stages but it is planned to have indexed all the names from cemeteries that have been transcribed. This will assist greatly in locating ancestors buried in Ontario. This is on the OGS web site at www.ogs.on.ca

The Glencoe & District Historical Society is holding a Memorial Service at the Simpson Cemetery on August 22nd, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. The cemetery is located on Pratt Siding Road, south of Longwoods Road, formerly #2 Highway, close to the Thames River. The earliest burial is Nancy Gilbert, 3 years old, died Nov. 25, 1849. In 1881 there was a severe diphtheria epidemic and many families lost small children. The Moore family lost 3 children in Dec. 1881 after losing 3 children in the 1870s. The service is co-ordinated by Ken Willis, Wardsville, at 519.693.4992. A book of the abandoned cemeteries in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex has been compiled and is available to researchers at the Resource Centre of the Glencoe & District Historical Society.

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MUSEUM NEWS

ONTARIO AND TASMANIA SHARE A COMMON HISTORY

It was all the result of rebellious acts! Uprisings and armed invasions in 1837-38, inevitably led to direct linkage of the histories of Upper Canada and Van Diemen's Land. Dr. John C. Carter, while on a Visiting Fellowship at the History Program, Research School of Social Sciences, National University of Australia in Canberra, researched aspects of this common history between Ontario and Tasmania.

The focus of his research was on ninety-two "patriots" who were transported in 1840 to Hobart, and then placed in the probation station system of Van Diemen's Land as political prisoners. Central to his research was James Milne Aitchison, an expatriate Scot who was captured at the Battle of Windsor in 1838 and transported aboard the *HMS Buffalo* with other captured "patriots" from Upper and Lower Canada.

During his stay in Tasmania, Dr. Carter presented three illustrated talks in Hobart, Port Arthur and Ross. Over 100 people attended these sessions. They learned about events leading up to the rebellions, the actual battles that took place in 1838, and the subsequent capture, incarceration and transportation of the "patriots" to Van Diemen's Land, and their journey to

this faraway penal colony. These public talks were sponsored by the Tasmanian Heritage Council (THC), the Tasmanian Heritage Office (THO), and the Tasmanian Institute for Conservation and Convict Studies (TICCS).

This is a story of shared events and experiences, significant to the historical record both in Ontario and Tasmania, and of interest to historians, genealogists and the public at large. Planning for co-operative initiatives between Ontario and Tasmanian museums and heritage sites, and the sharing of research materials relevant to this common history are expected outcomes. Historical societies, heritage groups and museums throughout Ontario are encouraged to incorporate aspects of this chapter of our history in exhibits and interpretation and education programs. If you have research materials, original documents and letters, or contemporary accounts by or about these "political prisoners," please forward this information to John.Carter@mcl.gov.on.ca



ABOVE: Dr. John Carter presenting Susan Hood, Resource Centre Coordinator at Port Arthur Historic Site, with a copy of *Guns Across the River*, an account of the Battle of the Windmill written by Donald Graves.

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protests reveal strong continuity with a protest tradition that began in the early nineteenth century and continues today. Moreover, these grievances appear to have crystallized into a codified set of rights arguments that became the basis of post-war rights struggles.

Grace Poulin weighs in on the subject of Native women veterans in Northwestern Ontario during the first half of the twentieth century; and Rolf Piro contributes a short piece on the subject of Chief Joseph Brant of the Six Nations and William Berczy, who founded Markham and who also painted Chief Brant's portrait.

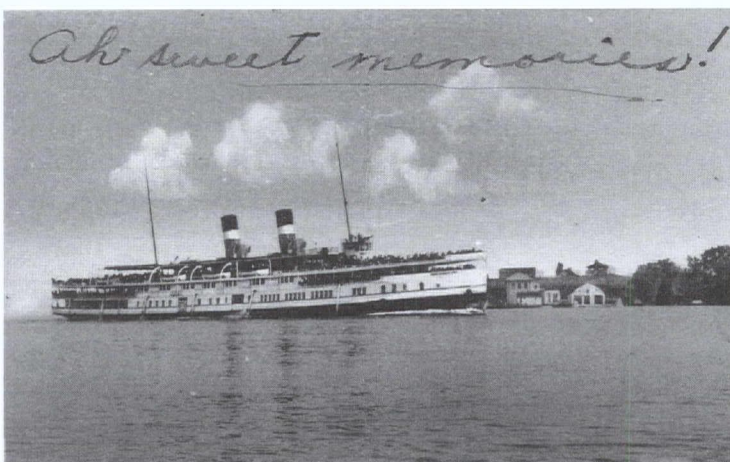
The issue is well illustrated in both colour and black and white, and each article blends scholarship with accessibility. In addition to the reviews and articles, we have invited founders of the study of Native History in Canada to contribute greetings.

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MEMORIES OF NIAGARA'S SHIPPING GLORY

The Niagara Historical Society & Museum recently launched a new exhibition which details the impact of shipping on Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"Sweet Memories" looks at shipping in Niagara-on-the-Lake over the past 200 years. Steamships transported not only cargo and tourists, but also soldiers to and from Camp Niagara.

Beautiful ships such as the *Cayuga* (pictured above), *Chippewa*, *Chicora* and *Corona* graced the waters of Lake Ontario and the Niagara River. They provided entertainment and a livelihood for many in Niagara.

The shipping industry brought prosperity to Niagara. By making the area accessible to vacationers from the United States and Toronto, tourism escalated for the small town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Artifacts were obtained from many sources throughout Niagara and Toronto.

This exhibit runs until the end of October at the Niagara Historical Society & Museum.

For further details, please contact the Museum at 905-468-3912. The museum is open daily during the months of May to October from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm.



On April 17, 2004, over 65 people attended the Victorian Gardening Workshop in Belleville which was co-sponsored by the OHS and the Friends of Glanmore National Historic Site (FGNHS). Seen here (left to right) are the speakers and workshop hosts: Dennis Pollock, Head Gardener, Black Creek Pioneer Village; June Dafoe, Past Chair, FGNHS; Robert & Carol Mouck, Keepers of the Heirloom Seed Sanctuary of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul at Heathfield; Michael Rutland, Rivendell Herb Farm & County Cuisine; Judie Preece, Chair, FGNHS and Wendy Woodworth, Heritage Horticulturist, City of Toronto Museums. Photo Rob Leverty



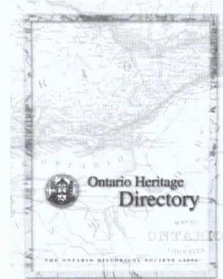
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ABOVE: The OHS, The Voyageur Heritage Network and The Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre (NORMHC) recently co-sponsored in Capreol the workshop The Importance of the Railroad. Oran Hayes, Vice-President, NORMHC is seen here giving the workshop participants a demonstration on the use of the Morse code and the telegraph system. Photo Rob Leverty

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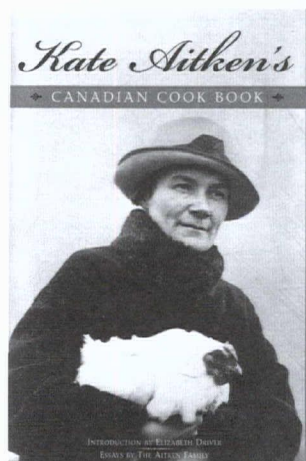
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The prices of books referred to on this page may or may not include GST or postage charges. All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

INTRIGUING INCIDENTS

The Hamiltonians: 100 Fascinating Lives. Edited by Margaret Houghton. James Lorimer & Co. 160 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

Cemeteries, as every *Bulletin* reader well knows, have tales to tell. Related here are memorable incidents in the lives of a wide assortment of individuals – educators and inventors, farmers and firemen, bootleggers and members of the social elite, undertakers and even a police dog. Some stories of murders, disasters, or wars are sad or heroic. Others are less dramatic but nonetheless engaging. The subjects are all dead – buried or memorialized in Hamilton area cemeteries – yet their stories make lively reading! The book is an impressive cooperative effort, written by some twenty-two members of seven different historical societies – Ancaster Township, Beverly, Dundas Valley, Glanbrook, Head-of-the-Lake, Stoney Creek, and Waterdown-East Flamborough. They each chose from their own areas of Hamilton the persons whose stories were to be told. The collection was then edited by Hamilton Public Library archivist Margaret Houghton, who also selected the many fine archival images that enhance the value of the book. And full credit should be given to the professional production by James Lorimer, an established Canadian publisher with strong interest in works of local history.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Kate Aitken's Canadian Cook Book. By Kate Aitken. Whitecap, 283 pages. Illustrations. \$16.95 softbound.

To many, Kate Aitken was the quintessential Ontario farm woman: energetic, skillful,

enterprising, friendly, and practical. Born in Beeton in 1891, she learned the arts of homemaking and business from her parents. In her mid-twenties she began a successful business – canning, preserving, and then selling produce from her farm. A born teacher, she was invited by both provincial and federal Departments of Agriculture to lecture across the country. Soon she embarked on a journalistic career and, in time, as “Mrs. A.”, was a regular on radio, welcomed into every home as though she were sitting at the kitchen table with the family. Listeners loved her advice and her recipes, and eagerly looked for the pamphlets and booklets issued by commercial companies whose products she featured. In 1945 her first full-length book was published, now reissued in Whitecap’s “Classic Canadian Cookbook” series. This new edition has an introduction by culinary historian Elizabeth Driver and photos and essays by members of the Aitken family. The recipes are wonderful, no-nonsense family fare. They include a number of almost forgotten favourites such as Floating Island Pudding and Spring Sandwich Loaf which “isn’t any harder to make than ordinary sandwiches and looks as decorative as a rose-bud in the hair.” Mmm!

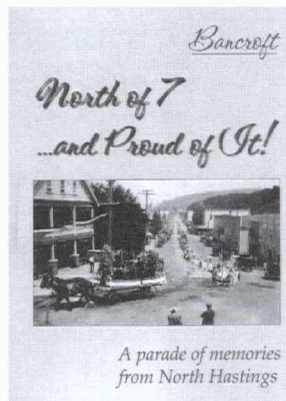
CLIMATIC EVENTS

Historic Guelph: The Royal City. Vol. XLII, 2003. The Guelph Historical Society. 80 pages. Illustrations. \$10.00

Meteorology is a historical subject worth writing about, so the editors of this annual volume decided to sponsor a contest inviting essays about the weather of Guelph. Here are the three prize winners. One remembers the severe storm of January, 1979, a category-three blizzard, with high winds, low temperatures and much snow. Another compares the weather-related memories of various Guelph residents with the facts as revealed by contemporary news stories and Environment Canada records. The first-prize winner details the night when rushing waters of the Speed River washed out Goldie’s Dam, what damage ensued, and what steps were taken afterwards by city officials to lessen future disasters. Other essays in this neat volume share memories of the 1870s (recorded in the 1920s), chronicle the history of one Guelph neighbourhood school, recall early days in the Historical Society’s own history, and – most dramatically – tell the doleful tale of 1889 murders of three Harvey family members – and the ensuing trial, conviction and hanging of the father.

A GREAT LAKE

Lake Erie: a Pictorial History. By Julie Macfie Sobol and Ken Sobol. Boston Mills Press. Illustrations. \$39.95 hardbound. An inviting collection of photographs and essays celebrating the history of this dynamic region. Here we get a glimpse of the daily life of its peoples as well as a tribute to its industry and commerce. Benjamin Franklin described it as “the Mediterranean of the New World” and the lake and its surrounding regions have certainly been key to North American growth in the past two centuries. The authors currently live in Toronto, but have lived on both the Canadian and American sides of Lake Erie and clearly have a special love for the area. Their book covers daily life, fascinating people and places, industry and commerce, and the numerous booms and busts. The lake has also been the focus of a number of battles between Europeans, settlers, Natives, as well as between the United States and Great Britain during the War of 1812. After the war, construction of the Erie Canal allowed for tremendous growth in both the U.S. and Canada. Over the years, the region has had a colourful history of bootlegging and smuggling. The authors also note its dramatic storms and shipwrecks, including the infamous “plunge” of the Steamer *Caroline* over Niagara Falls in 1837.



COLLECTED HISTORY

Bancroft – North of 7 ... and Proud of It: A parade of memories from North Hastings.

Edited by Orland French. Wallbridge House Publishing for the Bancroft Heritage Book Committee. 248 pages. Illustrations. \$38.50 hardbound.

“A heritage book, rather than a history book” the editor aptly terms this volume, for it is not a straightforward narrative of the history of Bancroft, an area of rocks and trees – and people – north of highway 7 in eastern Ontario. The book is an assemblage of squibs, quotes, photos, memories, and brief essays, mostly the contributions of some 23 people to the Bancroft Heritage Book Committee, but adroitly and artfully arranged and added to by Orland French, a well-known Canadian journalist who has found a new career encouraging and enabling the

writing and publishing of local history. Early chapters focus on early settlement, mining, lumbering and other industries. Later chapters are less chronological in presenting stories and details about politics, medical care, sports, religion and much more. The entire work is easy to read – or simply to browse – all the more so by its design, varying typestyles and the prodigious use of archival images. Any historical society or local community considering the writing and publishing of its own history would be rewarded by using this fine work as its model.

ACADEMIA HISTORICA

Canadian Migration Patterns From Britain and North America. Edited by Barbara J. Messamore. University of Ottawa Press. 294 pages. \$24.95 softbound.

A selection of the papers originally presented at a conference on Migration held at the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh several years ago. Migration refers to movement, that is – both immigration, moving in, and emigration, moving out. Perhaps half of these essays deal specifically with Upper Canada or Toronto migration. Of particular interest to *Bulletin* readers, perhaps, is Peter Marshall’s discussion of the term “late loyalist” for the thousands of Americans (many, many more than the slightly earlier “loyalist” migrants) who crossed the

border and settled here in the years before the War of 1812. Another essay, by Ronald Stagg, disputes the oft-asserted notion that the failure of the 1837 Rebellion prompted thousands of reform sympathizers to abandon Upper Canada for the greener, freer fields of the midwestern United States. Several essays focus on the sometimes forgotten English (not Scottish or Irish) immigrants who arrived in the 1820s and 1830s. Albeit an academic collection of essays, reading them has its rewards for any serious student of our provincial history.

Canada’s Religions: An Historical Introduction. By Robert Choquette. University of Ottawa Press. 464 pages. Illustrations. \$65.00 hardbound; \$29.95 softbound.

The author attempts, largely successfully, the difficult task of telling the story, that is, the history, of the most practiced religions found in Canada from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. He focuses, with laudably non-judgemental eyes, on their role in Canadian society, rather than their doctrines, rituals or politics. The book thus ranges from the religious world of Canada’s “Amerindians,” through the many aspects of Canadian Christian history, to the world religions of newer immigrants and the newer religious movements offering alternatives to older, more established faiths.

HISTORY NOTED

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

Collective autonomy: A history of the Council of Ontario Universities, 1962-2000. By Edward J. Monahan. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. 200 pages. \$44.95 softbound. Written by the Council’s CEO for over fifteen years, this study chronicles the rise and decline of Ontario universities from the halcyon 1960s to the Common Sense Revolution through the history of its planning association.

Book of Remembrance By Harvey Gow. Plattsville and District Heritage Society. \$25.00 – A collective history of 219 locals from Plattsville, Bright, Chesterfield and Washington who served in WWI, WWII and the Korean Conflict, researched and compiled by Harvey Gow, himself an 80-year-old veteran and Historical Society member.

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So far, several lucky people have won a variety of prizes, including some of the getaways. There is still time to enter if you visit the OHS website at www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca. We will update you on the prizes and winners in the September issue of the *OHS Bulletin*. Summer events are also posted on the OHS website, as well as links to our sponsors, which we encourage you to visit, for without their support this would not have been possible. For your summer travels, some websites you may want to check out include:

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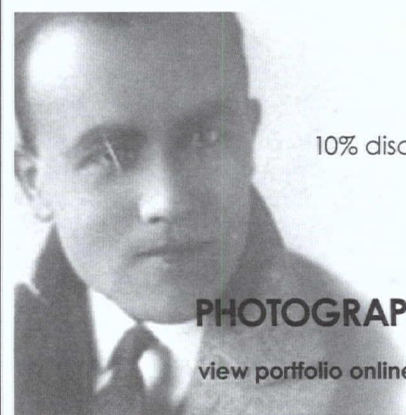
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