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Heritage park will commemorate Battle of Lundy's Lane

By Jim Mitchinson, Friends of Stamford Village

By an agreement dated June 6, 1996, with the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls, Miss Ruth Redmond has formally realized her "impossible dream". The 94-year-old retired teacher has given her three acre property, which forms part of Lundy's Lane Battlefield and includes five houses, one of which is the former Fralick Tavern, to the

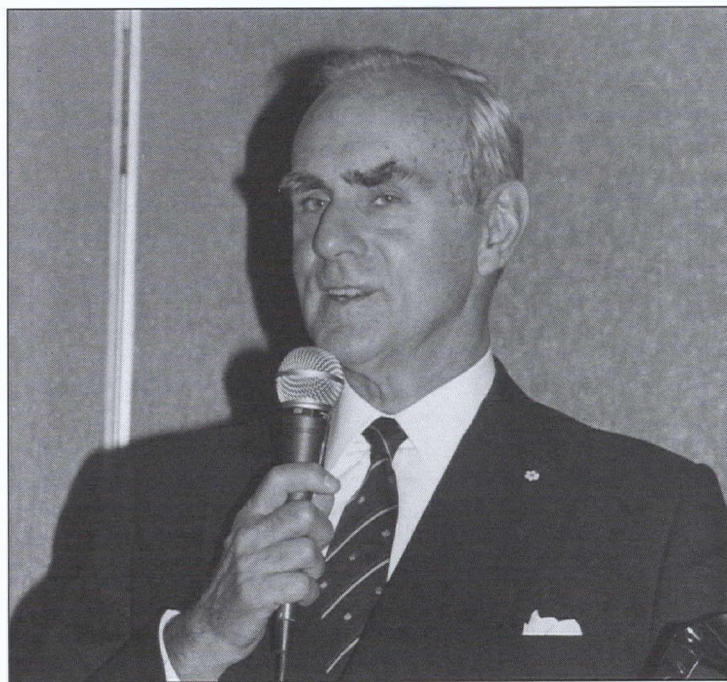
municipality on the condition that it be preserved as a heritage park and that the Fralick Tavern be restored.

Miss Redmond, who taught at nearby Stamford Collegiate for 41 years and retired in 1967, purchased her first home on this site in 1954 and subsequently acquired the balance of the property one lot at a time. She started negotiations with various levels of government in the early 1960s

and has been challenged by many ups and downs since then.

Her 30-year struggle to keep this historic area from commercial development has earned her the respect of all who value heritage.

The Battle of Lundy's Lane on July 25, 1814 was the last major battle of the war and by the end of October, Upper Canada was free of American invaders.



In December, the term of office comes to an end for the Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Honorary Patron of The Ontario Historical Society. To honour and recognize the occasion, the Governor General's Horse Guards will host a formal dinner in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on Friday, November 15. Tickets are still available by contacting Lieutenant Colonel Michael Davis at (416) 222-8719. (Photo courtesy of Jim Clemens.)

City of North York shows leadership

In 1995, the City of North York started planning for the restoration of damaged and broken grave markers in the Willowdale Cemetery on Yonge Street.

The Ontario Historical Society, Ontario Genealogical Society and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation were contacted for advice. Appropriate techniques and materials were researched, a budget was developed along with a plan for the restoration of

the stones. During the Summer of 1996, Dave Tomkinson of Luesby Memorial Company Ltd. was hired to restore nine grave markers.

The land to the north of Willowdale Cemetery is currently under development and the Culture Branch of the City of North York has been working with the City's Planning Department to ensure that appropriate care is taken for the preservation of the cemetery. The developer has undertaken a

cultural impact study on the cemetery lands, including an archaeological assessment.

Over the next few months, an inspection of the other historic cemeteries under the City's care will be undertaken, and a cemetery maintenance plan will be developed.

For further information, please contact Beth Hanna, Manager, Culture Branch, City of North York, 5100 Yonge Street, North York M2N 5V7, (416) 395-7415.

Farewell

The heritage community was saddened to learn of the sudden death of **Larry Turner** of Ottawa on August 26. Many OHS members will remember that Larry launched his latest book *A Boy's Cottage Diary 1904* at the Heritage Marketplace of our conference, Consuming Passions last May in Ottawa. Larry enjoyed success as a published Rideau Corridor historian and took special interest in United Empire Loyalist history. His last project was a history of Wall Street United Church in Brockville, for which he was Project Manager.

John White of London

served 16 years with the Conservative Party as MPP for London South and several years as Treasurer of Ontario. After he retired from politics, he became Chair of the Ontario Heritage Foundation and broadened its focus to include protecting Ontario's environmental heritage. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Ontario Heritage Centre at 10 Adelaide Street East in Toronto to fulfill his vision for one central historic building to provide a home for all the provincial organizations in Ontario, many with totally inadequate offices to serve their needs. Mr. White died in Toronto on September 5.

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December 1 will be triple-header at OHS

December 1 will be an activity-packed day at The Ontario Historical Society. From 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Society presents our fifth annual Cook Book Caper where you can browse through cook books and food-related books in all forms, from new and used to modern and historical. Cooking and food-related items and our Christmas cards will be for sale, as well. Cook Book Caper will continue on Monday, December 2 from 1:00 to 4:00. Proceeds from this fundraising success story support the restoration of the gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie property.

At 3:00 p.m. on December 1,

the OHS will launch our new publication, *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street*, a collection of the papers presented at our seminar in February. We will announce the winners of our Silent Auction items at 3:00, also. (Please see **Place your bids now!** on page 8.) Following these two events, tea will be served.

The Ontario Historical Society is located in the John McKenzie House at 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale, two blocks north of the North York Centre subway station, east of Yonge Street. For further information, please call (416) 226-9011.

Deadline is fast approaching

Have you submitted your nomination for the OHS' Honours and Awards programme? Have you sent your material to our office yet? The deadline is fast approaching. All submissions must be either postmarked or hand-delivered to The Ontario Historical Society by **Wednesday, October 30** at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to recognize the excellent work in Ontario's heritage communities with your nomination. For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

THB calls for nominations

The Toronto Historical Board will be presenting its 23rd annual awards in the Spring of 1997. Three categories exist: buildings, structures or other significant historical, landscape or architectural features; contributions to the preservation of Toronto's heritage and publications related to Toronto's heritage.

For a nomination form and further information, please contact the Board at 205 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M5B 1N2, (416) 392-6827. The deadline for submissions is November 15.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan,
OHS Executive Director

Thanks to our Volunteers!

The OHS has been busy with a number of fundraising and special events since my last report: Tea on the Verandah on a glorious August afternoon, several book and garage sales, the Black Creek Pioneer Village Festival, the Riverdale Farm Fall Festival and many, many more.

Over \$4,000.00 was raised at these events and our grateful thanks go to the following who made it all happen: Sandra Archer, Glenn Bonnetta, Margot Beech Kennedy, Jean Burnet, Meribeth Clow, Rowena Cooper, Barbara Efrat, Edith and Geoff Geduld, Jeanne Hughes, Barbara Kane, Hazel Kitto, Robert Leverty, Margaret Machell, Grace Matthews, Barbara Truax

and Sarah Walker. We couldn't have managed without you!

Support Announcement Arrives

The provincial heritage organizations finally learned in late August how the reduction to that programme, announced last Spring, would be applied to each organization. The reductions ranged from 28 to 53 percent. The OHS lost 33 percent of our anticipated support and now the difficult task begins of structuring a new budget and a process for presenting our many projects and programmes during the remaining months of the year.

Visions of the North, Voices of the North

The OHS will join Nipissing University next May 23, 24 and 25 in North Bay in presenting

this conference to explore the topic Building Cultures: Building Communities. The 1997 Annual Business Meeting and the presentations to the winners of our Honours and Awards programme will take place at this conference, so mark your calendar now and plan to be with us at the Gateway to the North.

Have You Made Plans?

1997 will mark the centennial of the founding of the first Women's Institute in Stoney Creek in 1897. From that humble beginning has grown an organization that spans the world. How will you celebrate?



Does your organization, institution, community or municipality have a celebration or special event to promote? The Ontario Historical Society has the perfect tool to help you. We have a large quantity of metal arms (in photo above) from which banners, signs and flags can be hung. The arms are two feet in length and one inch in diameter and can easily be affixed to poles or lamp posts. They are for sale individually or in quantities. For further information, please contact Rob Leverty at the OHS, (416) 226-9011. (Photo courtesy of Dorothy Duncan.)

Heritage Canada invites nominations

Heritage Canada, the non-profit organization with a nationwide mandate to protect our country's natural and cultural heritage, is inviting nominations for the three categories in its awards programme.

The Gabrielle Léger Award, founded by the wife of former Governor General Jules Léger, recognizes individuals who have contributed outstanding service to heritage conservation in Canada. The Lieutenant Governor's Award is presented to an individual or group demonstrating continuous efforts in the field of preservation benefitting a particular province. The province is that in which the annual meeting of Heritage Canada is held in a given year. The third category is the Achievement Awards, presented jointly by Heritage Canada and an established provincial or territorial group, which is a member of the national organization. Individuals or groups undertaking outstanding heritage pro-

jects completed during the past two years are eligible.

For further information on nomination deadlines and eligibility criteria, please contact Heritage Canada, Box 1358, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R4, (613) 237-1066.

The Ontario Museum Association is a non-profit organization serving individual and institutional members in the heritage sector by communicating with provincial and federal government agencies, analyzing public policy, providing professional development opportunities and exchanging information.

Working with the OMA Council, the Interim Executive Director will be responsible for creating a new fundraising strategy, developing partnerships with other private and public sector organizations and reviewing the

The Ontario Historical Society and Nipissing University are co-sponsoring the second **Visions of the North, Voices of the North** conference from May 23 to 25, 1997 at the University in North Bay. The theme Building Communities: Building Cultures will include the presentation of academic papers, workshops, panel discussions and poster sessions.

Topics will highlight:

1. Northern Images: literature, geography, sociology, etc.
2. Northern Visions: visual arts
3. Northern and First Nations

Heritage: cultural landscapes and ecotourism

4. Northern and First Nations Issues: northern multiculturalism
5. Northern and First Nations Community Building: cultural and economic development

Abstracts of 250 words in hardcopy and on disk for a 20-minute paper or presentation, including the use of audio-visual aids, are invited. The deadline for submissions in **January 30, 1997**. A programme of sessions will be designed by the

Conference organizers according to the following criteria: appeal to a wide audience and interest and appropriateness to the conference theme.

Please forward your abstracts, indicating the topic theme number as listed above, to "Visions of the North, Voices of the North", Jodi Sutherland, Nipissing University, 100 College Drive, Box 5002, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8L7, fax (705) 474-1947.

For further information, please contact Jodi Sutherland at (705) 474-3461, ext. 4558.

OMA seeks Interim Executive Director

effectiveness of services currently being offered. Other duties include identifying new services or products which would broaden the revenue and membership base of the OMA and management of the daily operations of the secretariat, including grant

applications.

The successful candidate will be business-minded and an excellent communicator, have previous experience as the Executive Director of a non-profit organization or relevant experience in a corporate environment and have

exposure to restructuring or marketing projects.

Please send your resume by **November 8** to: Search Committee, c/o President, Ontario Museum Association, 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1L4.

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Our featured publication

Yonge Street is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year, and a new publication from The Ontario Historical Society will help to mark the occasion. *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street* is a collection of many of the papers presented at the seminar co-sponsored by the OHS and the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library earlier this year.

Papers focus on the Mississauga and the building of Yonge Street; William Berczy's settler axemen; the Yonge Street rebellion; two hundred years of transportation and travel, tollgates and hotels along the longest street in the world.

The Society will be launching the publication on Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 p.m. Many of the speakers at the seminar, who are authors of the chapters, will be with us for an autographing session.

For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011.

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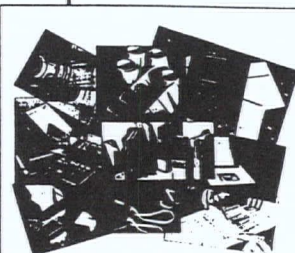
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By Laura Suchan, Chair,
Local Societies Committee and
Dorothy Duncan, OHS
Executive Director

Congratulations to Ella Kruse and Charles Garrad, former Executive Director of the **Ontario Archaeological Society**, who surprised their friends and colleagues on July 27 when the annual get-together for OAS members and supporters was transformed into a garden wedding.

All roads lead to the Family and Local History Fair at the **Wellington County Museum and Archives** on November 3. Visit the OHS at this popular event, meet President Rowena Cooper, make a purchase from our book table and take home a gift with our compliments.

The **Scarborough Historical Society** has been collecting memories, recollections and oral histories for close to 30 years. If you would like to record your memories, call (416) 282-2710 to discuss how this might be accomplished.

Heritage Mississauga is continuing work on a similar oral history project, so if you are or were a resident of that area, call (905) 272-1432 to share your memories.

Congratulations to the **North Bay Public Library** and the **Port Credit Library**, both commemorating 100 years of service to their communities this year. The OHS was pleased to join the North Bay Library with our Let's Bake Bread! workshop when a host of eager bread bakers joined Jim Fortin and Dorothy Duncan in mastering the art. The official anniversary celebrations at Port Credit will be November 16, so call (905) 272-4327 for details.

The **Bruce County Genealogical Society** will celebrate Remembrance Day with Allan Bartley speaking on the "160th Bruce Battalion, World War I" at 7:30 p.m. at the Bruce County Museum and Archives in Southampton on November 11.

Welcome to Wendy Whitfield, the new Curator/ Director of the **Welland Historical Museum**. Wendy comes to her new position with experience at the **Commanda General Store Museum**, the **Guelph Museums** and the **Pump House Museum** in Shropshire, England.

Sad news from Prince Edward Island, that Moncrieff Williamson, one of the nation's authorities on arts and crafts, the life and times of Robert Harris and a Fellow of the **Canadian Museums Association**, has passed away.

The **Milton Historical Society** is appealing for information about P.L. Robertson, who died in 1951. A book is planned for 1998 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the beginning of P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Co. in Milton. Call Ken Lamb at (905) 878-6391 if you have information.

Ruth Stedman and Edwin Easson, both members of the Board of Governors of the **Brant County Museum**, were hon-

oured recently by Brant County Council for their years of service. The Council also made a generous cash gift to the Brant Historical Fund in recognition of their service. Call (519) 752-2483 for information about the Fund.

Also honoured in June, were the volunteers of the **Brant Historical Society** at an appreciation dinner. It was 83 years ago that the **Brantford Historical Society** met to consider a letter from Evelyn Johnson of Vancouver offering "all the curios and relics of the late E. Pauline Johnson, besides other heirlooms some 200 years old." From that first donation, the present **Brant County Museum and Archives** and the **Museum in the Square** have developed. For the first time, the museum is being charged property tax and is appealing for assistance. If you can assist, call President Ruth Lefler at (519) 753-1632.

You too can enjoy a Time Capsule Birthday Party at the **Simcoe County Museum** by calling (705) 728-3721 and talking to Lindy.

The **Peel Heritage Complex** has received a gift of \$25,000.00 from Ambro Construction Ltd. to establish the Charles Armstrong Gallery of 19th and 20th Century Peel History. The gift will commemorate Mr. Armstrong's 75th birthday and will be used to redesign the exhibition space on the second floor of the Complex.

Barbara Stanley, staff member at Peel for close to 20 years has retired and her many friends in the museum community across Ontario wish her much happiness as new opportunities present themselves to her.

Congratulations to Bernice Flett of London, on being elected President of the **United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada** at Convention '96 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The 1997 Convention will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba June 5 to 8 where OHS member Margaret Carter is the Branch President, and already working on the programme.

Congratulations to the **Museum of the Great Lakes** at Kingston on receiving the **Save Ontario's Shipwrecks** Award for 1995 for outstanding work in the preservation of marine heritage.

The **Hamilton Board of Education Archives Book Committee** is calling for information and photographs for a commemorative history of public education in Hamilton to celebrate the Board's sesquicentennial next year. Call Karyn Hogan at the Dr. Paikin Library, (905) 527-5092, ext. 2335.

At the other end of the spectrum, the **Temiskaming Abitibi Heritage Association** has published *They Came From All Walks of Life*, the proceedings of the 1995 History Workshop. Rare glimpses of life in northeastern Ontario makes this book a fascinating read and Rosanne Fisher Publishing, Box 452, Haileybury P0J 1K0 will provide informa-

tion and costs.

A series of special events is planned to celebrate the 200th anniversary of **St. James Cathedral** in Toronto, including festivals, music, talks, walks, fairs and dinners. Call (416) 364-7865 for a detailed programme of 1996 and 1997 events.

The **Uxbridge Scott Historical Society** celebrated 25 years of service to the community recently at the Museum with a gala gathering. Allan McGillivray was the first President of the Society and is now the dedicated Curator of the Museum. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the **White River District Historical Society** as Canada Post has decided to commemorate Winnie-the-Pooh on a forthcoming stamp. Through careful research into the community's past, the Society discovered that the bear inspiring A. A. Milne to write so many children's stories was actually purchased on a train station platform in White River.

The **Community History Project** has been instrumental in securing and moving one of the first tollkeeper's cottages used in Toronto. CHP welcomes any and all information about toll buildings, as well as where appropriate materials for restoration can be found. Donations to the project can be sent to the Toronto Historical Board (Tollkeeper's Cottage Fund), 205 Yonge Street, Toronto M5B 1N2.

The **Friends of Myrtleville House** launched a *160th Anniversary Cook Book* on September 29. This 160 page book is a perfect gift for the upcoming holiday season (and at the same time supports the **Myrtleville House Museum**), so call (519) 752-3216 to reserve your copy.

And speaking of the holiday season, remember **Cook Book Caper** to be held December 1 and 2 at the OHS headquarters. On the 1st, the OHS will be launching *The Simcoe Legacy: The Life and Times of Yonge Street* at 3:00 p.m. and also announcing the lucky winners of our Silent Auction. Plan now to be with us!

President's message

By Rowena Cooper,
OHS President

My English roots are showing! Two weeks after writing this message, Russ and I were off to visit family and friends "across the pond". My mother was born and brought up in Essex. As a very young child (she is now 84), Mum can remember being taken to St. Osyth, a small village near the coast, to see the remains of a "witch". The grave had been discovered in one of the gardens and it still contained a stake that had been driven through the poor woman's heart.

Many years later, I watched a television programme on witchcraft and found that the story is now told in a museum at Bodmin, Cornwall. When we visited Bodmin and tried to see the museum, it was closed. We were unlucky that day.

If you are ever travelling in the West Country of England, there are three museums that you should not miss. At Boscastle, Cornwall, situated in a meandering cottage, you will find the Museum of Witchcraft. Fascinating artifacts help to explain witchlore from the earliest times. The instruments of torture make very clear the cruelty with which these "witches" were treated and the terrible deaths some of them suffered. I learned a lot that day - mostly about man's inhumanity to man (or in this case, woman) during those terrible times.

All Hallows Church in Honiton, Devon is a place to which I am definitely drawn. It is now a museum containing the most incredible collection of Honiton lace. I could, and have, spent hours with my nose pressed against the showcases examining and marvelling at the workmanship. Birds, bees,

butterflies and flowers seem to float on air. The museum also contains wonderful examples of the equipment used to make lace, and, if you are very lucky you might also get the opportunity to watch someone demonstrating the art.

The most famous example of Honiton lace was done for the wedding of Queen Victoria. The overskirt, collar and cuffs of her dress were commissioned from workers in and around Honiton. It took 300 workers one year to complete the task.

Tiverton Museum, not far from Honiton, is probably one of the best small museums I have ever visited. All kinds of items from man-traps to lace machines to textiles and books are contained in an ancient building near the centre of town. Helpful and knowledgeable staff assist visitors and are more than willing to discuss the history and artifacts of the area.

Why did I pick those particular English museums when we have visited many others? They stand out in my mind because they are friendly places. Each is fascinating in its own way and they are all run by VOLUNTEERS. Volunteering, of course, is not confined to England. Many small museums in Ontario are run entirely by volunteers, and several with only one or two paid staff and a large group of dedicated volunteers.

In this day of shrinking government support for museums, volunteers are making the difference between keeping museums open or closing them. We hope the cuts in funding are temporary. In the meantime, HURRAH for our hundreds of dedicated volunteers, many of whom are members of The Ontario Historical Society.

Office closing

The office of The Ontario Historical Society will be closed from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 1996 to 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 1997. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

Blind River: Christine Clark
Brampton: Paul Peterson
Calstock: Constance Lake First Nation
Don Mills: Mrs. D.L. Scott
Etobicoke: Mrs. R. Ellerson, Ruth-Anne Jolly
Gilford: Gloria Taylor
Islington: Shaun Griffiths
London: Fred Dreyer, Richard Gardiner
Markham: Stewart Publishing
Mississauga: Elsa McKay, Catherine Reicker
Mindemoya: Jean and Allan Farquharson
Ottawa: Jennifer Mueller
Palgrave: Greg Purmal
Red Lake: Red Lake Museum
Richmond Hill: Robert H. Blackburn, D. Russell

Morton:
Scarborough: Jim Maxwell, Anne Wilson
Sudbury: Shirley Favot, Kim Mullin-Semeniuk
Thornhill: Cecilia Bucknell
Thunder Bay: Diane Imrie
Toronto: David Agnew, Gyuszi Berki, Mrs. H.C. Constable, Edith Cosens, Jean M. Duff, Nancy Gaskell, Adair Jeffers, Emma Johnson, Mrs. H. Juhola, Mary Lemyre, Elizabeth Luther, Mrs. P. McLaine, Katharine Masters, Brenda Dougall Merriman, Katherine Moss, Elizabeth Parker, Lorraine Peglar, Anne Raby, Laura Rigler, Ila Roe, Frances Stevens, Doris M. Tucker,

Marilyn Warburton, Joyce Williams, Mary E. Wicks, Maria Zanella, Katherine Zawilski
Vankleek Hill: Michelle S. Landriault
Warren: Gerard and Suzanne Violette
Waterford: Robert Stevenson
Waterloo: Peter Dembski
Weston: Anne MacKay
Willowdale: Ruth Kopman, Carmen Montessa-Davis, Judith G. St. John

Out of Province

South Indian Lake, Manitoba: Helga Humphreys
Winnipeg, Manitoba: Laird Rankin, Canada's National History Society

Upcoming Events

October 22-November 2: What could be better to get you in the Hallowe'en spirit than tales of ghosts and goblins told by lantern light? Come to the Markham Museum for special **Haunted Museum** tours. Every evening from the 22nd to November 2 (excluding October 27 and 31), you can take a lantern-lit tour and hear some of Canada's spookiest ghost stories. For times and costs, contact the Museum at 9350 Highway 48 in Markham, (905) 294-4576.

October 25-November 2, 1997: After two years of extensive research, the Seagram Museum is opening the exhibition **Integrity, Craftsmanship, Tradition: The Seagram Plant in Waterloo**, focusing on the former Seagram distillery, which operated from 1857 to 1992. Contact the Museum at 57 Erb Street West, (519) 885-1857.

October 29-November 26: Heritage Fergus and the Wellington County Museum and Archives are presenting **Five Heritage Lectures** on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum located on County Road 18 between Fergus and Elora. Topics include: community strategies for achieving heritage preservation; architecture and renovation; reducing environmental pollution; municipal facade improvement programmes as a tool for achieving heritage preservation and Oriental carpets: their history, manufacture and acquisition. Contact Deryk Smith at (519) 843-3650 or Eleanor Smith at (519) 843-6253.

November 1-4: Cuisine Canada presents **Northern Bounty II: A Celebration of Canadian Cuisine** at the Waterfront Centre Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia. Workshops, tastings, panels and exhibits explore and promote our distinctly Canadian food culture, with a concentration

on ingredients. Contact Anita Stewart, Executive Director in Elora, (519) 846-0083.

November 2 or 16: The art of 19th century cookery is the theme of hands-on workshops for adults at The Gibson House in North York. Try your hand at **Delicious Scottish Festive Delights** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 which includes all supplies. Contact the House at 5172 Yonge Street, (416) 395-7432.

November 5-11: Visit McCrae House in Guelph as amateur radio operators send messages of peace around the world during the **Remembrance Week Ham Radio Broadcast**. Return to the House on December 12 for **An Evening Christmas Carol**. Contact McCrae House at 108 Water Street, (519) 846-1482.

November 7: Discover all about **Renewing Your Downtown In Changing Times** at this special seminar presented by the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario. Learn about common downtown problems and their causes, role and image - what it means to your downtown, how to assess your current business mix and downtown image and more. The seminar takes place at the Waterfront Holiday Inn, 150 George Street in Peterborough. Contact the AMCTO for costs and to register at (905) 602-4294.

November 7: The Friends of the Canadian Museum of Health and Medicine presents a Lunchtime Lecture Series on Thursdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. Explore whether dentistry will once again become part of medicine at the session, **Dentistry: Past, Present and Future**. On December 19, Frank Kershaw, Director of the Metro Toronto Parks and Culture Department illustrates **Winter Magic in the Garden**. All lectures take place at Timothy Eaton

Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Avenue West. For costs and to register, contact (416) 922-2004 or 921-9374.

November 9: The **Seventh Annual Waterdown Book Fair** is the Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society's major fundraising event of the year. This highly-successful book fair, running from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., brings together over 20 specialized book dealers, historical and genealogical groups and features a wide variety of used books for sale. For information on location, contact (905) 689-4509.

November 11: The Toronto Historical Board and the I.O.D.E. (Toronto Chapter) present a **Remembrance Day Service** honouring Canada's war dead at the Strachan Avenue Military Cemetery, west of Historic Fort York at 10:45 a.m. The ceremony includes costumed military staff from the Fort. Contact Historic Fort York, (416) 392-6907.

November 15-17: Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London presents the major fundraising event, **Yuletide: A Treasury of Trees and Lights**. Taking place at the London Convention Centre, the programme showcases designer decorated Christmas trees, a gala dinner with live entertainment, lunch with Santa, a gift shop, silent auction and more. Contact the Village at 2609 Fanshawe Park Road East, (519) 457-1296.

November 16, 30: The Peel Heritage Complex starts a new series of Saturday afternoon workshops for adults who want to try their hand at learning traditional skills and crafts. On the 16th, try **Primitive Rug Hooking** and on the 30th, create your own **Punched Tin Lanterns**. For costs and to register, contact the Complex at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton, (905) 451-9896.

November 16, 17: On the 16th, tour the beauty and heritage of Guelph's downtown churches on the Guelph Civic Museum's **Historic Church Walking Tour** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the 17th, come in out of the cold to the Museum following the Santa Claus Parade for some holiday refreshments, music and children's activities. Contact the Civic Museum at 6 Dublin Street South, (519) 836-1221.

November 17: Celebrate the launch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Toronto Branch's newest book, **Researching Yonge Street** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at The Ontario Historical Society's headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale. Copies of the book are available for purchase and authors are on hand for signing. Contact Jane MacNamara, Toronto Branch at (416) 463-9103.

November 22, 29, December 6: **Christmas By Lamplight** is a tradition at Black Creek Pioneer Village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in North York. The Village is decorated for a Victorian Christmas, complete with garlands, ornaments and treats, and a magical glow as each house is lit by candles and oil lamps. A traditional Christmas dinner is also available. Contact the Village for reservations and costs at (416) 736-1733, ext. 404.

December: Three of the Toronto Historical Board's sites: Spadina, Mackenzie House and Colborne Lodge are decorated for the holiday season. The **Christmas Gaslight Evenings** programme returns to Spadina and Mackenzie House and a new lecture series, **The Roots of Christmas Traditions**, taking place at the Board's headquarters at 205 Yonge Street, explores how Christmas customs and traditions have evolved over the centuries. Contact the Board for dates and tickets for the Gaslight evenings and lecture series at (416) 392-6827.

December: Enjoy **Christmas in the Country** at the Westfield

Heritage Centre in Rockton. This self-guided adventure through the decorated historical village depicts Christmas past from the Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and First World War eras. For dates and costs, contact Westfield at (519) 621-8851.

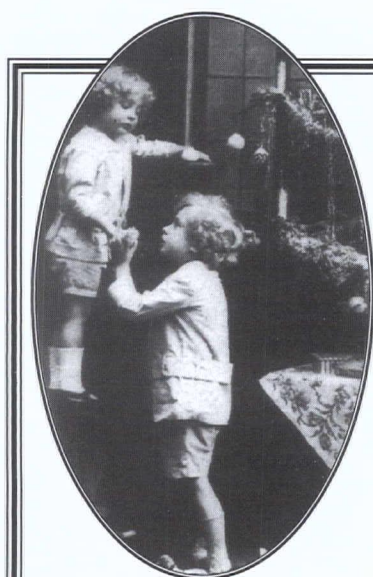
December 1, 7, 14: The Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association, which operates the Halton County Radial Railway near Rockwood, presents a **Christmas Fiesta** on the 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On the 7th and 14th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., enjoy a **Christmas Light Show**. Contact the OERHA at (519) 856-9802.

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December 14: Celebrate the season with music, crafts and refreshments from Christmas Past at the Woodstock Museum's **Traditional Christmas Open House** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact the Museum at 466 Dundas Street, (519) 537-8411.

December 18: Learn about **Press Photographers and Cameras of England** with guest speaker Reg Holloway at the Photographic Historical Society of Canada's monthly meeting taking place in the Burgundy Room of Memorial Hall, North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street in North York. Contact Les Jones, President at (416) 691-1555.



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For further information on these training programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.

The cemeteries of Yonge Street

Prepared by Marjorie Stuart, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member with contributions from Barbara Paterson, Muskoka Pioneer Village and Thomas W. Carkner, Nipissing District Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society.

Muskoka District

The rock-cut on Highway 11 at the Severn Bridge is the "gateway" to Muskoka. **Bethel Cemetery**, the first cemetery, is located three miles north beside the Muskoka Tourism Information Centre. The stone cairn was erected in 1936 in memory of the pioneers of Morrison Township. Moses Martin deeded the land for a cemetery and Methodist Church in 1865. Prominent in the logging industry, ancestors of the infamous Elonzo Boyd are buried here.

Symington Cemetery, still maintained by descendants of the family for whom a half acre was set aside in 1862, is located on West Grant Road at Kilworthy Road.

Highway 11 leaves the original Muskoka Road at Gravenhurst.

Reay Cemetery or Muskoka North Cemetery is located on the "new highway" at the Muskoka Airport Road. The land was sold by the Crown to Muskoka Township in 1878, and is now administered by the Town of Gravenhurst.

Travelling through Gravenhurst on the original Muskoka Road, we come to **St. James Cemetery** at Violet Street. An Anglican Church was built in 1867, and the present church was built in 1882 on Hotchkiss Street.

Mickle Cemetery was named after Charles Mickle, who, in partnership with Nathaniel Dymont, was one of Gravenhurst's 14 mill owners.

Muskoka Falls Cemetery, originally entered from Muskoka Road, is on land bequeathed by William Irvine for a Presbyterian cemetery. **St. Thomas Anglican Cemetery** is located in Bracebridge and **St. Joseph's**

Roman Catholic Cemetery is further along the Muskoka Road. **St. George's Anglican Church Cemetery** is at Falkenburg, where the Muskoka Road heads north.

The badly vandalized **McNichol or Cairns Cemetery**, located at Allansville, is the site of Cairns Presbyterian Church built in 1866 which was named after an early minister. The McNichol family was associated with the church for many years. The cemetery is administered by the Town of Huntsville.

Madill Church and Cemetery are located just south of Huntsville. The Wesleyan Methodist Church was built in 1873 and has been recognized with a Provincial Plaque as one of the few square-timber churches remaining in Ontario. Many of the early settlers are buried here including Captain George Hunt for whom the town is named.

In Huntsville, four old cemeteries are associated with religious denominations. **Hutcheson Memorial Cemetery**, on the old Ferguson Highway (now Road #3), was opened in 1936 on land donated to the municipality by the prominent Hutcheson family for a non-denominational cemetery.

Parry Sound District

Much of the original Muskoka Road heading north is now unused and overgrown. The village of Novar was surveyed in 1885 when the railroad was built and was located a mile west of Muskoka Road where **Presbyterian** and **Methodist** cemeteries are located.

A six acre cemetery known as **Union Cemetery** is located at the junction of Highway 518. It was associated with Emmanuel Methodist Church. When Emsdale was relocated from Muskoka Road to its present site "on the railroad", the Church was built in the new village. The earliest burial is Robert Pilch who died in 1876. The cemetery board is currently repairing and restoring many of the monuments.

A new mortuary can be seen in the **Burk's Falls Cemetery** on the old road to Katrine when looking west from Highway 11 and the Burk's Falls Road. Until 1942, when the United Church transferred the cemetery to the municipality, each of the Protestant churches had its own section.

Gravel Pit Cemetery, located north of South River in Laurier Township, was thus named because it was a gravel pit! The cemetery and non-denominational church were established in 1950.

Nipissing District

Boxwell Union Cemetery is located in Chisholm Township a few miles to the east of Powassan. The earliest burial recorded on a tombstone is for a child named Esther E. Boxwell who died in 1890.

Located about 15 miles east of Powassan is **St. Louis de France Roman Catholic Cemetery**. The earliest burial recorded on a tombstone is Paul Chayer who died in 1900. Earlier burials might be possible as many tombstones are illegible.

Union Community Cemetery, located on Mountain Road in Callander, is owned jointly by the Township of North Himsforth and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Algoma. Three churches form the committee: St. Alphonse Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's Anglican and Knox United Church, all of Callander.

Terrace Lawn Cemetery, now closed to burials, is located at O'Brien Street and Ski Club Road in North Bay. New burials are at **Forest Lawn Cemetery** on Tower Drive.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery is located on Golf Course Road in North Bay on property purchased in 1886 by Father Joseph Bloem. It derives its name from the first English Catholic Church in North Bay, St. Mary's on the Lake.

Church registers indicate the first Anglican funeral in North Bay was for Richard Bray who died May 6, 1884. It is not known if he was the first buried in **St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery** as there is no tombstone bearing his name. St. John's was one of the earliest North Bay churches.

Union Cemetery, operated by a group of Protestant

churches, is the most easterly of the three cemeteries on Golf Course Road, and is within the North Bay boundary.

The Graveyard is located in the village of Temagami in Strathroy Township. It is the most northerly of the known cemeteries within Nipissing District, and, seemingly, has never had an official name. Local residents refer to it as "the Graveyard". This Roman

Catholic cemetery was first used in the late 1800s when no roads led into the community. Only one tombstone remains. All other graves were marked by white crosses with names and dates carved on them. They have long since disappeared along with their records. Many burials were of children who died in diphtheria epidemics in 1909 and 1912. The last known burial was in 1952.

Leaving a legacy

The Ontario Historical Society's members have been very supportive financially over the years, and the Society is most appreciative. One of our major concerns, however, is that in order for our Society to continue its work, we must be assured of a cash flow for years to come. One way we can guarantee this flow is with a charitable legacy.

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Ontario History, the December issue

By Terry Crowley, Editor

Following a theme of education in September, December's *Ontario History* will focus on military, social and political history.

Those familiar with the battle of Lundy's Lane will recognize the name of Sir Gordon Drummond, commander of the armed forces in Upper Canada, who led the repulse of the American forces under Major-General Jacob Brown during the war's bloodiest encounter. This article does not retread the

already well-worn ground of the War of 1812, but adds significantly to our understanding of this enigmatic figure by examining Drummond's revealing career before he arrived in the colony in 1813.

Another article analyzes attendants at the Rockwood asylum for the insane in Kingston during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Residing in the institution where they worked, staff members developed a special world of their own, one that was changed irrevocably once train-

ing in nursing began for women alone.

Everyone remembers the Ontario Tory dynasty known as the Big Blue Machine. How it came about during the years from 1934 to 1943 is the subject of a third article. Concentrating on well-known figures such as Earl Rowe, George Drew, Frederick Gardiner and Cecil and Leslie Frost, the author shows the remarkable changes that set the Conservative party on a base that would reign supreme for over 40 years in the province's political history.

Museum News



The Tyrconnell Heritage Society's Talbot Settlement Anniversary Dinner held earlier this year was a resounding success. OHS Past President Janet Cobban was among the capacity crowd who enjoyed an early 1800s meal, musical entertainment and a play. Many of the guests dressed in period costume including members of the St. Thomas Re-enactment Group pictured above and Dutton Village Crier, Dave Phillips, (centre) who arrived in Scottish attire. The Society has been working hard to obtain the historic Backus-Page House in Tyrconnell so that it can be turned into a regional museum. (Photo courtesy of Alice Paterson.)

South Simcoe Pioneer Museum once again a community asset

In 1960, the old Alliston Agricultural Fair Building, originally built in 1915, was converted into the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum. It was a thriving community museum that revelled in its local history.

Ten years into its establishment, the building ran into management problems, and fell into disuse. The museum collection and building suffered, as much needed repairs and changes were neglected. A museum near Barrie took over South Simcoe Pioneer Museum's place in the community.

Alliston's Centennial in 1991 prompted discussions about saving the old agricultural building. Instead, a heritage barn was

raised on the site while the museum remained unused.

An idea had been planted, however, and concerned community members rallied around the old building noting its historical significance and structural worth. Included in this group were members of the Alliston and Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Societies. Together these two groups raised close to \$6000.00 and have been the driving force behind renovations to the main building and the Museum's survival.

On July 1, 1996, with work completed, the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum was reopened as a community museum of which to be proud.

Enter East York photo contest

In celebration of 200 years of East York history, Todmorden Mills Museum is sponsoring a photo contest to document the community in 1996 for future generations.

Take a picture of today's East York and follow the category guidelines to be eligible for great prizes. Each entry may be added to the historical archives. The grand prize is \$150.00 cash.

Photos will be displayed in a special exhibition at the Christmas in the Valley special event on Sunday, December 8. For further information and entry forms, contact Todmorden Mills at (416) 396-2189. The deadline for entries is November 1.



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Opening set for Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

By Mary Breen, Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

The vision of a place to collect, celebrate and disseminate workers' history and culture began to take shape eight years ago. In the Spring of 1995, after hard lobbying, the Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre received a one-time grant from the Province to buy and renovate the historic 1860 Custom House in north end Hamilton.

Operating on a tiny budget, provided by the City of Hamilton until the end of 1997, and a great deal of passion, the Centre is set to open on the weekend of November 8 to 10 with exhibits, performances and special events

focusing on the 50th anniversary of one of the most tumultuous moments in the history of Canada's workers: the Hamilton strike of 1946.

The Centre is also developing travelling historical and contemporary exhibits that communicate worker culture across Ontario. Among these are displays documenting the history of two workplaces which closed down this summer. A major part of the Centre's mandate is to ensure that the record of Ontario's vanishing industrial sector is preserved. This record includes both archival documents and oral testimony from the people who lost their jobs. Other mobile displays and exhibits honour the achievements of particular union locals

and their members.

In addition to curating exhibits and co-ordinating research, the Centre produces print and multimedia materials, such as "Worker's City", self-guided working tours of Hamilton, educational kits for schools and the biannual newsletter, *Worklines*. The Centre is setting up a public resource centre stocked with material about work and working class life in Ontario, which is accessible on site and via phone, fax and Internet.

For further information on the opening weekend activities, admission and membership fees, visit the Centre at 51 Stuart Street in Hamilton or contact Box 83034, Jamesville Station, Hamilton L8L 8E8, (905) 522-3003 or fax (905) 522-5424.

Conference looks at how museums can reach new audiences

The Museum Computer Network (MCN) is holding its 1996 Annual Conference on October 30 to November 2 at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa. The theme of this year's conference is "Reaching Museum Audiences Using New Technology", focusing on the use of the Internet,

interchange standards, imaging, multimedia applications, collections management and networking.

Co-hosted by the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN), the conference will offer workshops, panel sessions, special interest group meetings and

exhibits of the latest software and automation services for museums.

For further information, please contact Gail Eagen, MCN '96 Programme Chair, Canadian Heritage Information Network, 15 Eddy Street, 4th Floor, Hull, Quebec K1A 0M5, (819) 994-1200 or fax (819) 994-9555.

Museum professionals honoured for outstanding achievements

Earlier this year, the Canadian Museums Association's 1996 Awards for Outstanding Achievement were presented at a ceremony held during the CMA's annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. Close to 500 museum workers from across the country gathered to recognize the superior achievements of their peers.

In the collections management category, the award went to all those who played a role in the establishment of the Waterloo

Regional Curatorial Centre. This model of regional co-operation and sharing of resources has resulted in an innovative construction project dedicated to storing, managing and conserving local collections.

Other highlights of the conference include: *Fellows appointed* Barbara A. Tyler, Executive Director of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, for her work on the public attitudes towards art galleries. The results of the study

are being used by many organizations to improve public service. *Literacy grants:* The Art Gallery of Windsor and the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County, making museums more available to literacy learners as educational and cultural resources. *Board elections:* Wendy McPeake, Director of Commercial Operations at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa.

Congratulations to all.

Interpretation Canada develops new training programme

By Christine Castle, Master Trainer

Interpretation Canada, a non-profit association for natural and cultural heritage interpreters, is announcing the southern Ontario launch of a new training programme created with initial funding from Parks Canada.

Designed to provide standardized training for those who have been or are to be employed in front-line interpretive positions, the first two of a possible nine courses are now available - Interpretive Principles and Planning (Module 1) and Interpretive Presentation Skills I (Module 2). Each module is a self-contained curriculum unit which includes training methods and activities, overheads and

video clips. Modules are only available for use by trainers certified by Interpretation Canada.

Interested in becoming a trainer? Anyone may apply who has experience training interpreters, is willing to organize and offer one or two training sessions in the coming year, and is either a member of Interpretation

Canada or an employee of Parks Canada. Every potential trainer must attend a three-day "Train the Trainer" session.

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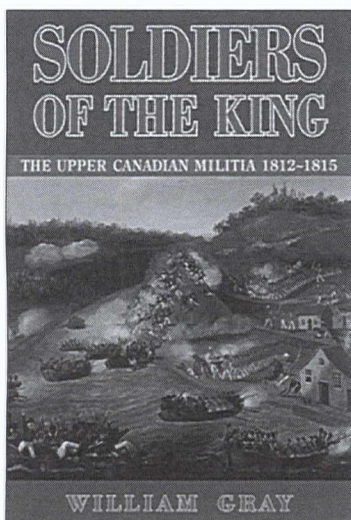
From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors

Dark Past

A Matter of Honour and Other Tales of Early Perth. By Susan Code. General Store Publishing House. 156 pages. Illustrations. \$18.95 softbound.

Thanks largely to her reading of the diaries of the Rev. William Bell and her combing through the columns of early newspapers, the author has uncovered some wild, wonderful and even weird stories. Many a human sin, most of them deadly, is recounted. She also has filled in the blanks to round out the tales with her own imaginative interpolations and interpretations. The result is fun to read, even if you don't know Perth.



Service Record

Soldiers of the King: The Upper Canadian Militia 1812-1815. By William Gray. Boston Mills Press. 288 pages. \$40.00 hardbound.

The law required all men, aged 16 to 60, to serve in the militia. Many evaded or avoided the duty, others participated eagerly. Historians still debate the importance or effectiveness of these ill-trained civilians in fighting off American invaders in the War 1812. But beneath the myth and the history, there are the actual records of who served where. Along with introductory commentary, this book makes primary data — hundreds upon hundreds of names — accessible (albeit without an index) to all who would study them more thoroughly.

Day By Day

A Home Across the Water. By Jean Wardle Bradley. Braeward Publishing. 210 pages. Illustrations. \$10.95 softbound.

The daily life of ordinary people is as much the stuff of history as grand events of far reaching consequence. *A Home Across the Water* is the story of one family living in Newtonbrook (now part of North York) during the 20s and 30s. Its warmth and anecdotal reminiscences will appeal to those who remember this era as well as to those who would like to know more about everyday life during the Great Depression.

Social Conscience

Seeking the Highest Good: Social Services and Gender at the University of Toronto, 1888-1937. By Sara Z. Burke.

University of Toronto Press. 194 pages. Illustrations. \$55.00 hardbound; \$17.95 softbound.

In the summer of 1910, the University of Toronto opened a settlement house in one of the city's crowded manufacturing districts, apparently in direct response to President Robert A. Falconer's challenge to the academic community to break down the barriers created by wealth, social position and education, and to "find the highest good by serving your fellows." Burke here considers the University's growing concern about the social effects of industrialization, the alarming expansion of slum neighbourhoods, and the role of faculty and students in alleviating urban misery. She also reviews the tension between male academics and predominantly female social workers in this thoughtful study.

Century Summary

Our Glorious Century: The Extraordinary Events, Prominent Personalities and Trailblazing Trends of the Last 100 Years in North America. Graeme Decarie, Consultant. Reader's Digest (Canada). 512 pages. Illustrations. \$49.95 hardbound.

An attractive silver-covered scrapbook chronicling nearly a hundred years on our continent. There are dozens of brief articles, hundreds of pictures, and for those of us who have lived through much of it, many memories. In this context, for "North America" read "United States" almost always, but the Canadian content, although limited, is excellent.

Involuntary Immigrant

A Man Worth Knowing: The Memoirs of Hans-Georg Neuman. Natural Heritage/Natural History. 192 pages. Illustrations. \$19.95 softbound.

When he first came to this land in 1942, Neuman was a loyal German officer. Captured while serving under Rommel in North Africa, he was brought to a P.O.W. camp in Gravenhurst. His experience there, however, prompted him after the war to choose Canada, become a citizen, and create a successful import business. His story, according to noted historian Desmond Morton who urged Neuman to record it, "helps us understand the Germany of our century."

Frontier Town

Amherstburg 1796-1996: The New Town on the Garrison Grounds. Amherstburg Bicentennial Book Committee. Marsh Collection Society. 287 pages. Illustrations. \$30.00 hardbound.

When Jay's Treaty ceded Detroit to the Americans in 1794, the British moved across and down the river to found Fort Amherstburg (soon thereafter, Fort Malden) in an area already sparsely settled by Loyalists. The town felt Yankee threats for 50 years, but evolved beyond its gar-

rison mentality into a thriving community in its own right. This volume, the first of two, traces the story of the early inhabitants, and of the immigrants who settled in each generation thereafter. The book comes complete with a package of 12 maps. Appendices chart details which genealogists will especially appreciate.

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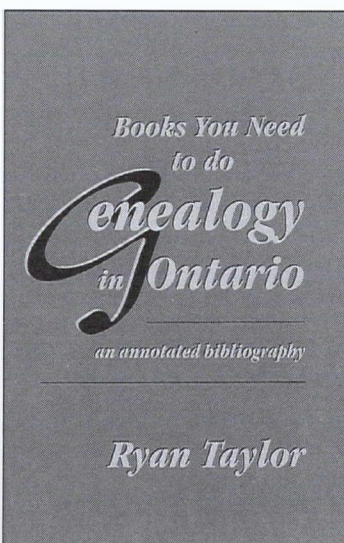
The Citizen's Wage: The State and the Elderly in Canada, 1900-1951. By James G. Snell. University of Toronto Press. 286 pages. \$60.00 hardbound; \$18.95 softbound.

This study of treatment of the elderly in Canada during the first half of the century chronicles the about-face attitude towards them and their means of financial support. During the period, a range of public programmes for the elderly both resulted from, and were the cause of, such change. By mid-century old men and women had evolved into "Senior Citizens" for whom the Old Age Pension was an indisputable right. Personal interviews enliven and give a human face to this sociological review.

Revised

The Illustrated History of Canada. Edited by Craig Brown. Lester Publishing. 591 pages. Illustrations. \$24.95 softbound.

When issued as an elegant volume nearly ten years ago, this work was greeted with almost universal enthusiasm. Seven of Canada's most articulate and insightful historians collaborated to create a comprehensive one-volume national history. It has now been revised and updated through 1995, but also reduced in page size with all colour pictures eliminated. The result is an excellent text, but no longer a special gift.



Where to Dig

Books You Need to do Genealogy in Ontario: An Annotated Bibliography. By Ryan Taylor. Round Tower Books. 154 pages. \$19.95.

Our huge province is made more manageable, genealogically speaking, thanks to this comprehensive compilation. County by county, here are listed the published resources, complete with enough description for each to enable the researcher to assess its particular value. If you are digging for your roots in this province, you need this tool.

History Noted

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

Sixth Annual Archaeological Report Ontario. Ontario Heritage Foundation. \$13.00.

The 1995 volume of reports describing new digs and discoveries in the province on land and underwater.

Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne: the Making of Community on the Gananoque River Frontier, 1796-1996. By Glenn Lockwood. Municipality of the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne. 650 pages. Illustrations \$49.95 hardbound.

A comprehensive history of the municipality published in anticipation of the bicentennial of the opening of the township for settlement.

Scandinavian Home Society 1923-1993: A Place to Meet, a Place to Eat. By Elinor Barr. Singing Shield Productions. 201 pages. Illustrations. \$17.00.

The Society, founded as a social welfare initiative for young immigrants in the 1920s, soon had its own restau-

rant. This is the story of the people who passed through its doors.

Waterloo County 1852-1972: An Illustrated History. By Geoffrey Hayes. Waterloo Historical Society. 320 pages. Illustrations. \$45.00.

An advance announcement, complete with a special pre-publication price, for a book to come out next year.

Siege, 1759: The Campaign Against Niagara. By Brian Leigh Nunnigan. Old Fort Niagara. 168 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 softbound.

This revised account of the successful siege of Fort Niagara during the Seven Years War shows how the British used European tactics to conquer a wilderness fortress.

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As reported in the last issue of the *OHS Bulletin*, the Society is holding a **Silent Auction** of the items pictured to the right to support the restoration of the gardens and grounds of our headquarters. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to bid on the pieced handmade Virginia Reel pattern quilt (top, reserve bid \$350.00); the late 19th century low back Windsor armchair (left, reserve bid \$75.00) and the early 19th century slat back side chair (right, reserve bid \$75.00).

Through the generosity of OHS member, Frank Bartoszek,

the Society is offering a fourth item. Frank will prepare a **Gourmet Continental Dinner** for four, at his home in Toronto on a Saturday evening between mid-January and the end of March, 1997. The environment is non-smoking and persons with allergies should note that a cat is in residence. This item has a reserve bid of \$150.00. For further information, please contact Frank at (416) 207-6422 during the day.

The first three items are on view during business hours at the OHS office and you are invited

to drop by and place your bids or sealed bids for each item are accepted through the mail. The deadline for bidding through the mail is Thursday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m. Bids in person can be made until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1 during Cook Book Caper. (Please see **December 1 will be triple-header at OHS** on page 1.)

For further information on our Silent Auction, please contact the OHS at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax 226-2740.



Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member

Congratulations to the City of Vaughan and Topaz Group Development Corporation who worked together in the public interest and for the citizens of Ontario to preserve **McNaughton Cemetery**. The development will proceed with the cemetery in its original location.

Congratulations also to Linda Thorpe, General Manager of **Mount Pleasant and Oakland Cemeteries** in London, who spearheaded the restoration of Oakland Cemetery. The cemetery had long been neglected and burial and lot records had been lost in a fire.

Official notices have appeared in Brampton area newspapers showing that Airport Road between Morning Star Drive and Steeles Avenue in the Region of Peel is to be widened. This action possibly will impact on **Grahamsville United Church Cemetery**, formerly known as Shiloh Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery and St. James Anglican Church Cemetery. Efforts are being made by the Halton-Peel Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, to work with descendants and the Department of Public Works. Watch your local newspapers for notices of local improvements that could impact on cemeteries in your community.

Ann Gonneau is seeking information about the **Cumberland Mission at French Hill**. A Catholic chapel and cemetery are believed to have been established about 1855. Anyone with early

photographs, family stories, diaries or journals is asked to contact the Cumberland Township Historical Society, Box 196, Navan, Ontario K4B 1J4, (613) 835-3344.

In July at **Little Lake Cemetery** in Peterborough, 750 gravestones were damaged in the worst case of vandalism in the cemetery's 146 years. Initial costs for repairs were estimated to be more than \$30,000.00, a shattering blow to this beautifully maintained cemetery. Hopefully, the courts will apply the law to the fullest for the damage and per-

sonal grief that has been caused. In July, a Havelock youth, age 17, was sent to jail for four months for failure to pay his share of \$13,130.00 damage to 174 gravestones in 1994.

Peterborough's Centennial Museum is developing a Heritage Hand Books Project, providing a variety of teaching resources tied strongly to the Common Curriculum. The first in the series is titled **Cemetery Studies: A Guide for Teachers** by Sean Rodman. Call (705) 743-5180 or write Box 143, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5 for further information.

WCHS publications are a rich resource

In 1895, a resolution was passed by the Pioneer Association of Ontario, the predecessor of The Ontario Historical Society, to form a Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto. The aims of the WCHS were to encourage the study of Canadian history and literature; the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics and the building up of loyalty and patriotism.

In 1995, the Society celebrated its centenary and this year it dissolved, giving its archives, publications, and some valuable artifacts to the OHS.

Part of the legacy consisted of the WCHS' *Annual Reports* and *Transactions*, or presentations made at meetings by members, honorary members (mostly men) and others active in historical research. The first *Transaction*

was "A Historic Banner", by Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, granddaughter of Susanna Moodie, describing the making of a banner in 1812 and 1813 by women for the third Regiment of the York Militia. The banner bore the motto: Deeds Speak, which was adopted by the WCHS.

Transactions will be of interest to present-day historians and those in women's studies. The OHS is selling volume one and a brief history of the Society printed in Transaction No. 29 titled, *Seventy Years of History, 1895-1965* by Stella M. Cook for \$3.00 at our office and events or \$5.00 through the mail. Please make your cheques payable to The Ontario Historical Society and send your order and payment to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2.

Consider a donation to the Cemetery Defence Fund

For close to a year, the OHS and the Ontario Genealogical Society have been presenting our case against the closing and disinterring of the Clendennen cemetery in Markham. The appeal, being heard by the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal, will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on December 2 at 1 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor in Toronto with Catherine Bray of Borden and Elliot representing our two organizations. Please attend to show your interest and support.

The OHS and OGS are bearing a significant financial com-

mittment as this precedent setting case continues to be heard. As a result, the OHS has established the Cemetery Defence Fund to protect one of our province's most valuable and vulnerable heritage resources.

More cemeteries are being threatened with closure everyday as land values continue to rise in Ontario. The heritage community must take a firm stand and protect our ancestors, our sacred places and our history. The OHS needs your financial support. Please consider a donation to the OHS today and note that it is for the Cemetery Defence Fund.

New awards and grants available

The Photographic Historical Society of Canada has announced three new awards/grants to encourage original research into Canada's photographic history.

The \$500.00 Student Award, sponsored by Kodak Canada, is presented for the best student paper based on original research into any aspect of Canadian photographic history. A second prize of \$250.00 is also available. A \$500.00 research grant is awarded annually to a current PHSC member for original research into the country's photographic history. The third grant is for up to \$1000.00 to aid the publication in book or monograph form, of original research into our photographic history.

For further information on the Society or the awards programme, please contact Les Jones, President, PHSC, 56 Leuty Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4E 2R4, (416) 691-1555.

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