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Excerpts from the 2005 annual report

by Orland French

Treasurer

The Society finished the year with revenues slightly in excess of expenses but the margin was small, only \$869.41. Our fund-raising dinner netted approximately \$3,600 and the bus tour was also very successful, bringing in \$1,042.05. Those who organized these events are to be commended.

Publicity

We regularly send notices of upcoming events to at least 18 different media organizations. Volunteers also promoted our annual banquet by posting and passing out posters.

The Hastings Heritage Centre

2005 was another record-setting year. Our workshop volunteers (aka the Archive Angels):

- hosted 36 workshops (up from 33 in 2004)
- presented "Treasures from the Archives" at the annual meeting in January
- held a successful Open House to mark Archives Awareness Week in April
- sponsored the Canadian Confederation Centennial Checkers Challenge on Canada Day, and
- participated in Doors Open Belleville 2005 in September.

There were 14 regular Archive Angels at year's end and attendance at workshops averaged about 10.

Outreach program

During 2005 Gerry Boyce gave presentations to several groups and acknowledged the help of the Society in making resource materials available. Groups included the Belleville & District Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women, The Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association, Westgate Lodge (Belleville), Bayview Retirement Home (Belleville), Christ Church (Belleville), Belleville Lions Club, Belleville General Hospital Auxiliary, the Trent Port Historical Society, St. Andrew's Church (Stirling), and Loyalist College (6 classes).

Genealogy

Late in the year we received a request for assistance which involves a large family with many branches. It is still a work in progress. Many other requests have arrived via the Internet and have been turned over to various members of the archives assistants.

Membership

Membership at the end of 2005 stood at 129, including single and family memberships. Of these 104 are annual memberships and 24 are life memberships. We also have two corporate memberships.

Outlook

Outlook is published nine times a year by the board, edited and produced by director Lewis Zandbergen. It is distributed by mail to all members, to 42 others, including media, politicians, museums, libraries and other historical societies, and to all schools in Hastings County.

Program

We had an interesting mix of speakers over the past year, ranging from local individual and group presentations to out-of-town professors. A variety of topics were covered including local, film, and military history. One particularly arresting innovation at last year's meetings was provided by the Society Crier, Bruce Bedell, who chooses from a closet of many hues and materials the regalia most appropriate to the evening's speaker. Thus colourfully attired, he opens each meeting with a flourish, providing sound and colour as well as an original Bedell greeting appropriate to the speaker's theme.

Next Meeting

TUESDAY, February 21, 2006

Meet the Archive Angels

The Annual Meeting on January 21 will be your chance to hear from several of these enthusiastic volunteers as they present "Treasures from the Archives" – items and ideas they have uncovered over the past year. It will be a fun time. For example, did you hear the story about the lion with the toothache? It's a true Belleville story and Katherine Mills will tell us about it.

Refreshments

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly meetings are held in the Auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre
370 Front Street, Belleville

Outlook editor appointed as Families/Newsleaf editor

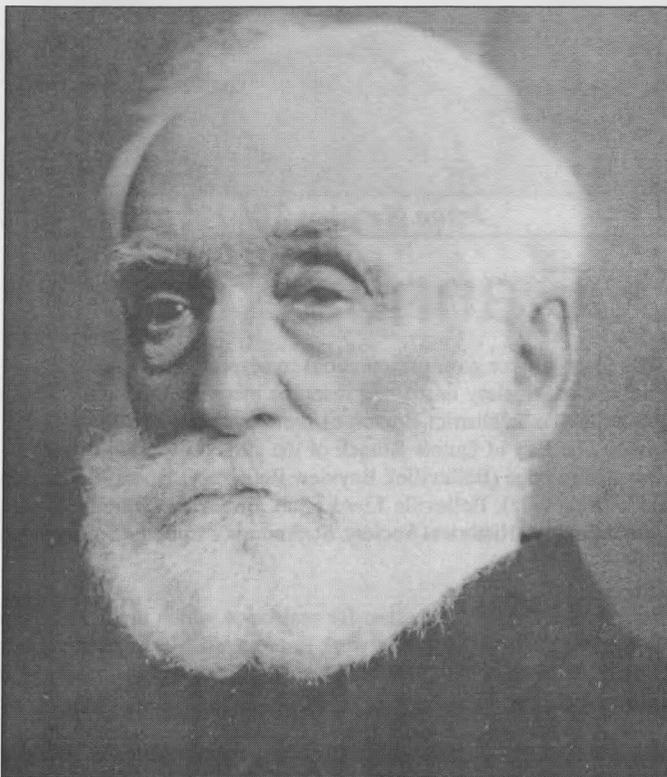
by Kenneth Bird, Ontario Genealogical Society,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lewis Zandbergen, OGS #19491, of Stirling, Ontario, as the new editor of *Families/Newsleaf*, the quarterly journal and newsletter of The Ontario Genealogical Society. *Families/Newsleaf* has one of the largest circulations of any genealogical journal in Canada. Mr. Zandbergen becomes the ninth editor since the inception of the journal in 1962 and will take up his position with the first issues in 2006.

Lewis immigrated to Canada with his parents and siblings in 1952 and became a Canadian citizen. He has traced his family history back to about 1800 and his late wife's to about 1500 in Hampshire, England. He has been fascinated with genealogy and history for most of life but really caught the bug about 20 years ago. Lewis has been a member of the Society since about 1995.

Lewis Zandbergen has much experience in the area of publishing.

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The election of January 23, 2006

The Quinte area seems to have returned to its Conservative roots at the national level. Certainly our most prominent federal politician was Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister from 1894 to 1896. This picture was taken after his term had ended. (photo HC 7650)

The Sir Mackenzie Bowell collection, consisting of dozens of pieces of silver and china is now on display at Glanmore National Historic Site, 257 Bridge Street East, Belleville. Museum staff catalogued and researched the collection after it was gifted to Glanmore by Bowell's descendants in May of 2005. Bowell (1823-1917) emigrated to Belleville from England as a young boy. He became an important businessman and prominent citizen. The collection includes a rare Canadian-made silver tea service and flatware presented to Bowell by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America in 1875 as well as an elaborate porcelain dinner service given to Bowell by Queen Victoria in 1896. The Sir Mackenzie Bowell Collection can be viewed Tuesday to Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Sympathy

The Society's sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Ralph Morton, husband of Shirley (McIntosh), a proud veteran of World War II and a successful businessman. He was a long-time member. Ralph had a great love of life.

Joan Douglas, wife of Dr. Ken Douglas, was a longtime member and one of our Archives Angels. She will be remembered for her "playful sense of humour, unconditional love, inner strength, grace, beauty and quiet dignity."

Praise for cigars from Garn Dobbs at the front

submitted by Bill Kennedy

Dear Lottie and Walt
Somewhere In France
May 4, 1918

I'll just bet you are thinking I've forgotten all about you and I'm just going to fool you and write this letter tonight or bust. You know we can't sit down of an evening and write to our hearts content as in civilian life. When the hour of 10:15 arrives, Bingo: out go the lights and we're finished till next day.

I suppose you are wondering if we have been in the big scrap yet. Well, of course we are in the scrap at all times practically, but up to the present we've been in a more or less quiet sector of the line and haven't succeeded in getting tangled up in any of Heinies mad rushes although of course we don't know what day or hour we might get our share.

When I say our sector is quiet I don't mean there is no fighting going on. Nothing like that. We see plenty of fighting and are having casualties more or less all the time but it's quiet nevertheless in comparison to some of the other sectors. This has certainly been a pretty warm time for the past six weeks but I think the Boche has advanced about as far as he's going to and I expect to see him start the other way before long. His losses must have been terrific from the reports we get from the other fronts and although he has gained ground, he has paid dearly. Our policy appears to be a waiting one and I like the idea much better of sacrificing the ground and not the men as he is doing which must inevitably turn the tables on him.

I received your box a few days ago and I must say it was a dandy, full to the brim of good things and every article a treat. It's a shame the hole I made in it as soon as I got the coverings off. The parcel arrived in pretty good shape, due chiefly to the cloth sewn around it. The paper wrapping was about all gone, just the address left and I hate to think what might have happened had the cloth not been on. The contents were undisturbed - that is until I got into it!

The cakes were swell and the chocolate - Gee, I wish we could buy it here like that. Believe me I surely had a great feed - and that can of peaches! My how I did go to it. Haven't had anything taste so good in ages. Everything in fact was an absolute treat. And as for the cigars, well, after smoking the first one I put the remainder right "kerchuck" in the bottom of my pack and every day or so I sneak up like a thief in the night and slip one out and start to dream right away of "times that have been and gone." They are certainly going to last as long as I can make them. Everything was absolutely fine but I have to confess the cigars were the supreme treat. Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I only wish I could find appropriate words to express my appreciation of it all. Someday possibly I shall have the luck to get back again and tell you much better than I can write it.

Yours as ever
Garn



The "Archive Angels"

Meet Mary Jane Throop, an Archive Angel, is in charge of cataloguing and accessions. With her valuable experience in other archives in Ontario and her employment at Glanmore National Historic Site, she is a valued member of the Archive Angels. Currently she has almost finished cataloguing the Loral and Mildred Wannamaker Collection. The Wannamakers were the society's genealogists in the 1960s. Mary Jane is shown examining early issues of *The Intelligencer*, while Lois Foster works in the background. They invite other volunteers to join our happy group of Monday afternoon Archive Angels. Phone 968-5023 for more information.

Heritage Day Open House

Visit Glanmore National Historic Site on Heritage Day, Monday, February 20, 2006, from 1 to 4 p.m. Explore Glanmore and discover some of the fascinating original artifacts relating to the Phillips family who lived here more than 100 years ago. Light refreshments provided, free admission. Call (613) 962-2329 for more information.



Did you know that for many years the Conservative Party was known as the Liberal Conservative Party? Here's some evidence ... a ribbon depicting two (presumably Canadian) beaver(s) atop a maple tree branch. The ribbon indicates the wearer probably attended a function of the Liberal Conservative Auxilliary (sic) of Belleville on September 14, 1900. Presumably, the auxiliary was composed of women, since women could not vote and therefore did not belong to a political party. photo HC 3579

Annual meeting in February

The annual meeting of the Hastings County Historical Society was postponed to February because of the ice storm on January 17. The annual meeting, with the election of the new board of directors, will be held on the regular February meeting date of Tuesday, February 21. The Archive Angels will present another look inside the Heritage Centre archives.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominated for the directorship of the Hastings County Historical Society, 2006, are:

Orland French, Doug Knutson, Vera Morton, Michael Shaw, Diane Sule, Lewis Zandbergen, Bruce Bedell and Bill Kennedy

Others may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting on February 21.

Moved by: C. W. Hunt

Seconded by: Hazel Shaw

Hastings County Historical Society President's Report

2005 was an extremely busy year for the Hastings County Historical Society. Considering that we complain that we haven't got enough executive members to shoulder the load, and that our Society numbers are dwindling, we don't hesitate to take on new projects.

Several new and/or unexpected items came along this past year.

The Loyalist Monument ceremony was the culmination of a long campaign to preserve the historic Loyalist Monument.

The Doors Open weekend was a success and will be repeated in 2006.

The July 1 celebration at Zwicks established the Historical Society's checkers championship as the place to be on Canada Day.

The archives and municipal records retention centre discussions will eventually lead to appropriate facilities for our growing archival collection.

The Loyalist photo journalism project was the basis of an evolving program of creating digital files of some of our archive photographs.

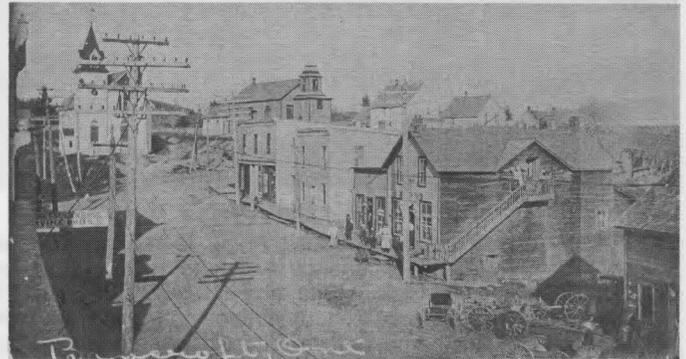
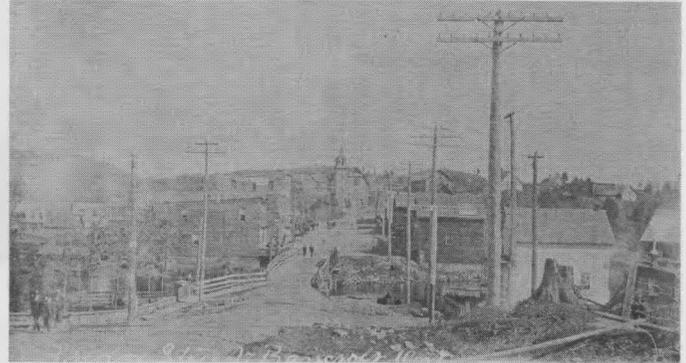
Those events were in addition to all the other routine work we do: general meetings, producing *Outlook*, maintaining the archives, looking after snow shoveling and lawn cutting, organizing bus tours, holding a fall dinner and auction, as well as dogging our landlords at city hall about squirrels, voles, mice, bats, leaky roof, false alarms and running toilets. And all sorts of miscellaneous stuff.

At the end of 2004, we were negotiating with the City and the County of Belleville to construct a joint archival venture to accommodate their needs to meet the requirements of the Municipal Act and our needs for a more secure and appropriate location. By the end of 2005, a needs assessment consulting company had prepared a report to both City and County councils. That report reviewed the current records and archival storage facilities for

all three parties, and determined what was needed to store these records appropriately.

I want to express thanks to the banquet committee which put together another successful dinner and auction last fall. The theme was the Year of the Veteran. I also want to thank the Archive Angels, directed by Heritage Advisor Gerry Boyce, who have been busily at work at the Heritage Centre.

Orland French, President



Here are two views of the village of Bancroft as it was around the turn of the century. The top picture (HC photo 3002) shows Bancroft including the bridge in the lower centre and the Methodist Church in the centre distance. A sign halfway up the telephone pole on the right indicates a railway crossing. The view in the bottom photo (HC photo 3000) shows the village around 1910-1915. It shows the Methodist Church in the left of the photo and the Community Hall, the other building with a tower, (now the site of Bancroft's excellent summer theatre).

OGS' newest editor

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He is a copy editor, and proofreader, and does layout, for the Hastings and Northumberland Counties premier weekly newspaper, *The Community Press*; editor for *Outlook*, the monthly newsletter for the Hastings County Historical Society; created the annual magazine *Beacon* for the Quinte Branch OGS; and is the Branch notes editor for *Newsleaf*. Lewis has twice won the OGS Marion Keffer Award in 1998 for the best overall newsletter (Quinte's *Searchlight*) and the best original article. With Gerry Boyce, Bob Gay, June Sine and Kathy Karkut he co-authored the book *Sidney 200, a history of Sidney Township*.

Our new editor is also a very active volunteer in his community. Lewis is Chairman of the Stirling-Rawdon Public Library Board where he was instrumental in setting up a local history/genealogy centre; he is also the President of the Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society.

Articles for *Families* and *Newsleaf* or communications with Mr. Zandbergen should be directed to

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The Society welcomes Lewis Zandbergen to this challenging and creative role. Although the first couple of issues of *Families* will remain similar to the format presently known, we look for the continued evolution of the OGS's high quality genealogical journal.

Hastings County Historical Society is based at the old township office in Cannifton. Please address mail to General Delivery, Cannifton, Ontario K0K 1K0

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Anyone wishing to submit articles or information may contact the editor at 613-395-3022, or E-mail <lewis.zandbergen@sympatico.ca>

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