



Outlook

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Noted film historian Gerald Pratley was the guest speaker at the Tuesday, January 20, 2004, general meeting of the Hastings County Historical Society. His topic was Canadian film history and he touched on the local film industry; Trenton was at one time considered "little Hollywood." Films produced in Trenton include the famous *Carry on Sergeant*, *The Great Shadow* and *Modern Eden*.* Mr. Pratley is the author of many books about film history.

Historical society member Vera Morton thanked Mr. Pratley for his presentation.

*The Movie Years by Peggy Diamond Leavey
Doug Knutson photo

Next Meeting Heritage Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16,
2004

**Guest Speaker
DICK BIRD**

**Topic
ICE BOATING**
Refreshments

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
Monthly meetings are held in the Auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre
370 Front Street, Belleville

How to Create Your Own History Book

A Heritage Week Seminar at the Belleville Public Library

If you have ever wanted some tips on writing and publishing your own history book, here is an opportunity for you.

Orland French of Wallbridge House Publishing, Belleville, will be offering a three-hour seminar during Heritage Week on publishing history books.

"What stops many people from publishing books is an acute unfamiliarity with the complexities of the printing process," French says.

"They don't know where to start. My job as a consultant is to work with history book writers and editors to ensure they wind up with a good quality book."

The seminar will be held 2-5 p.m. in the Library gallery of the Belleville Public Library on Wednesday, February 18. Refreshments and door prizes will be offered. Pre-registration fee is \$10, to be contributed to the library. Similar events

in other towns have been popular so please register early.

The seminar will cover the pride and perils of publishing and the process of creating a history book.

As well as operating his own company, Orland French is a history consultant working with Friesens Corporation, a large Canadian book manufacturing company which specializes in printing community history books.

He is the editor of the recently published *Bancroft North of 7 - and Proud of It!*, a lively heritage book celebrating the history of Bancroft and North Hastings. (See a review on page 3.)

French is also president of the Hastings County Historical Society.

For more information and registration, contact Susan Holland at the Belleville Public Library, 613-968-6731.

A historian/writer's idea of a dream "vacation"

Take a holiday and learn how to write and publish a community or family history book while holidaying in a popular historical setting.

Orland French and Friesens Corporation is offering a heritage vacation over five spring days, May 17-21, at beautiful Jones Falls in the heart of the Rideau Lakes. As an experienced writer and publisher of community history books, he has applied his expertise to making this vacation a pleasant and informative experience for people who love history.

Participants will also learn about the Rideau Canal locks and lakes and have time to explore nearby

heritage sites. During their vacation they will enjoy the hospitality and comfort of historic Hotel Kenney and share the experience with other history enthusiasts.

One all-inclusive price covers accommodation, meals, seminars, informative lectures and admission fees. The five-day package is priced at \$650 for one person, double occupancy, or \$775 for single occupancy. Participation in this heritage holiday is limited to 20 so early registration is encouraged.

For further information, please contact Orland French at 613-969-8354. Details are available on the web at www.littlebrickbookhouse.com.

Don't forget
Our February
meeting will
be held on
Heritage
Day Monday,
February 16.

Membership form

Please complete this form, or a photocopy of the form if you wish to save your newsletter, and bring it with your payment to the Society's next general meeting (third Tuesday of each month except June July, August and December), or send it by mail to the

Hastings County Historical Society, 154 Cannifton Road North,
General Delivery, Cannifton, Ontario K0K 1K0

Name

Address

City

Postal Code

I also enclose a donation of \$_____ toward the work of the Society

Membership Categories

Individual	\$ 20
Family	\$ 25
Senior/Student	\$ 15
Senior Family	\$ 20
Life Member	\$150
Corporate Sponsor	\$ 50
Organization	\$ 20

The Hastings County Historical Society is a registered charity. Official receipts for Income Tax purposes will be forwarded to you with your membership card

From the editor's bookshelf

by Lewis Zandbergen

Bancroft: North of 7 ... and Proud of It

Bancroft Heritage Book Committee
edited by Orland French
printed by Friesens of Canada
247 pages, profusely illustrated, indexed

People have gone to great lengths to poke fun at the hardy souls who tamed and settled that sparsely populated, hard-to-farm countryside in the Bancroft area. But the truth probably lies somewhere between the colourful anecdotes and real life—just as it does in the rest of the world.

Bancroft: North of 7 ... and Proud of It provides a glimpse into the lives of the folks who call north of Highway #7 home.

Orland French and his team of 45 writers took more than two years to finish the publication. Initially, Orland had to admit, there was a degree of suspicion when he, as a "southerner," willfully came north with the express purpose of writing about them. "We met every week for a year before they trusted me," says Orland.

The result of the project is something which shows pioneer northern Hastings settlers' indomitable spirit, willingness to go to great lengths to achieve parity with their southern counterparts and an unflagging zeal for life.

"If you drive up Highway 62 from Belleville you get the idea you're going to the end of the world." So goes the quote from Rea Callaghan.

I suppose in a way it's true. The first time I drove up to Bancroft was probably 1970 and the trip seemed to take forever; time doesn't pass nearly as quickly as it does say going west or

east down Highway #2 where there's always lots to see; historic villages and great architecture. That can't be said of the drive up Highway #62; you quickly get your fill of scenic lakes and magnificent pines.

For Bancroft that's the way things seem to have evolved. It's far enough from the big cities that life seems a little slower and yet close enough that a

chosen good writers and only the best stories to fill the more than 200 pages. Historic photos are one of the book's hallmarks; whether it's a picture of a pioneer minister in a horse and buggy posed under a majestic sky before the Eagle's Nest (a local landmark) or Edgar and Rosina Stapley standing next to their 1938 Whippet bus, photographs are clear and sharp, a tribute to the people at Friesens.

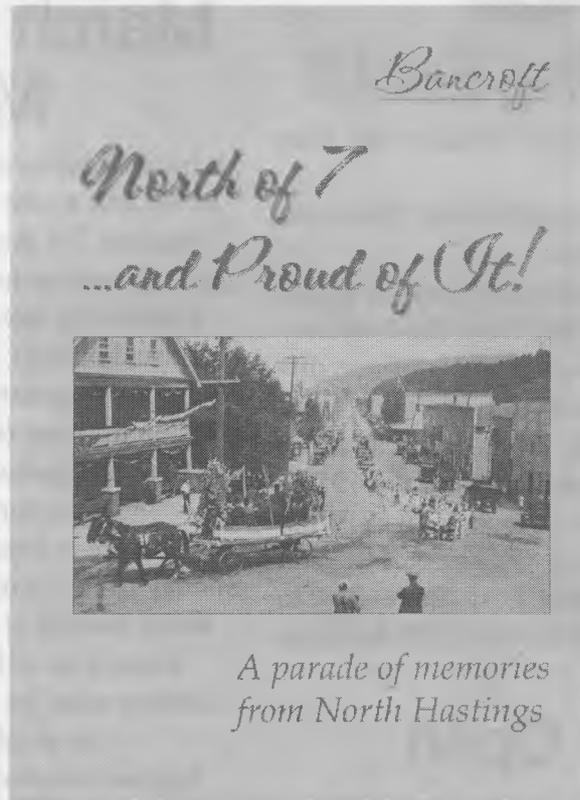
A thoughtful inclusion in the book is the fascinating story of the family of Chief John Baptiste. Traced in a series of photos are his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren; descendants live all over Canada. Other pictures of the Baptistes are scattered throughout the book.

A short book review like this can't do justice to the treasury created by Orland French and his team of writers. Their labour of love has produced another book of local historical importance.

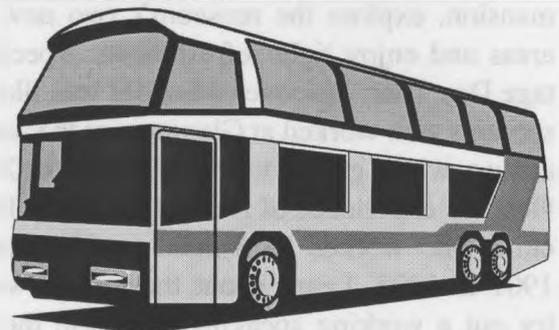
Nitpicking?

Okay, I'm not overly fond of the sidebars which start on one page and end two or three pages later. This means you have to read them separately. And there are not nearly enough maps; I love maps. Maps help you orient yourself when you're reading.

And I know we could do all those who call Bancroft home a favour if we could convince people to pronounce it the way it's written. Local radio announcers are likely the worst transgressors when they say "Bangcroft"; it is BANCROFT; there is no "G" in Bancroft.



**Reserve your space on the next
Hastings County Historical Society
bus trip—Historic Sights of Prince
Edward County on Saturday, May 29.
Our tour guide will be historian and
writer C.W. Bill Hunt. For tickets and
more information call Vera Morton at
966-4859.**





GLANMORE

National Historic Site
257 Bridge Street East,
Belleville, Ontario K8N 1P4
(613) 962-2329

Special Travelling Exhibit

Count Your Pennies: Shopping in Canada in the First Half of the 20th Century

On Display at Glanmore National Historic Site from: March 13th to April 30th, 2004

Take a trip to the store in the early 20th century in this special travelling exhibit visiting from the Currency Museum of the Bank of Canada. Explore three different store displays representing the evolution from the general store of the early 1900s to the grocery store of the 1930s and the supermarket of the 1950s. What would your money have looked like? What might you have bought? Visit Glanmore National Historic Site (257 Bridge Street East, Belleville) to find out this and more! Call (613) 962-2329 for more information.

Heritage Day Open House

Be sure to visit your community museum this heritage day-Monday, February 16th, 2004! Glanmore National Historic Site, 257 Bridge Street East in Belleville, will be hosting an open house from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Tour the restored Victorian mansion, explore the museum's two new exhibit areas and enjoy light refreshments. Special Heritage Day Tour: Discover what life was like for the servants who worked at Glanmore at the turn of the century with a guided tour at 1:30 p.m. or 2:45 p.m. Hear the experience of Nellie Bowden, a Barnardo child who worked as a maid at Glanmore from 1901 to 1905. Learn about the typical work day, try out a working speaking tube, use the servant staircase and more!

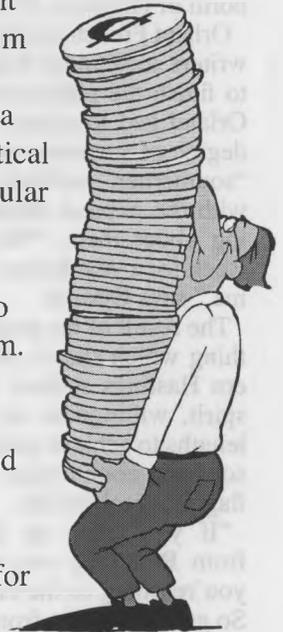
March Break at the Museum

Explore Glanmore with the entire family! Be one of the first to see the visiting exhibit Count Your Pennies! Try the artifact hunt challenge and scour the museum exhibits for interesting and unusual objects. Plus, make a Victorian Thaumatrope (an optical illusion toy) and try other popular toys and games from the Victorian era.

Glanmore is open Tuesday to Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located at 257 Bridge Street East in Belleville.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Regular museum admission applies. Call (613) 967-2329 for more information.



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