

OUTLOOK

The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1. It's hard to believe that the summer is almost finished and that many of us will be heading "back to school" very soon. We hope that it's been a good summer for you and that you've had a chance to see some of the living history of our county, province, and country during the past few weeks, by visiting historic sites and museums. Because this is the first edition of OUTLOOK since June 23, my newsletter file has grown considerably, with notes and quotes from a variety of sources. In fact, so much material has accumulated that you'll have to wait for future editions of OUTLOOK to see some of the interesting items.



2. Your program committee has arranged an interesting variety of activities for 1982-83. The September General Meeting is set for Tuesday evening, SEPTEMBER 21, in the MAIN GALLERY of the CORBY LIBRARY, Belleville. We'll focus on some of the special EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS that the Society sponsors. BETSY BOYCE will introduce us to her research on THE 1837-38 REBELLION LOSSES CLAIMS IN HASTINGS COUNTY. This research has resulted in a 34 page pamphlet, which we've printed in very limited numbers. Single copies of Betsy's pamphlet have been given to each senior elementary school and each secondary school in the county and 40 copies are available for purchase at a price of three dollars. The pamphlet includes many photostat copies of claims made by local citizens (for false imprisonment, etc.) following the Rebellion. Betsy is an enthusiastic researcher, who has spent much time researching the local effects of the Rebellion.

Also on SEPTEMBER 21 we'll be meeting several of the young students whose research won them awards from your Society in June. They'll be reporting on these projects and their interest in local studies. [Refer to the June 23rd OUTLOOK for further information on the winners in our competition]

A reminder that the SEPTEMBER 21st meeting will provide for:

- . coffee and social time commencing at 7:30 P.M.
- . meeting and presentations at 8:00 P.M.

3. Among the prizes to be awarded as part of our lucky draw on the 21st will be an autographed copy of BETSY BOYCE's new pamphlet on the 1837 Rebellion and a copy of the INTELLIGENCER's Special Edition of June 27, 1967, the Centennial Edition, courtesy of Connie (Mrs. R.G.) Williams.

4. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1982 will be a RED-LETTER DAY for YOU and all members and friends of the Society. It's our 25th BIRTHDAY and we're planning a gala time, including an appropriate cake. Starting with a social half-hour at 7:30 P.M. in the Main Gallery of the Corby Library, you'll have a chance to renew friendships with former (and present) Society workers. Among the activities planned are:

- (1) a look at historical societies in Hastings County before our Society began in 1957, based on research being undertaken by IRENE MENZIE
- (2) greetings from as many former presidents of the Society as can possibly attend - We're asking TOM WRIGHTMEYER, TOM RANSOM, RODGER GREIG, ED BUCKLEY, BOB PORTER, ROBIN JEFFREY, FRANK FOLEY, JUDIE PREECE, PAT BENNETT, and BOB BRENNAN - each to speak for two or three minutes on their years as president
- (3) a few slides highlighting the Society's history
- (4) a magic lantern show, in which TOM RANSOM will recreate the Christmas shows with which he used to delight and amaze visitors to the old museum on Church Street
- (5) greetings from representatives of municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- (6) special draws
- (7) the birthday cake and a rendition of HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Society
- (8) special discounts on SOCIETY publications
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We hope to fill the Main Gallery at the Library for this event.

5. We're contacting the former presidents of the Society now, but are unable to find BOB PORTER's whereabouts. If an OUTLOOK reader can help us, please contact me at 968-5023.

6. Also, we're looking for slides or photos of Society meetings, tours, and happenings over the past 25 years. If you have some to lend, bring them to the September meeting (the 21st) or call a member of the executive to arrange delivery.

7. Thanks to GERRY DONNELL and others, the HASTINGS MAP SAMPLER has been distributed free to all senior elementary schools and secondary schools in Hastings County. Look at the sample copy of the Sampler at our meeting on September 21. Incidentally, we've received a nice note of appreciation from DEL O'SULLIVAN of the Hastings-Prince Edward County Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

8. There is a strong possibility that B.C.I.V.S. will be offering a LOCAL HISTORY COURSE at Belleville's new Quinte Living Centre on Front Street. BRUCE RETALLICK and I met with interested residents at the Centre on Monday to explain how the course might operate and what areas would be examined (early schools, research methods, the built heritage, local authors, etc.). The course will be taught mornings at the Centre commencing September 7th. Call BCIVS at 962-9581 for further information. I'm looking forward to working with the students in the course.

9. Another course of interest is the Queen's University course in Canadian History to be taught at Loyalist College (probably Monday evenings from 7 to 10). This will be a general survey course covering a wide variety of topics in social, political, economic, and local history. (Ms) KERRY ABEL will be the instructor. For information contact the Queen's University Department of Extension at 1-547-3283 or Kerry at 966-2210. The course will be offered if at least 20 people have registered by September 15.
10. Our GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS to be presented at the September meeting go to THE INTELLIGENCER (for its contribution to heritage) and WANDA BUTCHER of Foxboro Senior School (for encouraging her students with respect to local research). The Awards to be presented at our October 1st Party will be to IRENE HAIG, whose efforts in the mid-1950's as a writer and broadcaster played a large role in establishing the Society; TOM WRIGHTMEYER, who stepped in to serve as our first president; and TOM RANSOM, the first treasurer and subsequently president of the Society, who "persuaded" City Council to purchase the Paul Lighting Collection. These "Makers of History" will be honoured at our birthday party.
11. Reserve NOVEMBER 16 for our visit to ALBERT COLLEGE to honour that institution on its 125th birthday. Arie Korteweg will be arranging the program, but more of that in our next OUTLOOK. Other meetings this year will feature a look at Trenton's new book on Trenton's People at Play; an Annual Meeting along the lines of last year's successful event, including dinner; a Heritage Day Celebration (February 21/83) with a speaker from the Royal Ontario Museum; a "Memories" Meeting with a sharing of recollections; AL SMITH's account of the activities at Camps Mohawk and Rathbun (air training bases) during the First World War; and a tour to historic sites and museums in the Peterborough area. This will be another year of first-class activities.
12. Dominion or Canada Day was an important day for historic and railway buffs in the Belleville area. The Belleville LACAC and the Canada Week Committee assisted the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to unveil a plaque commemorating the Grand Trunk Railway. The coming of that railway in 1856 gave Belleville the very attractive cut-stone station. The plaque is prominently placed on this building, which stands in spite of complaints of local papers a century ago that the building was inadequate and needed to be replaced. Hats off and congratulations to all those who helped to arrange the ceremony. It reminds us that Belleville is a significant railway town and has been such for more than 125 years.



13. Your Display Committee was pleased with the public response to its small display of genealogical and historic items at Zwick's Island on June 26. GORD DAVIS and RON BUSKARD set up and manned the booth, assisted by LOIS FOSTER in period costume. We learned that Zwick's Island can be a windy location for displays of pictures and papers, but we (and the materials) survived in good order. The souvenir sheet that Gord and I had prepared outlining how Dominion Day was celebrated exactly 100 years ago was well received. The committee is already planning for next year's Canada Week.
14. The Belleville LACAC's walking tour during Canada Week was a tremendous success. About 100 interested walkers turned up to tour downtown Belleville with LOIS FOSTER, BETH GREEN and other LACAC members as hosts and guides. The tour featured the 8 recently-plaqued buildings. It is fitting that your Society should work closely with LACACs in Belleville and Trenton.
15. The village of Bath has an energetic LACAC. Our June tour to that community noted the excellent book that had been published. Also, the Bath LACAC has sent some copies of "A Walking Tour of Historic Bath" and these sheets will be available at our Sept. 21 meeting.
16. Speaking of the Bath tour, the last OUTLOOK identified the curator of the Lennox and Addington Museum at Napanee as "Jane Graham". OOPS! I should have written JANE FOSTER. My apologies to Jane and again our thanks for the excellent reception at Napanee.
17. You probably have noted the smaller format (8½ x 11 inches) we are using for OUTLOOK. Following the trial run in June, the response was in favour of the shorter sheet. Thanks to BOB WYLIE for the original suggestion.
18. The Madoc Historical Foundation has issued an encouraging Summer Newsletter and BRENDA HUDSON deserves to be congratulated. She reports that the "Heritage Centre" has been in operation as a seasonal museum, under the supervision of TRACEY ROMBOUGH. Along with JULIE BURRIS, NICK FLEMING, and ANNA MCKINNON, Tracey has been continuing the catalogue of births, deaths, and marriages for the area, writing regular newspaper articles for the 'Madoc Review', conducting special community activities (such as 'FunDays' and House Tours), and transcribing the Lakeview Cemetery in Madoc.
19. Brenda also reports that she's reaching a conclusion to her story on Loyalist settlement in Prince Edward County. It's to be called 'Pride of Place' and will be published this fall by Mika Publishing. Following her April talk to members of our Society, Brenda has been invited to speak to the United Empire Loyalists' Association (Bay of Quinte Branch) at Bloomfield this evening (September 1) on the influx of U.E. descendants into Hastings County. We look forward to Brenda's new book.
20. Speaking of Prince Edward County, a federally funded Summer Canada project has helped the Quinte Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society continue its study of cemeteries in that county. CYNTHIA LODGE, LORI ISTEAD, and PAUL WILSON visited 90 graveyards and researched the history of each except for those in Ameliasburg).

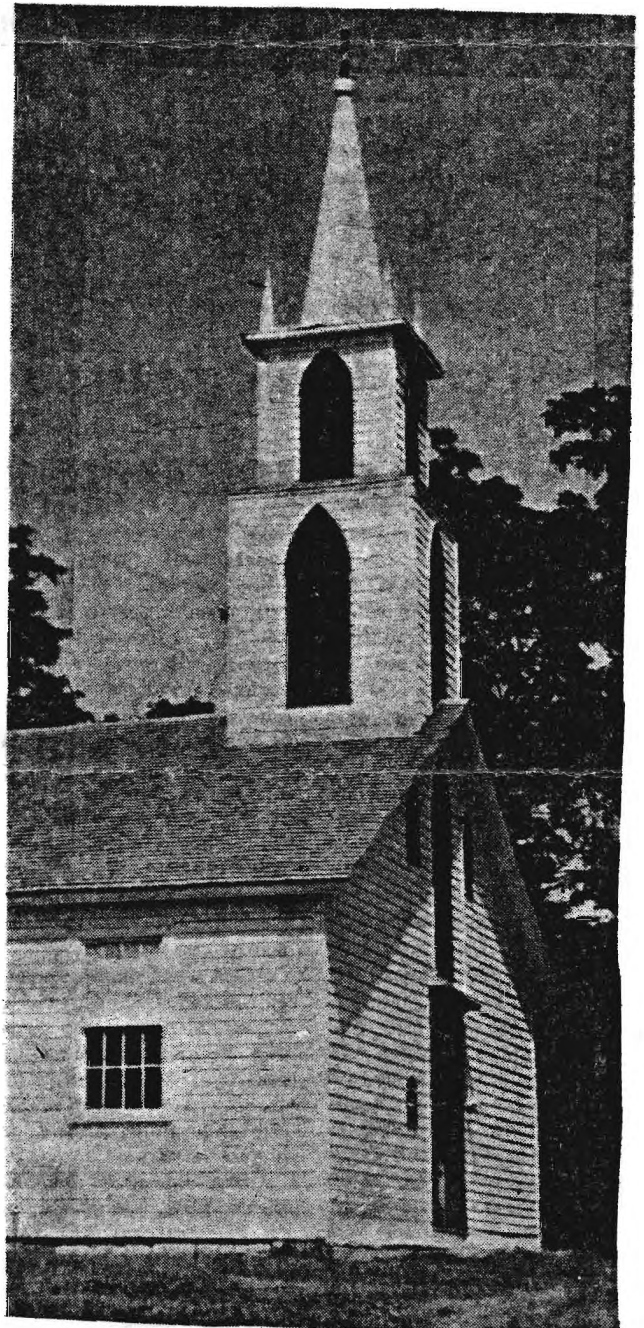
P.S. MARY SIMONDS, BEV, and I had the pleasure to attend the inaugural ceremonies on August 29 the restored pipe organ at the Prince Edward County Museum. There must have been 200+ there. An excellent afternoon.


21. The Prince Edward County cemetery history project was a logical sequel to the excellent work carried out over the years by MILDRED and LORAL WANAMAKER.
22. Our Genealogical Research Committee's cemetery transcribing project was successfully launched this summer. ALICE DELINE reports that about a dozen enthusiastic volunteers are busy transcribing information from gravestones and/or typing index cards with this information. Copies of the data will eventually be sent to the archives at Ottawa and Toronto, while the originals will be filed in the Canadiana Room of the Corby Library. There is still time to get involved in transcribing and/or typing. Contact PAT BENNETT at 962-6583. Any teacher with conscientious students interested in assisting in this project is invited to seek further information from Pat.

23. Hazzards Corners is a little community just north of Madoc. It was the setting for an impressive ceremony on the 8th of August, when a heritage plaque commemorating 125 years of service by the Hazzards Corners United Church was unveiled and dedicated. Only special services and events are held now at the church, which was closed as a regular centre of worship in 1967. But the building has been carefully maintained by a local committee. In fact, the interior is in immaculate condition. REV. GRANT RICHARDSON was in charge of the special service, assisted by REV. HILARY SCRUTTON. The plaque was unveiled by M.P.P. JIM POLLOCK and ALMA MOORCROFT gave a fascinating historical review of the community and the church. Congratulations to Alma and the local committee who maintain the building (and provided funds for the plaque, assisted by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture).

24. THE MADOC REVIEW highlighted the Hazzards Corners Church in two articles in August. We are indebted to editor Bill Kerr and the Review for permission to use this excellent photo.

Hazzards United Church visitors who care to spend a stands quietly in a hot moment in its historic summer sun. Closed for all interior. The church will but special occasions, the hold its 125th anniversary doors are always open to August 8, at 2 p.m.



25. The Madoc Review also highlighted Pioneer Day at O'HARA MILL on August 15. This "window on the past" was a great success with people of all ages. Susie Boyce, my 8-year old, and I especially enjoyed the rides on the farm wagon drawn by big Belgian horses and looking for frogs along the fringes of the mill pond. The operation of the sawmill and the shingle-making operation were also highlights, as was the visit to the blacksmith shop. The school house was a reminder that the end of the summer was fast approaching. Incidentally, the day saw a special ceremony to mark the 35th anniversary of the Moira River Conservation Authority. O'Hara Mill is on the conservation authority's property and is maintained as a recreation area with the added benefit of pioneer decor. Plans are afoot to establish a separate museum management board to operate the heritage aspects of the site and this venture deserves support throughout the county (and beyond), since this is an excellent "pioneer community" that the conservation authority has developed over the years.
26. Federal and provincial funding has assisted many local groups to undertake heritage projects over the summer. Students have been employed in activities for the Moira River Conservation Authority, the Madoc Historical Foundation, and the Hastings County Museum. In Prince Edward County, JUDY SCOTT headed a team to compile a catalogue of historical resources. And in Tyendinaga Township, DARCY LAWSON was in charge of a student team gathering materials relating to that township's history. These materials will be the basis for a history to be compiled later this year by a team including our own WILF SAGER of Shannonville, pictured at right. Wilf and the project were featured in an article earlier this summer in The Intelligencer. I spent an afternoon in July with the Tyendinaga and Prince Edward teams discussing sources locally and elsewhere and can certainly attest to the enthusiasm of these young people.
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27. Treasurer PAT BENNETT has encouraging news. Because of the varied Outreach Programs that the Society provided in 1981 we have received the maximum grant from the Heritage Administration Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture - fifteen hundred dollars. These funds will enable us to continue our educational program for schools, etc.
28. See the next issue of OUTLOOK for news on the local activities of the Sons of England in the 19th century. Also for Moodiana.
29. On September 28 I'll be speaking to the Cobourg and District Historical Society on the ties between Hastings County and the Cobourg area. For example, did you know that some of these links involved the tragic death of Matthew Miller, the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1860, Susanna Moodie (who lived near Cobourg before moving to the Peterborough area and then Belleville), and the fierce gale that deprived Cobourg of a prominent settler, who would become first warden of Hastings County?



30. There are a number of books of special interest locally that are nearing the completion stage. OUTLOOK will keep you posted on what's new. Probably the next one will be "Bridge on the Bay of Quinte: linking Belleville and Prince Edward County" by NICK and HELMA MIKA. This will be a well-illustrated volume of about 60 pages. It should be available early in October.
31. Help Wanted! DON KELLAWAY is looking for the name of the first boat that passed through the Murray Canal. He understands that it was possibly a Belleville yacht, but would like information. Contact him at 967-1419.
32. More Help Wanted! A.W. BOYD of 9603 Keele Street, Maple, Ontario, LOJ 1E0, is looking for a copy of the Stirling Centennial Booklet. 1858-1958 and a copy of the St. Paul's (Stirling) Centennial Booklet. If you can help, drop him a note.
33. Did you know that OUTLOOK is received on a regular basis by almost 300 members of this Society and that copies go into more than 80 schools in Hastings County. Also, copies of this issue are going to more than 100 local businesses (as we seek corporate sponsors to assist in our projects) and to the 25 women's institutes in the county that are not members of our Society. We are pleased to include 7 W.I.'s among our members and are extending an invitation to others to join.
34. Your executive is aware that these are difficult economic times and we are trying to stretch each dollar. This note from a 1981 member brings home the message: "Due to tightening of our household & family budget we are having to cut out several memberships. Wishing you much success . . ."
35. **FOR YOU**
1/2 PRICE SPECIAL
At our next two meetings we will be offering copies of "Belleville's Heritage" and "The Covered Bridge at Trenton" at a reduced rate . . . only fifty cents each.
36. Associate Archivist BETSY BOYCE attended a two day workshop at the Public Archives of Canada this summer in connection with the proper arrangement of pictures. She's developing an improved catalogue system for our extensive picture collection that's housed in the Hastings County Museum. One of the first activities will be to assign a separate number to each picture. Also, she's begun to do a proper index for names of people who appear in individual or group photos. One or two people who live near the museum are going to help Betsy in this task and other volunteers with a few (or more) hours to spare are needed. Call her at 966-5475.
37. Hats off to the Hastings County Museum for the Strawberry Social during Canada Week. Several of our members were on hand to enjoy the food and the presentations of Fashions of Yesteryear, the latter arranged by MARLENE SHIELDS.

- 38. The Hastings County Museum will be hosting a Barnardo Reunion on Sunday, October 3, and would like to know the names of additional Barnardo boys and girls who should be invited. If you have information, please contact Curator MARY SIMONDS at 962-2329.
- 39. The Hastings County Museum is sponsoring a Museum Volunteers' Bus Tour to Mennonite Country on Monday, October 4. Points of interest will include Doon Pioneer Village, St. Jacob's, and Woodside (the home of W.L. Mackenzie King). Dinner will be at The Button Factory in Cambridge. The bus will leave Belleville at 7:30 A.M. and return about 9 P.M. Tourers will "brown bag" it for lunch. Price is \$25 for bus and all admissions. Dinner will be an additional \$7.50. Although seats will not be made available to the general public until September 13, members of the Hastings County Historical Society can reserve a seat now. For further information and reservations call 962-2329.
[Thanks to the Museum for this advance reservation privilege]
- 40. "Mission accomplished." Those words from GORDON BENNETT, acting president of the Marmora Historic Foundation, described the archaeological work this summer on the site of the Marmora Iron Works. RITA MICHAEL, an archaeologist from McMaster University, two assistants who accompanied her, and three local students, completed their work at the site on August 27. A site plan map has been completed and Rita will be completing the final report for the Ontario Heritage Foundation. If Heritage Foundation funding continues, the team will be back in action next summer.
- 41. A QUIZ FOR YOU . . . A resident of Belleville in 1852 had this to say about the state of life here. If you can identify the writer, put the person's name on a slip of paper (along with your own name and address) and send it to the Society at Box 1418 Belleville or bring it to the September 21st meeting. The first correct answer drawn will receive a copy of "Memories of Yesteryear" by Willis Metcalfe. The contest is open to everyone except Eugene Lang, who has been sworn to secrecy.

Twelve years ago there were not more than five or six piano-fortes in Belleville. Now there are nearly one hundred of a superior description, costing from £80 to £150.

GOOD LUCK IN THE CONTEST
AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ON
SEPT- 21 AND OCT- 1.

Gerry Boye



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who remind you to
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