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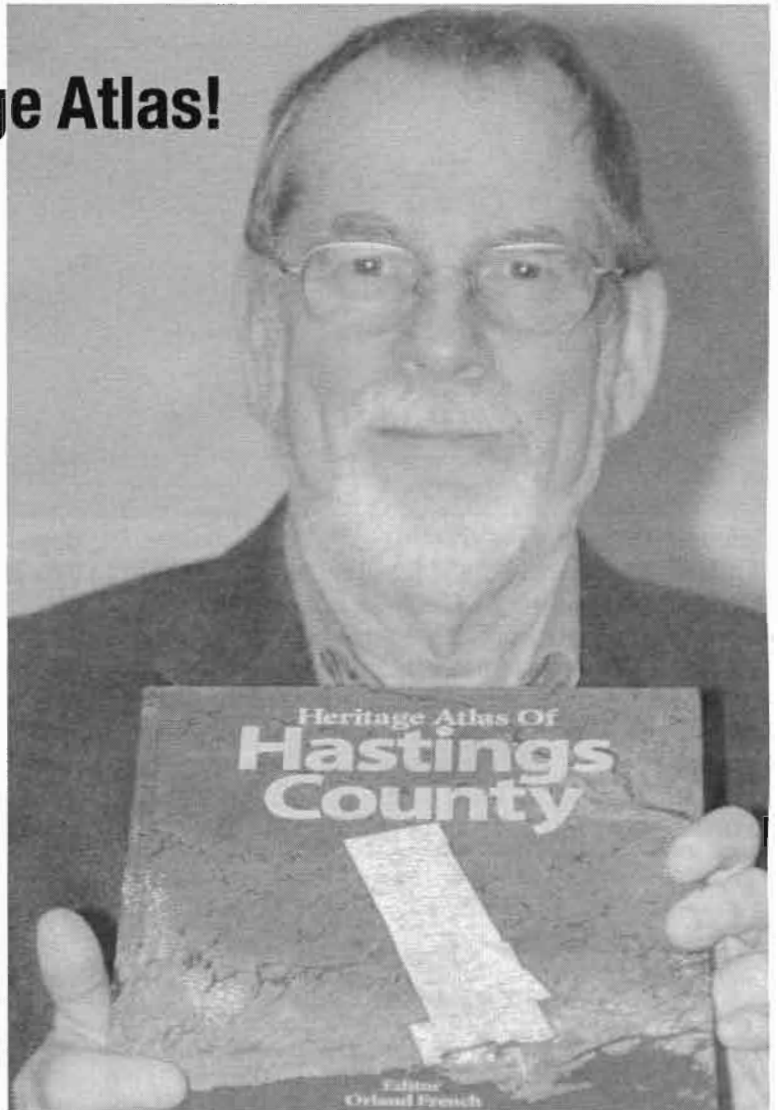
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*Hot off the press*

## New Hastings Heritage Atlas!

A new atlas of Hastings County has hit the streets! The product of three years of work by Hastings County Historical Society President Orland French, the *Hastings County Heritage Atlas* is a colourful 260-page review celebrating the many and varied attributes of Ontario's second largest county.

At the Society's November meeting Orland doubled as guest speaker and presented his audience with an overview of the broad range of material the atlas covers. County history, geography and geology share space with over 70 maps, graphs and charts showing, among other things, the locations of cheese factories, rural post offices and mining operations. In



Orland French shows off the newest atlas of Hastings County.

### Next Meeting

**TUESDAY, January 16,**

2007

**Speaker**  
**Andy Thomson**

#### **Topic**

**Historical Documentaries**

**Refreshments**

**Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.**

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

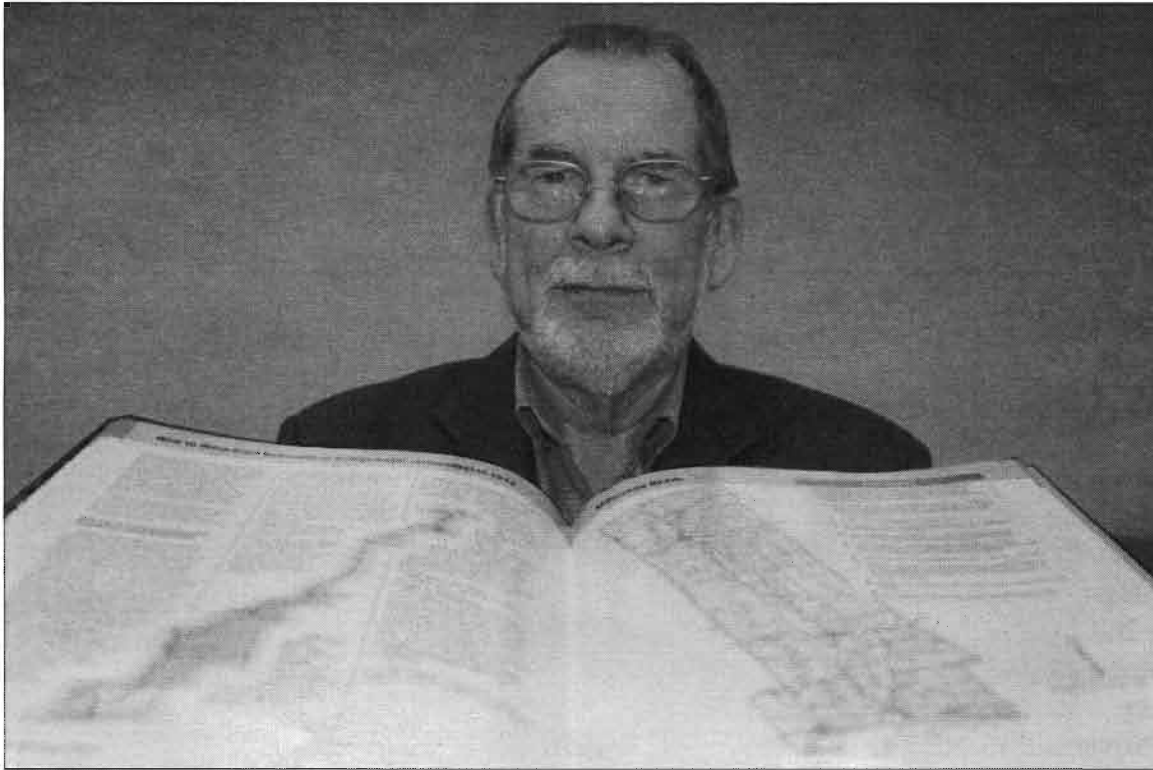
size there are countries around the world that would fit into Hastings County with plenty of room left over!

Hundreds of photographs augment the stories the atlas tells, from Indian treaties to immigration to ploughing matches and a 1919 account of "How to Drive from Belleville to Bridgewater" (now Actinolite).

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The large format of the atlas makes it easy to read and there are plenty of maps highlighting the growth of the county.

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The mineral Hastingsite was named after the county and once upon a time Madoc was home to the largest working iron mine in North America.

Hastings County did not officially become a county until 1850 when its initial partition was mapped out close to the Bay of Quinte. Its subsequent growth over the years is highlighted while other maps and charts identify local fault lines and geological features including a scattering of teardrop shaped glacial

deposits known as drumlins. Twenty thousand years ago Hastings lay at the bottom of a mile thick glacier.

The atlas is a snapshot of Hastings County at the beginning of the 21st century. Its reader friendly format is sure to prove a valuable resource for anyone wanting to get an insider's look at Hastings then and now.

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## We salute the sponsors of the HCHS dinner

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## Archive Angel Marion Fisher

Twenty years ago Marion Fisher volunteered to help catalogue and file photographs at the Hastings County archives and she is still at it today. She estimates she has processed about four thousand pictures since she started. A graduate of Queen's and McGill Universities with a Bachelor of Library Sciences degree Marion worked in Montreal and Vancouver before returning home permanently to Belleville. She served nine years as HCHS secretary, is a volunteer with Friends of the Library and a member of the Quinte Naturalist Club.



## Update from the Hastings Heritage Centre

by Gerry Boyce  
Workshop Co-ordinator (and Rodent Remover)

2006 was another record-setting year. Our volunteers (aka the Archive Angels):

- hosted 42 workshops (up from 36 in 2005)
- presented "Treasures from the Archives" at the Annual Meeting in January
- held a successful open house for more than 25 visitors to mark Archives Awareness Week in April
- sponsored the second annual Canadian Confederation Centennial Checkers Challenge on Canada Day
- participated in Doors Open Belleville in September (for which we received an award from the Eastern Ontario Chapter of the Archives Association of Ontario)
- prepared 14 display panels relating to Belleville's railway history
- participated in the successful heritage day event sponsored by St. Theresa's Catholic Secondary School Renaissance Club (under the guidance of Joe Stafford)

Researchers continued to consult our resources in large numbers. More than 100 researchers visited the centre, including genealogists from as far away as British Columbia, Florida and Georgia. There were several requests for pictures, including three seeking permission to publish the photographs. In addition to assisting visitors, we responded to phone, letter and e-mail requests from 102 individuals.

Our collections continued to expand and some donations will be described in future *Outlooks*. Mary Jane Throop catalogued much of the new material and caught up with part of the backload.

We continued our policy of donating non-local materials from our collections to other archives and heritage facilities and items went to three such facilities.

We are pleased to report that the City added an air-conditioning unit to the furnace and two dehumidifiers in the Great Hall, in an effort to improve storage conditions.

Thanks to all the Hastings Heritage Centre volunteers who spent so many hours in 2004 helping to preserve our county's history. We invite our members and friends of the Society to join us as we enter our 50th year. To help celebrate the anniversary, we are planning extended hours. More news later.

In addition to the welcome researchers and other guests, we do have some uninvited guests. We set a record this year for mice, voles and bats. Compare the figures for 2005 and 2006:

Year/Category	Mice	Voles	Bats	Total Pests
2005	12	2	1	15
2006	20	5	0	25

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## On the road to Napanee

Circa 1908

Pictured is teamster Dave Joss who worked for Jimmy Roys Brewery (established 1832). Apparently the road was so narrow, pull-over stations were necessary in order to allow two vehicles to pass.

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## An exciting roster of speakers lined up

January	Historical documentaries, Andy Thomson
February	Church Anniversaries, - St. Andrew's Presbyterian 175th - Victoria Ave Baptist 100th (of building) - Gerry Boyce - Doug Knutson
March	"Hunter of Dreams," bio of Dr. Alexander Milton Ross
April	"What We Hold Dear," Alderville 1st Nation history, Ruth Clarke
May	"Meyers Rebellion," & other Meyers books, Connie Brummel Crook
September	"Dancing in the Sky," Bill Hunt*
October	HCHS 50th anniversary*

\* Event and speaker to be confirmed

## New archives still tops wish list

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Once again, we are please to report that there was no damage to any archival material. Traps are checked on an almost daily basis. In addition, insect traps have been installed and, to further protect our archival materials, a humidifier (in winter) and dehumidifier (in summer) are well maintained. Despite these measures, it is impossible to meet modern archival standards in this building and we continue to look forward to a new facility.

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