

# OUTLOOK

The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1. With the Holiday fast approaching, the Directors of the Society would like to wish the members and friends best wishes for a July 1st celebration, whether you refer to it as "Dominion" Day or "Canada" Day. In either case, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CANADA.
2. Once again Canada Week festivities are being held in Belleville and elsewhere and organizers deserve to be congratulated and encouraged. You can do both of these activities by attending some of the activities planned. The calendar of activities is being publicised in the press; however, there are one or two events of special interest to members and friends of the Society. For example:

3. On Saturday, June 26, from about 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. the Society will be sponsoring a small display of materials on Zwick's Island. Gord Davis, assisted by Ron Buskard and other Society members, is organizing the display and visitors will receive a free souvenir reflecting on July 1 activities 100 years ago. Attend the display early and assure yourself a souvenir.

4. Also on the 26th (and continuing in part on the 27th) it's the Ethnic Festival, a reminder that our area has a rich heritage derived from many national groups.

5. On the evening of the 27th the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) is sponsoring a walking tour of downtown Belleville to view several historic buildings, including 8 recently plaqued by the committee. Lois Foster and Beth Green will be the knowledgeable guides for the tour, which leaves from City Hall at 7:30 P.M. Following the tour, which will last about one hour, the tourers retire to the Canada Week office in Century Place for light refreshments. All people interested in the built heritage of Belleville are invited to participate.

6. Society members and friends are invited to another special Canada Week activity on June 30th (Wednesday). It's a Strawberry Social at the Hastings County Museum, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years. Two presentations of Fashions of Yesteryear by Marlene Shields will be featured at 5:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

7. On Dominion or Canada Day, July 1, the Belleville LACAC and the Canada Week Committee will be assisting the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to unveil a plaque commemorating the Grand Trunk Railway. The ceremony will be held at the historic Belleville railway station, commencing at 7:00 P.M. Plan to attend and take part in this memorable marking of our railway heritage.

8. Your Society recently sponsored two successful events. On June 12 more than 40 members and friends enjoyed a tour to four museums and sites in Lennox and Addington County. We are indebted to Jane Graham and the staff of the Lennox and Addington Museum for an excellent reception; to Cora Reid of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society, who introduced us to the genealogical and archival resources of the society and the museum; to Diane Chesebrough and her assistants who guided us through the Layer Cake Hall at Bath, now being fixed up as a museum; to Doug Clark of Fort Henry who showed us what is happening to the historic Fairfield White House, one of the earliest surviving houses in Ontario; and to Helen Hutchison and the staff of the Allan Macpherson House at Napanee, who guided us through the fascinating house and its herb garden and arranged the excellent 19th century meal for us. It was a tremendous day and the 40 tourers indicated that they wanted to have another tour next year. A survey indicated that the most popular sites for next June's tour would be the Pioneer Village and other museums in the Peterborough area or Black Creek Pioneer Village near Toronto.
9. The May 11th meeting was another real success. Mike Peterman of Trent University was on hand to share his research into Susanna Moodie's letters and other writings from Belleville in the 1840's, 50's, and 60's. We gained an amazing insite into her personality and lifestyle. Readers will be pleased to hear that Mike has returned from a successful trip to London (England), where he and his associate Carl Ballstadt worked very hard, tracking down further information on Susanna. For example, they discovered 10 "new" poems by Susanna. Such discoveries are exciting for the literary-historian, but, as Mike points out, "You never seem to be finished in projects of these sorts." We look forward to further news from Mike, when he visits Belleville later this summer to continue his research into Susanna and her friends.
10. Our education officer, George Super, has been pleased to announce the winners of the Society's awards for outstanding work in local history and geography. The students are Kim Hannah of North Hastings Senior Elementary School, for an imaginative and original outline (with site plan and photographs) of Umfraville, a Hastings Road community that no longer exists); Llarian Keilty of Bayside Elementary School, for a detailed history of the Keilty Potato Farm in Hungerford Township (complete with maps, photos, land registration papers, and recorded interview); Jim Chapman of Foxboro Senior School, for a well documented history of the Ross Farm in Thurlow Township (including plans and maps); and Scott Randolph of Foxboro Senior School, for a history of the Vandervoorts of Sidney (based on both primary and secondary sources). Hats off to these four young people as well as to Joanne Jenkins of Marmora Senior School and Lana Ray of Foxboro School, who qualified for Honourary Mentions. It is encouraging to see the quality of work being done by these students.
11. Three of our awards went to students at Foxboro Senior School. Their teacher, Wanda Butcher, is to be congratulated for her role in encouraging their research projects and we are pleased to announce that Wanda will receive a Good Citizen Award for her work with these young people. Congratulations.
12. A second Good Citizen Award (we award one for each month and this issue of OUTLOOK announces the winners for both June and July) goes to THE INTELLIGENCER for its outstanding support of the Society and its operations. The list of Intell staff who have supported our activities is a long one and includes Penny Gordon, Linda Whyte, Lee Ballantyne, Harry Mulhall, and several others. These people have played a role in such ventures as the Heritage Supplement of last year, news coverage of the Society, special features on the genealogical committee, the cemetery project, the president, etc. We appreciate this continuing support and look forward to presenting the award at our September meeting.

13. Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School is hoping to offer one or more credit courses at Belleville's new Quinte Living Centre on Front Street. Possible courses include Art, French, Canadian Literature, and Local Studies. I am pleased to see that Local Studies is a possible course since, as a teacher for part of the 1982-83 school year at BCIVS, I would probably be teaching this course. The course would be based on the Local Studies course that Bob Norris has taught at BCIVS for several years. Interested candidates for the course should contact BCIVS at 962-9581.
14. The Directors are sorry to report the resignation of Don Ashton as an executive member. Don has made a real contribution to our discussions and has been particularly supportive of the work of the Historic Structures and Archives committees. We thank him for his past services and continuing support.
15. Your executive is concerned about the possible transfer of 255 old copy books from the local land registry office to the Queen's Archives at Kingston. Our Historic Structures Committee members make extensive use of these books and we have appealed to the powers-that-be to retain these books in the Hastings County office. If you wish further information on these books and their significance, please contact Elaine Preston at 966-8491
16. Plans are underway for fall meetings. Set aside these dates on your calendar of events:

Sept. 21 (Tuesday) General Meeting on topics relating to our schools and research being undertaken into local history; we are planning student participation.

October 1 (Friday) The Society's 25 Birthday Party - a look at the Society's history through word & picture, and a magic lantern show by Tom Ransom

November 16 (Tuesday) General Meeting at Albert College to salute that proud school on its 125th birthday

We look forward to these events in the fall. Your September 1st issue of OUTLOOK will outline the program for the balance of 1982-83. Incidentally, your suggestions for program are welcome. Direct them to me at 968-5023.

17. Mary Beacock Fryer is well known to many Society members. Hence the note for her book (at right), published by Generation Press. (Mary was a guest speaker at the Ontario Historical Society's annual meeting at Kingston on June 19th.) The book is available from local book stores.

### Buckskin Pimpernel

New



**The Exploits of Justus Sherwood, Loyalist Spy**  
by Mary Beacock Fryer

A story of Vermont, of the American Revolution, and of the early days in Ontario. The compelling narrative of Justus Sherwood, Vermont farmer and member of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys, involved in the violent conflict between New York and New Hampshire over the land in what is now Vermont.

At the beginning of the American Revolution, Sherwood remained loyal to the crown and left his young family in order to serve with the King's forces, first with General Burgoyne on his disastrous invasion of New York. Having proved his worth as a soldier, he was appointed Supervisor of Spies and Prisoner Exchanges. From his "Loyal Blockhouse" on North Hero Island in Lake Champlain, Sherwood sent out raiding parties and spying missions to harass the rebels in New York and New England.

When the war was over, Sherwood settled with his family along the St. Lawrence near the present city of Brockville, Ontario and became active in establishing the political and judicial framework for the new province.

8 illustrations and maps, 288 pages  
paper 6" x 9", \$9.50

18. Nick and Helma Mika of Mika Publishing continue to be strong supporters of your Society. At our May meeting they kindly presented several books and pamphlets for our lucky draws. Many thanks to the Mikas. Among the most recent books by Mika Publishing is Early Days of Ottawa, which includes more than a dozen watercolour sketches done in the 1830's by Thomas Burrowes. (Burrowes is known locally because of his many sketches along the Bay of Quinte and at the Carrying Place.) Due for publication in the near future is a history of Dundas, Stormont, and Glengarry Counties. This will be an 800-page book with 220 illustrations.
19. In 1984 we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the coming of the Mohawk Loyalists and other Loyalists to the shores of the Bay of Quinte. Several activities are already being planned for various locations in Quinte country and there is a need for concerted action to see that all areas are represented and that there's no unnecessary duplication of effort. The Loyalist Association is taking a lead in this planning and, hopefully, one or more meetings in the fall can be arranged to help in the coordination of celebrations.
20. The coming of the Loyalists is one topic that the Ministry of Education requires for all students in either grade 7 or 8. The Hastings County Board is working on a package for students and Hugh Rowson will be considering the topic during the first part of July. One possibility to accompany the unit for schools would be a kit of pictures, slides, etc.
21. During the past month Gerry Donnell and I have helped to assemble a Hastings Map Sampler, which is being sent to all schools in Hastings County with students in grades 7 and up. The sampler contains 102 sheets of maps relating to Hastings County and Upper Canada and covers the years from 1639 to the present. There are suggested uses for the maps, both by students and teachers. The costs were shared by the board and the society, so that our students could become more familiar with the locality in which they live. A copy of the sampler has been placed in the Corby Library's Canadiana Room. Incidentally, most of the maps came from the collections of the Society and/or the Public Archives of Canada.
22. The Society has received a request from Florence Maynes, 333 Hedonics Rd., Apartment 416, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7R6. She is interested in information on the Beasley Family. She writes: "Joseph Beasley applied for U.E.L. status from Kingston in 1807 (Denied). Letter in Belleville Post Office for Joseph in 1820. Morris married Margaret Lloyd in Kingston in 1810. Samuel was a member of the Prince Edward Militia in 1820's. Joseph's son (unnamed) is referred to in a letter written by a Mr. Morris from Shannonville in February, 1840. (The son was taking M. Morris to Perth from Haldimand.) Benjamin was in Brighton Township in 1861 Census, but not in 1851 Census. William, a York County farmer from 1840 onward, was born in Upper Canada in 1812, probably in "Bay of Quinte" area." If you have, or know the possible location of, evidence linking William to any or all of the others - or any correct Beasley ancestor - please write to Florence Maynes at the above address.
23. The history of Tyendinaga Township continues to be researched. Three students are busy collecting information, under a Summer Canada program grant. They are hoping to provide material that will be the basis for a township history for 1984. If you can assist with information or pictures on Tyendinaga, please contact Darcy Lawson at the Shannonville Recreation Centre.
24. Speaking of Tyendinaga Township, S.S. #11 at Melrose invites all of its former pupils to a reunion on July 16th and 17th, 1982. The school was built in 1895 and closed in 1967. Pupils who attended from as far back as 1902 are planning to come back and renew acquaintances.



25. The last issue of OUTLOOK suggested that Brenda Hudson's new book for Mika Publishing on the Loyalists of Prince Edward County would be entitled "Private Place". OOPS! Brenda writes to correct the OUTLOOK note: "Please note that the name of my book will be Pride of Place. A correction is necessary because of my odd pronunciation I expect. My students frequently remind me that I am the foreigner and they all speak English!" A neat turn of phrase, Brenda.
26. Brenda also announces that the Madoc Historical Foundation has a Student Summer Project again and will be running the seasonal Heritage Centre and continuing research to add to the Madoc archives. She sends along a copy of the resources in the Madoc Public Library with the note that the library is open Tuesdays from 1:30 to 5 P.M., Fridays from 1:30 P.M. to 7 P.M., and Saturdays from 1:30 P.M. to 5 P.M. The resources are housed in the upstairs reference room and include the following:

<u>Volumes:</u>	<u>William Reid, Loyalists in Ontario</u>	
	<u>William Reid, Marriages and Deaths in Ontario</u>	
	<u>Madoc W.I. Tweedsmuir Book</u>	
	<u>White Lake Pioneer Cemetery transcriptions</u>	
	<u>An index to our microfiche collection</u>	
	<u>Pilgrimage of Faith by Moorcroft</u>	} circulating books
	<u>Way Back When by Pigden</u>	
	<u>Fabric of a Dream by Hudson</u>	
	<u>Historic Hastings by Boyce</u>	
<u>Microfiche:</u>	<u>Madoc Mercury, 1863</u> _____	
	<u>and North Hastings Review</u> _____ 1935	
	<u>Ontario Land Registry lists</u>	
	<u>Madoc Village Council Minutes 1853 - ?</u>	
	<u>The Ice Cutting Records and Burials in Madoc from diary of F. Taylor</u>	

Brenda notes that the Foundation has begun compiling a volume on marriages, births, and deaths from local records.

Our thanks to Brenda for this update on historical records in the Madoc area. We look forward to further news in the fall after the summer program has been completed.

27. Planning at Madoc continues to provide a suitable setting for the bell from the old Madoc Model School. The Historical Foundation's president Al Danford is seeking architectural drawings and/or photographs of the old Model School to assist the foundation in its work. Any information???
28. The Genealogical Committee's workshop on May 3 was a sellout and a decided success. Congratulations to Alice Deline and Pat Bennett, who arranged the workshop, and to the Kirks for their expert leadership.
29. Volunteers to assist the Genealogical Committee index cemeteries in Hastings County are still needed, although the recent article in the Intelligencer brought an excellent response. If you'd like to help, contact Pat Bennett at 962-6583.
30. The Archives/Picture/Map Committee is planning to update the catalogue of photographs in the Society's collection. Several members have offered to help, including Betsy Boyce, L.A. Kells, Mary Shipton, and others. Betsy will be attending a workshop at the Public Archives of Canada at the end of June and we'll be drawing up plans for action thereafter. If you'd like to help, call me at 968-5023.

31. Our May session of Images of the Past was a success. Thanks to several Society volunteers, more than 150 pictures of local importance were loaned to the Society. George Super and Lois Foster have just completed the copying of these and other pictures that came in subsequently.
32. Comments are appreciated on the new format for OUTLOOK. Bob Wylie suggested that the smaller format would be handier for people who wanted to keep the OUTLOOKS in a binder, so we're trying this format on a trial basis. Drop a card or phone with your reaction.
33. As you are aware from Mike Peterman's comments in May and OUTLOOK, Mike and his associates are planning a book on the letters of Susanna Moodie and her sister, Mrs. Traill. One of the most interesting letters Mike quoted from on May 11 was one written by Susanna to Allen Ransome, a friend she had not seen for 35 years. On December 26, 1868, Susanna penned these lines to Ransome from Belleville, Ontario. "Dominion of Canada":

" . . . here we are - - living in a little cottage with just room enough to hold us, but beautifully situated on the edge of our lovely bay, with a fine common in front covered with noble trees through which we see the spires of Belleville about a mile distant, and for which we pay a rent of 12 pounds per annum . . .

I have a faithful Skye terrier who is known by the name of Quiz, very ugly and small, but full of almost human intelligence & much more love than generally belongs to the dominant human race. A steel kitten, Grim, who is dear Moodie's special pet, a perfect incarnation of mischief very common to the Maltese race. 24 hens who help furnish our larder, who come to me to be fed at the sound of a small handbell. I had a favourite cow . . . but I was too poor to keep her and had to sell her though the milk was a great comfort, Moodie living so much upon it.

I have no garden - - and I dearly love flowers and tending them, but I have learned like dear St. Paul, to be content with little . . ."

Our thanks to Mike and his associates for permission to reprint these lines.

Have a good summer and help celebrate CANADA'S HERITAGE in CANADA WEEK.

*Gerry Boyce*



NOTES AND QUOTES  
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who remind you to  
join in the  
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