

OUTLOOK

The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1. HELLO

The drawing is a reminder that it's school time again.

Our first meeting of the new season will focus on some of the programs we offer for Hastings County students.

The meeting will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, in the Auditorium of the QUINTE LIVING CENTRE, 370 Front Street, Belleville, with coffee and a social half-hour at 7:30 P.M. and the brief business session and program beginning at 8 P.M.



This promises to be a varied and interesting program. We'll have the chance to meet and hear from several of the elementary students who prepared award-winning entries in our RESEARCH PROJECT CONTEST. The winners, all from FOXBORO SENIOR SCHOOL, are NATALIE DEMCZYNA (for an illustrated history of the Corby Company, entitled "The Corby Story"), KERRI DUCETTE (for a picture history of the Ducette Family Home), and SHANNON KETCHESON (for a report on the Ketcheson Family. The students will display their projects and outline some of the background.

Two students from BELLEVILLE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL are expected to give oral versions of their winning reports in the secondary school contest. KIM DAVIDSON wrote on "The Great Depresson" as it affected the Belleville area in the 1930's and BETH KEAST wrote on "The Early Years of B.C.I.V.S."

Also featured at the September 20th meeting will be coloured slides of winning entries in the Art Contests, including pictures by DENNIS GAWLEY of MARMORA SENIOR SCHOOL, KERRY WIDDIFIELD, JEFF McMILLAN, CHERYL STEWART, and WILLIAM WEST, all from FOXBORO SENIOR SCHOOL. LUCINDA DONALDSON of TRENTON HIGH SCHOOL was the secondary school award-winning artist.

Another highlight of the meeting will be MINUS ONE HUNDRED, as NAN MORGAN looks at what was happening in this area exactly 100 years ago. And watch for another book draw, an outline of the Society's meetings for the next year, and news of other activities. Plan to attend on the 20th.

AND, when you come to the meeting at the QUINTE LIVING CENTRE, enter through the door at the north-east corner of the building, (This door enters directly into the auditorium from the street.) You'll notice some other changes also. Thanks to the Q.L.C.'s SENIORS IN ACTION, a New Horizons Program, the auditorium has been equipped with additional chairs, tables, sound system, etc. Also, the servery has been fully equipped.

2. Our GOOD CITIZEN CERTIFICATE for September goes to LOUISE DEMCZYNA of Foxboro Senior School, who has encouraged the study of local heritage among her students. The success of her efforts can be seen in the high level of excellence reached by her students in the art work submitted for our art contest. Samples of this work will be shown at the September 20th meeting.
3. Another GOOD CITIZEN CERTIFICATE was presented at our June meeting to KEVIN CAMPBELL, who was instrumental in organizing the Quinte Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and focusing attention on the McINTOSH-RIDLEY HOUSE.
4. WOW!

Was that some meeting!
More than 120 members and friends of the Society filled the auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre on June 21 to welcome the publication of our book BELLEVILLE'S HERITAGE: VOLUME II and to pay tribute to the members of the HISTORIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE: ELAINE PRESTON (chairman), SHIRLEY BIRCHARD, LOIS FOSTER, BETH GREEN, MARY HALL, and MARY McCONNELL.

The evening highlighted reports on several buildings, a super heritage cake that portrayed the McIntosh-Ridley House [Our thanks to MARY COX who engineered the delicious masterpiece], strawberries and dip, displays of pictures, and fellowship and fun. In short, it was an evening that will be a high point of the Society's history.



THE PETRIE HOUSE
67 Front Street South

This frame house is shown on "The Town Plot at the Mouth of the Moira River", surveyed by Samuel G. Wilmot in 1816. It was built by Alexander Oliphant Petrie in 1814. The house is a simple saltbox shape with a central door and symmetrically placed windows on the front. There are return eaves on the sides. The gable over the front door was added later. . . .

Mr. Petrie died on October 14, 1870 at the age of 83 years, in the house which he had occupied for over half a century. On his last trip to Scotland in 1850, he had brought back some Scottish soil. This he requested should be placed under his head upon his death, together with a piece of the black cloth which he had cut from the pall covering the coffin of Sir Isaac Brock, a soldier he loved and revered.

Photo Credit - Molly Bramley

An Abbreviated Sample of the Book

5. We try to run an honest draw at the meetings. However, we can understand that there were some doubts raised by the June draw. Elaine Preston drew her own name from the envelope with the 122 names I was holding and then proceeded to draw my name. She drew a third time and Mr. Batchelor's name came up. Again thanks to NICK MIKA for supplying a book prize.
6. BELLEVILLE'S HERITAGE: VOLUME II is available at the Hastings County Museum and local bookstores. The price is \$2.50 at these outlets or \$3.00 by mail. Write to Elaine Preston at 46 Plaza Square, Belleville, K8N 4J3, if you wish to order by mail; please send payment with your order.
7. A reminder that a few copies of VOLUME I of BELLEVILLE'S HERITAGE are available. The price in the Hastings County Museum and local bookstores is \$2.00, or \$2.50 if ordered by mail from Elaine.
8. The June 26th Garden Party at the HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM was a real success, as was the dedication of the plaque to SUSANNA MOODIE at Moodie Cottage on July 1st. Hats off to THE HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS BOARD OF CANADA and the BELLEVILLE LACAC for arranging the Moodie event. [We'll be seeing some slides of these activities at our Annual Meeting in January '84.] A copy of the English text follows, together with an illustration relating to the plaque.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPLIED THE MARY COX CAKE FOR THIS 10th BIRTHDAY PARTY OF THE MUSEUM AND 100th BIRTHDAY OF THE HOUSE. THE MUSEUM SUPPLIED US WITH A CAKE FOR THE JUNE MEETING. MANY THANKS.

SUSANNA MOODIE
1803-1885

Born in England, Mrs. Moodie immigrated to Upper Canada with her husband in 1832. They farmed near Cobourg for two years and then moved to the wooded Rice Lake area near the frontier of the colony before settling in the more urban environment of Belleville in 1840. Member of a noted literary family, she became a leading author of the pre-Confederation period and her poems and short stories appeared in journals in Canada and England. Her two autobiographical books, *Roughing it in the Bush* (1852) and *Life in the Clearings* (1853), have become Canadian classics.

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Susanna Moodie, her husband Sheriff Dunbar Moodie and her niece, Miss Russell in front of the Moodie Cottage, Belleville. c. 1860

9. Interest in Susanna Moodie continues to grow both locally and nationally. It would be appropriate if Belleville could be the focal point of an annual event to commemorate the memory of his noted Canadian writer - perhaps a small festival complete with dramatic readings of her work, plays based on them, lectures, films, etc.

10. Our thanks to ALICE DELINE for submitting the following information on the activities of the Society's GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH and CEMETERY RECORDING AND INDEXING committees. Alice continues to be one of the hardest working members of the Society in furthering the important research aspects of our work.
11. The Genealogical Research Committee and Cemetery Recording and Indexing Committee manned an INFORMATION BOOTH at Century Place the three days prior to Canada Day. Committee members JOAN BUXTON, ISABEL WRIGHT, and ALICE DELINE were on hand to answer the many requests for information on how to get started on family histories and addresses to write to in other countries and Canada. A map of Hastings County was displayed by Joan Buxton, showing the cemeteries that have been recorded and those which are yet to be done.
12. The CEMETERY RECORDING AND INDEXING Program is well under way this year. The Community Oriented Sentencing Program volunteers have been part of our recording program this summer. Joan has worked very hard supervising the volunteers plus working with the Society and keeping us updated on the work being done. The C.O.S.P. volunteers have put in at least 200 hours of volunteer time; they have enjoyed their work and feel they have made a real contribution to their community.

Alice Deline sent a letter to the Bancroft Times asking for help with our Cemetery Recording Project in the north of Hastings County. The response was great and we have volunteers working in the Bancroft area. We now have 20 volunteers working in different parts of Hastings County. To date there are 172 known cemeteries in the county; 90 have been recorded and 82 remain to be recorded. These figures are subject to change, because new cemeteries are "discovered" from time to time and the recording process is continuing daily.

A copy of the progress report indicating the stage of work on each cemetery has been prepared by Joan Buxton and will be available for reference at the September 20th meeting, together with a map showing the location of the cemeteries.
13. The June issue of FAMILIES, the publication of the Ontario Genealogical Society, contained an enlightening and humorous article on the difficulties facing the genealogist. Entitled "In the Beginning . . . Little Boxes", the article was written by JOAN BUXTON.
14. AUREEN RICHARDSON of Warkworth was the subject of an article in the Toronto Star in late June, because of her expertise in tatting.
15. A VOICE FROM THE PAST was the title of the 132 page book published by the Stirling High School Reunion Committee in August. This interesting volume gives an excellent view of that school's history over more than a century and is "must" reading for anyone who has attended high school in Stirling. The book's publication coincided with the high school reunion and the celebration of Stirling's 125 years as an incorporated village. Congratulations to the researchers and writers.

16. "The Heritage Years" will be the title for the major history of Stirling and district being prepared by the Historical Book Committee. Present plans call for the book to be available in late fall.



Tomorrow's memories: Anniversary souvenirs at Stirling

17. The HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM is sponsoring a HERITAGE BUS TOUR to Rochester, N.Y., on the weekend of September 24-25. The tour will include the Genesee Country Museum, the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum, Eastman-Kodak House, and shopping at Midtown Plaza. The cost is \$85 (Canadian) single. Bookings and information are available from the Museum at 962-2329.
18. An IDENTIFICATION AND APPRAISAL CLINIC OF ANTIQUES will be held at the HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM, 257 Bridge Street East, Belleville, on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Richard Browne, former director of Toronto's Ward-Price Gallery, will conduct the appraisal. A verbal appraisal of the items or pictures will cost \$5 per item. Further information is available from the Museum at 962-2329.
19. The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society is holding a one day seminar on October 15th (Saturday). Described as a GENEALOGICAL CONVERSAZIONE, the seminar will be held from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at McArthur College on Queen's University's West Campus. Registration fee is \$14 per person, including lunch, and further details can be obtained from the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society at P.O. Box 1394, Kingston, K7L 5C6.
20. The TRENT PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY is to be congratulated for its excellent newsletter. The September/83 issue contains news of several events:
- . On Wednesday, September 21st RODGER GREIG will address the Society on Loyalist Clothing
 - . On Sunday, September 18th, TRENTON LACAC is conducting a walking tour of downtown Trenton, commencing in front of St. Peter's Church at 2 P.M. The tour is free
 - . On Wednesday, September 28th, from 1:00^{P.M.} to 4:30^{P.M.}, an Identification Clinic at the Dufferin Centre, for antiques, etc., conducted by Lynn Lisk.

21. The TRENT PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY has news of its new 1983-84 executive. President MARG SMITH will be assisted by LLOYD LOBB, JOHN VAN ESSEN, MARY GOWER, JEAN BERNICE ALYEA, ALEX HERLOVITCH, AGNES MARCHEN, and WENDY OUELLETTE.
22. The QUINTE REGION BRANCH of the ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO is holding a course entitled THE AESTHETICS OF NINETEENTH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPING. Classes will be held for four consecutive Thursdays commencing October 20. Scheduled sessions are Architectural Styles and Influences, Architectural Detail and Joinery, Interior Decoration, and Gardens and Plant Materials. The classes will be held at Loyalist College commencing at 7:30 P.M. Cost will be minimal (perhaps \$20). For further information call ALEX HERLOVITCH at 392-8991.
23. JOHN MELADY is the author of another book - "Korea: Canada's Forgotten War" (Macmillan of Canada). The book has a strong local flavour, including the activities of STU MEEKS and other Quinte district participants in this war. Hats off to John for this volume; we hope that work on the early Canadian movie industry at Trenton will be next on your agenda.
24. Bev and I had the pleasure to attend the Annual Meeting of the ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY in Sudbury in June, at which time our Society received an award. The following extracts from the Ontario Historical Society's Bulletin describe the honour to our society and an award to Corby-Wiser's.

Honours and Awards

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The President's Award for the business or corporation contributing the most to preservation of the province's heritage: Corby-Wiser's Distilleries; accepted by Daniel O'Brien, Vice-President. Corbyville, just north of Belleville, in Thurlow Township, is a model of corporate sensitivity to its heritage. Largely as a result of the imagination of Daniel O'Brien, Corby's Distilleries has enhanced the beauty of the site on the Moira River by restoring the appearance of old buildings and constructing a reception centre where thousands of visitors have been accommodated in the past two years.

The Scadding Award for excellence in the activities of a local historical society: The Hastings County Historical Society, accepted by Gerald Boyce. A society that has performed consistently over a long period of time, the Hastings County Historical Society has in the past three years made an exceptional contribution to the preservation of local heritage. Mr. Gerald Boyce, a high school teacher, was one of the founding members in 1957 and is now president. Under his leadership the society has published several pamphlets on local history, created sampler maps and schooldays kits for schools in the area, sponsored contests, and awarded prizes for significant contributions to local studies. It has created a local branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and successfully undertaken numerous projects. In every respect this society meets the criteria of the Scadding Award.

25. The announcement of the SCADDING AWARD has been followed by many expressions of congratulations and best wishes from friends of the Society. Among those to write was Jack Ellis, M.P., who sends "heartiest congratulations".
26. Members and friends of the Society are invited to take one or more classes I will be teaching at B.C.I.V.S. and Moira Secondary School this year. The local history course will be offered at B.C.I.V.S. this semester in period 1 (8:50 - 10:05 A.M.) and a course in Canadian Native Studies will be offered three mornings a week from 10:15-noon in the Quinte Living Centre. The Native Studies course will have a heavy local emphasis, with material on local archaeology and the Tyendinaga Reserve. A similar Native Studies course will be offered at Moira Secondary School in the second semester (commencing about Feb. 1/84) and mature students are invited to register.
27. DOROTHY ASHTON is researching the Marchmont Home and would appreciate information about Miss Bilborough, her husband, Reverend Wallace, and Mr. Thom (child inspector and teacher). Dorothy would like to hear from any former Home Children, especially those who went through the Belleville or Knowlton, Quebec, homes. Dorothy can be reached at 485 Hastings Boulevard, S.S. #10, GB 4297, Belleville, K8N 4Z3.
28. The BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH of the UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST ASSOCIATION OF CANADA has installed its new officers for the two-year term of 1983-85. Immediate past president is MARY MACKEY of Bloomfield and the new president is WENDELL CAMM of Stirling. TERRY DORLAND of Stirling is secretary and ETHEL DEMPSEY of Rednersville is newsletter secretary. BLANCHE REID is the director for Hastings County. The Association has participated in an active year in the Maritimes in '83, and '84 will be a banner year for Loyalist and Bicentennial activities in this part of Ontario.
29. Congratulations to MIKA PUBLISHING for its continuing efforts on behalf of local history. Among the books due for fall publication are ones on Belleville's last 50 years, the United Empire Loyalists, and the Rathbuns and the Bay of Quinte Railroad. Congratulations to NICK, HELMA, and their associates.
30. It's encouraging to read that a stretch of Highway 33 in Prince Edward County - running from the Carrying Place to Glenora - is to become part of the new "Loyalist Parkway". Some of the senior members of our Society will remember our activities with the Quinte Association in the late 50's and 60's to encourage the provincial government to designate this route from Kingston to the Carrying Place as the "Loyalist Parkway".
31. "Health and disease among the early Loyalists in Upper Canada" is the title of a fascinating article in the March issue of the Canadian Medical Association Journal. The author is Dr. C. Roland of McMaster University. Thanks to Dr. R.S. MORPHY for sending along the article for our Bicentennial file.

32. Plans for our meetings for the coming season are nearing completion; some arrangements remain to be finalized and suggestions for possible speakers and activities are invited. The tentative program follows:

- Sept. 20 Our School Program: presentations by young students on topics of local interest
- Oct. 18 Bill Hunt on "Prohibition and Rum Running in the Quinte Area"
- Nov. 22 Donald M. Wilson on "The Rathbun Company and the Bay of Quinte Railway"
- December Participation in activities at the Hastings County Museum and possible meeting on special topic
- Jan. 17/84 Annual Meeting and Dinner, highlighting reports on the various Society activities
- Feb. 20 Heritage Day celebration and report by Joanne Uhlmann on "Meyers: the founder of Belleville" or "The Life & Times of John Meyers"
- March 20 Russ Waller: a dramatic reading entitled "A Loyalist Diary"
- April 17 Tentative date for salute to Tyendinaga Mohawks
- May 15 Tentative date for speaker from Royal Ontario Museum
- June Special event to be selected from those Bicentennial Events being planned for the Kingston-Bay of Quinte area

Keep this schedule for reference.

Hope to see you at the September 20th meeting in the Quinte Living Centre.

Gerry Boyce

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