



# November 1988 ①

## NEWSLETTER

### Purpose of the Society:

*"...to promote matters of historical or heritage significance  
in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."*

### Next Meeting:

**Monday, November 28**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**West Hull Community Centre**  
**Old Chelsea**

**"Trails of History"**

with

**Katharine Fletcher,**  
**Author of "Historical Walks;**  
**The Gatineau Park Story"**

**The meeting will be**  
**preceded by a Social Half Hour,**  
**beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

**BRING A FRIEND!**

The ceremony will honour **Richard Thompson** and all who fell in the service of their country.

A detachment of the Royal Canadian Regiment from Petawawa will be present; a piper will play. The Regiment's padre will conduct a short non-denominational service and a wreath will be laid on behalf of the federal government.

We hope that you and your friends will attend.

(The Pioneer Cemetery is located on the west side of Route 105 exactly one kilometer north of the flashing light at the Chelsea intersection.)

### SOCIETY WORKS TO SAVE TWO HERITAGE STRUCTURES

The Historical Society of the Gatineau hopes to save the old McNally House from destruction. The old house, situated on Hwy 105 on the west side just north of Wakefield, is in the direct path of the new Hwy A5 extension. "The highway is supposed to go right through it," said **Dr. Stuart Geggie**, member of the Society.

The house is one of the original buildings in the area, "as old as McLaren House, as old as most of the houses here," said Geggie. At one time it belonged to William Fairbairn, who built the mill in Wakefield. "Its not the original Fairbairn house but the original 'second' Fairbairn house," Geggie explained.

The Society would like to save the house

### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

**Friday, November 11**  
**10:45 a.m.**

**Pioneer Cemetery, Chelsea**

The Historical Society continues a tradition by commemorating Remembrance Day.

"because it belonged to Fairbairn and because the mill was built by Fairbairn." If the Historical Society can get hold of the house, "we would have to move it and set it up again. We haven't chosen a site yet," said Geggie. Presently, "the house is in the works of being expropriated by the Department of Transport."

Another small building worth saving, according to the Society, is the Union Mission Church in Kirk's Ferry. This was a church used from the turn of the century by any protestant denomination that wished to use it.

But hard times have forced the church trustees to go to the Society and suggest they buy the church. The Society, on consideration, turned down the offer of buying the building but still would like to do something to preserve the church.

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by Patrick M.O. Evans, no charge

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by Courtney Bond

The story of logging days in the Gatineau

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The journal of Dr. Harold Geggie edited by his son, Dr. Stuart Geggie

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Tracing the settlement and development of Lapéche township

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by Katharine Fletcher

A history of pioneers, recreation and industry with walks for every level of hiker

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#### NEW MEMBERS

The Society is pleased to welcome as new members **John Almstedt, Roy Atkinson, Lise Boisvenu-Lyscom, Ken Bouchard, Monique Boulanger, Lotryys Bozovich, Hope and Ken Brown, Nicole Bruinsma, L. Cumming, Arthur Dunn, Evelyn and Harry Forbes, John Graham Jr., Ella Gray, Gordon and Chris Greig, Suzanne Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kaiser, Brian and Yvonne Keane, Judy Kingsley, David Kirchmayer, Robert Lafleche, Denis Lavoie, Frances Lyons, Maureen Marcotte, Jack and Heide Martin, J. G. Maxwell, Janeth McKinley, W.H. McGuffin, Brian Murphy, Don Paskovich, Martha Phemister, Jennifer Phillips, Geraldine Renaud, J. and R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Timbers, John and Colette Trent, John Veit, Major Patick White and Terry Winfield.**

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