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NEXT MEETING

A Guided Tour of the Willson House

Monday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Members bare invited for a guided tour of the Willson House at Meech Lake, home of the first industrialist in the national capital region, T.L. (Carbide) Willson, and location of the Meech Lake Agreement on Canada's constitutional future in April 1987.

Katherine Fletcher, in her *Historical Walks: The Gatineau Park Story*, describes the Willson House, built in 1907, in these words: "a half-timbered, two-storey gabled summer house with two wood furnaces, seven fireplaces and eleven bedrooms—all [built] with local materials."

The house now serves as a federal government conference centre, and is normally closed to the public. This will be a rare chance to visit a building that is historic in several different ways. Access will be available through the NCC parking lot at the south end of Meech Lake and on up the hill. Don't confuse the O'Brien and Willson Houses - it is the Willson House that we are visiting.

See you there!

AN INVITATION FROM THE AYLMEER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

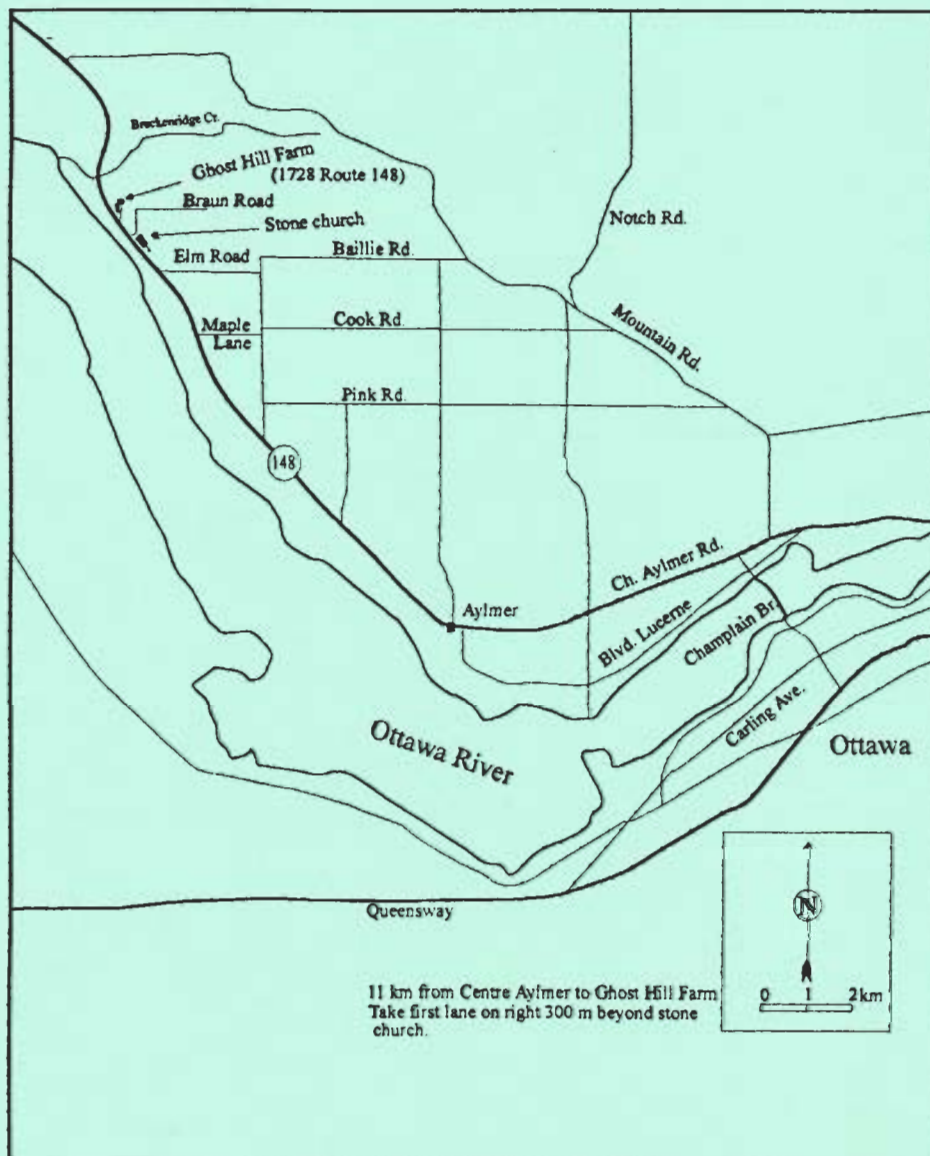
During 1995 the Aylmer Heritage Association is celebrating its twentieth anniversary and organizing a number of events with a particular focus on preserving the historic Aylmer Road. The Association is also using its anniversary as an occasion to get to know others in West Quebec and Eastern Ontario who share a concern for the preservation of the region's history.

With this in mind, the Association is extending an invitation to members of our society to come to the home of local historian **Diane Aldred** at Ghost Hill Farm, Breckenridge Quebec, on Sunday, May 21, for an informal outdoor weiner roast, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Diane and her husband, Alan, will be pleased to show visitors their 120-year-old farmhouse.

The Aylmer Heritage Association has two purposes in organizing this event: to learn more about other like-minded organizations, and to promote sales of Diane Aldred's book, *The Aylmer Road - an Illustrated History*, published last year. Copies will be available for sale (\$24.95), which Diane will be pleased to autograph.

The hosts of this event need to know the number of weiners, etc. to have on hand. Therefore, anyone wishing to attend is asked to telephone our society number (827-4432) before May 11, so that we can relay the information to the Aylmer Heritage Association.

A map of the route to Ghost Hill Farm appears overleaf. It is suggested that attendees bring along a chair. Thanks to Aylmer Heritage for the generous invitation.



MAP TO GHOST HILL FARM
Breckenridge, Quebec

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED? Check the date on the address label below. To ensure a continuation of your membership (and the receipt of your copy of *Up the Gatineau*), send a cheque today. A one-year membership costs \$15; two years, \$25.

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