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## Newsletter

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### Next Meeting

May 13 **MONTHLY MEETING**, 8:00 p.m., Chelsea Community Centre, Old Chelsea  
Speaker: **Marcel Beaudry**, Chairman, National Capital Commission - speaking on the work of the NCC and its relations with the Historical Society.  
(Note that this event is being held on the **second** Monday of the month, so that your Victoria Day weekend is kept clear.)

Refreshments at 7:30; meeting starts at 8:00. Come and bring a friend!

### Annual Banquet Great Success

The Second Annual Spring Banquet of the Historical Society, on April 15, at the Larrimac Golf Club, was an outstanding success. Excellent food, friendly people (about eighty of them, in total), a number of guests from other organizations, and an excellent speaker: **Tom Greenberg**, on the history of the Larrimac Golf Club.

The event set a standard for such occasions; how shall we top it next year?

### Calling Volunteers

The Society has a large display of lumbering artifacts left at the Wakefield Mill that must be removed in the near future and transported to a temporary location.

Six strong men with a truck would make light work of the job, which should take about two and a half hours to complete. They would all receive the thanks and gratitude of the Society for their work.

Please call **Ernie Mahoney** (459-1180 or 459-2804) to volunteer.

### Auction Planning Under Way

**Randolph Gherson** has begun the task of arranging for the 1996 version of our annual Antique Auction. In this task, he is assisted most ably by fellow Board member **Jeff Atkins**. Date of the event this year is Saturday, August 17.

We are now in search of enthusiastic, intelligent, and good looking members (do you fit this bill?) who can help Randolph and Jeff with the Auction. We also are on the lookout for *quality* antiques for the sale itself.

If you possess the above qualities, and feel so inclined, or if you have items for us, please telephone **Randolph Gherson** at 827-0050.

### New Members

Welcome to:

Katherine Biolley, Chelsea  
Barbara Tevlin, Ottawa  
Maurice Nault, Maniwaki  
Melvin & Arlie Hunter, Ottawa  
Ron Kitchen, Gloucester  
S. John DesBrisay, Chelsea



## **WAKEFIELD COVERED BRIDGE PROJECT - An Update**

- **Finances:** Recent special events and donations have brought the cumulative total of funds raised by the committee to over \$156,000. We have also benefitted greatly from gifts in kind and volunteers' time, now estimated to have reached a dollar value of \$250,000. Also, the National Capital Commission has formally agreed in writing to donate \$50,000 cash to our project; however this grant cannot be accessed until we have raised the balance of the funds required to complete the project.
- **Government Grants:** We have applied to the federal Department of Human Resources for up to five student workers under their current job creation program which commences on May 1st.
- **Bridge Design:** Boileau & Associés assumed engineering responsibility last spring and worked to finalize the main structural components in accordance with Transport Quebec's construction standards. Once completed, this allowed us to proceed with construction of the trusses.
- **The First Truss:** The first of four main trusses -- the principal supporting parts of a covered bridge -- has been completed. At 144 ft. in length with several hundred bolts, and weighing about ten tons, it is an impressive structure. Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the second truss last fall, as planned, because the supplier of specified timbers failed to meet our deadlines. As soon as we have the required lumber, we are confident that the remaining three trusses can be built in six weeks.
- **Construction Site:** The work site in the centre of the village has served us well, and many visitors have stopped by to view the plans and the work in progress. Although heavy snow in November hampered work, we built a shelter for the sawmill and continued to produce lumber for the roof trusses before closing down for the winter in mid-December.
- **What's Next?** This summer we will continue construction work and to acquire the building materials still needed. We have sufficient funds to buy the additional wood required for the trusses and the roof, but we are short an estimated \$130,000 to complete the project. Now we need the help of all our friends to raise the funds for this critical, final phase. With continued volunteer support and strong community and government participation, we will be able to erect the new Wakefield Covered Bridge this year. To get involved call us at 459-2061 or 459-2773.

- Wakefield Covered Bridge Committee

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#1 - MUIR, ANDREW ARCHIBALD, b.24-10-1763, Carnwath, Scotland, d.11-08-1855, Grimsby, Ont. m. ANNA GREEN, 10-09-1797 b.10-03-1777 in New Jersey, d.15-05-1850 Grimsby. GGGgranddaughter searching for descendants. Vona (Muir) Cochrane, 43 Wilnor Bay, Brandon, MB R7B 3H8

#2 - UFFORD, WILLIAM HENRY, b. Warren, N.Y. 1871, m. ALICE COOPER CAMBELL, 4-05-1873 Kingston, Ont. Searching for death date, place, Grandparents. Respond: Clifford Ufford, 79 Bennett St., Brockville, ONT K6V 2W3

#3 - PHILIPS, Sr., John, b.1816 near Bolton England, d.16-09-1898, Windsor, NS, m. REBEKAH SMITH, b.1819, NS, d.20-02-1903 Windsor, NS. Searching for info on John and Rebecca, entry into Canada, parents, death. Respond: Betty Bue, 10361 Garden Road, San Diego, CA 92121, San Diego, CA 92121, Garden Grove, CALIF USA

#4 - GORDON, William, b.22-11-1819 or 21-01-1820, m. MINERVA BRENNENSTUHL, 15-11-1842, Dover, Michigan. Searching for birthplace and parents of William. Respond: C. Gordon, 1505-14 Ave S., Lethbridge, AB T1K 0T6

#5 - ELSDON - (All) 1750-1850, Northumberland, Durham, Eng. and ELSDON and MASTERS - 1800-1850 Freemantle, Aust. Respond: James Elsdon, 832 Midland Pt. Rd., Midland, Ont. L4R 5G2

#6 - UZZELL Family, came to Canada from England before WWI. Grandmother searching for information re: family and descendants. Respond: Mrs. Margaret Lilley Hazelot, Hibbert Rd., Braywich, Maidenhead, Berks. SC6 1UT or Mary Roberts, 2129-18 Ave. S., Lethbridge, AB T1K 1C7

#7 - LEVY (LIVIE), CHARLOTTE, b.1826, m.25-06-1848 Arbroath, Angus County, Scotland,

JAMES SIVEWRIGHT, b.03-10-1825. Looking for her birth, parents, etc. Diane Williams, 33 Lenwood St., RR #3, Box 3302, Moncton, NB E1C 8J7

#8 - STEWART, BACHAN, gave birth to BERTHA TABBERT, 18-07-1897 at Wellesley Twp., Waterloo County. Any information, forward to HARRY WILSON, 401-355 Adelaide St., Thunder Bay, Ont. P7A 7X3

#9 - FITZPATRICK, MICHAEL, b.1821?, Wexford, Ireland, m.17-01-1858, Napanee, Ont., CATHERINE COLLINS, b.1832?, Limerick, Ireland. Michael's siblings: ELIZA, 1829, m. 1856, MOSES CONNOR?, MARY, 1831, m. 1852, JAMES RATHWELL. Seek parents, other siblings, Etc. Respond: Rosemary Peacock, 218 Birmingham St., Stratford, Ont. N5A 2T5

#10 - CRAMPTON, ANTHONY, d. before 1860, m. MILDRED GOODERHAM, Toronto. Issue, WILLIAM JAMES, 1851, HARRIET, 25-12-1854. Birth, death dates, residence. Respond: Grant Brown, Apt. 403, 10 Avoca Ave., Toronto, ONT M4T 2B7

#11 - LATHAM, HENRY, Bamster, Toronto, d.1859, m. SARAH GOODERHAM. Issue, ROBERT, ELIZABETH, JAMES, SARAH, HENRY. Info. welcomed. Respond: GRANT BROWN, Apt. 403, 10 Avoca Ave., Toronto, ONT M4T 2B7

#12 - ROSE, ALEXANDER, B.1805, Scotland, d.1875 Lakefield, Ont. Wife JANE DICKSON. Searching for descendants. Respond to ALLEN M. ROSE, RR #1, Carroll, MAN ROK OKO

#13 - ROGERS, JAMES, and JANE (LINDSAY) ROGERS son of GIDEON and RACHEL ROGERS, cir 1750 - Mar 1830. Request any information re above. Respond: Carl H. Rogers, R.R. #3, Utterson, ONT P0B 1M0

#14 - MACDONELL, FARQUHAR, b.1752, Scot-

land, d.18??, Dundas Co. Ont., m. McDONALD, CATHERINE. Four sons and one daughter. Searching for death places and dates. Sons names. Respond: Mrs. Lois Pearson, 212 Adolphus St., Cornwall, ONT K6H 3S4

#15 - MORGAN, WILLIAM, b.1752 Sligo, Ireland, d.1836 Stormont Co., Ont., m. WADSWORTH, ANNE, b.1755 Scotland, d.1824 Stormont Co., Ont. Searching parents of both. Respond: Mrs. Lois Pearson, 212 Adolphus St., Cornwall, ONT K6H 3S4

#16 - JACKSON, SAMUEL, b.1872 Toronto ?, m. FLORENCE HUNT, 31-08-1899, Carlingville, Man. Searching for birth, parents, siblings of SAMUEL. Respond: Memory Myers, Box 154, Ralston, AB T0J 2N0

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## Newsletter Timetable Adjustments

I have received a few comments to date on the suggestion that we issue the Newsletter every two months, rather than monthly, primarily to save on postage. Anyone with a reaction to this idea is invited to call Jay Atherton at any time at 827-1703. Love to hear from you!

-J.A.

## Committee Assignments

At its last meeting, on April 8, the Board of Directors confirmed the following appointments as chairs of committees:

Publications: **Duncan and Gudula Marshall** (827-2077);

Program: **Bruce Lister** (827-4244);

Auction: **Randolph Gherson** (827-0050) and **Jeff Atkins** (827-1136);

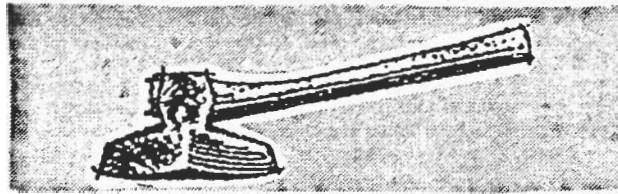
Any members with suggestions or ideas are invited to pass them along.

## Family History Conference

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa is planning a **Fall Conference on British Isles Family History**, to be held at the Ottawa City Hall, Friday to Sunday, September 27-29, 1996.

Expert speakers will explain how to trace English, Welsh, Irish, and Scottish ancestors. Those interested should contact the BIFHSGO, P.O. Box 38026, Ottawa K2C 1N0, or telephone (613) 224-9868 and leave a message.

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