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Newsletter

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"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to fulfil it." - George Santayana

Coming Events

New Constitution to be Submitted for Approval at General Meeting

Monday, February 16

Annual General Meeting

7:30 - Social Hour (coffee, tea, snacks, wine)

8:15 - Keynote speaker: **Brian Anthony**, Executive Director, Heritage Canada

Annual Meeting

Approval of revisions to Constitution
Presentation of Awards
Election of Officers

With the October-November 1997 *Newsletter* members received a copy of the proposed revisions to the Society's constitution, for their consideration and possible comment. Following discussion by the Executive, a final amended version of the Constitution and By-Laws will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting on February 16, for approval. The text of the revised constitution appears as an addendum to the Annual Report in this newsletter.

Report of Nominating Committee

Monday, March 16

"Gatineau River Photographs - Before the Dams and Now"

Speakers: **Duncan Marshall & Dan Maruska**

Duncan and Dan have assembled a fascinating collection of slides showing comparative aerial views of the Gatineau River in 1926 and 1997. *(Note: this session was originally scheduled for our January meeting, but postponed due to the emergency caused by the ice storm.)*

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for the new term (assuming approval of the new constitution, half of the officers will be elected for a one-year term, and the other half for two years, as specified below):

PRESIDENT (2 yrs.) Ernie Mahoney (Wakefield)
1st VICE PRES. (1 yr.) Randolph Gherson (Larrimac)
2nd VICE PRES. (2 yrs.) Bruce Lister (Larrimac)

DIRECTORS (1 yr.) Allan Richens (Gleneagle)
David Castleman (Larrimac)
Jay Atherton (Cascades)

DIRECTORS (2 yrs.) Anne Fleming (Ottawa)

One Director position is vacant. If we are unable to fill it by nomination at the General meeting, the Executive (under the new constitution) may fill it by appointment at a future date.

Monday, April 20

"Treasures from our Archives"

Speaker: **Jay Atherton**
Historical Society Archivist

Historical Society meetings take place in the Chelsea Community Centre, Old Chelsea. Refreshments are available at 7:30; meetings start at 8:00 p.m.

Stuart Geggie, 1925-1997

All Society members are saddened at the death, on December 11, of Dr. Stuart Geggie of Wakefield. His enthusiasm and good humour will be missed; we extend our condolences to his wife Norma and the other members of his family.

GENE-O-RAMA '98 **March 27 - 28**

Nepean City Hall - Council Chambers
101 Centrepont Drive, Nepean

Speakers and sessions on conducting
genealogical research

Registration - before March 6: \$25
- after March 6: \$30

For information call 725-9440

Membership Renewals

Please check your mailing label. A yellow mark indicates that your membership expired on December 31 (97/12/31). Please renew now.

Note: only paid-up members will have voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual membership still costs only \$15 for one year, \$25 for two years. *Please send a cheque now to the Historical Society at the address shown on the first page of this newsletter.*

Family History Course

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO) will be presenting a course on "Tracing Your Family History" beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24. There will be three hours of lectures on that day and the following five Saturdays, excluding February 14. The course finishes on February 28.

All lectures will be given by Norman Crowder, a noted local genealogist, author, and lecturer. During the course tours will be arranged at local resource centres such as the National Library, National Archives, and the Family History Centre. The location will be the Family History Centre, 1017 Prince of Wales Drive. The fee for the course will be \$30 for members of the OGS or BIFHSGO, \$35 for non-members. If interested, call Bernice Severson (613) 596-0550.

If you are too late because the course is filled up, perhaps your call will stimulate a repeat performance.

Society Wins Gala Award

At the annual Chelsea Excellence Gala on November 28, Mayor Judith Grant announced the winners of various categories of public service. Among the winners was our Historical Society, for its Remembrance Day Service, organized for the past 12 years in the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery at the grave of Private Richard Thompson. Those who attended this year's event can attest to its importance. Congratulations to George Gould, Allan Richens, Bob Phillips, and all others involved in the service.

ACTIVE WRITER!

Katharine Fletcher, author of *Historical Walks: the Gatineau Park Story*, is writing a series of articles for the *Ottawa Citizen* on heritage homes in the National Capital Region. Katharine is reported to be "delighted to have this assignment. Anyone who knows me knows how much I love this region. I'm delighted that the *Citizen* allows me to honour some of our region's pioneers through this series."

If you know of a pioneer home *that is still a residence* (i.e. not a business or commercial venture), e-mail your suggestions to Katharine at chesley@netcom.ca or call her at (819) 458-2090. (Please be advised: there are many potential candidates. Although she will be delighted to hear your suggestions, Katharine will not be able to include all homes in her series.)

Up in the Air with Archie Pennie

We have at hand several recent issues of *Observair*, the regular newsletter of the Ottawa Chapter, Canadian Aviation Historical Society, which contain columns of stories and recollections by our own member, Archie Pennie (see his two articles in the most recent issue of *Up the Gatineau!*). I guess you can't keep a good man down - especially in the field of aviation.

Society in Advance of Times

For some, the coming millennium threatens to turn the world upside down. As the envelope containing this newsletter demonstrates, the Historical Society has already taken steps in that direction.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1997

President's Message

Carol Martin

As I write this, in mid-January, 1998, electric power and telephone service are being restored in the Gatineau region after the ice-storm of the century, although this is the eighth day without heat, water, and communication for many in our area. Examples of neighbourliness abound, in a crisis area that extends from Ottawa past Montreal and affects a huge chunk of Eastern Ontario and Western Québec. And events such as this are said to be "making history!" As we carry on, trying to keep going ourselves and to help out wherever we can, I can't help thinking that this is surely NOT the kind of history we would CHOOSE to make.

Returning to 1997, the following is a brief reflection on the Historical Society's activities and directions during the past year. Hats off to our members, volunteers, and executive for your interest and enthusiasm that made this such an active and positive period.

It was a bonanza year for monthly meetings, with a speaker or activity in every month except July—and June and November each offered two events. Special outings included tours of the Wakefield Covered Bridge, the Burke-Ginns farmhouse and barns in Cantley, the Leamy Lake archaeological digs in Hull, and the new National Archives Building in Gatineau. For our annual dinner we enjoyed the ambience of Moorside Tearoom, a site which has a long-standing connection with the Society's own history. We exchanged information with some 25 other heritage and community groups, and included items from these sources in our *Newsletter*.

The *Newsletter* continues to be issued on a bi-monthly basis to save postage costs, although a different postal challenge, a strike in late November, delayed our November-December issue. The Society's *Archives* are housed in the basement of the Chelsea Municipal Offices and open weekly (Wednesday mornings) or by appointment. The 23rd volume of *Up the Gatineau!* featured a local item of history-in-the-making, the new Wakefield Covered Bridge on its cover and in two articles. This was also the largest edition (58 pages) to date.

Our outreach in trying to preserve the heritage Hammond House did not prevent its demolition in February, but we lobbied by writing letters and demonstrating with others attempting to save this

lovely nineteenth-century building, once home to the Donnelly and Hammond families. Although this site is within the boundaries of Hull, it was once part of West Hull (Chelsea).

Our participation in several other local events was very positive, and I am particularly pleased that we found ways to display items from our museum collection and to reach out to children and teens in the wider community. At the CRB Foundation Heritage Fair in May the HSG brought "Grandmother's Kitchen" to life again at this two-day event held at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull. The fair's objective was to increase interest in Canadian history and heritage, and we participated along with five other heritage associations and various student groups from West Quebec.

When the Municipality of Chelsea officially opened its new administrative centre in June, one of the attractions in its new entrance area was the Prentiss grandfather clock which we have loaned to the municipality for permanent display. In connection with the municipal ceremonies in June we also held a contest to identify objects in "Grandmother's Kitchen," sold publications, and displayed items from the HSG Archives. The Society's Auction in August brought sunshine, volunteers, and buyers together in this 35th annual fundraiser.

During October and November, the Historical Society's Allan Richens and librarian Beatrice O'Byrne created a Remembrance Day display in the Chelsea library. Chelsea and Grand-Boisé elementary schools sent eight classes of students in the weeks leading up to November 11th to hear Beatrice's father, Art Laflamme, and myself representing the Historical Society speak about the display. In November I also spoke to a group of residents and members of the public gathered at New Edinburgh Square residence about Private Richard Rowland Thompson and the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery. This was a panel presentation and included speakers such as the Honourable Roger Teillet, Colonel Strome Galloway and Lt-Colonel Gordon Way who had been among the Canadian officials on Parliament Hill in 1965 when the Queen's Scarf was presented to Canada by the Thompson family!

The HSG-sponsored Remembrance Day ceremony, held at the Pioneer Cemetery, was graced with sunshine and the largest crowd in its twelve-year

history. The 400 attendees included school children from Chelsea Elementary and Grand-Boisé schools, Chelsea's Judy Grant in her roles of MRC Prefect and Mayor, together with church, federal and Historical Society representatives, Canadian Forces Medical Services representatives and personnel from the Leadership Company from the Canadian Forces Base at Petawawa, representing the Royal Canadian Regiment. At Chelsea's Excellence Gala in November, the HSG's Remembrance Day Service was recognized as Event of the Year by the municipality.

Reports from the various HSG Committees follow. Many, many thanks are due to all who have worked so positively to make these activities possible. Thanks to Secretary Eileen Castleman and Treasurer Bonnie Adams, and to the Executive members who have worked on our behalf during the past year. I have very much enjoyed my two years as President of the HSG, and will continue to be highly involved with its work. Thank you, all, for your support and enthusiasm in promoting the history and heritage of the Gatineau. Keep it up!

Finance Committee

David Castleman

As in past years, the Finance Committee developed a budget for the year in consultation with the Executive and the other committees, and provided advice and assistance to the Treasurer on financial matters. Upon investigation with the appropriate authorities, it was determined that Provincial Sales Tax is not applicable to items sold at our annual auction. We are grateful to Bill Allen for conducting a detailed audit of the financial status of the Society.

The 1997 Financial Statement gives the regular balance and operating data as well as the profit/loss summary reports of the major activities of the Society. We hope to have the statement available at the Annual General Meeting. In any case, it will be distributed to the membership-at-large along with the next *Newsletter*.

Archives/Research

Jay Atherton

Early in the year Patrick Evans was succeeded as Society Archivist by Jay Atherton, a retired archivist and manager with the National Archives of Canada and currently also serving part-time as University Archivist at Carleton University. Patrick Evans continues to work with the Archives team as "Archivist Emeritus." The other super-efficient volunteers on a

regular basis are Anne Goodeve, Annette Brand, and Joan Gherson. Anne Fleming also assists whenever it is possible for her to do so.

A highlight of the year was the loan of the Thomas Brigham Prentiss grandfather clock to the Municipality of Chelsea. The clock now occupies a prominent position in the main lobby of the new Municipal Hall. We began discussions with Beatrice O'Byrne, librarian in charge of the Chelsea Public Library, for enhanced future co-operation and joint projects.

Gifts to the Archives during the year included the following (with the name of the donor appearing underlined at the beginning of each entry):

Rev. Gerald Croteau: Biography of Rev. James Hughes, 1920-1859, the first parish priest at St. Stephen's Church.

David Castleman: letter of 16 July 1978 from Anson Green to an inquiry from a Mr. Engleharty concerning the Lacharity farm (later the Larrimac Golf Club). Also a booklet on the Darbyson Memorial Window in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Chelsea.

Anonymous: a letter, 22 August 1912, from Thomas Daly to the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Schools 1 & 2, Township of Wakefield.

Keith Lachance and Clifford Irwin: Report on "Descendants of Joseph Irwin and Mary (Pritchard) Irwin, Pioneers of Wakefield."

Allan Richens: six coloured photographs of Pioneer Cemetery, Chelsea.

Patrick Evans: History of Woburn, Mass. (place of origin of Philemon Wright); repaired magnifying glass mounted on a goose-necked stand; soft-covered recipe book prepared by the children of Chelsea Elementary School.

Geraldine Fournier: three black and white photographs of Wakefield area in the early 1900s.

Bob Hughes: black and white photograph of old school house on Pine Road (1940-1951).

Cemeteries

Allan Richens

The Cemetery Committee carried out two major clean-ups at the Pioneer Cemetery over the past year: once

in the spring prior to the municipal pick-up, to remove all debris, then again in late summer to trim the vegetation, particularly the cedar hedge.

This year we acquired an additional flag pole, thanks to Bent Nielsen. We can now, when required, moist more flags. Mr. Jessen, owner of the adjacent house, is storing the flag pole for us. Spraying was attempted this fall to control the poison ivy that is creeping onto the site.

Wakefield Covered Bridge Project Anita Rutledge

Members may recall that as fall's cold weather arrived in 1996, we had just finished applying the steel roof, purchased with an interest-free loan from the Historical Society. At that time, all that remained to complete the bridge was the siding, painting, and landscaping.

As weather permitted, work on the bridge resumed in June 1997. The pine siding was purchased at a reduced rate from Atlas Lumber in Low - with the help of a much appreciated donation from MNA Réjean Lafrenière. We purchased the red stain to paint the siding from Wakefield Pro Hardware, with a discount from both the supplier (Sico) and the local hardware dealer.

This phase of the project was labour intensive, benefiting greatly from the many hours of work by volunteers to first seal the knots and then apply two coats of stain to each board before it was passed along for nailing onto the bridge. A final coast of stain was applied after the siding was on the bridge. Doors for the bridge were constructed so that lumber and paint supplies would be secure. For the siding operation, the Souldard Company of Aylmer supplied the scaffolding and steel framework at a much reduced rate.

The Municipality of LaPêche arranged for electric service to be supplied for the lighting that will be installed on the bridge. This service was necessary for the musicians, as well as food and beverage volunteers, at the Bridge Jamboree and Dance, a fundraiser held at the bridge on June 22. This event raised almost \$7,000 to pay some of our ongoing construction costs. The generosity and co-operation of all these business and government supporters were vital to our success in completing the bridge in 1997.

At the end of the summer we focused on landscaping the two entrance areas. In this task, we are extremely

grateful for the handsome design by Wakefield landscape architect Stephen W. Armstrong, who introduced bridge lattice design into the fencing, and river flow patterns into the pathways. This is another of the many ways that Steve has donated time and expertise to the project over the years. In addition, the Ed Brunet company donated equipment to move a large boulder to the east entrance. The Committee plans to mount a commemorative plaque listing the names of all major donors on this stone. As in past years, all contributors to the project were publicly thanked through the local media.

The Committee was fortunate to find local film-makers with a keen interest in producing a video on the project - and also in obtaining their own funding! We were privileged to work with Vivian Hanwell Productions of Alcove and Rooney Productions of Lac des Loups in developing the well-received 25-minute video that aired on CJOH-TV on December 26. The Committee had the producers' permission to sell English- and French-language video cassettes of this production for fund-raising purposes.

On the financial side, funds raised in 1997 (donations plus proceeds from events) exceeded \$52,000, all of which was expended to cover the year's costs. At year's end, accumulated outstanding accounts with the bridge project amounted to \$63,575. Activities in the new year will be devoted to paying off this balance.

The Committee commends the Municipality of La Pêche for its prompt action in preventing skidoo vehicles from crossing the covered bridge and causing damage to the floor. The bridge's use is now restricted to pedestrians and cyclists, as stated in our charter.

Speakers' Program

Bruce Lister

Members meetings are held monthly except during the summer. Speakers during 1996 were:

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| January 20 | Bill O'Farrell, National Archives of Canada, "Centenary Snapshots" (remastered films from the turn of the century). |
| February 17 | Annual General Meeting. Speaker: Jake Warren, "Diplomats of the Valley; Reminiscences and Reflections." |
| March 17 | John Thompson, "How the Algonquins |

- Lost Their Territory."
- April 21 Fred Roots, "Reflections on Historical and Modern Changes in Canada's North."
- May 12 Spring Banquet. Speaker: Frank Macintyre, reminiscences on his career in real estate in the Gatineau.
- June 16 Special tour of the reconstructed Wakefield Covered Bridge conducted by Neil Faulkner.
- June 21 Tour of the Burke-Ginns farmhouse and barns in Cantley.
- August 23 Leamy Lake Architectural Dig tour.
- Sept. 12 Tour of new National Archives "Gatineau Preservation Centre."
- October 20 Ed Quipp, "Reminiscences."
- Nov. 17 Bob Hughes, Harkey Milks, Harold Reid, "Memories of Chelsea School."

The Society extends its thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the 1998 program.

Publications

Gudula Marshall

Total sales for this year were \$3422.15. This exceeds last year's sales by nearly 33%. This figure includes current inventory (valued at approximately \$700) in retail outlets. Most of the increase is a result of sales of the current *Up the Gatineau!* (UTG) at \$6, as well as a brisker demand for back issues.

In January of 1997 we reprinted all early UTG volumes for which stock was low, and in December just reprinted another stock of 20 copies each of eleven early volumes. Carol Martin has been looking after replenishing the gaps. Volume 22 was sold out completely so the increased printing of Volume 23 of UTG was a wise decision. We can now supply copies of all back issues of UTG. Carol also redesigned and reissued the 1875 Chelsea cadastral map and we increased sales from 1 copy last year to 23 this year.

We expanded the number of local retail outlets handling our stock, particularly those handling Volume 23 of UTG to include Jamboree, Nesbitt's and

Obonsoins in Wakefield, and the Boucanerie and Video Etc. in Chelsea. Unfortunately, Le Chat Que Lit had to close their account as the store did not survive the Wakefield road upheavals. José Mann's enthusiasm for our products will be missed. Outlets that continue to carry our publications include: Adrianna's, Boutique Découverte, Boutique Santé, End of the Line, Épicerie du Parc, Gerry and Isobel's Country Pleasures, IGA Farm Point, Kirk's Ferry Dépanneur, and M&R. Two stores in Ottawa—Canterbury House and Prospero's (a Chapters subsidiary)—also handle UTG and *Hurling Down the Pine* for us.

Orders are now coming in for *The History of the Outaouais*, which we are helping to distribute at cost. We have a small inventory of *Touring the Two Chelseas*, while *Hurling Down the Pine* continues to sell steadily.

Our participation in various special events including the Gene-O-Rama show at CentrepoinTE and the British Isles Family History Society conference at Ottawa City Hall were worthwhile, spreading our fame and name with approximately \$80 in sales realized at each event. Also, bringing our selection to each monthly meeting is beneficial from a sales perspective. Last year's ratio of retail sales to direct sales was 4:1. This year it is 3:1, which has greatly increased our cost recovery.

Newsletter

Jay Atherton

In keeping with the practice begun in the autumn of 1996, the Society issued the *Newsletter* on a bi-monthly basis during 1997, thereby saving postage and facilitating production and dissemination of the bulletin. The *Newsletter* is now on a regular schedule, appearing every two months on the even-numbered months (i.e. February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September, October-November, and December-January). This schedule dovetails nicely with scheduled events each year.

Editor/compiler of the *Newsletter* is Jay Atherton, who welcomes contributions from members (phone/fax: (819) 827-1703; e-mail: james.atherton@sympatico.ca). The mailing list is maintained by Patricia Lavergne, while mailing and distribution is handled by Rae Moore, Marjorie Evis, and Charis Palmer.

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Historical Society of the Gatineau

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution and By-Laws were first adopted on 31 January 1980; they were last amended on 28 January 1985. This version is being submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society on February 16, 1998, for discussion and ratification.

I. Name

The Society will be known as The Historical Society of The Gatineau (hereinafter referred to as the Society).

II. Purpose

The object or purpose of the Society is to promote matters of historical or heritage significance in the general area of the Gatineau Valley.

III. Membership

1. Membership in the Society will be upon application, approval of the Executive Committee, and payment of dues.
2. Each member in the Society will pay such annual dues as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
3. Meetings:-
 - a) An annual meeting of the membership will take place in January or February of each year when the reports of the President and other officers will be presented and members of the Executive Committee elected for the following two years by direct vote.
 - b) Periodic meetings will take place not less than six times a year to further the purposes of the Society.
 - c) Notice of annual and periodic meetings will be mailed to the membership not less than 10 days prior to such meetings.

IV. Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee of the Society will consist of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, and five directors-at-large, all of whom are elected at the Society's annual meeting. At its discretion, the President and the Executive may invite the immediate Past President to attend Executive meetings, to provide advice and assistance.
2. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be two years, with half of the members being elected each year. A member of the Society may serve no more than two consecutive terms in any one of the senior Executive positions (President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President).
3. The President, Second Vice President, and two directors-at-large will be elected in even-numbered years; the First Vice President and three directors-at-large will be elected in odd-numbered years. (To bring this method of election into effect, at the first general meeting following its adoption, half the members of the Executive Committee will be elected for a two-year term and the other members for a one-year term, consistent with the formula indicated above.)
4. The President will preside at all meetings of the Society, exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Society, sign cheques and other documents, and represent the Society at public functions and other meetings.
5. The First Vice President will act as President during the latter's absence and assume direct responsibility of committees, projects, or undertakings of the Society as may be delegated by the President.
6. The Second Vice President will assume direct responsibility of committees, projects, or undertakings of the Society, as may be delegated by the President.
7. The Executive Committee will assist the President in defining the policies of the Society and controlling its

activities and generally may exercise the powers of the general assembly between meetings of the membership.

8. Meetings of the Executive Committee will be at the call of the President, or at the request of at least three members of the executive.
9. The quorum of the Executive Committee will be five including the President and a Vice-President.
10. If any vacancy shall occur for any reason, the Executive Committee may by majority vote appoint a member of the Society to fill that vacancy until the next annual meeting.

V. Officers

1. At its first meeting following each annual general meeting, the Executive Committee will appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer for the next year and establish the honorarium to be awarded to the incumbent of each of these positions.
2. The Treasurer will collect fees, undertake necessary banking transactions, keep the records and prepare annual and periodic reports, attend meetings of the Executive Committee, manage the Society's investments as instructed by the Executive Committee, undertake necessary activities to facilitate the work of the auditor, and, with the President, sign all cheques and official documents.
3. The Secretary will serve as the custodian of the seal of the Society, assist in preparing agendas for, attend, and record the proceedings of meetings of the Executive Committee and general meetings of the Society, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these By-Laws, handle routine correspondence, and sign documents for the Treasurer in her/his absence.
4. In the event of the absence of either the Treasurer or the Secretary, one of these officers may request the other to undertake duties on her/his behalf
5. The length of term for the Secretary and the Treasurer is one year, subject to renewal by the Executive.

VI. Committees

Committees may be appointed by the President on recommendation of the Executive Committee to carry out certain functions of the Society as may be required.

VII. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Society will end on the 31st day of December of each year.

VIII. Audit

An auditor (or auditors) may be appointed by the annual meeting.

IX. Amendments

A two-third majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting or special meeting convened for that purpose may alter, amend, or repeal any part of these By-Laws provided that due notice of such alteration, amendment, or repeal was given in the notice of meeting to the membership.

X. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the residual assets will be turned over to another organization or society whose object or purpose is similar to those of the Society provided it is a registered charity under the provision of para 149 (1) (i) of the Income Tax Act, and provided a resolution is adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting or special meeting convened for that purpose. In addition, should a decision to this effect be taken by the membership, the Society's seal will be rendered useless.