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See you at the Annual General Meeting

As we reported in the last issue of *News and Views*, our Annual General Meeting will take place on May 18th at the Bell Farm Road Banquet Hall, Barrie. We are pleased to feature Dan Needles as our guest speaker for the evening. If you have not read *With Axe and Flask: The History of Persephone Township from Pre-Cambrian Times to the Present*, do so soon; I laughed so hard at times my family wondered what great comedy I had found.

Mr. Needles is the recipient of the 2003 Leacock Medal for Humour for his most recent work, as well as the author of the five Wingfield Farm books. For more information on Mr. Needles, visit www.wingfieldfarm.ca.

As usual, our evening will begin with a delicious dinner, followed by our annual business meeting. If you would like to seek nomination for any of the executive positions, please forward your intentions to the Nominating Committee c/o Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9 before May 1st.

Tickets are available through the SCHA's post office address, at North County Books at 25 Dunlop Street East in Barrie, at Manticore Books at 103 Mississauga Street East in Orillia, or by calling Bill Packham at 739-0906. The cost for the evening is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.



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SCHA Programme Schedule 2003-2004

Unless otherwise noted,
all events begin at 8:00 p.m.

March 16, 2004

Show and Tell at the Simcoe County Museum

April 20, 2004

Christina Elliott: Honouring WWI in Simcoe County at the Simcoe County Museum

May 18, 2004 – Annual General Meeting with Dan Needles of Wingfield Farm fame at the Bell Farm Road Banquet Hall

Membership Renewals

Memberships for 2004 are now due. Rates are \$10/individual, \$12/family. Send fees to Box 144, Barrie, ON L4M 4S9. This will be the last issue of *News & Views* that will be sent to members who have not renewed.



Preserving the Past,
in the Present,
for the Future.

President's Message

If you are reading this, chances are that you are already one of the converted. You know that history and heritage matter. There is little that I can say about advocacy or funding that will be new to you, especially if you are working in the areas of local history and heritage.

We find ourselves at the very bottom of a food chain in which, according to Canada's Auditor General Sheila Fraser, over two-thirds of our country's national historic sites are in "poor to fair condition."

Think about it. Important national sites like Kingston's massive Fort Henry may have to close in the near future, owing to public safety concerns resulting from structural deterioration.

If Fort Henry is in trouble, where does that leave our county's historic sites and institutions? For example, concerns have been raised recently about the Banting Homestead outside of Alliston, the First World War hangars at Base Borden (see article on page 3), and the Barrie gaol.

What can SCHA do in matters such as these? More importantly, what would you have us do? How can we help? Is increased heritage advocacy an area that SCHA should take a more prominent part?

If you think so, please let us know. Come out to our regular meetings. Attend our annual general meeting – and invite your friends. Share your copy of *News and Views*. Better yet, ask us to send a complimentary copy to someone who you think might be interested in what we do. Finally, consider making a donation to your local heritage organization or institution or offer to volunteer.

A still small voice is powerful. But if I had my druthers, I'd take an active big one. This is especially so when the stakes are high. As Ms. Fraser reminds us, "Once a piece of our history is lost, it's lost forever."

In Memoriam

- contributed by Doug Hamilton

Lucretia Rowe was a long-time member of the Barrie Historical Association and the Simcoe County Historical Association. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know her will never forget her. The rest of you missed someone great.

Donna Douglas knew her well. In her column "Faces and Places", which appeared in the *Barrie Advance* last December, she paid tribute to a great lady. Some of her quotations follow that say it better than I.

"Lucretia Rowe was a woman whose life demonstrates charm and grace and unbelievably hard work and positive attitude. A young woman who remained single (an unclaimed treasure was her term), Lucretia represents to me a person who grew up in a time when it was expected that girls would grow to women, marry, produce children, and stay home to raise them. Fiercely independent, she did none of this. However, she opened wide her arms and her heart and took a whole community unto herself. And we all benefited. When she died at age 93, it was with grace and care and love. And what more can any of us hope to do?" Any one who wants to know more about Donna's column on Lucretia can find it at her web site www.donnadouglas.com.

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Does your society have an active correspondent who can provide reports on your activities? Would anyone like to be published? Could you provide us with a book review?

Historical groups are invited to submit photos and articles regarding your significant event. Imagine your society on the cover! Photos will be returned.

Deadline for the next issue is June 1, 2004.

Young Historians' Adventures in Simcoe County

Where Amy Went

N&V: Where did you go this winter to learn something new?

Amy: I tried to visit the Orillia Museum of Art and History, but Mommy did not call ahead to get the details. It turns out that they are fixing their old building when they get enough money, so there is no real museum to visit right now!

They have some nice pictures of how their museum used to look a long time ago, and how they want to change their

roof to look how it did when the building was new. They also want to fix their big clock. Mommy and Grandma and Grandpa all remember when it used to work.

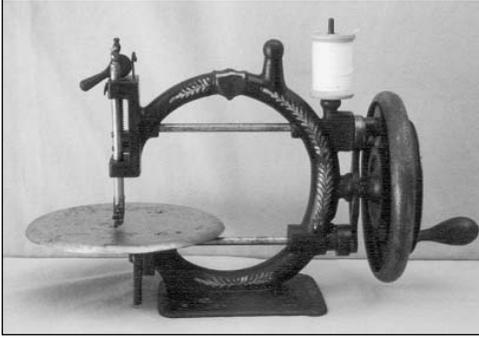
The lady at their nice store across the street from the real museum says that they can start to work when they raise just a bit more money. She is happy that this will be really soon. She told me to come back in August or September so she can show me all the great things that will be finished. That will be fun.

Amy hopes that everyone will take time to visit a museum nearby this spring. She will have her next adventure at the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum, and will wait patiently for the Orillia Museum of Art and History group to finish their renovations.

This column features an interview with the editor's five-year old daughter who enjoys adventures at the museums of Simcoe County. The editor invites columns from other young historians.

Sewing Machine Society Requests Help

by Diane Anderson



The Canadian Sewing Machine Collectors' Society is researching the history of Canadian sewing machine manufacturing. The industry was most active from 1860 to 1890 with 26 known companies producing machines in various towns and cities in Ontario and Quebec. They are seeking historical company information, vintage advertising and photos for inclusion in the *Handbook of Canadian Sewing Machines*, a resource being created to preserve this information.

Anyone wishing to loan documents or photos to be scanned can contact Diane Anderson, 86 Nelson St., Barrie, ON L4M 4K2; phone: 705-728-1568 or e-mail 3-anders@csolve.net. All original material will be returned, and print credit will be given to the contributor in the *Handbook*.

Three of Camp Borden's NHS Hangars Face Demolition

by Sheila Ascroft – This is an excerpt of an article published in the Winter 2004 issue of *Heritage* and used with permission

It is a strange but sad situation: in 2002, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) officially commemorated the First World War hangars at CFB Borden in Ontario; in 2003, the Minister of National Defence, John McCallum, approved the demolition of three of the remaining eight hangars. How can Canada keep its built heritage when its federal departments won't or can't afford to preserve designated structures?

Camp Borden is considered the birthplace of the Canadian Air Force. Constructed in 1917 by the Royal Flying Corps as part of a Canadian-British pilot training program, the hangars of Camp Borden were the first purpose-built military aircraft hangars in Canada, and remain the oldest example of this type of construction in the country. The string of 17 of these unique structures graced the once-famous "hangar line."

In 1919, what is now the Department of National Defence acquired the site, and in 1920 the Canadian Air Force was established there, becoming the Royal Canadian Air Force four years later. The requirements for the housing of aircraft during the First World War were modest but specific: shelter from the elements, sufficient natural light to allow for routine maintenance work, and a column-free interior space created by a lattice bow truss system with sufficient height, width and doorway clearance.

Inside, the hangars were an architectural marvel. Long timber posts, supported by diagonal beams, held aloft the intricate wooden lattices that formed the roof

trusses. The trick was to keep such a large roof up without supporting columns that would rip the wings from any aircraft being wheeled in or out. The original 17 hangars were built end to end, equally spaced in a long, lazy S-shape beside the runway, creating the "hangar line." That any of them remain is a testament to the sound design and skill of the builders.

While the surviving hangars have undergone minor to moderate exterior modifications, their original configuration remains recognizable. Two remain active as hangars for the base's glider and flying clubs. They both retain the original door design and operating mechanisms.

A few of the hangars have been upgraded and converted to more modern use. Classrooms for the Air Cadets are housed in Hangar 3, and halon fire suppression reserves are stored in Hangar 6. The smartest of the lot, Hangar 11, is a museum chronicling the history of the RCAF and displaying restored vintage planes, including the oldest flying aircraft in Canada.

William J. Coyle, Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Forces Aerospace Technology School at Borden said: "We do such a poor job in this country of maintaining our history and our heritage. There are some really great stories here. If we lose the physical presence of the hangar line, how do we pass them along to our children and grandchildren without them being able to come and see and touch and feel them?"

Wardens of Power Film

by Bill Packham

We hope you attended the SCHA's Show and Tell night March 16 at the Simcoe County Museum. One of the items featured was a ten minute, 16mm, colour and sound movie produced in 1941 for the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario to promote wartime hydro conservation.

This film resurfaced after 30 plus years when Bill Packham began a search through his personal archives recently. It was produced to be shown, along with news reels, before feature films in movie theatres across the province. It promotes conservation by residents so power would be available for production of planes, tanks, ships, munitions, and other items to support the war effort.

Hydro One's archivist is pleased to have a complete copy of the film at last, as the National Archives' copy lacks some of the final footage and the audio track, and Hydro One's own copy was incomplete, lacking the final few minutes of the show. Bill says, "This just goes to show how valuable, archive-wise, some items in our possession may be."

Fort Willow Improvement Group

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Article No. 1 in a series for *News and Views*



Get to Know Fort Willow

by Keith H.J. Bacon

Tucked away just off Grenfel Road in Springwater Township, on a bluff overlooking the Minesing Swamp, sits a treasure trove of Canadian history – Fort Willow. Like the city of Barrie, it owes its very existence to the fact that it was a terminus of the Nine Mile Portage, which formed a vital link in the Nottawasaga Route between Lake Ontario and the Upper Great Lakes.

The Portage between Kempenfelt Bay and Willow Creek (historically known as the East Branch of the Nottawasaga River), owes its origins to the First Nations of the area, who developed it as a supply and communications trail. Before railways, cars, and cell phones, it was the equivalent of our modern-day CPR, Highway 400, and Bell Mobility microwave communications links, all wrapped into one.

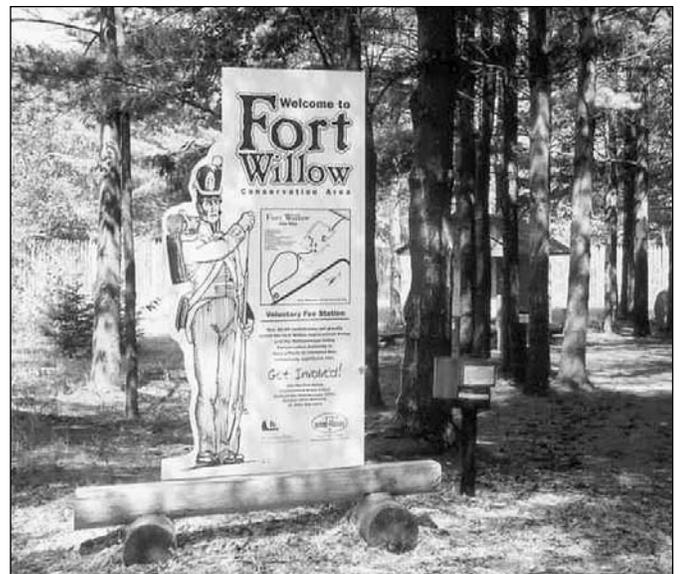


The route was employed by the French explorers and missionaries, the fur traders, the British military during and following the War of 1812, the Royal Navy hydrographers surveying the upper Great Lakes, and the pioneer settlers heading west.

Lt Col McDouall's relief expedition, to beleaguered Fort Michilmackinac, near Sault Ste Marie, passed this way in the winter and spring of 1814. They improved the portage and built 29 bateaux (large flat-bottomed boats) in the area, using locally cut and sawn lumber, and hardware carried from Kingston. They departed in mid-April and reached Michilimackinac in mid-May. Their heroic efforts to reinforce and supply Michilimackinac resulted in the British maintaining control of this vital post and the upper Great Lakes through to the end of hostilities.

In its heyday in the early 1800s, Fort Willow was a hive of activity. Here supplies and equipment were stored in transit to destinations north such as Michilimackinac, St Joseph Island, and Drummond Island. Through here came most of the naval stores and equipment to build the Naval Establishment and vessels at Penetanguishene. Records show that at least three local contractors operated ox-cart transport on the portage. A corduroy road led out of the Fort to Willow Creek Landing, a distance of about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

In the 1950s the Nine Mile Portage and Fort Willow were investigated by archaeologists Wilfred Jury and Elsie McLeod Jury, assisted by Norman Clarke and local enthusiasts. Evidence of the palisades and the foundations of nine buildings were identified and a number of significant artefacts unearthed.



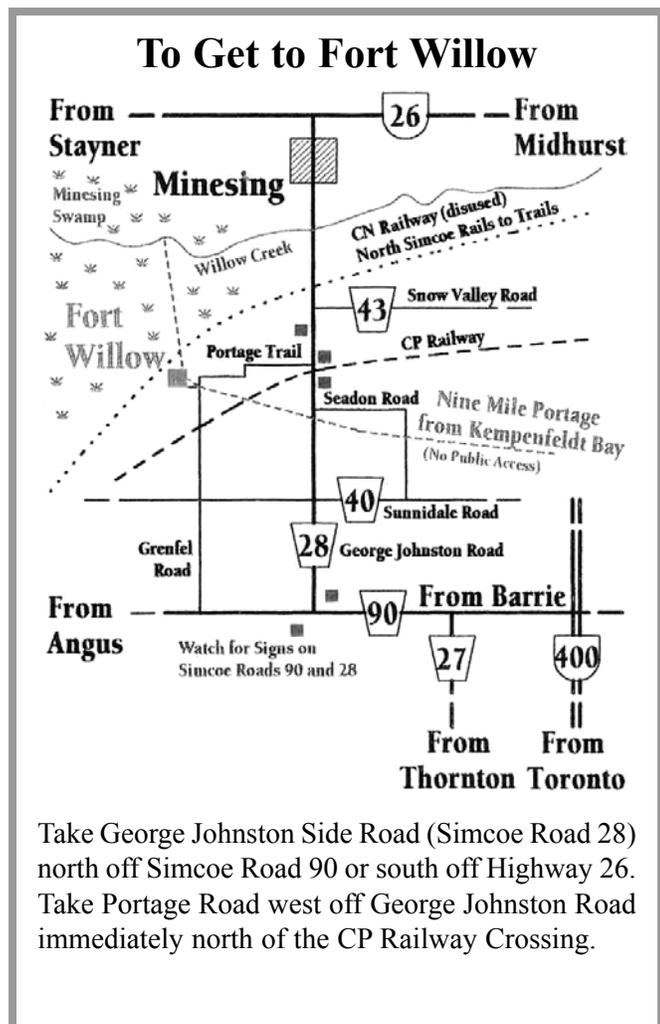
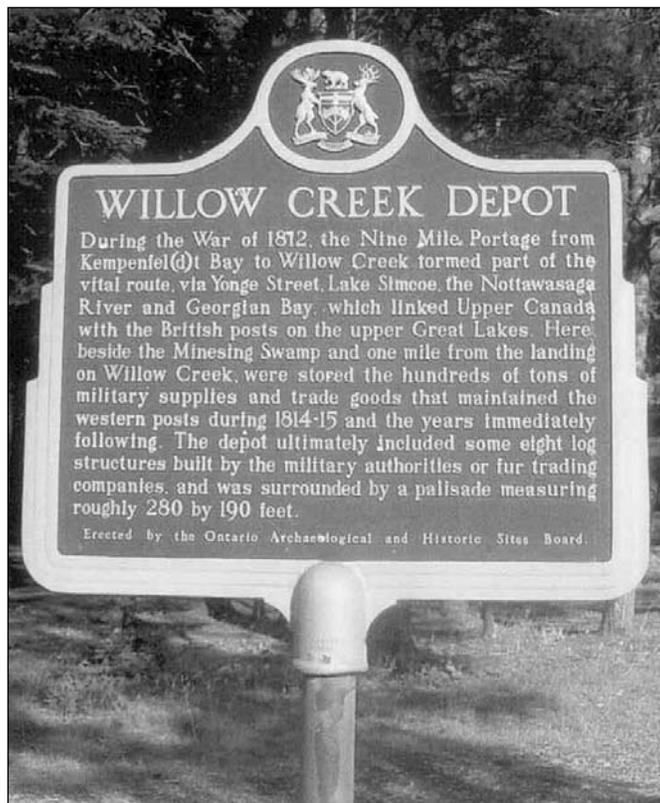
A reconstruction effort was made in 1967, Canada's Centennial year. After that the site fell into disrepair until 1996 when, as an initiative of the Midhurst Historical Society, the Fort Willow Improvement Group was formed. In conjunction with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, the present reconstruction programme to revive the spirit of Fort Willow was started. Today, thanks to generous donations from the SCHA and others, the Fort Willow Heritage Site and Conservation Area provides an attractive venue for visitors and a great starting point for hikers. The site abounds in interpretative information for history buffs. Make a note to visit Fort Willow soon. Future articles in this series will cover historical events relating to Fort Willow as revealed by contemporary documents in the Simcoe County Archives.



During the snow-free months, a number of local historical societies and reenactment groups provide displays and events for the enjoyment of the community.

Some of the local elementary schools also make use of the Fort for hands-on history lessons and a trip back in time on their own doorstep.

As part of the Trans Canada Trail, the Fort is accessible for hikers as well as day trippers.



Take George Johnston Side Road (Simcoe Road 28) north off Simcoe Road 90 or south off Highway 26. Take Portage Road west off George Johnston Road immediately north of the CP Railway Crossing.

SCHA Programme Highlights

January Meeting

Dr. Conrad Heidenreich

“Huron Agriculture – An Experiment at Replication” sounds boring, right? Nothing could be further from the truth, especially in the hands of one of the foremost experts on Huronia, Dr. Conrad Heidenreich. Now retired, after a distinguished 35-year career at York University, Dr. Heidenreich was both engaging and entertaining as he transported his captivated audience over 7,000 years of agricultural history at the Parkview Centre, Barrie on January 20th.

Dr. Heidenreich began with a brief overview of the domestication of corn, starting about 7,000 years ago in the sub-tropical upland valleys of Mexico. By 600 A.D., corn was being planted in the area of present-day Hamilton and Niagara. Between 1200 and 1250 A.D., corn made its way into Simcoe County. By the time of first European contact in the early 17th century, an estimated 25,000 Huron and 9,000 Petun living in what is now Simcoe County were heavily dependent on corn farming.

The remainder of Dr. Heidenreich’s lecture including his documentation and archeological evidence will be included as an article in the June edition of *News and Views*. This will also encompass the Masters thesis work of his former graduate student Lauri-Ann Attenborough-Deakin.

Dr. Heidenreich concluded by sharing a recipe for Huron sagamité or corn soup which is reproduced below for your enjoyment.

Heritage Day Event - February 17th

The Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives proved a most congenial venue for SCHA’s Fourth Annual Heritage Day Event on Tuesday, February 17th. This year’s theme, “Simcoe County and the War of 1812,” promised much and the day lived up to its advance billing.

Over 50 participants were on hand to be welcomed by Simcoe County Warden George MacDonald, Mayor of Penetanguishene Anita Dubeau, and museum curator Sim Salata.

Keith Bacon of the Fort Willow Improvement Group began the day’s programme with a fine presentation on “Fort Willow and the Nine-Mile Portage.” Keith enthusiastically explained the importance of the overland route between the head of Kempenfelt Bay, at present-day Barrie, to Fort Willow near a tributary of the Nottawasaga River during the war.

Before breaking for lunch, participants took rotating tours of the museum itself, the curatorial rooms, and the genealogical research room.

Following a fine luncheon, the afternoon began with a video presentation of “The Majesty of Sail, A Legacy of Valor.” A key part of the interpretation of Nancy Island Historic Site at Wasaga Beach, the video told the story of the sinking of the schooner *Nancy* on 14 August 1814 and its aftermath.

Educator and genealogist Gwen Patterson then shared her expertise and passion for the Drummond Islanders during her presentation on “The Unknown Militia on Lake Huron.” Aply combining historical and genealogical approaches, Gwen linked the Islanders to the war and subsequent early days of Penetanguishene.

Re-enactor and educator Dave Brunelle brought the day to an energetic close with his expert and engaging portrayal of “A Soldier’s Life in 1812,” featuring examples of the period’s weaponry, uniforms, and kit.

SCHA would like to thank Sim and Pierre of the Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives for being such generous and congenial hosts and Casino Rama for its outstanding sponsorship.



Recipe for Sagamité: Traditional Huron/Iroquois Corn Soup

[Note: 1 quart = 2 pints = 1.13 litres]

Following Conrad Heidenreich’s talk on Huron agriculture at the Association’s January 20th meeting, many listeners requested the recipe for Sagamité that was mentioned. The recipe, as well as instructions for purchasing the corn and bean seed, were submitted by Mrs. Lauri-Ann Attenborough-Deakin.

Ingredients

- approx. 1 quart wood ashes or 4 tablespoons powdered lye;
- 4 quarts of water;
- 2 quarts dried corn kernels (preferably a variety of flour corn, although dent corn could work relatively well);
- 1 cup of dried beans (preferably a variety of dried pole bean);
- salted meat such as pork (meat is optional; traditionally de-boned fish or meat were used).

Method

- Boil the water, ashes, and corn in an enamel pot (not metal), for approx. 1 hour, until the hulls begin to loosen themselves from the kernel. Drain the hot liquid and rinse repeatedly with cold water until the ashes/lime and hulls have been completely removed.
- Put the de-hulled corn into a new pot and cover with water. Gently boil for approx. 6 hours until the corn swells-up like popcorn. Add the beans and salted meat and continue boiling until the beans have softened. Keep adding water as needed.

Those present at the talk will remember that it was Mrs. Attenborough-Deakin who did the interesting replication of Huron agriculture.

Ready-to-Use Lyed Corn can be purchased from Hill’s Native Foods, located on the Six Nations Reserve in Oshweken, Ontario. Scott Hill supplies restaurants and variety stores on the Reserve with cornbread and lyed corn. He can be reached at 519-445-2390

Corn and Bean Seed can be purchased from The Agrestal Organic Heritage Seed Co. Catalogues are free. Please write, fax or e-mail to Agrestal Organic Heritage Seed Co., P.O.Box 646, Gormley, ON L0H 1G0 Fax: 905-888-0094 Email: agrestal@sympatico.ca

Treasures and Stories Bring the Past to the Present

by Helen Yielding

Judging by the examples of the hobbies and heirlooms displayed at the annual January Show and Tell program, it is evident that the members of the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society are very interesting and talented people.

Where else could you hear how a 1923 radio sounded? Stuart Calhoun's battery and cathode-tube radio brought in several stations with all the excitement that must have been felt by its original owners. Or how often could you see a local land grant document dated 1820 for Patricia Blackstock's forebears. Or hear the first-hand recollections and see photos of the

first flight of the Avro Arrow from Ron Brighty, an engineer on that project. Or be delighted by a "room box" of a Gentleman's Study in perfect miniature right down to the candlesticks, guns and decoys, a hobby of Maggie Magee.

Then there were collections of all sorts. Dave Chambers exhibited his collection of close to 86 comic book pins found in cereal boxes in the 40's. June Chambers shared the history of her button collection featuring horseshoes, and Dave Pooley brought a framed collection of articles that related to his grandfather's war experiences.

Bert Platt tied together Huron, French

and local history by means of an example of a snow snake, a length of wood used in a Huron winter game. He reminded us that Champlain recuperated from a battle wound in 1615 at a Huron encampment near present day Angus and recorded the activities of his hosts including the game of snow snakes.

However, it was the Aschwenden family's everyday heirlooms – Anna's Swiss pocket watch, Sophie's grandmother's famous dented soup spoon and Franz's family ring – that reminded us all that the stories that accompany each treasure are as important as the treasure itself.

Sir John A. Macdonald Dinner – January 10, 2004

by Dr. Richard Johnston

The Orillia Museum of Art and History's annual dinner for John A. was again a tremendous success with over 210 in attendance. The former Premier of Newfoundland and current Chief Justice, Clyde Wells, presented a scholarly paper entitled, "He Did Not Mean to Make it so Good." Although this was an original quote of his grandmother in regard to her good cooking, Justice Wells used the phrase in describing John A.'s brilliant design and plan in reference to Canada's Constitution and the preliminary discussions that led up to July 1, 1867. Clyde Wells was introduced by Dr. Richard Johnston and thanked by Lloyd Dennis.

In attendance was a special honoured guest, Hugh Gainsford from Manitoba, who is John A.'s great grandson through his first marriage to Isabella Clark. Never one to give long speeches, Hugh

Gainsford spoke about the importance of not only remembering Canada's early history, but also the importance of teaching Canada's history, particularly the period around the late 19th century.



Above: Chief Justice Wells talking with John A. Macdonald's great grandson, Hugh Gainsford

Above right: Chief Justice Wells speaking with three teachers, left to right, Tyler and Beth Kudar of Orillia and Mary Johnston of Toronto



Justice Wells and Hugh Gainsford were very gracious guests and spoke with many in attendance before and after the delicious dinner at the Travelodge-Sundial Restaurant. Plans for next year's John A. dinner 2005 are already underway. Sadly, a new venue will have to be chosen as the landmark Sundial Restaurant closed its doors at the end of January. The Chairman of the dinner, Wally Bremner, did a superb job organizing the event.

Canada's War: The Lost Colour Archives

by Bill Packham

A three-part series to mark the 60th anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 2004) will air on CBC sometime in early June, and include some local footage. Residents of Barrie provided some of the footage, collected by SCHA and Barrie Historical Association member Val Brucker.

Information about this CBC show can be found on the internet at <http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/canadaswar/index.html>. Be sure to check your television guide listings closer to the air date.

COMING EVENTS of our Member Societies

Genealogical Society

- contact Claudia McArthur

Meet at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
79 Ferris Lane, Barrie - 2 p.m.

Mar. 27 - Genealogy Course with Fawne Stratford-Devai

9:15 - 3:30 - \$40 registration

Course Proceeds will go towards the SCB Microfilm project

Online sources For Family History

Research; Province of Ontario Immigration Records 1831-1901; Identifying The Origin of Immigrants to Canada

Contact Ken Reese 728-1170

e-mail: reese@mcw.net or

Marjorie Ramage 936 Line 8 South, Oro Station, ON, L0L 2E0

e-mail: mramage@bconnex.net

Apr. 3 - Michael Fitton - Marriage and Divorce - 1000 A.D. to Present (at the Orillia Presbyterian Church Coffee House at 2:00 p.m.)

May 1 - Brian Gilchrist - The Relevance of Family History to Local History

June 5 - Keith Butler - Restoration of your old photographs

Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society - contact Helen Yielding

Call (905) 775-7144 or

(905) 936-3659 for information

Meet at Tec We Gwill Hall,
Newton Robinson - 7:30 p.m.

Apr. - Gerry Eagan - Family History

May - Evelyn Davis - Activities at Camp X during WWII

June - Annual Picnic

Innisfil Historical Society

- contact Ross Wallace

Meet at Knock Community Centre, 10th Sideroad at 9th Line, Innisfil - 2 p.m.

Apr. 17 - Doreen Horton - Area Cemeteries

May 15 - Janet Turner - Fish Weirs

June 19 - Brian Baker - Annual Bus Trip

Midhurst Historical Society

- contact Alice Mitchell

Meet at Library on Finlay Mill Road,
Midhurst - 7:30 p.m. - 726-7363

Apr. 19 - Tim Crawford - The African Episcopal Church in Oro-Medonte

Orillia Museum of Art and History

- contact Ross Wallace

Meet at St. Paul's United Church, Peter St. and Coldwater Rd., Orillia - 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 21 - Fred Addis - The Noronic Disaster

May 19 - Sharon Temple and the Children of Peace

June - Date TBA - Spring Social

Barrie Historical Association

- contact Val Brucker

Meet at Barrie City Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 14 - 6:00 p.m. - Alladin Banquet Hall - Annual General Meeting - Brian Baker - Barrie: Tears, Pride, Historic Heritage

May 13 - Diane Anderson - History of the Sewing Machine

Huronia Museum Huron Ouendat Village

- contact Jamie Hunter, curator

549 Little Lake Park Road, Midland - call 526-2844 for information

to **Apr. 25** - Midland "1-2-5"

Simcoe County
Historical Association

Date: Tues 18 May 2004

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Bell Farm Banquet Hall
130 Bell Farm Road
BARRIE, ON

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"Preserving the Past in the Present for the Future"

Annual General Dinner Meeting With Special Guest Author and playwright Dan Needles

SCHA promotes interest in the preservation and appreciation of the history and heritage of Simcoe County.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear Dan Needles, creator of the Wingfield plays and winner of the 2003 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour for *With Axe and Flask*.

Buffet dinner. Seating is limited.

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