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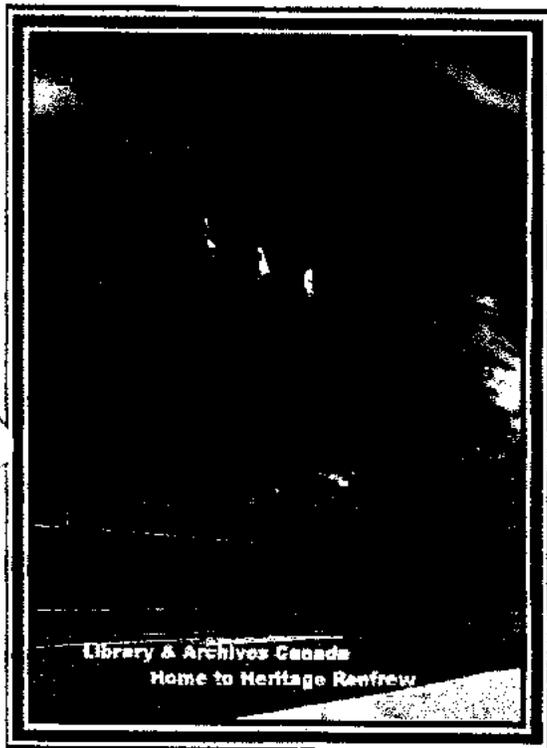


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Message from the President

Members of Heritage Renfrew

After the resignation of Dean Black, a Board of Directors meeting was called on Friday April 17/09, (13 members were present). Pat Patterson was elected as vice president and I, Mary Hass was elected president.

After the meeting I held an informal discussion on our future plans.

The Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee have held 5 meetings this year and with their help we will decide how best we can work on our goals and objectives (Purpose). See pages 4 and 5

Plans are being made to enhance our security and availability for the archival material we now have and to search out any forgotten items that may be boxed in someone's attic. We plan to visit other local archives to see how they store and make available these items to visitors.

The "Renfrew Book" about stores on Main street is taking shape. A booklet about the Post Office is finished. If you or someone you know had a business or a home on Main street in the past 150 years please contact us with a picture, (if possible) and a short story about the building.

All the original buildings from the tracks to Low's Square on the east side of Raglan street are gone. For instance I remember Rousselle's Grocery Store, Pershick's Garage, Sullivans Electric, Vice Grocery, the Beer Store, and the Liquor Store, and then the "three big brick homes" where Leob's parking lot now stands. If you have info or pictures or stories send them to the archives or give them to one of the directors.

Thanks to Olga Lewis for preparing this newsletter.

Sincerely Mary Hass President.

HERITAGE MEETING

Join us every first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., in the Heritage Room at the Renfrew Archives



MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION NOTIFICATION

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NOTICE

During the coming months there will be changes made to our hours of operation and we are also applying for grants to enable our group purchase more microfilm for research and other publications that will be of great help to all doing research at Heritage Renfrew.

We are also looking for more new members in our group. If you want to do family research, or just spend a few hours now and then learning about research or helping others, come and join our group.

RESEARCH:

Heritage Renfrew has Census microfilms from 1842 to 1901 for Renfrew County, Census microfilms for Pontiac County from 1851 to 1891, some for Lanark county, church records, the Renfrew Mercurys from 1871 to 2007 on microfilm, family histories, as well as many other publications to help those who are researching family trees and other types of research. We also have a collection of historical items that are useful to all who are researching Renfrew's past. We have volunteers who will assist you in all types of research. At the present time the Heritage Renfrew room at the National Archives building in Renfrew are from 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday. Changes to these hours are coming in the near future. Notification of changes will be in the July Newsletter as well as the Renfrew Mercury.

INFORMATION PLEASE:

Send in your queries to Heritage Renfrew, Newsletter Editor, and they will be published in this space.

Queries from members searching for ancestors will be printed in this space. If you have a query about an ancestor you have lost track of, send it to us and we will try to find the information for you.

We have volunteers who will look up obituaries and other items that could be of help.

For help in accessing records at the Heritage Renfrew room at the National Archives building, these members will be happy to help you: Olga Lewis 613-432-6958, Martin Munhall 613-432-2225, Pat Patterson 613-432-5224, Audrey Green 613-432-4354

To access newspapers on microfilm go to this site, www.collectionscanada.gc.ca There is a list of newspapers that you can order from the National Archives through inter-library loan, which is free, and is very helpful when trying to find obituaries and other information. Another site that is ongoing and very helpful for research as well is <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~maryc/ontmarr.htm> This site has marriages for all of Ontario dating back to 1869 and is an ongoing project, so many visits are a must. Just now the volunteers are putting in the marriages of 1925 and 1926.

Help Wanted

Would you like to spend some of your spare time working in the Renfrew Archives?

Contact:

Any Member listed in the Directory [page 2] or e-mail: renfrewarchives@sympatico.ca

visit our Web Site @:

www3.sympatico.ca/renfrewarchives

DONATED FAMILY TREES

- Peter Dick Family Lois Dick
- Ferguson Clan Glenda Tippins

DONATED BOOKS

Heritage Renfrew gratefully acknowledges the generosity of these donations.

Canadian Railways Wayne Tasse
Grattan Twp. Elaine Hanniman
Collection of 11 Books Pat Patterson
(most on Prince Edward County)
Tweedsmuir History Books
Rosebank Women's Institute 1979—2004
Renfrew District University Women's Club 1995—1999
Township of Brougham minutes 1893-1919

The following books were all donated by Shirley Mask Connelly
Polish Pioneer Families (Brudenell)
Brudenell Revisited
Kashubia to Canada
History of Wilno Heritage Society
Renfrew's First Polish Families
Across the Grain (Toys) Jim Smith
Collection of Interviews DVDs Jim Austin

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:

CEMETERIES:

Castleford Union	\$8:00
Goshen Cemetery	\$15.00
Sand Point Cemetery	\$ 9:00
Flat Rapids Cemetery	\$ 6:00
St Alexander's Cemetery RC	\$ 8:00
Hillcrest Public & Lakeside Cemeteries Calabogie	\$9.50
Our Most Precious Blood Cemetery Calabogie	\$ 8:00
Springtown Cemetery	\$ 8:00
Malloch Road Cemetery	
Arnprior	\$30.00
White Lake Cemetery	\$20.00
North Horton Cemetery	\$12.00
Haley Station Cemetery	\$10.00
Rosebank Cemetery	\$15.00
Admaston Public Cemetery	\$12.00
St Andrews Cemetery	
Forrester's Falls	\$10.00
Opeongo Road Cemeteries	\$12.00
Mt. St. Patrick Cemeteries	\$12.00
Plus Mailing Costs, Subject to Change	

Founding Families of Admaston

Horton & Renfrew	\$10.00
Faces & Facades	\$ 2.00
Index Cards small	\$.75

PURPOSES:from page 1

1. To bring together people interested in the Heritage and History of Renfrew and surrounding area.
2. To discover and collect documentation that may help to establish and illustrate the history, heritage and culture of the area.
3. To co-operate with the National Archives of Canada and the Archives of Ontario to collect and preserve documentary materials of historical and cultural significance so that these may be made available to students, scholars and researchers. Continued on page 5

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER!!

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SITES TO CHECK

Renfrew County Website
www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Leeds and Grenville Branch
www.cybertap.com/genealogy/

Arnprior & District Archives
www.adarchives.org

Upper Ottawa Valley Group
uovgg@valleynet.on.ca

Ancestry.co.ck

Great Briatain records for people

Gencircles.com

Canadian records for people

Www.polishroots.org

Polish genealogical site

Www.rootsweb.com

For sharing research

Www.familysearch.org

Family History Centre free search



Olga: From The Renfrew Mercury.

Renfrew had a newspaper prior to the Mercury that was established in 1871 by William Smallfield. The paper was called the Renfrew Journal and unfortunately no copies of the paper exist today. The paper was established in Renfrew in 1858. Mr Smallfield printed the following article about the former newspaper in The Mercury in 1871.

THE RENFREW JOURNAL

A friend has kindly hunted up for us a copy of the first number of our predecessor — The Renfrew Journal —which was issued on the 19th of November, 1858; just thirteen years ago.

Many of our readers remember a good deal more about the Journal and its history than we can tell them. But probably more than half of the inhabitants of the village know nothing whatever about it, and may like to hear something as to what sort of a looking newspaper it was.

As to size, it was something larger than The Mercury, containing one more column to each page. The heading of the first page, containing a picture of a beaver busily engaged in gnawing through a maple tree, was about four inches in depth. The first column consisted of business cards, 23 in number. Of these 12 were from Renfrew, 6 from Ottawa; 3 from Perth; 1 from Arnprior and 1 from Portage du Fort. The remaining six columns consisted of literary selections, in small type, solid and leaded.

The second page commenced with the announcement that "The Renfrew Journal" is printed and published by Joseph Jamieson, at the office of J Jamieson and Bro., Renfrew, Canada West. Then followed a list of thirty three gentlemen who had kindly consented to act as agents for the Journal in their several localities.—27 in the county, 1 in Toronto, 1 in Merrickville, and 2 in Perth. George Ross Esq., acted as agent in the village, and in this first number the proprietor acknowledges his thanks, for a list of 110 subscribers obtained by Mr Ross. The rest of the page contains editorial and local matter in large type leaded.

The third page was entirely devoted to advertisements. Out of all the list of storekeepers who now advertise in The Mercury the only name which appears in the Journal is that of Wm, Halpenny, D.T. Browne of White Lake, and McDonald of Rankin; advertised in the same column,—John Smith's name also appears; to advertisements about the Brewery and the Tannery; and P. Dougall announces his removal to his new shop on Main street.

The last page like the first was made up of six columns of literary selections and one of advertised patent medicine.

As exhibiting some of the changes which have taken place in Renfrew since 1858, we give the names of the advertisers who inserted their business cards;— Drs. Evan; and Smith; Joseph Jamieson, Journal Office, Wm. J. McDonald, Provincial Land Surveyor and Thomas Hughes ditto; Wm. Dickson, boot and shoemaker, Joshua Murphy, saddler and harness maker, James Airth, boot and shoemaker, B.C. Mills cabinet maker; John Munro, Orange Wright, and John Smith, hotel proprietors, also in another number we may mention some matters which were referred to in The Journal when it was started.

4. To provide archives for the preservation of such materials and for their accessibility, as far as may be feasible, to all those who wish to examine and study them.
5. To disseminate and create interest in our past by: a) Publishing such materials. B) Holding meetings with pageants, addresses, lectures, papers and discussions c) Promoting the markings of historic buildings, sites and roads. D) Using the media for public interest. e) Organize bus tours of historical interest.
6. To utilize all profits or benefits accruing to Heritage Renfrew in the promotion of the objectives with two thirds percent vote of approval.
7. To ensure that Heritage Renfrew shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accreditations shall be used to promote its objectives.

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

Annual membership fees are now due! For the year 2003 they remain at \$10.00, outside Canada is now \$15.00.

Name _____

Address _____

City/town _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

For Year _____

New Renew Home Children

Mail to: Heritage Renfrew Archives
Membership Chairperson
Box 1009
Renfrew, Ontario
K7V 4H4 Canada

Heritage Renfrew has a new President and Vice President. They are Mary Hass President and Pat Patterson Vice President.

We wish them every success in the jobs they have agreed to take on, after President Dean Black and Vice President Sheila Kemp submitted their resignations after the April 7, 2009 meeting.

At a special meeting of the board of Directors called on April 17, 2009, the board decided to accept the two resignations and then to ensure that Heritage Renfrew was not without leadership, nominations for President and Vice President were called, with the result that Pat Patterson, nominated by Olga Lewis and seconded by Stella Laviolette, and no other nominations were made after three calls for nominations for vice president, Pat Patterson accepted the job as vice president. Nominations were then called for President, Mary Hass being nominated by Irene Rekowski seconded by Vaughan Simmons, after three calls no other nominations were made and Mary Hass accepted the job as president. They will serve their terms of office for the year. Congratulations to both Mary and Pat, and we wish them well in their new jobs at Heritage Renfrew.



The picture showing above is the Dominion House in 1869 built by Francis Xavier Plaunt. It was enlarged several times and was torn down in the 1930's to make way for a service station.



UPDATE

Home Children Canada's NEWSLETTER May 2009

Dave Lorente, founder, 107 Erindale Ave, Renfrew ON, K7V 4G3.

<lorente@sympatico.ca>

N.B. A REMINDER

a. Requests re locating and amplifying on what is in Home Children Records should only be sent to

John Sayers, Chair of BIFHSGO

Home Children Committee, 2157 Fillmore Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K1J 6A1. Ph (613) 747-5547

E-mail <sayersji@sympatico.ca>

1. WHERE TO FROM HERE...

Home Children Canada began in January 1991 as a constitutionally recognized committee of Heritage Renfrew, a registered charitable organization. We have never solicited donations. The one or two person committee has always operated at personal expense. Occasional good-will donations have nevertheless been received over the years as an expression of gratitude for services rendered. These have been signed over and deposited in a special account controlled until recently by the directors of Heritage Renfrew. The funds have only been used to pay in whole or in part for special projects re the Home Children sent by - not one - but all former sending agencies in the UK. They have been used to erect or help erect the first such historical plaques in Canada, first in Renfrew, then in Ottawa, Peterborough, Pier 21 and Stratford. The money was also used to rent the U of T's OISE in Toronto for our Reunion there. (Most others venues from Vancouver and Victoria in the west to the three Eastern Maritime Provinces were provided free of charge.) The funds have also paid to print the 12-page HCC program for the unveiling of the Federal Home Child Plaque at Stratford ON, (which was jointly sponsored by Parks Canada and HCC and was attended by over 1,200) who came from three countries. It was also used to erect monuments in an Ottawa cemetery to commemorate the Home Children from St George's Home who had been buried in what had become unmarked graves. Finally, the funds were used to commission an original wax maquette - a small statue - from which a larger one might be cast of Canada's most decorated soldier in the ranks for bravery - Home Boy Pvt. Claude Nunney, MM, DCM and VC. Heritage Renfrew has recently advised that the Home Children funds will shortly be moved to a separate independent account. They will be still reserved for purchasing HCC pins, felt crests suitable for jackets perhaps, other projects perhaps relating to publishing and/or the casting of a Home Children Statue. More on this later. Meanwhile free-will donations for Home Children projects should be addressed to me personally and designated for Home Children Projects.

2. Renfrew's TIME CAPSULE - *The Happy Burial*

HCC Canada Renfrew committee contributed two items to the Town's 150th Anniversary Time

Capsule. Our two plastic-bound acetate-covered volumes will be opened during celebrations in 25 years. One features 170 pages of Renfrew Collegiate Institute's lost history which is nowhere perpetuated even today in the building's hallowed halls. It concerns the school's Cadet Corps and the internationally renowned boys and girls rifle teams and Royal Canadian Army Cadets who competed for Canada, trained and served and died abroad and the school's 19 years of Ontario Ministry of Education approved Overseas School Travel Courses on Classical Mediterranean Civilizations for pre-university credit. The second volume (60 pages) is an illustrated copy of our HCC Power Point presentation on what we have done to establish a unique cathartic program called **Remembering and Re-membering Home Children**.

3. JOHN SAYERS recognized by Province..and it sure is about time! John was recently recognized by the Ottawa Heritage Community Awards group of the Provincial Council. A well deserved recognition for heading the team of volunteers who collated all the info for the list of over 100,000 Home Children for the LAC website at <collectionscanada.ca>.

4. SOMETHING'S IN THE BREEZE AND IT JUST MIGHT BE WAFTING FROM AN OLD HCC STAMPING GROUND whom we have begged for almost two decades to do something tangible on behalf of Home Children. We can't tell you exactly who or what or even when or why, but we hope to be able to advise you all as soon as something happens...if indeed it happens at all. Anyway, we thought you'd enjoy having a clue.

5. HCC REUNIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK in Sept and in NOVA SCOTIA in October. There is too little space to give you all the details here. So for now, just contact Dave at lorente@sympatico.ca. We'll be at both, God and the Devil willing!

6. "GWEN" by Carolyn Pogue is a brand new (2009) updated novel for young adults. Ten years ago Carolyn asked us for advice in writing about her Home Girl Grandmother.

7. IN MEMORIAM - DOUG FRY

Doug FRY, our HCC Volunteer Branch Chair in Brantford, who specialized in Children sent by FEGAN, succumbed to a long illness in late March. He and his wife Irene made a unique contribution to HCC and our cause. Fegan's Home was the only UK former sending agency to leave their Home Children's personal files in Canada. Doug's father became custodian of them and passed them on to his son. When HCC was born and it became fashionable to seek our Home Children roots, Doug personally copied by hand the several folios of date-of-arrival information and allowed my wife Kay to make a data base in book form for him to have copied and make available to any interested person. A copy of the Index of 3,166 Fegan boys was donated to the then National Archives of Canada (now the Library and Archives Canada or LAC) to become part of a still growing central collection of others that started when HCC donated a copy of the first that came our way from London's Westminster Catholic Diocese and other former Catholic agencies and then others got on board thanks to the efforts of Pat McEvoy of Liverpool.

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