

Heritage Renfrew

JAN '90

Renfrew Ontario

...come to our Annual Meeting

IT'S The Wright move

Phil Wright, a Valley Boy, has been Chief Archaeologist for Eastern Ontario. He will tell and show us how and where Indians lived in Eastern Ontario - even in Renfrew County



We invite you to bring Indian artifacts for Phil to identify and discuss.

at the Library Program Center
Wed. 31 Jan. '90 - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome - Bring a friend
IT'S free!

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR 'OUTGOING' 1989 EXECUTIVE AND WELCOME TO THE '90'S!

Harry, Marge and the others who drew up the original Heritage Renfrew Constitution, in their wisdom, had it decree that the Annual Meeting to elect new officers be held in January and that the outgoing executive should report on the preceeding year's activities. Good Romans that they were, they knew that January is called after Janus, the household god whose double face adorned each portal - who saw you safely on your way and welcomed you home. It is no accident that those people who look after the shop while the owners are gone and who make it presentable are called 'janitors' and that Janus looked back on the past and forward to the future at the same time.

We finish and start the year at the Program Centre on Wednesday, 31 Jan 1990, at 7.30 sharp. But there's a bonus for getting to our Annual Meeting earlier than that. First, you'll get a good seat to hear a former Chief Archaeologist for Eastern Ontario talk about our 'pre-history' - what happened before the white man got here. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT \$3.00. It may be more at the end of the meeting. And you can shop.

To expedite matters at that meeting we are publishing our year-end reports in this bulletin. We are also explaining why we propose to effect changes in the constitution and by-laws.

We also invite any members who have published books to bring them to the meeting and offer them for sale.

SHOW AND TELL has been a popular feature of our last few meetings. You are invited to bring an artifact or two. We especially would like to see Indian artifacts from the area that our guest speaker, Phil Wright, might identify and comment on.

Finally, I should like to thank the 1989 directors for their effort and accomplishments. We look back with Janus on an eventful year and we look forward with the promise of greater things to come.



David Lorente
President

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Our constitution and by-laws were drawn up in 1975; only one amendment has been made since then.

In accordance with article VIII, Section 2, your Board of Directors has made a thorough study of the Constitution "with a view to naming any revisions that may be necessary". We make the following Notice of Motion therefore and will ask that you vote at the Annual Meeting on the proposed changes designated below or SHOWN IN CAPITALS:

Constitution - Article V re Directors and Officers:
Section 4: (addition of letters in front of names of officers, e.g. A) President (B) Vice-President, etc.

as above, same section: delete the word PROVIDED

Constitution - Article VIII re Amendments:
Section 1: after "provided that notice of motion was given at previous meeting" add "AND/OR IN A NEWSLETTER".


By-Laws: Article 1, Section 2: Annual Dues for Individual Members shall be FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) (a change from the present \$3 which does not cover the cost of the newsletter). All membership dues are spent on newsletters.

Article II re Schedule and Quorums for Meetings:
Section 1: REGULAR MEETINGS OF HERITAGE RENFREW SHALL BE HELD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet every month IF NECESSARY.
Section 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTORS AND/OR MEMBERS AT LARGE MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT.
Section 5 to become section 4.
Section 6 to become section 5.
Section 4 to become Section 6.

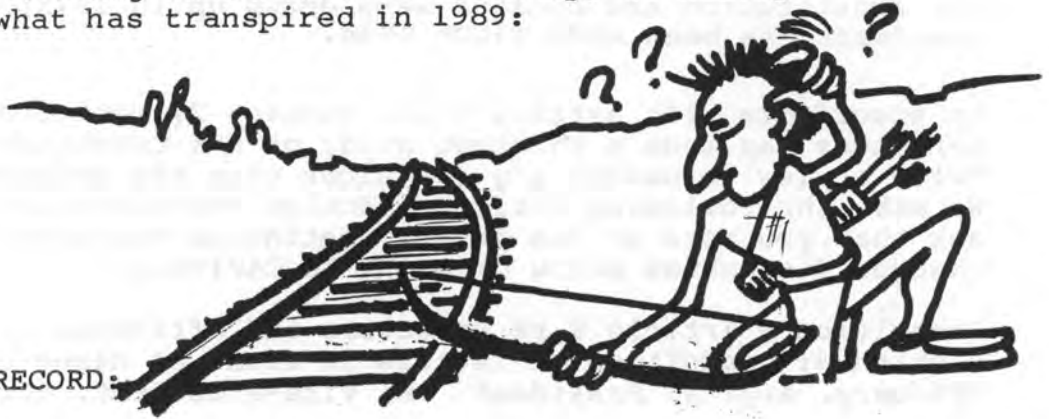
Article III: re Duties of Officers and Directors:
Section 1: Sexist terminology is removed.
Section 5 Sexist terminology is removed, also delete reference to Bank to read: Deposit IN A RECOGNIZED BANK IN RENFREW all monies received in the name of Heritage Renfrew. and PAY OUT MONIES BY NUMBERED CHEQUE SIGNED BY ANY TWO (2) OF THE TREASURER, SECRETARY DESIGNATED, OR PRESIDENT.

Article IV, Section 1 re Committees: We propose to add two (2) committees: G) THE PLAQUING COMMITTEE TO DESIGNATE SUITABLE SITES FOR COMMEMORATION AND ARRANGE FOR ERECTION AND UNVEILING OF PLAQUES.
also, H) TELEVISION COMMITTEE TO TAPE HERITAGE EVENTS FOR ARCHIVES AND FOR LOCAL TV AND TO MAKE A VISUAL INVENTORY OF THE TOWN AND AREA EVERY FIVE YEARS.

A two-thirds majority is required to effect changes in the constitution and by-laws.

 you may wish to bring this page on
31 Jan.

Rather than delay matters with a lot of committee reports at the Annual Meeting on the 31st of January, we hereby summarize what has transpired in 1989:



OUR TRACK RECORD:

1. The Board of Directors met every month except June and July.
2. The Executive and other committees met as frequently as possible depending on the project at hand. (This included many days of meetings in June and July.)
3. As required by the by-laws, the Constitution and By-laws were reviewed and suggested revisions made.
4. Long and short term aims, goals and objectives were drafted.
5. We published six Newsletters counting this one.
6. These letters reached over 206 households.
7. We promoted an interest in local genealogy.
8. We added to our microfilm collection of old Mercury newspapers. This collection is the only part of our archives still at the Town Library.
9. Our Annual Heritage Day Luncheon at the Anglican Church was most successful, as usual.
10. We promoted the sale of our book: FACES AND FACADES, Part 1.
11. We started research on FACES AND FACADES, Part 2.
12. Members made presentations at plaque unveilings, the dedication of SFX as the Skills Center and the dedication of the Prayer Chapel (Byers' Church).
13. Peter Hessel regaled us with tales of Laird McNab and a re-enactment of the Battle of Pakenham.
14. We re-introduced SHOW AND TELL with great success.

15. Our members visited Renfrew and district schools to regale students with tales of local lore.
16. We also promoted Heritage Day by distributing posters to all district schools.
17. We drafted a Proclamation which Mayor Green signed to open Heritage Week.
18. Our new video committee started taping Heritage Renfrew events for local cable TV and our archives.
19. We started an innovative video inventory of our town. Every street will be taped so that change over the years can be noted.
20. We sought out a permanent residence for our archives and hope to move in to prime new quarters this year.
21. We hosted the Canada World Youth Exchange.
22. We continue to provide the Municipality with street names that have historical significance.
23. We continued to contribute to the re-construction of the old Byers' Church as a Prayer Chapel on Pucker Street.
24. We again sponsored a Fall Colour Bus Tour that took in the New Museum of Civilization, Mackenzie King's Estate and Edison Brown's collection of engines.
25. We had a second bus trip up the Opeongo Road as far as Plaunt's Mountain. It included refreshments at DACA, some good county entertainment, and the unveiling of the Opeongo Pioneers' monument.
26. We recorded both the above events for cable TV and the archives.
27. Tim Legate took us into the dark and mysterious world of underwater archaeology in our own back yard....Renfrew county.
28. Your directors almost single-handedly gave Renfrew's first Lumber Baron Festival its high profile. Marge Lindsay spearheaded the research, then primed Lumber Baron Barnet (Bob Amaron), arranged for vintage cars and horse-drawn vehicles, drew up his itinerary and program, settled on appropriate vintage wardrobe, booked a dedicated entourage, and was on the go morning, afternoon and night during the whole event. We also made a four hour video of the event.
29. Two other TV shows were produced by Heritage Renfrew, the one on the Golf Club's anniversary and the other was an interview with the Lumber Baron.

30. The Plaquing Committee erected a unique cairn at Dacre in memory of the Opeongo Road Pioneers.

31. We have proceeded with plans to erect a plaque in Low Square to commemorate Tom Low; The Town has not yet told us whether they will contribute to the monument which will stand in front of the Town Offices.

32. We have also made plans to have a spring dedication of a Byers Church plaque on Pucker Street.

Genealogy workshop a success.

Several members of Heritage Renfrew attended the Renfrew County Genealogy Workshop at Pembroke September 15-16, 1989. This event, which was organized by the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society in co-operation with the Ottawa Valley Historical Society, was felt to be a great success, with all branch goals being met:

In all, 172 people were in attendance, including some from many different parts of Canada and a few from the USA. Genealogy is a favourite hobby with many people nowadays!

Author Carol Bennett, who was the Friday night speaker, gave a paper on "Pioneer Families of Renfrew County." Much of what she had to say ties in with her ongoing research on the 1820-1821 Emigration Society Settlers of Lanark County, many of whom moved up to Renfrew County in the 1830s. She has discovered that many of the old Scottish families of Renfrew, Horton, Admaston, McNab and Westmeath have their roots in Lanark County and did not, as was previously believed, come here directly from Scotland.

On the Saturday the main speakers were Peter White, QC, great grandson of the founder of Pembroke, who spoke on early settlement in the Pembroke area, and Alan Rayburn, author of "Geographic Names of Renfrew County" a useful handbook which has just been reprinted.

Sessions on tracing family history and on research resources were a popular part of the event. English, German, Irish and Scottish research was discussed on this occasion and it is thought that French and Polish genealogy should be incorporated into future events.

At the conclusion of the workshop, a steering committee was set up to organize an Upper Ottawa Valley branch of the Genealogical Society. A number of people have signified their interest in taking part in this new venture.

Since the article on the previous page was written the Steering Committee for the Genealogy Society has met and is soliciting volunteers and members. We print their questionnaire here for your use.

Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

(Please complete and mail to Mrs Carol Thomsett, 270 Esther Street, Pembroke, K8A 3C5

Nr. () Mrs. () Ms. () Miss () Please tick one.

Surname.....Given Name or Initials.....

Address.....Postal Code.....

Telephone.....I plan to attend January 18 meeting at 7.30 pm at the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Civic Centre Road and Laurentian Drive, Petawawa.

Yes..... No.....

Family Research (family name, locality and country of origin)

I have been researching this name for.....years. Add sheets if necessary).

I am a member of the Ontario Genealogical Society

Yes..... No.....

I belong to the following branches of OGS or other historical family tree societies.....

I am prepared to serve as a branch officer (yes () No ()
If yes, office interested in.....

I am prepared to volunteer my services in branch projects

Yes..... No.....

My areas of interest are: Library.....Cemetery Transcribing

Publicity.....Program planning..... Inquiries.....

Research..... Publication Sales..... New Members.....

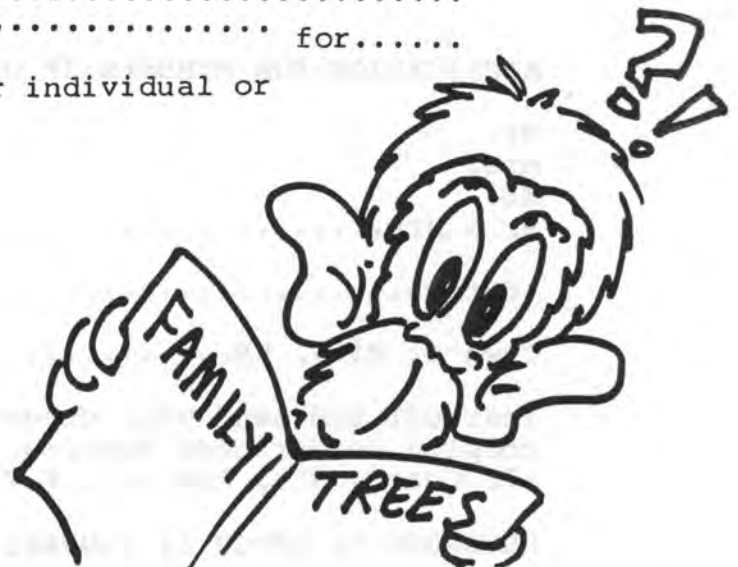
Newsletter..... Computer..... Other.....

Comments or Suggestions.....

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I recommend..... for.....

Individual fees will be \$10.00 per individual or \$13.00 per family per year.



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Annual Meeting

31 Jan '90

7.30 PM

Program Center - No admission -

Bring an artifact and a friend

Genealogy Meeting 18 Jan.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

Mr.
Mrs.
Ms.
Mr & Mrs.....

Address.....

Town or City, RR.....Postal Code.....

Tear off and send with cheque for \$3.00 (per person or per couple) to Heritage Renfrew, c/o Mrs Helen Clark, 135 Quarry St., Renfrew, K7V 2W3

MEMBERSHIPS AFTER 31 JANUARY WILL PROBABLY COST \$5.00