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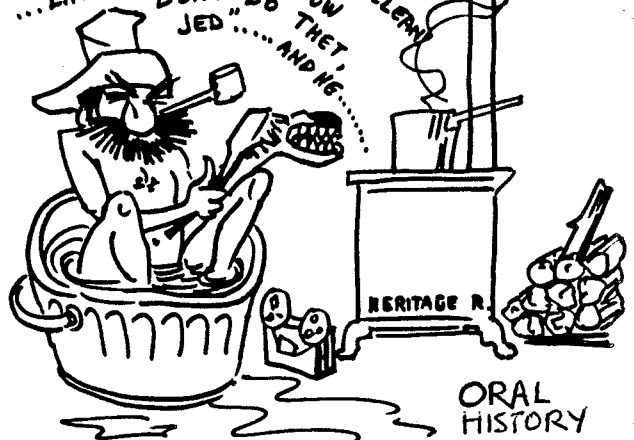
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 Steve  
 Evans



Valley  
 Portraits  
 APRIL 25 - Program Center



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You've seen the pictures.

You've read the book(s).

Now's the time to come to see and hear the author's illustrated presentation on PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE IN THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

Heritage Renfrew is proud to have Steve Evans, author-photographer, talk about his work, his books, but most of all, about the people he has immortalized and the importance of oral history.

Steve Evans will be introduced by Heritage Renfrew member Barbara Sibbald who is working with him on a new publication on Valley Farming.

So come one, come all, to Heritage Renfrew's Steve Evans night at the Library Program Center on Wednesday, 25 April at 7:30 pm.

Everybody is welcome, so bring a friend or two. Admission is free and we provide refreshments.

By the way, we have asked Steve to bring along copies of his books which you can purchase and have autographed.

It promises to be a memorable evening.



A SINCERE THANK-YOU HAS BEEN SENT TO THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE TOM LOW PLAQUE WHICH WILL BE ERECTED IN LOW SQUARE DURING THE LUMBER BARON FESTIVAL.

Our newsletter has achieved a measure of legitimacy; it now has a name: OPEONGO LINES.

Carol McCuaig submitted the winning entry and will receive five packages of all-occasion cards depicting Bonnington House as her reward.

That opening line referred to only a 'measure of legitimacy' because when we came to write the title we realized that we hadn't decided on a suitable script or logo which also is a feature of a distinctive masthead. So bear with us; for the next few issues we'll experiment. In the meantime, "Congratulations, Carol, and thanks!"

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## SAW ANOTHER BRANCH OFF YOUR FAMILY TREE

YOU have a date....with Wayne W. Walker and the I.G.I (Individual Genealogical Index) which features over 134 MILLION entries.

If your ancestors are from the English speaking world and if you can trace your family tree back to 1875, then this is your chance to use any of the 10,000 microfiche Wayne Walker will have on hand in Renfrew to unearth more records.

**Wm** → AND it all happens at Heritage Renfrew's I.G.I. Day at the Library Program Centre between 10 am and 4 pm. on Saturday, 19 May '90. You'll be getting another newsletter in May explaining the program in greater detail. So why are we telling you all this now? Why didn't we keep it all a surprise?

Well, partly because we're so excited that we couldn't wait to tell you. But there is another reason - a more important one: the success of the day depends on YOU and how much homework you do BEFORE you arrive at the program center. And what must you do? Just come to us with a research objective. That means you identify a person, a time period and a country before 1875. (Laws of privacy prevent use of data after 1875). For me and my peer 'youngsters' that means particulars on a grandfather or grandmother. Younger whippersnappers will have to go back one more generation to a great-grandparent. And that's it!

If you are interested in family history, this is a chance you should not miss. As far as we know this type of thing has not been done before, certainly not in the Valley. So dig out those family records.... dust off the family bible and papers....establish your research objective(s) now and mark your calendar for the 19th of May.

And it's free and everyone is welcome. So bring a friend.

Our Plaquing Committee has done it again. Two more plaques are ready to be erected and work is progressing on a third.

You are all invited to attend the unveiling of the historical plaque at Peggy and Max Putnam's Christian Retreat on Pucker Street on Sunday 6 May at 3 pm. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony commemorating the old Byers Church.

You will also have occasion to visit the old church - now a non-denominational prayer chapel - see the grounds, commune with the spirits and enjoy convivial company. A special invitation is extended to parishoners of old and their families, so pass the word along.

GENEALOGICAL DAY IN RENFREW - 19 APRIL AT THE PROGRAM CENTER AT 7:30 pm.

The newly-formed Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Society holds its regular meetings in different places each month. This month the group meets in Renfrew, at the program center on Thursday, the 19th.

Everyone is welcome. Individual and family memberships will be on sale, but you don't have to buy one to get in. Come and see what the organization has to offer you in satisfying your quest for knowledge about your ancestors.

Patricia Eady and Carol McCuaig have prepared free handouts on genealogical resources available at the Town Library and in Heritage Renfrew's archives.

And it's all free.

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