

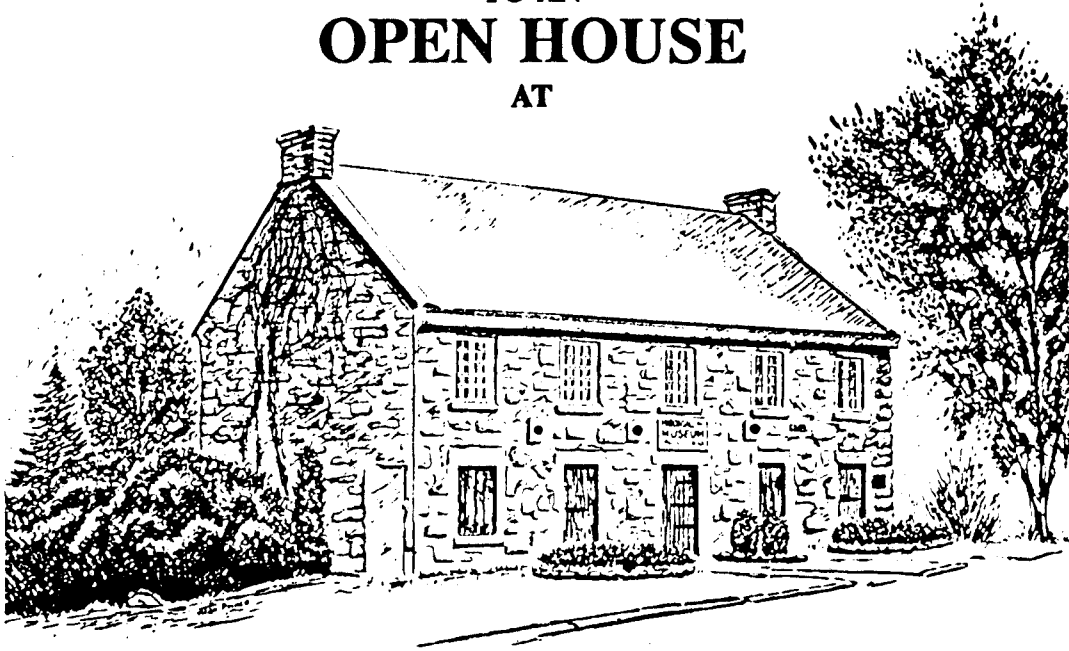
# **OPEONGO LINES**

*The Voice of Heritage Renfrew*

June 1995

Saving Yesterday for the Future

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO AN  
OPEN HOUSE  
AT**



**MCDUGALL MILL MUSEUM**

**Thursday, 20 July, 1995**

**2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Jointly sponsored by the McDougall Mill Museum  
and  
Heritage Renfrew**

**Refreshments    Entertainment    Free Will Offering**

**YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO THE 5TH ANNUAL HERITAGE RENFREW REUNION  
FOR HOME CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN BELLEVILLE ON  
16 SEPTEMBER  
(details inside)**

From the President

*The Directors of Heritage Renfrew continue to work diligently to maintain "law and order" at the Archives and to plan for future events. The next of these will be the Lumber Baron Festival - always a busy time,, but I doubt if anyone has worked harder in preparation than our representative on the LBF committee, Con Hunt. As you probably already know he will be enacting J.L. McDougall, the Lumber Baron who is being featured for the 1995 Festival.*

*For this reason we have arranged to have an "Open House" in conjunction with the Museum at the McDougall Mill from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, 20th July.*

*We are hoping that the Lieutenant Governor will include a visit to the Museum during the afternoon and that we will be able to offer some form of entertainment on the lawn outside, as well as light refreshments. We hope you will be able to attend. Do bring a friend or two.*

*On the following day - Friday, 21st July the Archives will be open from 1 p.m to 4 p.m for anyone wishing to do Genealogical research, so please do take advantage of the opportunity.*

*And we are casting our seed far afield. This year is the 150th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Barnardo who sent 30,000 Home Children to Canada. There will be a big gala celebration in England to mark the occasion and our Heritage Renfrew Home Children Committee will be there as honoured guests.*

*Heritage Renfrew will also honour Barnardo by holding our 5th Annual Reunion for Home Children, their families and friends at the Belleville Legion Hall, on Saturday, 16 September at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free, as usual. Come and bring a friend. By the way, the reason we have chosen this location is because Barnardo had a Distribution Home called MARCHMONT HOUSE in Belleville (actually his organization inherited it from Annie Macpherson). There are many Home Children in the Belleville-Trenton area who have not been able to attend previous Reunions in Renfrew and Ottawa.*

*Finally, at the present time there are three vacancies for Directors on the Board of Heritage Renfrew. If there is anybody out there who has time and interest to join us, please get in touch with me or any of the directors.*

*Irene*

**Irene Trobridge**

## ACQUISITIONS

1. We have acquired several lists, most having to do with destitute Irish immigrants, e.g.
  - a. the names of 619 Irish orphans in the Catholic Orphanage of Quebec. Their parents died on the voyage to Canada or at Grosse Ile and the children were placed during the summers of 1847 and 1848. The list includes names of those (many French) who adopted the children.
  - b. The McCabe list of 673 settlers (mostly Irish) in Bytown in 1828. The list gives details re origin: county, town, parish and family members or acquaintances in those places. Invaluable for Valley researchers.
2. Print-outs of the 1871 Census for Renfrew County and for Ottawa-Carleton - (Heads of family and 'strays' only) - invaluable guides to facilitate looking up other ancestors in the appropriate sections of the microfilm reels. The Ottawa-Carleton guide is a help because people often stopped over in Bytown and area with the 'chain-link migration' pioneers who came out before them.
3. Two books on Irish Genealogy; the one with the list of all parishes and maps of the counties (RC, C of I, and Presbyterian) and the other with ship lists of Irish to North America.
4. A book on the poor-houses (workhouses) in Ireland. If you know where your Irish predecessor came from, you might find a reference to her/him in the local workhouse records.
5. A list of over 3,000 Home Children sent by Mr Fegan to Ontario. Special thanks to Doug Fry for sharing his index with us.
6. And though it hasn't arrived yet, Sarge and Pauline Bampton have located the long lost Church of England list for GIBBS HOME in Sherbrooke, Quebec, and they promise us a copy.
7. A copy of the Belden Map and Atlas for Renfrew County, thanks to Sister Mary Candon, CND, Kingston.

## HOME CHILDREN

1. HERITAGE RENFREW 5th ANNUAL REUNION IN LEGION HALL, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, 1:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1995. NO CHARGE, COME ONE; COME ALL! Our guest speaker is Collette Bradford, Head of After Care, at Barnardos in England. (See also the President's Message) That Barnardos - the largest Child Care organization in Great Britain - should send us their Head of After Care two years in a row as guest speaker at NO EXPENSE TO US is a sign that they

recognize that Heritage Renfrew is doing useful work and is, in fact, assisting them in what they do. They have also assisted us by providing a grant of \$300 to assist with postage.

Collette will be with our Committee for two weeks during which time they will address several groups in Ottawa and the two gatherings in Belleville. She will tell of three part BBC program on Barnardos to be aired this summer, and touch on the joy and pain that can come from having access to personal records.

2. HOME CHILDREN and their spouses are invited to stay over in Belleville and attend a Sunday luncheon and afternoon together with other Home Children at the Seniors Centre next to the Legion. This is the 15th year that Barnardo Children in the area have met with hostess Rona Rustige of the Hastings County Museum. A few years ago they opened their doors to all Home Children, regardless of affiliation. There is a minimal charge for the luncheon and seating is limited to 200. First come first served. Contact Rona at the

Hastings County Museum  
257 Bridge Street East  
Belleville ON K8N 1P4  
Tel (613) 962-2329

2. OVER 1,000 HOME CHILDREN ARE TO ATTEND A GALA CELEBRATING 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THOMAS BARNARDO'S BIRTH, in July at BARNARDOS GIRLS VILLAGE, BARKINGSIDE, ENGLAND. Kay and Dave Lorente of Heritage Renfrew Home Children Committee are to participate as guests of Barnardos.

3. To date over 1,100 requests for Research Kit and help have been directed to Heritage Renfrew. This does not include the many hundred kits printed and given out at conferences in Alberta, Chatham etc. and at an Elderhostel. Over 600 requests for help have come in the last year alone and over 60 in the last month.

4. Last year the POST OFFICE decided that there were so many 'worthy suggestions that they could not strike a stamp in honour of Home Children. They chose instead such worthy subjects as Bridges, Farm Implements, the Monarch Butterfly, etc. We have already submitted a request that Home Children be put on stamps next year (announcement to be made this fall). If you support this move to so honour Home Children send a letter or post card saying so to

The Chairman, Stamp Advisory Committee,  
Canada Post Corporation  
Station 879,  
Ottawa ON K1A 0B1

Send a copy to your MP too. No postage required for him/her.

5. See paras 5 and 6 in the previous section. Our database is growing.
6. Since the last newsletter our Home Child Committee has given presentations at

Provincial Conferences in Alberta and in Chatham, has had Home Children reunions in Almonte and Stratford, and has given a talk in Arnprior.

7. Sarge and Pauline BAMPTON of Richmond, Quebec, are hosting a Home Children Reunion on 16 July, 1995. They also have a summer-long museum display on Home Children at the Richmond Museum. They invite you to drop in. For more information on the Reunion or display contact Sarge or Pauline at

Richmond County Historical Society  
374 Stanley St CP 242  
Richmond, Quebec JOB 2H0

8. THE FALL CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY in Ottawa in September (see notes below) will feature two sessions on Home Children and provide an opportunity for Ottawa area Barnardo children to meet personally with Collette Bradford, Head of After Care.

Jim Heal and the organizers have lowered their normal registration fees for those attending ONLY the two Home Child Sessions.

- Session I given by Dave & Kay Lorente and Collette Bradford: \$7.50
- Session IV (Part II) FREE for Home Children and spouses and \$5 for descendants of Barnardo Home Children.

\*\*\*\*\*CONTACT DAVE LORENTE IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS.

- Special arrangements have been made to have Collette Bradford meet with all Home Children after the two sessions on Saturday. (For more information contact Jim Heal at address and phone number underlined in the next two paragraphs.)

#### THE BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OF GREATER OTTAWA AND THE VALLEY

This year-old group invites you to join their ranks. Fee is \$20 individual, \$25 family. Mailing address is BIFHSGO, Box 38026, Ottawa ON K2C 1N0. The group meets at the Family History Centre (LDS), 1017 Prince of Wales Drive, on the second Saturday of every month except July and August. Besides the ten programs there is an Annual Conference (Sept 8-9-10 this year) and four issues of ANGLO-CELTIC ROOTS. This is a sort of self-help group. Everybody is quite helpful. There are DISCOVERY TABLES at each meeting for English/Welsh/Scottish and Irish research. For more information visit the Renfrew Archives and pick up the bright orange hand-out.

#### FALL CONFERENCE OF THE BIFHSGO...

... will be at Ottawa City Hall, 111 Sussex Drive in Ottawa, September 8-10. Telephone (613) 224-9868 for info. There will be presentations on Scottish Settlement in Glengarry, the 1881 Census, Tracing Family History in Wales, HOME CHILDREN, Upper Canada Land Board Records, Computer Bulletin Boards, Palatine Irish, Chelsea Pensioners, Computers in Genealogy, HOME CHILDREN (Part 2), English Immigration

and Settlement Patterns in the 19th Century, Tweedsmuir Histories, Tracing Family History in Ireland, Irish Social History, Video in Heritage, 19th Century Settlement in the Outaouais, and British Ordinance Maps. Something for everyone!

### **DIDJA'KNOW?**

1. Virtually all the Irish immigrants to Canada said they were labourers or farmers because Immigration laws in Ireland (and elsewhere) did not permit skilled people to emigrate because they were needed during the Industrial Revolution.
2. A glance at a "Primary Valuation of Tenements for the Parish of Tankardstown" in Ireland a century or so ago, shows that almost all "townlands, occupiers and leasors" had a "house, office and land". One's first impulse is to consider that this was indeed a well-to-do parish. You should know, though, that the Irish used "office" to mean "outhouse". Rather like the "library" to which some old-timers still refer.

### **RENFREW ARCHIVES**

Just for the record, we have kept tab of all who visited or used our Archives since we moved in and the total to date exceeds 2,000:

1991 = 430    1992 = 333    1993 = 644    1994 = 443    1995 = 188\*

(\* to June 15)

### **EXTRA HELP**

By special arrangement with Human Resources and J&J Enterprises in Eganville, Jennifer Johnston spent a week with us in May working full time on transcribing Smallfield histories onto computer disk.

**DO you have special skills? Do you want to develop skills? Have you considered volunteering at the Archives?**

### **THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY...Well, almost!**

"Typos" are the bane of every editor and a real "doozie" was perpetrated on the front of the last Newsletter. Norm Crowder, whose passion for figures and accuracy is legendary, spotted it and phoned to express his genuine concern over what happened to the last 40 years. You see, your newsletter was dated April "1955".

I feel I somehow have to make that up to Norm, so you'll understand when I sign off...

Dave, June 2025