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Opeongo Lines is the voice of Heritage Renfrew. The Heritage Renfrew Historical Society is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens interested in the genealogical history of Renfrew and surrounding area. The society maintains an extensive archive of artifacts, articles, family histories and books visitors may look over upon making an appointment.



It was a very busy, successful Heritage Renfrew Luncheon held in mid-February, again this year. Brian, Irene, and Mr. & Mrs. Paterson, shown above, were our strength, in the kitchen, from beginning to end. Stella, Dean, Darlene, and Audrey were in the thick of things, too. Approximately 100 people were served, making this year's Luncheon one of the better attended. It was "Family Day", in Ontario that day. Most families had a holiday. It was also a nasty day, where weather is concerned. On both counts we were fortunate to realize such a great turnout. Better weather may have led more families to pursue other activities; thankfully enough kind folk decided to join us on the opening day of Heritage Week in ON.

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Past Presidents Advisory Committee, Jim MacGregor, Kay Gollinger Lorente, Vaughan Simmons, Marjorie Lindsay, Dorothy Skinner, John Steele, Doris Humphries

Honorary Directors Carol McCuaig, Helen Clark, Don Campbell



George Rand, of Ivy Avenue in Renfrew, ON took home the \$50.00 prize for the most impressive family wedding portrait displayed during the Heritage Renfrew Luncheon, in February. George explained that the photo showed a wedding party, circa 1908, on the 7th of June, involving Rupert Rand and Dorothy Davies. George also had photographs of Richard Rand and Jane Williams (shown). This particular set of photographs was believed to have been taken circa 1850, on glass. Heritage Renfrew is grateful to everyone who participated in the antique (wedding) photo contest.



Have you visited the Renfrew150.ca web-site, yet? There remain about 200 days of celebration remaining. If you are interested in knowing of up and coming activities, visit the web-site today.

HOME CHILDREN COMMITTEE REPORT on March 2008 Activities for Meeting of Heritage Renfrew Directors, 2008-04-01

by Dave Lorente

1. Total number of messages sent in 2008 to end of March in response to HC matters: 214
2. 2009 - YEAR OF THE HOME CHILD is still in the wishing stages as far as official recognition is concerned. Cecil Verge of NS is carrying the ball on this. An excellent article appeared in the Bridgewater Bulletin and Lunenburg Progress-Enterprise of Mar-4, 2008.
3. THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM - In response to our invitation to them we await a response from Mark O'Neill the Director General and others as the CWM to discuss four matters having to do with Home Children, Canadians in Cassino and the exploits of a Renfrew War Hero exploits.
4. THE BNA's book - NEW LIVES FOR OLD - (UK edition) arrived late in the last week of the month. We have already begun our detailed review which may take as long as a month.
5. The ORPHAN TRAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA will be approached re participation in Canada's 2009 - YEAR OF THE HOME CHILD move. They are not likely to be involved because the American movement started in the mid 1850's and not in 1869.
6. Budge Wilson's BEFORE GREEN GABLES,
7. Jean Yves Pelletier, author of the first book on NOTRE DAME CEMETERY IN OTTAWA EAST, has been in touch re the Home Children grave markers HR's HCC erected there in 2006 and to ask that we serve as editors for the French and English versions. This we have done.
8. HOME BOY Art MONK's Autobiography: We continue to meet with Arthur.
9. Our Sask contact has advised that Gen.

Hillier and the Ministry of Cdn Heritage, have responded to his suggestion that Home Boy Hero Claude Nunney receive official Canadian recognition. He is less than excited about how they skirted around the issue.

10. The UK's NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME has again been in touch asking that we continue our personal involvement in assisting them.

12. THE PKS CAN TRAVELLING DISPLAY ON HOME CHILDREN - There has been no action on this to date. The director of our Renfrew facility is still waiting for direction from above.

HOME CHILDREN COMMITTEE REPORT on April 2008 Activities for Meeting of Heritage Renfrew Directors, 2008-05-06 By Dave Lorente

1. Total number of messages sent in 2008 to end of April in response to HC matters: 260

2. 2009 - YEAR OF THE HOME CHILD suggestions have as yet evoked no responses from governments.

3. THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM - We still await responses from the powers that be to our invitations to meet with them re donations of artifacts.

4. THE BNA's book - NEW LIVES FOR OLD - (UK edition) is a late but welcome arrival even though it is totally lacking in crucial consideration of measures taken since 1967 to deal with the effects on home children sent to Canada and Australia. It also omits reference to those sent elsewhere and government involvement in the process. Our book review for the BNA will deal with the aforementioned.

5. The ORPHAN TRAIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA is in the process of moving. It's effect on carrying our oldest website is still up in the air.

6. RENFREW FISH AND GAME OFFICIALS have been in touch re conservation awards won in the 1950's and the Club's involvement in assisting the Ontario Fish and Game Ministry to introduce hunter safety courses provincially and in Army Cadet Camps across Canada.

7. HOME BOY ART MONK's Autobiography: The first chapters have been completed and are ready for the printers.

8. We have yet to contact Gen. Hillier and the Ministry of Cdn Heritage re Nunney.

9. RCI50's REUNION & WALL OF ACHIEVEMENT - We had 4 Displays on RCI at the Reunion and assisted with research on nominee Dr George Burwell for the Wall of Achievement.

10. A Possible HC EXHIBITION IN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA - Pier 21 has asked our help re possible involvement in such a venture pending official sanction.

11. THE PKS CAN TRAVELLING DISPLAY ON HOME CHILDREN is still in hibernation pending official sanction.

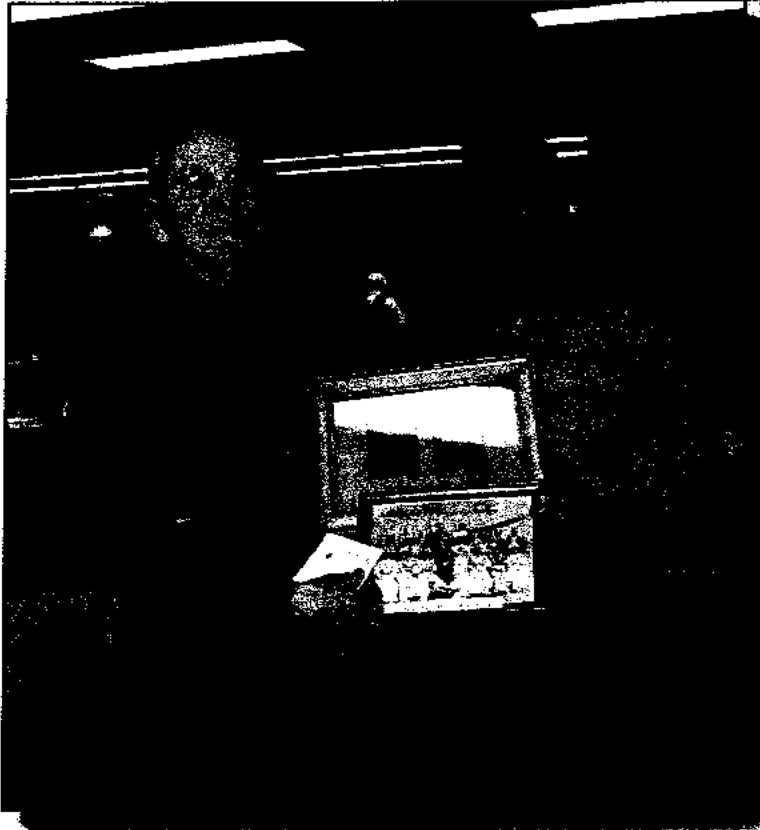
12. The Mercury ran our story on the Mural re the HISTORY OF RENFREW AND RCI.

13. IN MEMORIUM: Mrs Daisy BAKER, wife of Barnardo Boy Syd BAKER and co-founder of the Pacific Branch of Home Children Canada, in Sydney BC in late April. Sincere condolences to our friend Syd and his family.

Dave



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Pictured below: Audrey Green, Gladys Sidock, Cheryl Gallant, MP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Doug Sidock. Audrey Green, current Reeve, for Renfrew, serves as the Past President of Heritage Renfrew. Doug and Gladys have been the consummate Renfrewites for many, many years, renowned for their volunteerism and community support. Cheryl Gallant, Conservative, graces many venues throughout the county, and her attendance, especially at Heritage Renfrew events, is always most welcome. Doug, Gladys and Audrey dressed for the occasion - Renfrew's Flag Day and Heritage Luncheon, held to kick off Heritage Week in Ontario, but Renfrew style.



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RESEARCH:

For those wishing to do research at Heritage Renfrew we have following aids to help you in your research: The census records for Renfrew County from 1842 to 1901; Census records for Pontiac County from 1842-1901; Census records for Lanark County from 1851-1901; Family histories of local residents which were researched and donated by members; Church records on microfilm, St Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, Our Lady of Angels Wilno Church; St Patrick's Church records which are in binders from 1846 to 1908; Esmonde Roman Catholic Church records up to 1910; We have cemetery recordings for cemeteries local and some for the surrounding area; We have the Ontario Marriage records for Renfrew County done from 1869 to 1890; The books written by Carol McCuaig which have a lot of information on families who settled in this area and who also came into this area from other counties; The Renfrew Mercury from 1871 to 2004 on microfilm; Les and Aldene Church's BMD's from the Renfrew Mercury from 1871-1926; You can order in microfilms from the National Archives for research. It saves going down to Ottawa to do the research where the cost of parking is very dear indeed. There is no parking at the National Archives building; There are many reference books some purchased and some donated that are very helpful for research; There is also the IGI series on Microfiche of families all over the world with baptisms, marriages on them; Land Records also on Microfiche.

We have two reader printers to assist you in printing out information from microfilms. Cost of print outs is 25 cents for each copy; We have microfiche readers also as well as microfilm readers without print out facility; We are open to the public two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays and a volunteer should be available to assist you; On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays you can make an appointment with one of the following volunteers and come in and do your research then. Olga Lewis 432-6958 Joyce McBride 646-2375, Martin Munhall 432-2225. We welcome you to our facility and hope to see you there.

CEMETERIES:

The following publications and excerpts are available for purchase at Heritage Renfrew: Castleford Union \$9.00, Goshen Cemetery \$15.00, Sand Point Cemetery \$6.00, Flat Rapids Cemetery \$6.00, St Alexander's Cemetery R.C. \$8.00, Hillcrest Public & Lakeside \$9.50, Our Most Precious Blood Cemetery \$8.00, Springtown cemeteries \$8.00, Malloch Road Cemetery \$30.00, White Lake Cemetery \$20.00, North Horton Cemetery \$12.00, Haley Cemetery, \$10.00, Rosebank Cemetery \$15.00, Admaston Public Cemetery, \$12.00, St Andrew's Cemetery \$10.00 Opeongo Road Cemeteries \$12.00 Mt St Patrick Cemeteries \$12.00 plus Mailing cost of \$3.50 for first publication and \$1.50 shipping and handling cost, plus mailing cost of \$1.50 each for additional items purchased.

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Heritage Renfrew Meetings

Won't you join us? Heritage Renfrew meets on the first Tuesday of each month, July and August excepted, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room at the Renfrew Archives, 770 Gibbons Road, National Archives of Canada facility (off O'Brien Road). You will be a welcomed addition to our team of Renfrew historians and genealogists. Share with us your research interests. We will be pleased to include your interests in our quarterly* newsletter. Share stories and questions, share successful research experiences and advice. The accumulated experience amongst members of Heritage Renfrew is remarkable. See you soon?

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