

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

Our next event will feature a return engagement of Pat Evans whom we have enjoyed before. As everyone connected with the Society knows Pat has established himself as an authority on the Philemon Wright family tree. In the course of his prodigious research he has garnered many interesting and amusing titbits of information and unusual experiences which he will share with us in his good-humoured way under the topical heading of 'Genealogical Gleanings'.

This meeting will be in the New Town Hall, Old Chelsea, Que. at 8 p.m. sharp on Wednesday 27 April 1977.

You would be well-advised not to miss this one.

LAST MEETING

On March 30th, Wilf. Kearns provided us with a profitable evening of enlightenment and entertainment as he introduced us to his coterie of antecedents and told us how he got to know them better through a few happy accidents and a lot of hard 'digging'. He revealed some of the rewards of 'looking up your ancestors' and he sowed some seeds among those present which may encourage them to 'go and do likewise'.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Out of Victoria came a letter to the Society dated 15 March 1977 from Commander L. G. Temple of HMCS Gatineau, a destroyer in the Canadian navy. He had learned of our existence through a recent reading of the first issue of 'Up the Gatineau!'.

Also included with the correspondence were a mounted crest and a badge of the ship, several pictures and some descriptive and historical data.

Commander Temple suggested an affiliation and, to make a long story shorter, we named the Commander and his ship's company honorary members of the Society.

The crest and other material which he sent will be mounted for display in our Moorside Museum.

Since he had mentioned Mrs. Holt's article in our 1975 issue, photocopies of the correspondence, etc. were sent to her in Victoria and out of this has come an invitation from Commander Temple to Mr. and Mrs. Holt for tea and a tour of the ship.

I am sure that I speak for all members when I express our delight in having this association and Commander Temple is to be commended for having taken the initiative.

Dare I say - "welcome aboard"?

A LOANER

Through arrangements made, and generously paid for, by our Alan Powell we now have a bound copy of Pat Evans' THE WRIGHTS on hand which may be borrowed by members,

Simply telephone Sheila Strang on 827 0420 (but not until early in May as she is visiting and helping some friends in New Orleans at the moment).

You will recall that THE WRIGHTS is the extensively researched and thickly branched family tree of Philemon Wright.

LAST CHANCE?

This is a further reminder that the Bytown Railway Society is sponsoring a Spring Excursion to Maniwaki by train on Saturday May 7, 1977.

Enclosed you will find a leaflet giving all the particulars and if you are interested you should make your own arrangements directly. Please note that you may join the train in Ottawa, Hull or Chelsea.

Do not let this opportunity pass you by as it may never happen again!

TAKE NOTICE!

(1) One of our members, and an enthusiastic supporter of our Auction Sales, Marian Heringer, is the moving force behind an Auction in aid of the Sandy Hill Day Camp.

The sale will begin at 10.00 a.m. (viewing at 9.00 a.m.) on Saturday, 7 May 1977 in the Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset Street East, Ottawa. And if you look carefully you will see a couple of familiar 'auctioneers' in action on auction. Come join the fun and the profit!

(2) Do not forget the Seminar of the Ontario Genealogical Society at Carleton University on May 27, 28 and 29. Refer to the leaflet which we sent you.

FEES PLEASE!

According to our latest records there are still 29 of last year's members who have not paid for 1977. We would hate to lose you. There is still time - but not much.

If you see red YOU are one of the 29. So you know what to do - if you want to.

MAY MEETING

We hope to have Karen Woods and her colleagues show us and tell us about the pioneer quilts which they have been researching and making.

15 April 1977

Arthur Davison,
President.