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Next Meeting

Monday, June 21, 8:00 p.m.

Maclaren Mill Wakefield

- TOURS OF THE MILL - Be one of the first to see the displays in place for the summer of '93.
- HUME DOUGLAS, Slides of Thailand (As a community service, the Historical Society partially subsidized Hume, through Canada World Youth, in return for which support he contracted to present a talk on his adventures.)
- SHOW AND TELL - Bring your historical treasures and archival masterpieces to show to the rest of us - behind every little manuscript, old photograph, map, or other relic there lies a tale to be told. Why not tell it to us! (We understand a specialist in antiques may be present to evaluate items and answer questions.)

REFRESHMENTS AT 7:30; MEETING AT 8:00

Please bring your own chair

(And why not bring a friend too!)

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AUCTION

A further reminder: Annual Auction and Flea Market, Saturday, August 21, St. Stephen's Church grounds, Old Chelsea. For information or to offer items for the auction or flea market, call **James Strate** (827-2237).

MILL & MUSEUM TO OPEN JUNE 24

Official opening of the Wakefield Mill and the Maclaren House Museum is scheduled for June 24. The buildings will be open five days a week (Wednesday through Sunday), between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., with the last day of operations to be Labour Day, September 6.

We are fortunate this year to have Jeannine Erb of Alcove working with us. Jeannine will be taking a lead role in the development of marketing strategies and plans for the future development of the Mill and Museum. Andrew Geggie will be back, at least until July, to help us get the project going.

As we will have limited full-time staff, there will be a need for bilingual volunteers to help in greeting visitors and explaining the buildings to them. If interested, please call **David Geggie** at 827-1560.



WAKEFIELD BRIDGE UPDATE

Plans for the summer include the purchase of a sawmill and its being put to use to saw the logs for the future construction. Social events include a Country Music Festival at the Wakefield Rink on June 4, 5, and 6, and a

Covered Bridge Garage Sale, also at the Wakefield Rink, on Saturday, June 12, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

July 1 events, to be held at the Maclaren Mill and Museum site, will include a Canada Day Balloon Race, fiddlers, games, contests, and fun, fun, fun.

Watch future Newsletters for later events, and for information on the Bridge Project, call Anita Rutledge (459-2773), Norma Walmsley (459-2061), or Ann Chudleigh (827-1560).

FOURTH ANNUAL PONTIAC ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR

June 12 & 13 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ADMISSION FREE

Visit twelve artists at seven studios in beautiful Pontiac County.

Bus tours available through Ottawa Board of Education. Contact Shirley Claydon (613/239-2309).

Brochures and maps available at gas stations along Highway 148 West. Look for the magenta and blue tour signs.

For information contact Dale Shutt (819/648-2441) or Ruby Ewen (819/455-2253).

Arthur Brown, 1919-1993

The entire membership of the Historical Society expresses its sincere condolences to Mrs. Arthur (Musie) Brown, on the death of her husband Arthur, on May 7.

A life-long resident of the Gatineau Valley, Arthur Brown was a faithful member of the Historical Society, and known as an authority on the history of Chelsea Municipality. He also was a fine human being who will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to meet and know him.

- Jay Atherton

Correspondence

Dear Jay Atherton:

So many thanks to you and all members of the Historical Society for your warm expression of sympathy on the death of my dear husband Arthur.

His continuing interest in all aspects of the Society became a part of his life. Pat Evans' wonderful tribute to him in the April Newsletter was truly a triumph.

Most sincerely,
Betty Davison

The Members of the Historical Society of the Gatineau:

Thank you for the book "Hurling Down the Pine". The Routliffes are connected to the Wrights through marriage, so this makes the book even more interesting. It was a pleasure for me to speak to you on the "Quebec Women's Institute", a subject very dear to my heart.

Thank you,
Helen Routliffe

Open Letter of Thanks to Society Members:

It is with great pleasure that I enclose the final payment of \$3,075 of the loan which the Society extended to me for the publication of *Historical Walks: The Gatineau Park Story* in April, 1988.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Society members for the generous interest-free loan which allowed me to self-publish my first book. *Historical Walks* launched my career as a writer and as a publisher. I would particularly like to thank members Tony German, Carol Martin, Pat Evans, Lid and Ed Ryan, Bob Phillips, and Norma and Stuart Geggie—along with former member David Lewis—who expressed faith in me and who encouraged me to pursue my goal of both writing and publishing *Historical Walks*.

As many of you know, it is extremely difficult for a new, untested writer to get a publisher. The Historical Society of the Gatineau kindly took a chance with Eric and me when they extended this loan in 1988. I am very proud to display the Society's logo on the title page of *Historical Walks*. And, in my media interviews—as well as in my publishing workshops and during the Gatineau Park walks given through the Ottawa Board of Education—I advertise our Society by giving special credit to the members' support.

It is because of the Society's willingness to "take a chance" with me, that I have now written my second book, this time published by McClelland and Stewart. Once again, Eric designed all the maps and both of us worked on our Macintosh computer to design and copyfit all the pages. *Capital Walks: Walking Tours of Ottawa Neighbourhoods*, is now in Ottawa bookshops. McClelland and Stewart accepted my proposal for *Capital Walks* after hearing of *Historical Walks'* success.

So you see, I am especially grateful to the Historical Society of the Gatineau for helping to launch my career as a writer! There are many stories that need to be told lest we forget our past: thank-you, *to each and every one of you*, for helping to keep our history alive.

Most sincerely,
Katherine Fletcher

ARTHUR DAVISON FUND ESTABLISHED

Thanks to the generosity and initiative of several Society members, the Board of Directors has decided to establish the **Arthur Davison Fund**, in memory of the late Arthur Davison, a founder and long-time supporter of the work of the Historical Society.

Donations to the Fund will be used in support of the annual Arthur Davison Prize, awarded to the author of the best article in our journal, *Up the Gatineau!*. Members interested in donating are asked to contact our Treasurer, Yvonne Jurgens, at the Society's address given on our masthead.

- Jay Atherton

Archival Highlights

From our Archivist, Pat Evans -

To those engaged in research or writing, the following are a few of the items available at the Archives nationales du Québec in Hull (telephone 819/772-3010). (Unless indicated otherwise, the predominant language of each *fonds* or archival collection is English.)

La Famille Wright

Collection Jean-Paul Guilbeau (Hull)

Aimé Guertin (Aylmer)

William H. Johnston & Reby Dodds (Rupert & Masham)

Inventaire du Patrimoine architectural du Pontiac - about 500 photographs

La Famille Morrison (relations with Hendersons, Wakefield Township)

Canada Packers Ltd. (English & French)

André Joyce - History of Buckingham (French & English)

La Famille Conroy (Aylmer)

Cercle Socio-culturel Saint-Dominique inc. (Luskville, French & English)

La Famille Geggie-Stevenson

Les Industries James Maclaren (Buckingham, Masson, High Falls, Thurso - English & French)

La Famille Foran (Aylmer)

W.C. Edwards Company (Thurso)

Thomas Leopold Willson (Victoria Island, Meech Lake)

William H. Dunning (Masson)

Loyal Orange Lodge (Wakefield, Masham)

Ann Schnurr (Poltimore, High Falls, in English & German)

Mark Assad (Buckingham, French & English)

Gordon Bigelow (Buckingham)

Cameron & Edwards Company (Thurso)

Buckingham Band of Hope

George Lakin Parker (Buckingham)

Chantiers de la Lièvre (Buckingham)

Thomas Reid (Kirk's Ferry)

La Succession James George Bryson (Pontiac County)

Cawood Mica Company (Pontiac County)

Adolphus Larue (Bristol, Pontiac County)

Moses Benedict (Hull)

Foster Bennett (Rivière Désert)

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