

# GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## NEW NAME FOR OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHELSEA: With about 50 members in attendance at the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society of The Gatineau, there was a unanimous agreement to amend the Society's Constitution to change the name of the long established organization to the *Gatineau Valley Historical Society / Société historique de la Vallée de la Gatineau*. Jay Atherton, the Society's Archivist, who is also the keeper of the Constitution, told the audience that the original name has often led some people to think that the Society is based in the former city of Gatineau and that it was shortened to Gatineau Historical Society "the creation of the City of Gatineau has considerably exacerbated the original problem." he explained. The Society's mandate has traditionally focused on the Ouataouais region north of the City of Gatineau, into the rural communities connected by the Gatineau River Valley. Ernie Mahoney, President of the Society said that he was pleased to have served as the last President of the Historical Society of The Gatineau and pleased to become the first President of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.

### *Our Mission*

The Gatineau Valley Historical Society / *Société historique de la Vallée de la Gatineau*, is a charitable not-for-profit organization which has acted to conserve and foster interest in history and heritage of the Gatineau Valley region for over forty years, since its founding in 1962.

As a voluntary organization, the Historical Society achieves through the work of people - executive, committees, members - and by influencing people. Our activities range from organizing events to publishing, preserving archival material of local historical interest. We interact with other history and heritage groups in the region, and work as an active, locally-based group to make our resources and assistance available within the wider community.

### COMING EVENTS

**April 28, 2003, 7:30 pm**  
**Chelsea Community Centre**

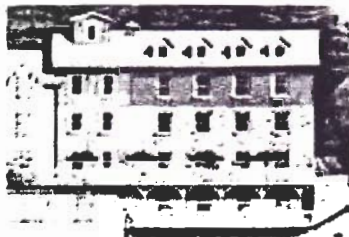
*Life and Times: Dr. Graham Hudson*

Reminiscing and stories about Old Chelsea with Dr. Graham Hudson.

**June 9, 2003 6:30 pm**  
**Wakefield Mill Inn, Wakefield**

*GVHS Annual Dinner — Speaker TBA.*

It is with great pleasure that the Society invites it's members and guests to the Annual Dinner of the GVHS. This year the dinner will be held at the historic Wakefield Mill Inn. The cost of this year's dinner will be \$38, for a three course roast beef dinner. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the Rene Nielson at 827-1845. Please reserve tickets (and pay!) well in advance as there will be no tickets available at the door.



This year's dinner location is well know to Society members, as it was once a museum operated by the HSG.

Attracted to this spot by the power and beauty of the La Peche River, William Fairbairn built the first grain mill here in 1838. Over a century and a half later, this lovely situation on the La Peche river is again a vital part of the Wakefield Community.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From the Annual General of the Historical Society of the Gatineau—February 17, 2003*

Welcome to the 41st year of the Historical Society of the Gatineau... and the last. That is assuming that the proposed change in name is approved here tonight. I would not like to influence the vote in any way, but it could well be that I will have served as the last President of the HSG and the first President of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society, which would be a rather unique position to be in. In the mean time I would like to report:

Happy heritage day — still no recognition by our federal friends to make the day a national holiday. A long-weekend would certainly not be out of place as we all battle the exceptional cold we've had of late. On a personal note, my heartfelt thanks to all members of the Executive Committee of the Society. Each director goes out of their way to bring wise counsel to the affairs of your Society, and I shall count on them again this year as we say goodbye to Norma Geggie and Judy Grant, and welcome Lois Wilson who has joined the Executive Committee. Marc Cockburn becomes First Vice President, with our old friend Randolph Gherson becoming a director.

We can also report tonight that there will be an auction this year - it was with deep regret that it was impossible to hold it last year as most of the people who make it work were elsewhere.

I would like to convey my personal thanks to Carol Martin, who as Past President provides us with wisdom that comes with her years of experience. This especially comes to light in her capacity as editor of *Up the Gatineau!* She works tirelessly with the contributors not only to make sure that their essays are historically accurate, but that they are a good read. We eagerly anticipate this year's collection which will be available at the annual dinner. Of course you realize that your free copy is one of the benefits of membership in the society.

Speaking of membership. For the past several years, I have been hoping that we can attract addi-

tional younger members to our ranks, while retaining the old faithfuls, many of who are here a this meeting tonight. I will be asking the executive to give thought to this subject at its first meeting.

One of the highlights of the year 2002 was the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network's third annual conference that your Society hosted at Heritage College June 7-9, that the co-chairs Michael Cooper and Marc

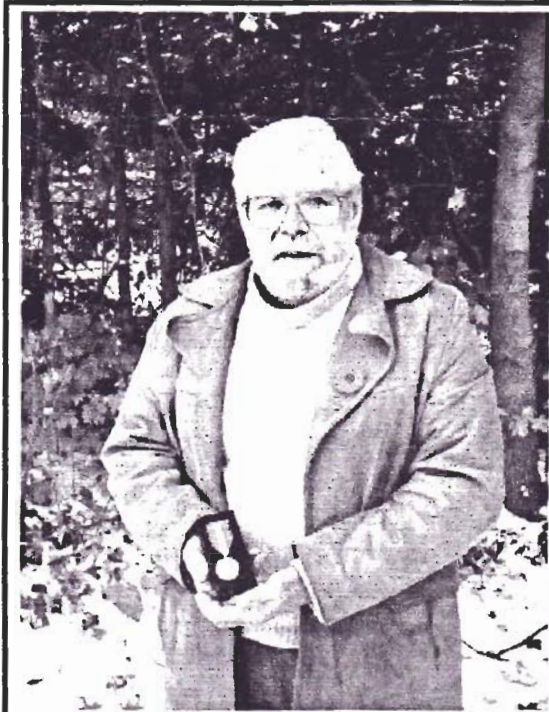
Cockburn planned and executed with precision. The numerous volunteers that helped were rewarded with meeting other like-minded folk from other parts of the province. Another interesting project that partnered the Society with the Castenel Choir, was a benefit at St. Camillus church in Farrellton where over 1000\$ was raised and earmarked for the restoration of the church steeple to its original glory. It was a fitting exercise for the Easter season. I really must congratulate Jay Atherton and the staff of volunteers who make the HSG archives happen. The historical image bank is very popular and easy to use. Anyone who has photos to contribute can bring them along and have them digitized and added to the collection, but only if they can be identified. The genealogy centre is humming as the new microfilm reader is put to good use and many enquires are received by e-mail and so answered.

The monthly meetings were well attended and all of the speakers were interesting and on occasion I wished that we had longer evenings. I must not forget the November 11 service at the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery. It has grown in stature especially with the participation of the schools - attendance contin-

ues to break records, even in spite of the weather that last year was about as foul as we've ever had.

Thank you for coming tonight and we have an interesting program ahead.

*(Ernie Mahoney)*



Ernie Mahoney was one of a select few West Quebec citizens honoured by receiving the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The medal was awarded to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada. Ernie is a long time volunteer with the Society and is currently serving as it's President. He continues to be a respected journalist, covering the La Pêche beat for the West Quebec Post. (Photo by Bob Levac, WQP)



## SOCIETY AWARDS AND HONOURS

It was the Society's great pleasure to present the following awards at the 2003 AGM.

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

RAE MOORE and RENE NIELSEN, "Whose contributions over the years to her community (especially Chelsea) have been marked by her professionalism and dedication. She has significantly assisted the Historical Society in its activities aimed at promoting interest in the history and heritage of the Gatineau Valley."

### AWARD OF HONOUR

LORNE SHOULDICE "For his initiative in spearheading the establishment of a new cenotaph in Wakefield recording the names of the fallen in the First and Second World Wars

DUNCAN AND GUDULA MARSHALL "For their mutual dedication in marketing the publications of the Historical Society in a timely and efficient manner, assisting us greatly in achieving our mission 'to promote matters of historical or heritage significance in ... the Gatineau Valley'."

ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT, PETAWAWA "For the Regiment's dedication in attending the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the grave of Private Richard Rowland Thompson, QS, in the Chelsea Pioneer Cemetery."

### LETTER OF COMMENDATION

JANETH MCKINLEY "For her interest and enthusiasm in support of the work of the Archives.

CHARIS PALMER "For her assistance over the years to the Chelsea Library and the Historical Society in the distribution of our newsletter. (Ernie declared her to be our "Number 1 Administrative Assistant!"

The **Arthur Davison Prize** for the author of the best article in the previous *Up the Gatineau* will be awarded at this year's Annual Dinner.

Check out the April 2003 edition of *Harrowsmith Country Life* magazine which features an article on The Grange, the home of former GVHS president Bob Phillips. The article called *Love's Labour Almost Lost* recalls the 1992 fire which almost destroyed the Cantley landmark, a story that the author, Tom Cruikshank calls "the inspirational story of an ambitious log house almost lost to flames and smoke:".

## Wakefield Cenotaph Restoration Project

The new Wakefield cenotaph was dedicated, Sunday, November 10, to the memory of the ten young men from the Wakefield area who gave their lives for Canada in the World Wars of 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

The new cenotaph replaces one erected by volunteers from the Wakefield Legion 25 years ago. Rather than make extensive and expensive renovations to the old memorial, a modern-style cenotaph design was approved. Lorne Shouldice, a Legion veteran and one of the original volunteers who erected the 1977 monument, led the funding drive which raised over \$30,000, of which \$1,000 was donated by the GVHS.

A sub-committee of the Historical Society of The Gatineau, chaired by Mr. Shouldice, worked with a group of volunteers, including Norma Walmsley, Shirley Shouldice, Neil Faulkner, Jenny Temple, and Anita Rutledge.

The committee continues to accept donations which can be sent to P.O. Box 562, Wakefield, Qc, JOX 3G0. Cheques should be made payable to: HSG Wakefield Cenotaph Committee.

## Union Mission Church Committee

The Historical Society's Union Mission Church Committee is working to create a unique monument, commemorating the history of Chelsea's churches. This is an update on their work toward salvaging a section of the historic Kirk's Ferry Union Mission Church, which they intend to refurbish and re-erect as a chapel or historical monument.

The Committee has undertaken to investigate ways in which to commemorate the presence of this church in the community, and in particular to explore whether part of the church could be salvaged as a monument, conserving it as part of Chelsea's built heritage. Restoration Architect Alan Hopkins volunteered his services to design several versions of a structure that would preserve and use a portion of the existing building. These include using a segment of the church as a rebuilt chapel, or creating a monument using the facade of the church, and providing appropriate signage and plaques to recount the story of this church and Chelsea's other churches.

The Committee plans to involve and work with Chelsea community representatives to explore options for a commemorative chapel or monument. Anyone interested in working with this committee is urged to contact Carol Martin at (819) 827-1633 (e-mail 6993595@ican.net) or Harold Reid, (819) 827-0138. Work plans and projected costs for the reconstituted monument depend on the option and site chosen but are in the range of \$10,000 to \$25,000, part of which will be offset by selling the land and some of the furnishings, including some of the old pews. **Donations to the fund to complete the salvage operations and recreate a segment of the church as a community monument can be sent to the Historical Society of the Gatineau, marked "Union Mission Church Fund;" charitable donations receipts will be provided.**

## PUBLICATIONS REPORT FOR 2002



In May 2002, volume 28 of the Society's annual publication, *Up the Gatineau!*, was published and distributed. Members can look forward to receiving volume 29 at the Annual Dinner (to be held this year on June 9). The continuing appearance of new topics, along with the mix of new authors and seasoned "regulars" writing about them, is one of the exciting aspect of editing each year's volume of *Up the Gatineau!* Anyone interested in writing for future editions is heartily encouraged to contact Carol Martin for further information and support.

This year, it was decided to announce and award the **Arthur Davison Prize** at the Annual Dinner, at the same time as members receive the newest volume of *Up the Gatineau!* — so stay tuned to learn who receives this prize!

Duncan and Gudula Marshall, who have distributed the Gatineau Valley Historical Society's publications for a number of years, received an Award of Honour from the Society in February of this year. The Society is truly grateful to Duncan and Gudula for their interest and support. We also welcome the husband-and wife team of **Harold and Margaret Reid**, of Kirk's Ferry, who will be taking over publication distribution in April 2003.

During the summer of 2003, Carol Martin arranged for reprints of 100 copies each of 13 back issues (volumes 1-11, 18 and 22) of *Up the Gatineau!*, as we have noted that there is continued interest in earlier volumes. We also sell a "special collected set," of the first 25 volumes with an Index for \$75 (a saving of \$12 over the price if purchased separately). As well as providing *Up the Gatineau!* to members, the Society sells it at 14 outlets (in Chelsea, Wakefield, Kazabazua and Poltimore), and markets the current issue and back issues of all volumes, along with the Society's *Historic Map of Chelsea—1875* and several other publications. These are available at each meeting of the Society, directly from the distributors (contact the Reids at 827-0138 or by e-mail ([reidh@travel.net.com](mailto:reidh@travel.net.com))), and at special events such as the HSG Annual Dinner, its Annual Auction and the Gene-O-Rama conference (held in March at CentrepoinTE in Ottawa).

Total publication sales for the year 2002 were \$3293.29, including both actual sales as well as stock placed on consignment in the retail outlets listed below. Seven "collected sets" were sold.

### *Distribution, 2002*

Wakefield Bakery	Jamboree	Gerry & Isobel's	Kenney's Store, Kazabazua
End of the Line	Wakefield Genral Store	Épicerie du Parc	McClelland's Store, Poltimore
Boutique Santé	Boutique Découverte	Charles IGA	
O'Bonsoin Pharmacy	M & R, Old Chelsea	Chelsea Municipal Office	

### *Other Publications and Incentives*

In addition to its own publications, the Society offers interest-free loans, typically half of the publication costs, to support publications on topics dealing with the history of the Gatineau Valley. The Society's *Newsletter*, with information about coming events and other heritage items, is edited by Marc Cockburn. Contributions from members are always welcome. For the *Newsletter*, please contact Marc at 459-2004, or [mcockburn@archives.ca](mailto:mcockburn@archives.ca). For *Up the Gatineau!* Carol Martin can be reached at the HSG address or by e-mail at [693595@ican.net](mailto:693595@ican.net).

Have you thought of buying GVHS publications as gifts? *The 1875 map of Chelsea* may help you locate a family property, or show who owned the site where you now live. In *Hurling Down the Pine*, Courtney Bond (former historian for the NCC), recounts the exciting story of logging days in the Gatineau (and the book is only \$5). Norma and Stuart Geggie's book *The Extra Mile*, based on the journals of Wakefield's Dr. Harold Geggie (\$10), and Norma Geggie's *A Place Apart, A Search for the Pioneer Cemeteries of the Lower Gatineau Valley* (\$8) are also available directly from the Society. Society member Katharine Fletcher will be releasing a 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of *Historical Walks* in May 2003. Stay tuned! Copies will be available from the Gatineau Valley Historical Society.

(Carol Martin, March 2003)

## CEMETERY REPORT

The cemetery committee has performed routine maintenance at the Pioneer Cemetery this year. This included removal of a few problem trees and trimming of the hedge leading into the cemetery.

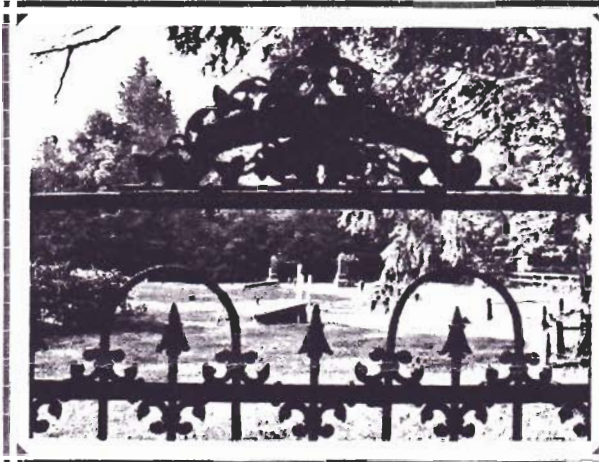
This past summer, thanks to the Gatineau Valley Gardeners we were able to enhance the cenotaph with a few flowers in attractive pots and the uncovering of a stone border which had sunk into the ground over the years. This was brought to our attention from an old photograph. Again, thanks to the Gatineau Valley Gardeners!

We also have been monitoring the Protestant Burial

Ground in Old Chelsea which in the last few years has fallen into some disrepair. This burial ground, which is under the care of the municipality, has been in need of maintenance lately. In a meeting with the Mayor of Chelsea, Mr. Perras, we were able to bring this matter to his attention.

As a result, the municipality has budgeted funds for the upkeep of this Historic Property! There will be repairs to various tombstones, vegetation removal along the fence and improvements to the signage.

(Allan Richens)



## QUEBEC ANGLOPHONE HERITAGE NETWORK

The GVHS is a charter member of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network which is a non-partisan umbrella organization linking societies and individuals interested in local, regional and provincial anglophone history of the province of Quebec. Among its other activities, QAHN is involved in two Quebec-wide heritage related initiatives that should be noted:

### *Global Development plan*

This initiative, spearheaded by the Quebec Community Groups Network, will provide Federal funding sources with a current overview of the English speaking communities of Quebec, their status, and aspirations. This is an opportunity to tap into the hidden resources of our communities, to mobilize talents, to create long term networks, give visibility to a new generation of leaders.

Eight sector task forces bring together many re-

gional representatives in Heritage, Arts and Culture, Business and Employment, Education and Training, Health and Social Services, Media, Youth, Visibility and Leadership. In the Heritage sector, Director of GVHS, Michael Cooper, represents our regional interest.

### *Oral History Project*

This province-wide project has several valuable objectives: 1) to prepare an inventory of existing oral history material across English Quebec and to collect examples for archiving at Bishops University. 2) To provide educators with relevant guidance and resources to engage students in the collection of local oral histories. This will include CD guides, and an interactive web site. 3) To create a network of contacts in local heritage groups who can promote and assist in the collection, use, and preservation of stories of our communities. Michael Cooper is a member of the Advisory Committee for this project.

(Michael Cooper)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

A reminder to our members whose membership expired at the end of 2002, please check the date on your address label (expired memberships are marked in red). Membership fees are unchanged: \$15 (one year) or \$25 (two years). In addition to bimonthly newsletters, paid-up members will receive a free copy of the 2002 issue of *Up the Gatineau*!

Also this year, we are asking our current members to help us promote the Society by signing up new members. Perhaps a newcomers to the Gatineau Hills, or a former resident? Please see the membership form provided at the back of this issue.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear friends

The newsletter is always interesting and brings back many happy memories.

Sincere congratulations to Jay Atherton on the special honour recently awarded to him by his peers. You might perhaps describe him as one of the Gatineau Valley Historical Society's living treasures.

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$25 for my 2003 dues. The name change to the Gatineau Valley Historical Society is a good move and trust it was passed at the recent Annual Meeting and is therefore now legal!

Sincerely yours, Evelyn Forbes



## GVHS ARCHIVES — REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2002

### *Location, Hours*

The Archives of the Historical Society exists to preserve and make available records relating to the history of the Gatineau Valley, and of the Society itself. Located in the basement room of the Chelsea Municipal Library, 100 Old Chelsea Road, the Archives is open for consultation on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., September through mid-June. Researchers may also consult the holdings by appointment during the summer months.

### *Archives Volunteers*

Volunteers working for the Archives during the past year have been:

Jay Atherton, the Society Archivist, responsible for overall direction  
 Peggy Atherton, cataloguing the holdings of our library  
 Annette Brand, photographs - accessions, scanning, and public service  
 David and Eileen Castleman, Image Bank data capture  
 Norma Geggie, accessions and genealogical inquiries, especially Wakefield and north  
 Joan Gherson, responsible for the Historical Society Library  
 Adrienne Herron, management of the Image Bank  
 Janeth McKinley, accessions and inquiries regarding the Kingsmere area  
 Carol Martin, the Genealogy Centre and genealogical inquiries, especially Chelsea  
 Anita Rutledge, documentation and genealogical inquiries, Wakefield and north

### *Genealogy and Research*

In addition to responding to 57 visits during the past year, the Archives handled 49 written inquiries (a 44% increase over the 34 processed in 2001). The majority of these requests arrived by electronic mail, largely as a result of people accessing the Gatineau History web site. 25 of the 49 inquiries were genealogical in nature, requests from people throughout North America researching their family roots in the Gatineau Valley. They included the following family names: Brown, Bullis, Cameron, Charlebois, Collins, Daugherty, Fairbairn, Hastey, MacLaren, Murray, Newcomb, O'Neil, Osborne, Patterson, Roberts, Rooney, Scanlon, Spragge, Taggart, and Wright. The inquiries came from places as diverse as Seattle, New York City, Montreal, Aldergrove, BC, Woodstock, Victoria, and Calgary--as well as "ether-land" (e-mail messages with no indication of postal address) and, of course both sides of the Ottawa River in the National Capital Region.

### *Library*

Our library consists of several hundred volumes, stored rather precariously on rudimentary shelving in a small room within the basement area of the Chelsea Library. It is crowded and somewhat difficult to use. As the year drew to a close, the librarian, Joan Gherson, was working with Peggy Atherton, planning how we should gain greater control over the collection by cataloguing it properly. Using the Dewey Decimal classification system and a useful generic software package called *Library Master*, Peggy began the cataloguing process during December. She hopes to complete the task by the end of 2003.

Steps are being taken to enlarge the available shelf space, to handle the reorganized volumes during the cataloguing process, and allow for greater ease of access in the future. In addition, a filing cabinet has been installed in the room to hold the "vertical files" of reference material on topics of interest to our users.

### *New Accessions in 2002*

- ◇ Four photographs of **Col. D.E. Macintyre** (World War I), his two sons, Frank and John (World War II), and the Vimy Ridge memorial, from Frank Macintyre.
- ◇ Original copies of the weekly newspaper, **Gatineau Echo**, published in Cascades, 1935, from John Sudbury, Picton, Ontario.
- ◇ Family photograph album, Chelsea area, names unknown, early 20<sup>th</sup> century, purchased at a garage sale in the Gatineau and donated by Fran Boulanger of Almonte, Ontario., source unknown.
- ◇ Copies of newspaper cuttings from a scrapbook, of items relating to Gatineau families and the Wakefield hospital

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- ◊ Sketch of the course of the **La Pêche River**, Masham, lots 20 and 19, 1861, from Norma Geggie.
- ◊ **Col. Gary H. Rice** (retired), *From the Water's Edge: A Family's Journey from Massachusetts Bay Colony to Canada and Mississippi River Valley*, 1996. First edition copy presented by the author.
- ◊ *Register of Deceased Persons at Sea and on Grosse Ile in 1847*, book presented by Gunda Lambton.
- ◊ **Wakefield Covered Bridge Project**, "Builders' Book," record of donors, 1987-1998, from Anita Rutledge.
- ◊ Eleven pages of handwritten **shanty songs**, undated, found in attic of Jack Rutledge house, donated by Anita Rutledge.
- ◊ Photographs and papers concerning the **Alexander and Cowden families**, from Doug Cowden.
- ◊ Photos and maps used by Allan Richens for a talk on the history of **skiing at Camp Fortune**, from Allan Richens.
- ◊ Photos of rural school class, Wakefield, **Anita Rutledge**, teacher, and of family and friends at Kingsmere and on farm on Mountain Road, Wakefield, from Anita Rutledge.
- ◊ Microfiche copies of NCC files on 3 **heritage buildings in Wakefield**, received from Marc Cockburn.
- ◊ Fifteen photographs of the **Lynott family**, from Marilyn Liddiard.
- ◊ Colour photograph of **Gordon Roy Fairbairn** (descendant of William Fairbairn) and Jay Atherton in the Historical Society Archives, October 13, 2001. Donated by the photographer, Patricia Fairbairn.
- ◊ Thirteen photographs of buildings in **Kazabazua**, loaned for copying through Archie Pennie.
- ◊ **Geggie/Stevenson** family photographs, donated by Norma Geggie.
- ◊ Large photograph of **Wakefield**, 1959, originally hung in the Gatineau Memorial Hospital for 40 years, from Norma Geggie.
- ◊ Family history of the **Thomas Reid Family** of County Tipperary, Ireland, and Kirk's ferry, Quebec, researched and compiled (and donated) by John G. Reid of Ottawa.
- ◊ Twenty photographs of Elizabethan music and dance performance at MacLaren House Museum, Wakefield, from Norma Geggie.
- ◊ **Wakefield Curling Club** charter and related documents, 1962-63, from Fran Earle, Wakefield.  
Eleven photographs of La Pêche mayors, other people, and Wakefield scenes, from Anita Rutledge..
- ◊ **John C. McKinley** fonds. Official plan of the Township of Masham, 1941; map of the Township of Hull, 1929 (copy); map of Camp Fortune Skiing area, 1967; official plan, Township of Wakefield, date uncertain. From Janeth McKinley.
- ◊ **Ferguson Family** fonds (photos). from Janeth McKinley.
- ◊ Two photographs of groups of people, Wakefield, 1930 and 1945, from Anita Rutledge.
- ◊ Album of photographs of the family of **Thomas Reid** (Kirk's Ferry), from Carol Martin.
- ◊ **Gatineau River Yacht Club** 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration (Sept. 1, 2002), compact disc presented by Allan Richens.
- ◊ Tin-type photograph (1910) of **Rev. H.A. Young** and the Methodist Church, Wakefield, from Lois Wilson.
- ◊ Eight photographs from the **Ed Ryan** collection, Old Chelsea, from Adrienne Herron.
- ◊ Fifty-eight slides of the **Alcan Plant**, Morrison Quarry, near Farm Point, source unknown.
- ◊ Black and white negative photograph of Ed Dean's hotel, Old Chelsea, date and source unknown.
- ◊ Photograph of the **MacDiarmid** children, from Bob Hughes.

(Jay Atherton, GVHS Archivist)

## CONTACT US

*If you have any questions or suggestions regarding any aspects of the Society including the Newsletter, our archives, or anything else of interest to you or to the Society, you may phone any member of the executive by phone or email:*

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## 2002 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

01 Jan 2002 - 31 Dec 2002

**I Revenue:**

Bank Balance 01-01-02 Royal Bk A/C 5097654	5,813.44
Memberships	2,491.59
General Donations	114.35
Union Mission Church Donations	4,731.65
Publications	3,343.46
Bank Interest	312.23
Annual Dinner 27 May 63 @ \$25	1,575.00
Archives	324.00
GST & QST Rebate (01)	952.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,658.32</b>

**II Expenditures:**

## Administration:

Office Supplies	604.03	
Telephone	511.99	
Bank Fees	186.43	
Magma Communications (www.hsog.org)	245.57	
Inspector General of Quebec Institutions	32.00	
PO Box	71.32	
West Quebecers	25.00	
OGS Gene-O-Rama 2002	23.50	1,699.84
Publications - UTG, Books		4,212.92
Newsletter		1,135.13
Archives		2,108.46
Meetings - Advertising		1,150.13
Refreshments and Entry Card		70.00
AG Meeting (205.51 + 165.64 Ads)		371.15
Annual Dinner-Dunnderosa Golf Club (1,380 + 379.12 Ads)		1,759.12
War Amps Videos		42.00
Donation - St Camillus Church Steeple		400.00
Pioneer Cemetery		942.26
Remembrance Day (200.00 + 299.07 Ads)		499.07
Graphic Panels		110.36
QAHN 2002 Conference		274.60
Union Mission Church		1,385.54
Wakefield History - Ad		48.31
Bank Balance 31-12-02 Royal Bk A/C 5097654		
Union Mission Church	3,346.11	
Operating	103.32	3,449.43
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$19,658.32</b>

**III Long Term Investments:**

Cda Saving Bond maturing 01 Nov 2003	16,200.00	
Cda Saving Bond maturing 01 Nov 2007	8,000.00	24,200.00
Royal Bk GIC maturing 18 Jan 2003	5,423.33	
Royal Bk GIC maturing 18 Apr 2003	8,418.82	13,842.15
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$38,042.15*</b>

\*Includes Quebec Government grants of \$4.9K for publication of "In Memory of Chelsea's Historic Cemeteries" and \$2K for HSG 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.

Note: The above does not include fixed assets and inventory of publications.

**IV FINANCIAL SUMMARY - ASSETS**

Date	Bank Balance	Long Term Assets	Total
01-01-1999	12,798	40.494	53.292
01-01-2000	4,579	45.494	50.073
01-01-2001	3,440	43.984	47.424
01-01-2002	5,813	37.853	43.666
01-01-2003	103	38.042	38.145



## REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE IMAGE BANK PROJECT

*ast year was a productive one for this project*

**Conversion of Paper Photos Completed** -- During the year, the image bank was brought up-to-date. Now all images held in the paper files have been converted to the Image Bank. These old images remain in their folders.

**Paper Images Rarely Used** -- Our collection of paper photos now is rarely used. Customers are happy to view the computerized images and to make prints of them on the computer's printer. This saves the originals from handling.

**Customers Served** -- In 2002 we were busy every Wednesday afternoon while we were on duty. We made about 20 images for *Le Restaurant de la Vallée* and about the same quantity for *Les Trois Erables*. We scanned and printed photos and saved them on CD for *Up the Gatineau!*. We supplied photos for the Remembrance Day display in the Library. Artist Ed Robinson was a regular visitor, scouring the image bank for ideas for historical paintings. Writer Katharine Fletcher visited to collect images for her new book, *Capital Walks*, soon to be published. Photos were selected from the Image Bank for the planned web site for the Historical Society. A large map of Larrimac was scanned in sections and pasted together in Photoshop for Michael Cooper and put on CD for his use.

**New Photos Added** -- By the end of 2002, the image bank contained some 3500 photos. We received hundreds of new photos during the year. Anita Rutledge, Norma Geggie, Janeth McKinley and Carol Martin were particularly active in bring in new photos. Heather Quipp let us copy her CD col-

lection of images of Mountain Lodge. Allan Richens brought in ski photos and let us copy a CD of Yacht Club photos. He also supplied us with images of the Larrimac Golf Club. Bob Hughes brought in photos of Cascades. Images arrived from Ernie Mahoney of the Wakefield area. Adrienne Herron added photos of the Chelsea Protestant Burial Grounds and the Pioneer Cemetery. About 50 images of smaller cemeteries in the Wakefield area were donated by Norma Geggie. We added photos of the Vincent Hendrick Farm and some images of flowers presented years ago to the Historical Society by Anne Ginns on garden plants used by the early settlers. Marilyn Liddiard brought in a collection of photos documenting the Lynott family. Many others were received as well.

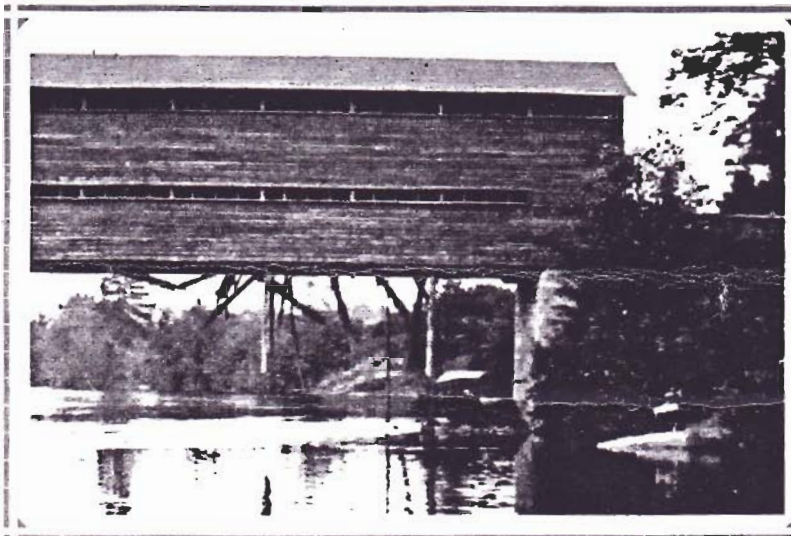
**Equipment** -- We had our computer repaired two or three times during the year and now it is working well. We appear to have learned to live with the printer problem that has plagued us since the beginning. We may want to consider acquiring a better printer someday now that inks and papers are being manufactured that guarantee an image for up to 80 years. The life expectancy of an image with the current setup is likely less than 4 years.

**Computer Resources** -- We are now using almost half the resources of our computer, close to 20 gigabytes.

**Volunteers** -- Annette Brand does most of the recording, scanning and saving of images. David and Eileen Castelman create the records and insert the photos. Norma Geggie edits the text. Adrienne Herron backs up the system and saves the photos on CD for both on site and off site backup.

(Adrienne Herron)

## TRUCK FALLS THROUGH BRIDGE !



We were very excited to receive this incredible photograph from Jane (Earle) McDonald for the Image Bank. This image is one of about 300 contained in two albums she inherited from her father, Lorne Earle or her uncle, Bun (Clair) Earle. The photos range in date from the twenties to the mid forties.

Jane loaned the albums to Norma Geggie and the volunteers at the Image Bank have been busily scanning the photos and creating records with information about each one. They're just about finished. Soon the albums will be returned to their rightful owner.

Many of the photos are fading, but we've been able to improve them considerably using Photoshop, a computer program that allows us to control contrast and brightness, remove stains, mildew and dust spots and make other improvements. Now they're preserved for posterity and for future viewing and reference by everyone. And someday,

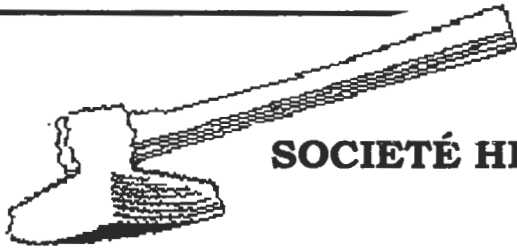
they'll be available on Internet for the whole world to access. Then you will be able to research the Image Bank or just view the photos for pleasure from your home.

Norma Geggie has been adding all the information she knows about each photograph. However, she's stuck on this one and we need our members help. At first we didn't even know the year, but when we peaked at the back of the photograph, it was luckily entered in pencil. In 1925, what appears to be a truck, fell through the bottom of the Wakefield covered bridge. Shredded wooden planks hang through the gaping hole left by the truck before it plunged to the rocks and water below.

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(continued from previous page) Crashing through the bottom of a bridge and the long fall to the river bed below is everyone's worst nightmare. Do any of our members know the name of the unfortunate driver? Did he live through this ordeal, was he hurt or was he miraculously unscathed? What kind of truck was this? Was the floor of the bridge in need of repair prior to this accident? What was the truck carrying? Was the truck overweight? Was the bridge put out of commission for a while? Were there any standards regarding maintenance of the bridge or were there weight restrictions for vehicles? Any information would be appreciated. Thank you Jane (Earle) McDonald for sharing your family albums with all of us.

If any of our members have albums or even loose photos in their possession that include pictures of this area, we would be pleased to meet with them to discuss how we might borrow these to include them in the Image Bank. Please contact our Archivist Jay Atherton at (819) 827-1703 or send him an e-mail at koko@sympatico.ca.



## GATINEAU VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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