



NEWSLETTER

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Purpose of the Society:

"...to promote matters of historical or heritage significance
in the general area of the Gatineau Valley."

CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES:

SUNDAY, JULY 1

12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Maclaren House Museum and Mill
Wakefield

- balloon race
- blue grass & country music
- community booths
- Scottish country dancers
- fortune teller's booth
- lunch and refreshments

sketches, etchings, oil and water
colour paintings).

Initial contact may be made by
letter addressed to the Historical
Society of the Gatineau (Archives),
Box 485, Chelsea, Québec J0X 1N0.
Alternatively, those interested may
telephone (819) 827-4432 (answering
machine). In either case, please
indicate your requirements.

Direct contact may be made with the
archivists to arrange an
appointment:

- Pat Evans (819) 827-2675
August excepted
- Anne Goodeve (819) 827-0946
Tues. 10:00 - 2:00
Wed. 9:45 - 2:15
Sat. 10:00 - 2:00
- Mike Nelles (613) 744-6469
or cottage (819) 459-2230

SOCIETY ARCHIVES OPENING

The Historical Society of the
Gatineau opens its Archives on
Canada Day to researchers amongst
its members and those of the general
public with an interest in the
Gatineau. The Archives is located
in the Community Centre at Old
Chelsea, Quebec.

The Society's holdings include
documents, articles, maps, books,
booklets, histories, and pictures
(photographs, black and white

Material may not be removed from the
Archives but may be studied on the
premises. Photocopies desired will
cost 10¢ per copy.

- P.M.O. Evans

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FREE SUMMER LECTURE

Sponsored by the Ottawa Branch of
the Ontario Genealogical Society

THURSDAY, JULY 5

7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

National Library of Canada
Auditorium
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa

Speaker: Ronald A. Bremer, noted
Salt Lake City genealogical
researcher, author, and lecturer

Topic: "The World of Genealogy:
Speeding Up Genealogical Research &
little Known Sources for Family
History Research"

For more information, call Alan
Rayburn (828-8510).

MAYOR GRANT ON FUTURE OF WEST HULL COMMUNITY CENTRE

On April 9, HSG President
Doug Rowland addressed a letter to
the Mayor of West Hull, Judy Grant,
expressing our Society's concern
about the future of the Community
Centre building in Old Chelsea.
This letter was sent in reaction to
rumours that there were plans to
demolish the building at some future
date.

On April 25, Mayor Grant replied to
this letter as follows: "Let me
assure you that there are no plans
to demolish this building in the
foreseeable future. Although we do
not consider this building as a
heritage building we do recognize
that its architecture is appealing
in the village of Old Chelsea.

...At such time as the future of the
building is in question we will be
open to suggestions as to its
restoration and/or repairs."

MUSEUM ITEMS REQUIRED

Wanted: a set of men's formal wear
items: cuff links, collar button,
shirt buttons (1890's).

Also: lady's muff, to go with 1890's
black cape.

Required for exhibition in our
Museum.

If you can help, please call Norma
or Stuart Geggie at 459-2393.

SEARCH FOR HISTORY COMMITTEE SEARCHING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The purpose of the Search for
History Committee is to facilitate
and stimulate research into the
history of our region. It was this
committee which organized the highly
successful "Philemon Wright Debate"
on Heritage Day last February.

The committee is looking for new
members. If you are interested,
call Rolf Latté at 232-2808.

"OUR WATERWAY HERITAGE"

Society member Gordon Cullingham has
sent me information on his new
venture, Rideau Watch, which
produces heritage tours on cassette.
The first products in the series
"Our Waterway Heritage" are "Talking
up the RIDEAU", narrated by Patrick
Watson, and "Talking up the OTTAWA",
narrated by Charles Lynch. Each
consists of two 90-minute cassettes,

intended for playing on a car audio system. The listener is guided through the interesting heritage sites along the route. The cost of each set is \$16.00, plus \$1.28 provincial tax (in Ontario), and \$2.00 for mailing.

For information, or to order one or both sets, write to Rideau Watch, P.O. Box 196, Station B, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6C4, or telephone Gordon Cullingham at (613) 236-2502.

- Jay Atherton

BUCKINGHAM - 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the Town of Buckingham on its 100th anniversary - and to the West Quebec Post for its special collector's edition (June-July 1990), containing many interesting items on the rich history of Buckingham (copies available from the Post, 585 James Street, Buckingham, Québec J8L 2R7 at a cost of \$1.00).

Our Historical Society is trying to organize a special meeting in Buckingham in September. Watch for details in the next Newsletter.

- Jay Atherton

A LARGE VOTE OF THANKS

This year's garden in front of the Maclaren House was again planted with the help of several Gatineau Valley Gardeners. Our thanks to Marilyn Light, Sarah Ullis, Ann and Bob May, and Molly Wait. Bob even returned twice to edge the walk and remove all the dandelions.

- Ann Chudleigh

UP THE GATINEAU! 1991

Those hazy, lazy days of summer would be an appropriate time for thinking - and actually writing - for next year's edition of Up the Gatineau!. You might relate memories from your past or interview an "old timer". Alternatively, you could get around to doing some research you've been putting off. Why not put on your thinking cap and then put pen to paper - or fingers to keyboard. Articles and photos should be addressed to the Editor, Up the Gatineau! at the Society's box in Chelsea.

- Ann Chudleigh

NEW MEMBERS

The Historical Society welcomes the following new members:

Margaret Wightman, Wakefield
Luc and Joan Guay, Wilson's Corner

The Historical Society of the Gatineau Newsletter is published monthly. Editor is Jay Atherton. Comments and/or contributions are welcomed and encouraged, either by telephone (827-1703) or by mail (R.R.3, Wakefield, QC J0X 3G0).