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HERITAGE DAY BANQUET and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 21
6:00 p.m.

Chelsea Elementary School
Chelsea, Québec

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Featured speaker:

ERNIE DICK
Corporate Archivist
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

"An Earful of Canadiana"

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Presentation of annual awards

Election of officers for 1994

Cost of buffet dinner (catered by Les
Delicatesses d'Old Chelsea): \$20.00

Cash bar (beer and wine)

Please reserve places for the dinner: 827-4432

Those attending are asked to park in the bus drop-off zone at the front of the school, and to enter the building through the main entrance (under the red canopy). Please note also that the dinner and meeting will be a no smoking event. Thanks!

COMING EVENTS (Monthly Meetings)

March 21 - André Cellard, "Amerindians of the Ottawa Valley."

April 18 - Jeffrey Murray, "Maps That Lie."

May 16 - Chad Gaffield, History of the Outaouais.

HONOURS TO SOCIETY MEMBERS

Two distinguished members of the Historical Society were recently honoured for their services to the community. Norma Walmsley, a resident of Wakefield, was named an Officer of the Order of Canada by the Governor General. Norma, a tireless worker in the field of international development and human rights, is also involved in local community affairs (she is one of the leaders of the Wakefield Covered Bridge Project). Her investiture takes place at Government House on February 16.

On November 26, Rene Nielsen of Chelsea was named to the municipality's Honour Roll for her outstanding service to the community. (Rene is also the convenor for all Historical Society membership meetings.)

Congratulations to both of these fine people!

- Jay Atherton

"Up the Gatineau!" The HSG Territory Explained

The other day a small group of members was discussing the territory in which the Historical Society of the Gatineau has an interest. The same question had arisen at another meeting of members—the Search for History Committee (of which I was then a member), whose task it was to offer financial assistance to those (members and others) who were researching the history of happenings in the Gatineau, for possible publication.

This committee was looking for some ground rules to suit their purpose for allotting funds to budding authors—to aid with typing, stationery supplies, and postage, etc. The following was agreed upon, which met with the approval of the Executive.



The area was defined as: "Fifteen kilometres on either side of the centre line of the Gatineau River, from its source to its mouth."

A proviso was added that as long as the main part of the project lay within the confines of the Gatineau there would be no penalty if some of its parts transgressed the above boundaries.

The definition given above may help to answer the question, how far up the Gatineau is "up." There may be a perfectly good story waiting to be told in "up."

For example, the distance between Maniwaki and the Gatineau River's source is roughly twice that between Maniwaki and Hull. Radisson and Des Groseillers, coureurs du bois, made use of the river as a route for their canoes, and the Algonquins used it as an escape route to avoid the attentions of the Iroquois.

- Patrick Evans, Archivist

GENE-O-RAMA '94

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario genealogical Society will be presenting its 13th annual "Gene-O-Rama" conference on the evening of March 25 and all day Saturday, March 26, at the Nepean Civic Square, Centrepoint Drive, Nepean.

Speakers and topics: John E. Ruch, on the United Empire Loyalists; Carolyn Heald, a senior archivist at the Archives of Ontario, on the Irish Palatines; Glenn Wright, Staff Historian with the RCMP, concerning military records; Jean de Chantal, regarding French records in Upper and Lower Canada; and Bill Russell, on records related to Indian Affairs in the National Archives of Canada.

Registration for the conference is \$20 (\$5 extra if you wish to purchase lunch). For information or to register, contact Mrs. Carol Gamble, 77 Huntsman Crescent, Kanata, Ontario K2M 1H8, or by telephone at (613) 592-1210.

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Membership

A reminder to please check the date shown on the address label of this newsletter. If it indicates that your membership has expired, please renew, either by mail or at the general meeting on February 21. The fees remain \$15 for one year, and \$25 for two (family membership).

Special Notice

The Annual Financial Statement was not ready for mailing to members with the newsletter and annual report. Copies will be available at the Annual General meeting on February 21.

Those unable to attend this meeting, but wishing to obtain a copy of the Financial Statement, are invited to call the Society's number (827-4432). We will send it to you with the March newsletter.

Sorry for the inconvenience!

- Jay Atherton

P.S.: DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR PLACES FOR THE HERITAGE DAY DINNER (827-4432).

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