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Editor

### PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR in 1869

For our November meeting, Jim Warren (yes, your humble editor) will present an aerial perspective drawing of the shipyards and industry in Portsmouth, circa 1869, with an array of historical slides and discussion of related material.

The date is Wednesday 18 November at 7:30 pm in the Wilson Room, upstairs at the downtown Kingston Frontenac Public Library at 130 Johnson Street. We think you will enjoy the program and Jennifer's refreshments afterward. Guests are always welcome.

The Executive meeting, by the way, is on Thursday 12 November at 7:30 pm, location to be announced.

### HISTORIANS WORKING TOGETHER

At our October meeting, we heard many useful suggestions from other historical groups to promote our common interests, as well as many from our own members. Since these will not appear in Historical Kingston, we present them here at some length. Our guest panelists were Terry Hicks of the Kingston Branch of the United Empire Loyalists; Bob Cardwell of the Pittsburgh Historical Society; Sue Bazely of the Cararaqui Archaeological Research Foundation and Sandy Wilson of the Frontenac Historic Foundation with Jim Warren as moderator. Highlights of discussion and suggestions follow:

1. Develop a web site for the historical groups in Kingston, with each society mounting a home page in which it can describe and promote itself.

2. Expand the placing of plaques around the community and publish an illustrated guidebook about them.

3. Produce 'Heritage Minutes' about Kingston's colourful history to appear as spot promotions on television.

4. Convince the business community of the dollar value of our history when attracting tourists.

5. Reach out to young parents to join our societies and pass along project ideas to their kids.

6. Work with the city's Heritage Kingston Department, Chairman Paul Ross (formerly LACAC) to co-ordinate our promotional efforts.

7. Provide more support for KAM the Kingston Association of Museums and Galleries.

Each is a good idea, and we invite volunteers from each historical group, including YOU please, to plunge in and make it work.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Enclosed is your invitation to nominate new faces to the Executive and Council of the Kingston Historical Society- or volunteer yourself! Please mail the form to Lou Grimshaw, 612 Fay Street, Kingston K7L 4V1 or hand it to any member of the Executive or Council before 31 December 1998. Your participation is important.



## JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas parties are always convivial affairs, a chance to chat with friends, enjoy refreshments and listen to music.

This year, on Wednesday 16 December at 7:30, we meet in Memorial Hall of Kingston City Hall for wine and cheese, hors-d'oeuvres and the pleasant piano music of Paul Chabot.

The feature of the evening will be the presentation of our annual Kingston Historical Society Awards.

We hope you will all be there to wish each other the warmest wishes of the season, whether Christian or not.

## TYENDINAGA'S ROYAL CHAPEL

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte are raising funds to restore Christ Church, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory,

Built in 1843, it requires repairs to the foundation and tower, exterior woodwork, repointing of the stonework and an upgrade of its mechanical systems. Donors will be acknowledged in a permanent register in the chapel and tax receipts will be issued. Make out your cheque to Christ Church Royal Chapel Capital Fund and mail to Mohawk Administration Office, Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, RR1 Deseronto, ON K0K 1X0.

## CENSUS ACCESS THREATENED

Once again, we see our critical historical records made less accessible for the sake of political correctness. While the national census has been taken every decade since 1841 and these have been accessible up to 1901, Statistics Canada has decided that no census from 1911 onwards will be released for 92 years under the Privacy Act. The Privacy Commissioner sought to have the 1911 records destroyed (!) but was prevented by the National Archives. The decision has outraged genealogists and historians, but with little effect.

If you care about this, express your concern to Dr. Ivan P. Fellegi, Chief Statistician of Canada, 120 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa ON K1A 0T6. Or write his boss, the Minister of Industry, the Hon. John Manley, PC MP, House of Commons, Ottawa ON K1A 0A6.

Or write Sheila Copps PC MP, Ministry of Heritage, also the House of Commons. No stamps required.

## HISTORIC WEB SITES

A new feature of THEN is to provide web sites for those whose computer is hooked to a modem. For example, for Ontario Heritage Foundation, click on [www.heritagefdn.on.ca](http://www.heritagefdn.on.ca) Isn't this fun?

## COUNTY COURT HOUSE TO GO?

Anne Trousdale, President of the Frontenac Law Association, advises that our County Court House, now owned by the City of Kingston, may be purchased by Queen's University as part of its constant expansion. While the exterior would be preserved as a designated heritage building, the interior could undergo major renovation to accommodate offices or classrooms. This could threaten the classic old court rooms within.

The Frontenac Law Association would like to preserve these court rooms, while retaining a more appropriate use for the building. Should our Society take an active part in ensuring that this part of our heritage is preserved?

## GENEALOGISTS MEETING

The Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will meet in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, 130 Johnson Street on Saturday 21 November at 9:45 am for their Annual General Meeting and a Show and Tell. Visitors are always most welcome.

## LEST WE FORGET

There is a slow but growing awareness in young people of the bravery and sacrifice of their ancestors in protecting democratic countries from the onslaught of dictators in past wars.

Let us all remember and do not let our children forget Remembrance Day at 11 am, Wed. 11 November.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

It has become a matter of concern to the Executive Council that our

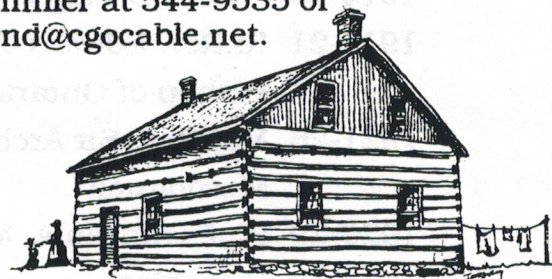
business practices do not precisely follow the standards set out in our 1962 Constitution and By-Laws.

The matter is under review and revisions will be presented to the membership for approval at our Annual General Meeting in January 1999. Please read them carefully and let us have your thoughtful response.

## HOLD FAST

Ruth McLeod McKendry and Jennifer McKendry have produced a new book: *Hold Fast: The Story of William & Catherine McLeod and their Descendants, Glengarry County*. The McLeods, with young son John, sailed from Scotland in 1815 to settle in Glengarry County. Their struggle and success on their pioneer farm and log house reveals much of life in the early nineteenth century.

With 80 illustrations, 52 pages and an index of names, the book costs \$12. Phone Jennifer at 544-9535 or e-mail: [jmckend@gocable.net](mailto:jmckend@gocable.net).



## CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Your Executive Council has proposed a book of the various historical plaques in the Kingston area as a Centennial project. While approved in principle, the estimated cost of \$7500 has caused a delay in making a final decision.

Meanwhile, villagers in Portsmouth have requested a plaque for Aberdeen Park tracing the history of the village until its annexation in 1952 by Kingston. This was also approved in principle.

## **PRESIDENTS OF OUR SOCIETY**

Here is a complete and corrected list of the Presidents of the Kingston Historical Society since our founding in 1893:

1893-94 Very Rev. Buxton B. Smith  
1894-95 Rev. Samuel Houston  
1895-96 Dr. J.L.H. Neilson  
1896-97 Dr. R.T.Walkem QC  
1897-98 Prof. George D. Ferguson  
1898-99 Prof. Adam Shortt  
1900-01 Dr. E.H.Smythe QC  
1901-02 Rev. Conway Cartwright  
1902-03 Dr. R.T.Walkem QC  
1903-05 Col. M.H.Twitchell  
1906-11 Dr. R.V. Rogers KC  
1911-12 J.M. Farrell  
1912-14 Rev. Canon G.L. Starr  
1914-16 Prof. G.D.Ferguson  
1916-21 Rt.Rev. Edward J.Bidwell  
Bishop of Ontario  
1921-26 Maj.Gen. Sir Archibald  
Macdonnell  
1926-29 Prof. Duncan A. McArthur  
1929-32 H.F. Price  
1932-34 Prof. D.A.McArthur  
1934-41 Prof. Reginald G. Trotter  
1941-58 Lt.Col. Courtland M. Strange  
1959-63 Prof. G.F.G. Stanley  
1964-71 Col. Louis J. Flynn  
1972-73 Dr. Margaret Angus  
1974-75 Bogart Trumpour QC  
1976-77 Alan Cohoe  
1978-79 Neil A. Patterson  
1980-81 Isobel Trumpour  
1982-83 Ray Haslewood

1984-85 Anne MacDermaid  
1986-87 Kevin Quinn  
1988-89 Dr. Wallace G. Breck  
1990-91 Isobel Trumpour  
1992-93 Maj. Francis H. Milledge  
1994-95 J.W. Fittsell  
1996-97 A.G. 'Joe' Boucher  
1997 (acting) Maj. Lou Grimshaw  
1998- Dr. Desmond O'Meara

We are obliged to Bernard Trotter who corrected our previous list in which his father, Prof. Reginald G. Trotter, who served as our President from 1934 to 1941, was omitted.



# KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NOMINATIONS FOR 1999 EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL

The election of Society Officers and Council Members for 1999 will take place at the Annual General Meeting on 27 January 1999. The present incumbents are:

President	Desmond O'Meara
Vice-President (Preservation)	Ed Grenda
Vice-President (Program & Publications)	Jim Warren
Vice-President	vacant
Treasurer	George Dillon
Executive/General Secretary	Bruce Cossar
Membership Secretary	Margaret Burdsall
Members of Council	Bea Corbett
	Terry Hicks
	Doug Petty
	Jack Pike
	Stuart Renfrew
	Marjorie Simmons

Any member of the Society in good standing may nominate any other member of the Society in good standing for any office. Incumbents may be nominated for an additional term, and nominations may be submitted for any or all of the positions to be filled. Volunteers may nominate themselves for any office. Submission of a nomination carries the assumption that the nominee is willing to stand for election and serve, so nominators should verify that before submission.

I nominate the following member(s) for the office(s) indicated:

(name) _____	for the office of President
(name) _____	for the office of Vice-President (Programme)
(name) _____	for the office of Vice-President (Preservation/Museum)
(name) _____	for the office of Vice-President
(name) _____	for the office of Treasurer
(name) _____	for the office of Executive/General Secretary
(name) _____	for the office of Membership Secretary
(name) _____	for Council
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Nominator: (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and mail this form to Lou Grimshaw, 612 Fay St, Kingston, Ont, K7L 4V1, or hand to any member of the present Executive and Council before 31 December 1997.

Please participate in this extremely important activity to ensure the continuing health and efficiency of the Society.