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Editor

Our Executive Meeting is in room 410,
Ongwanada Centre on Thursday 13
May.



HISTORIC MARKET SQUARE

May marks our last regular indoor meeting before the summer break and to celebrate the occasion we welcome Marc Raymond, optician and past president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, who will bring us up to date on plans to improve the Market Square behind City Hall. Marc received his training at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, graduating in 1965. He came to Kingston in 1968, establishing Marc F. Raymond Opticians, opposite the market square.

Our meeting is on Wednesday 19 May at 7.30 pm in the Wilson Room, Kingston Frontenac Public Library at 130 Johnson Street in beautiful downtown Kingston. All are welcome. Refreshments are served.

THE CHURCH UNITED

In April, our meeting was graced, literally, by Rev. Bruce and Audrie Cossar, tracing the sometimes stormy attempts to unify the Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists before the founding of the United Church in 1925.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are happy to welcome new members:

Janet Miller, 542-9987, 80 Earl St., Kingston K7L 2G6

David and Diana McGill, 547-2951, 8 Oriole Lane, Kingston K7K 5E2

Gordon Bale, 546-2825, 1572 St. Lawrence Ave., Kingston K7L 4V1.

Michel Fontaine has left us to live in Richmond Hill, Ont.

Richard Corsi-Johnson has renewed under the name Richard Johnson.

To correct two errors on my part Helen Coffey is not and never has been Helen Coffee. Also, Marilyn and Ed Tyermann deserve an additional 'n' at the end of their name.

Annual membership dues are:

Individuals	\$35
Housholds (2)	40
Students	25
Institutions	40

These bring you eight issues of THEN (this newsletter), our annual book Historic Kingston and notices of any special general meetings.

While those paying dues do not receive tax receipts because our government considers dues to be payment for publications, those who donate to our Society over and above dues will receive a tax receipt and our deepest appreciation. Please help!

Membership is for the calendar year, although October/November joiners will begin membership from the following January.

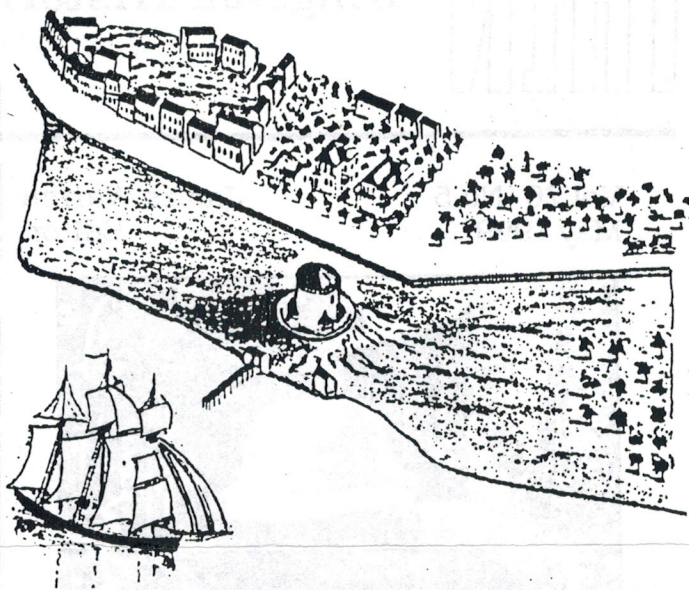
For those who are late paying their dues, their names will disappear from the membership list on 31 May and their publications will cease. At the moment, 18 members are still outstanding. To avoid shame, check with Margaret Burdsall at 531-8948 and send your cheque payable to the Kingston Historical Society at the address on our letterhead. Thank you, you are forgiven and can raise your head in public once again.

For those who are impoverished but share our interest in history, they are always welcome at meetings without charge and may share the refreshments afterwards.

LOYALISTS ARE LANDING AGAIN

A re-enactment of the 1784 landing of Loyalists at Adolphustown Park will take place on 19 June 1999, with 5 bateaux, the brigantine St. Lawrence, food being served on the grounds of the Loyalist Cultural Centre, exhibits by historical groups and booksellers, craftspeople and tourist operators.

This is all sponsored by the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada on the second annual celebration of United Empire Loyalists' Day: 19 June. Be sure to fly your Loyalist flag and God save the Queen!



MURNEY TOWER REOPENS

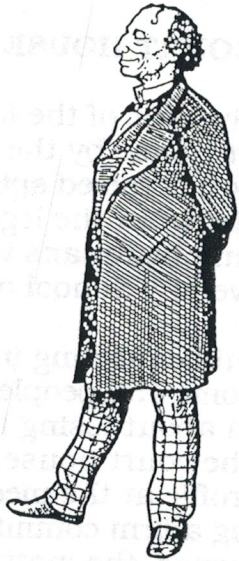
All members and their guests are invited to the Society's Open House in the Murney Tower on Tuesday 25 May from 3 to 5 pm. These social affairs are always pleasant, an opportunity to chat with other members, enjoy refreshments and meet the summer staff. Chair Ed Grenda has worked assiduously to interview candidates for the Chief Interpreter and two tour guides, while Curator Doug Petty takes charge of artifacts and displays, each year a little better.

Chief Interpreter will be Sven Walker, one tour guide will be James Fletcher, another is yet to be chosen.

Ed Grenda reminds us that running our museum is an all-year job

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

The constitution of the Kingston Historical Society has been under review for some months under the leadership of Jack Pike. We look forward to the draft revision in time for September in anticipation of approval at our annual general meeting in January 2000.



SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD TIME

Beautiful Cataraqui Cemetery will be the site, once again, of our annual tribute to Sir John A. Macdonald, (1815-1891) first Prime Minister of Canada. At 2 pm on Sunday 6 June we will assemble beside Sir John's gravesite to listen to music, enjoy the program, attend the dedication of a ceremonial flagpole from the federal government and to soak up the sunshine. Please join us all.

HISTORIC KINGSTON ARRIVES

Many thanks to Editor Don Redmond, Distributor Margaret Burdsall and Ms. Betty Pickering of Copy & Addressing, all copies of Historic Kingston should be in your hands or on a nearby side table. This is Donald's last fine effort as editor and we wish him well in his next career as Meccano Engineer.

GENEALOGISTS

Kingston genealogists will have their next meeting on Saturday 15 May at 9:45 am at the Wilson Room, Kingston Frontenac Public Library, 130 Johnson Street. Roland Laframboise will speak on heraldry

and its relationship to genealogy. Visitors are always welcome.

The picnic of the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be at Cataraqui Cemetery (off Purdy Mills Rd.) on Saturday 12 June 1999 from 10 am to 2:30 pm. For more information, please call Margaret Amson at 389-1503 after 5 pm.

APOLROD REPORT

Having inventoried the voluminous land records of the area, the next problem was to find new places to store them, APOLROD Team Leader Paul Woodrow and Stephen Vollick have successfully found two locations:

The Frontenac Management Board (the administrative functions of former Frontenac County) has agreed to accept the records for all rural townships of Frontenac County except Kingston and Pittsburgh Townships. They will be located at Fairmount Home, 2069 Battersea Road, Glenburnie. Phone 548-9400.

The records for the new City of Kingston, including the former townships of Kingston and Pittsburgh, have been accepted by the Cataraqui Archeological Research Foundation at 370 King Street West, Kingston . Phone 542-3483.

Both groups have been pleased to help and deserve our thanks. Now we need volunteers to move the records to their new homes. For more information, call Marjorie Simmons at 542-9847.

HERITAGE FAIR DISPLAY

For the Kingston Regional Heritage Fair this year (13 and 14 May) I am rebuilding the structure that supports the backdrop "1875 Birdseye View" of the city, both to simplify erection of the exhibit and to save the Society

greet visitors, and we shall be a little more blatant in selling publications.

What remains is to enlist the support of volunteers to staff the booth, two people for each two-hour period from noon Thursday to 2 pm Friday. It is a simple job, selling vignettes for a dollar each and encouraging membership in our Society, spelling each other so that the booth is always occupied. For more information (when I get it) call Jim Warren at 544-7410, preferably between 7 and 9 pm. Little school children will bless you, as will your humble servant.

OBITUARY

We have just learned of the death of Mary Elizabeth Renfrew, 95, the mother of Stewart Renfrew, a member of our Society's Executive Council and an ever-helpful friend in Queen's Archives. We extend to Stewart and to his aunt Lillian Brown our deepest sympathy.

ELDERHOSTEL ARCHITECTURE

Jennifer McKendry and Queen's Elderhostel program offer a course "With our Past Before us" running from 20 to 26 June featuring talks, pictures, field study, walking tours and class discussion about the architecture of 19th century Kingston.

The fee is \$225 including tax, tuition, reception, banquet and lunches for local participants; \$613 to add accommodation and meals on campus.

To receive free Seasonal Program Catalogues for 10 provinces and 3 territories contact ELDERHOSTEL Canada, 4 Cataraqui St., Kingston, K7K1Z7 or telephone 530-2222.

SAVE THE COURT HOUSE

The prospective sale of the former County Court House by the City for the best buck has raised spirited competition between the legal community and historians versus Queen's University School of Business.

At a public meeting in City Hall on 27 April some 150 people expressed their concern about losing the judicial function of the court house. Queen's kept a low profile at the meeting.

Pending a firm commitment from the province, the matter remains in limbo.

MUSIC LOVERS' HOUSE TOUR

The Kingston Symphony House Tour Committee has organized its fourth annual tour of historic buildings for Saturday 29 May, 10 am to 5 pm. Always a great opportunity to see inside these fine buildings, enjoy musical interludes and refreshments, the Passbooks cost \$25 per person and contain charming line drawings by Julian Benbow of each of the ten sites. One is the former Frontenac County Court House (see above). Refreshments will be served between 11.30 and 2 at St. James Anglican Church at 10 Union Street in the Queen's campus, or at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Barriefield.

Get your Passbook at the Kingston Symphony Association, 77 Brock St.; at Olden Green, 78 Princess and at Expressions, 2815 Princess St.

DR. JENNY TROUT (1841-1921)

The plaque celebrating the life and determination of pioneer doctor Jenny Trout in establishing the School of Medicine for Women at Queen's was unveiled at City Hall on 16 April with

an illustrious cast of characters, including Dr. Margaret Angus, our President Desmond O'Meara, Mayor Gary Bennett, John Gerretsen MPP, Peter Milliken MP, Dr. Jacques Monet, Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and the Honourable Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State for Parks. Each gave a speech.

The Parr Christie Singers sang Oh Canada, there was a little display by the Kingston Historical Society, the refreshments were delicious and a nice time was had by all.

Another plaque will be unveiled in Portsmouth on Dominion Day, July first, briefly noting the history of Portsmouth and Aberdeen Park which surrounds the present St. John's House, once the 1865 Town Hall.

The park, originally a swamp, was filled in by cast-off stone from the construction of the penitentiary, later covered by sod and trees, and is now the site for the annual Dominion Day Picnic for members of the Portsmouth Villagers Association and their dogs.

EDITOR TERRY COTTRELL

Allow me to introduce Terry Cottrell who will be editing the Society's newsletter THEN, beginning with the September issue. Terry is a freelance writer, researcher and broadcaster whose work has appeared in several local publications including *Queen's Quarterly*.

He has an honours degree in English and Linguistics from the University of Toronto, most of a masters in Linguistics from McGill, a Masters in English from Queen's and a Law degree from the University of Ottawa.

He is the author of *As You Were*, an unofficial history of the Ontario Regiment and has been contributing editor to *Houndstooth and Feathers*

magazine. He was a former squadron sergeant-major in the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps and was awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal in 1967 for valuable service to Canada.

He is now director of Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 9's Operation Vision, a benevolent program that sends hundreds of pairs of unwanted prescription eye-glasses to the Caribbean area to assist Commonwealth military veterans.

His address is 129 Bagot St., Kingston K7L 3E7. His telephone is 547-5555

With such qualifications, we know he will do an excellent job as editor of THEN.

EDITOR BARRY RUSSELL

Meanwhile, I must provide more information about Barry Russell, who has taken on the task of editing Historic Kingston from Donald Redmond.

He has trained as a Library and Information Technician with Algonquin College in Nepean, is in the third year of a four-year correspondence course in Classical Studies with the University of Waterloo, has a Certificate in Office Computer Applications with the Computer Coach in Kingston and a Certificate in Supervisory Skills from Humber College in Rexdale. He is now taking the Creative and Freelance Writing Program at St. Lawrence College in Kingston.

His work experience has ranged from Laurentian High School librarian, research and cataloguing for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Library, bookstore operations and database management for the Church Bookroom of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario and has accessioned, evaluated and organized

incoming collections for the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Archives.

As if this were not enough, he has written two short detective novels, a study of Henry Miller and a projected local history of Port Milford, Ontario.

Barry's address: 4-219 Adelaide Street, Kingston K7K 1Y7, His E-Mail address is: ruswrite@aracnet.net.

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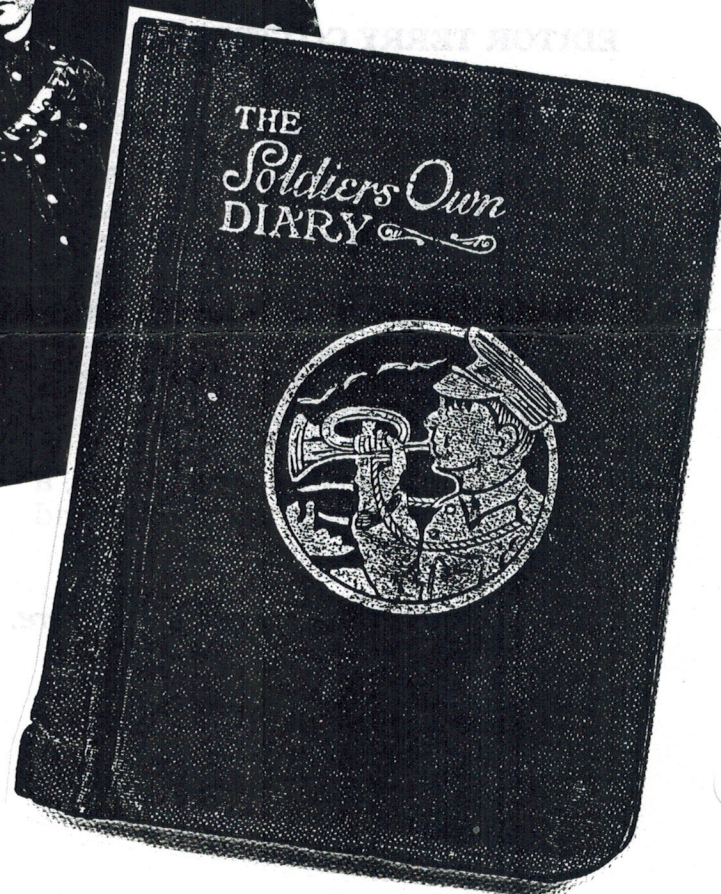
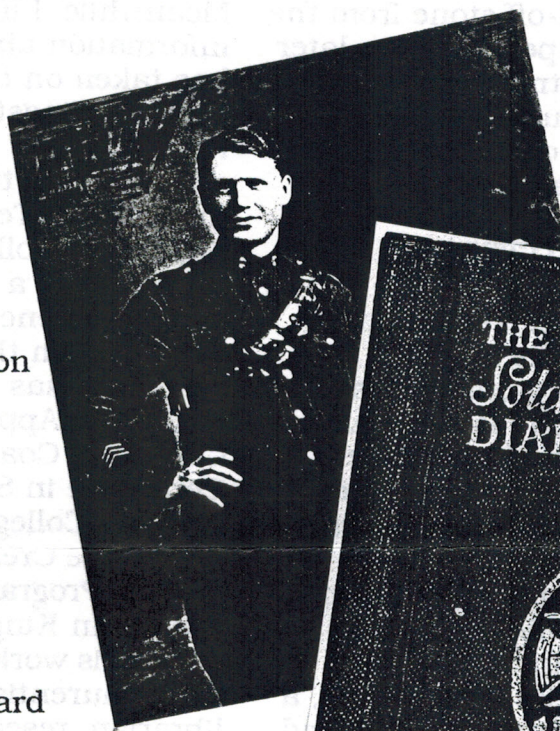
In the stairwell of the former Frontenac County Court House are three beautiful memorial stained glass windows. Near them is a Role of Honour for forty-two veterans of Frontenac County who lost their lives in World War One. Do you or members of your family remember them?

Abbot, Howard R.
Armstrong, Thomas J.
Badour, Nelson
Banks, Edward Henry
Beatty, Ross
Bilow, W.I.
Blair, Joseph G.
Boyce, David
Bremner, Charles Jamieson
Brown, Alfred Gordon
Brown, Harold
Brooks, John Gordon
Burke, William
Burke, Charles
Caldwell, Lloyd Stanley
Cassell, Norman Stanley
Cochrane, George
Coe, Arthur
Commodore, Joseph Edward
Convery, Peter
Corkey, Frederick
Corkey, George David
Cox, Nathaniel
Cronk, Homer Roy
Croft, William
Cuddy, George

Davidson, Wilfred
Davidson, Allan MacLean
Davis, Richard
Davis, Frederick A.
Davey, Frank
Dixon, Wilmot
Druce, John
Dyer, G.C.
Elliott, Stanley Clarence
Embury, Leonard W.
Evans, Walter
Fisher, Harry
Forsythe, Andrew
Garrett, Orgill
Germain, Russell
Gowdy, Robert W.

Can we forget?

Call Isobel Trumpour at 542-4447



JAMES WARREN QUILTS THEN

With this 65th of my newsletters, this note is to say that I am relinquishing the editorship of THEN, to Terry Cottrell, whose qualifications are already noted. I appreciate his taking over the task and wish him well in his efforts.

I have enjoyed writing the newsletter, reading submissions, making notes at meetings and condensing this stuff into, I hope, reasonably coherent copy, larded with as much irreverence as the dignity of our distinguished Society was likely upwith to put.

I have appreciated the kind comments of readers, while aware that some may have used my precious copy to light the fireplace kindling on cold winter nights.

With the millennium, I shall retire from my other duties for the Society, programming guest speakers, designing brochures, building exhibits, flogging historical vignettes and so on. We all look forward to a younger crowd of volunteers to take on these and newer tasks. God bless them!

Remember: The 24th of May, Queen Victoria's birthday

