



March 2001 Newsletter

MARCH MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

The March meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held on Monday, March 19, 2001, in the South Stormont Seniors' Support Centre, Ingleside, Ontario, at 8:00 p.m. Hopefully "old man winter" will be kind to the members, so that a large gathering will assemble for the meeting. Members are encouraged to bring a neighbour or friend. We have had exceptional growth in memberships during the past few years, and this is attributed to the profile which we have established in the community, and the efforts and encouragement of our society's members.

PROGRAM: Since we missed our annual "Show and Tell" in December, we will have the program part of the meeting as a "Show and Tell". All members are encouraged to bring an artifact, historical paper, etc. etc., to show other members. This is always an interesting evening, and your participation will add to the interest.

HERITAGE DINNER MEETING

Our Heritage Dinner meeting on Monday, February 19, 2001, was an outstanding success, with a delicious dinner being served by the Ladies' Guild of Christ Anglican Church, Long Sault. The atmosphere of the evening blended with a "heritage" theme, the tables being centred with oil lamps and floral arrangements. A beautiful arrangement of antiques, lamps and candles decorated a corner of the buffet table. Father Peter Crosby, pastor of Christ Anglican Church, said grace, and then everyone feasted on a delicious ham dinner, with all the trimmings. The members of the Ladies' Guild are to be commended for the fine dinner, and Jim Fraser for pouring coffee. Well done, one and all! A large gathering of members

and "friends" assembled for the Heritage Dinner meeting, and we were delighted to see so many new faces from Morrisburg and area. As well, we even had members from Etobicoke, Ontario, -Murray and Kaye (Ransom) Smith. They had made the February journey from Etobicoke, with the interest of supporting the society in its endeavours, and in hearing the "Granny Hoople" story. They even stayed at one of our

community's "heritage" homes, the Nightingale House Bed and Breakfast in Ingleside. This Bed and Breakfast was formerly the Rice home from the "Lost Village" of Wales. Having had the chance to speak with Leslie O'Gorman, proprietor of Nightingale House, she was delighted to have a former resident of Wales stay at the Bed and Breakfast for a few days. What a way to celebrate "Heritage Day" and week!

The guest speaker at the Heritage Dinner meeting was Glen Cunningham, and he gave a most interesting account of the "life and times" of Mary Whitmore Hoople, known to many as "Granny Hoople". Glen covered her life, from her early years in Pennsylvania, the Whitmore massacre, her life with the Delawares, her journey to Long Sault, and her work as the "Medicine Maid". Glen filled his presentation with interesting anecdotes, and certainly provided much curiosity and entertainment throughout his presentation. We thank Glen for his presentation on an outstanding, local, historical figure, and we encourage him to keep working to profile "history and heritage" in the local area. From our December meeting, we know of Glen's interest and work with the "Save the Train" project, and the fruits of his, and others, volunteer labour may be seen near the Aultsville Station. Well Done!

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of \$5,000.00 to the Lost Villages Historical Society by Ontario Power Generation, Cornwall. Mr. Mike Boutilier and Ms. Linda Halliday, both representing Ontario Power Generation, were on hand to make the presentation and launch the major fundraising campaign for the relocation of the Forbes Memorial Reading Room 1901 to the Lost Villages Museum complex. Linda, a member of our society and deeply committed to the preservation of history and heritage in the community, worked very hard in securing this funding for the relocation project. We were most pleased to have Linda, and her husband, Bob Copeland, in attendance. Mike Boutilier, a new resident in South Stormont, spoke of his interest in the work being done at Ault Park, site of the Lost Villages Museum, for he must pass the site on a daily basis, while commuting to the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station in Cornwall. Now that he has moved into the community, we invite Mike and his family to visit the

museum site and learn about our "Lost Villages". His home, at Chantine Meadows, Long Sault, overlooks "Pat's Curve", that well-known roadway curve at the western end of the "Lost Village" of Moulinette. In fact, his home has been built on "Pat's" stoney field, the Ernest (Pat) Fickes farm. Welcome to the community Mike and family!

We were happy to see such a large number in attendance from the Morrisburg area. Our Morrisburg members, Glenn and Kay Keyes and Bud and Marion Johnston, have been regular attendees at our meetings and supporters of our functions, and it was wonderful to have Jim and Eleanor Jordan, Shawn Wallace, and Glen and Janet Allingham in attendance at the Heritage Dinner meeting.

HERITAGE DISPLAY AT CORNWALL SQUARE

With very short notice, the Lost Villages Historical Society was represented at the "Heritage Showcase" at Cornwall Square on Saturday, February 17, 2001. President Jim Brownell organized the display for this event, and Rita Canough, Peggy Barkley, Alan Rafuse, and Ernie and Rita Gillard, assisted at the display throughout the day. Many people stopped by the display, and Cornwall's Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee are to be commended for staging this annual event. After many years at the Brookdale Mall, it was refreshing to be in a new location. As well, we must thank the management and personnel from Cornwall Square for extending the invitation to the local history and heritage groups. The day was very successful, and we realized \$72.00 from the sale of books, notes and buttons. Thank you to all who help out at the event, and to those who had the opportunity to visit the display. Unfortunately, due to the short notice of the event, it was impossible to have this event listed in the January newsletter. The event was publicized in local papers and on the radio.

"SURROUNDED" AT SANDTOWN CHURCH A SUCCESS

On Sunday, February 11, 2001, a large crowd assembled at the Sandtown Advent Christian Church at the Lost Villages Museum for an evening of contemporary Christian music by "Surrounded". The evening was an outstanding success, with the beautiful lyrics and music flowing under the oil lamps and candles of the church. The box stove had been stoked with ash wood, supplied by Morris Shaver, and the church was decorated in the "Valentine" motif by Jim Brownell. Following the musical presentation, a reception was held in the McLeod Log House. Burning

logs glowed in the fireplace, although many of us felt that the heat was lost through the chimney. On such a cold day and evening, it was difficult to heat the log house, and many of us wondered about our pioneer ancestors, and their long and cold winters. Rita Canough , Mavis Nixon and Vale Brownell were responsible for the reception, and Donnie Alguire spent much time in keeping both the stove and fireplace burning. With the many patrons who assembled in the log house, following the church presentation, the room became warm and cozy. After making a donation of \$100.00 to "Surrounded", we realized a profit of \$116.10 for historical society endeavours. We thank Heather and Dick Hamil, Michael and Lisa Prieur, Bill Britton and Richard Boyer for sharing their Christian music ministry with us. We already have a waiting list for tickets for the next church presentation at the Lost Villages Museum.

BITS AND PIECES

Most items presented in "Bits and Pieces" were highlighted at our Heritage Dinner Meeting on February 19, 2001.

-The Lost Villages Historical Society has made application for two summer student grants. Although we were not successful with the Ontario Museums Association grant application, "Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions" program in 2000, we did receive the application, and we did submit it for funding. As well, we have submitted the "Summer Career Placement" application, the funding source which has provided us with much needed funding since our museum's opening in 1994. Thank you to Rita Canough for typing the information for the "Summer Career Placement" application. A job well done!

Since 1994, our summer students have left the summer employ of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and they have gone on to achieve success in education, careers and employment opportunities. Alexandra Porter, our first summer student, is in England, completing her Doctorate in Archaeology at Oxford. Jeremy Gowsell, who spend much of his university summers as an interpreter at the Lost Villages Museum, has accepted employment with Parks Canada. Last year, upon completing his university degree, Jeremy worked as an interpreter at Upper Canada Village. Kenny Gallinger, and Randy Givogue, both employed as interpreters at the museum, are teachers, Kenny at Chateaugay Valley Regional High School in Ormestown, Quebec, and Randy, at Thousand Island Secondary School in Brockville. Ann-Marie Bourgon, who worked as an interpreter for two years, and then volunteered for the "Summer Day Camp" program in 1999 and 2000, will complete an honours degree program at Carleton

University in June, 2001, and she has applied for admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program at Carleton University.

-The St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association will host a four day convention of United Empire Loyalist branches, from June 7-10, 2001. The Navcan facility in Cornwall will be the base for this convention, and two tours will be featured on Friday, June 8, 2001. Jim Brownell has been asked to escort the "Lost Villages Tour", commencing at Navcan at 8:30 a.m., and returning by 4:30 p.m. Our museum site will be a focal point during the tour, and our society must have the museum buildings ready for our guests by that time. Although this is before our summer student(s) arrive, the onus will be on society members to clean and prepare the buildings. More on this at a later date. The U.E.L. guests will spend about two hours at our site, with the viewing of the video, "Waterway to the Heartland" being shown in the schoolhouse. We will require volunteer support for a couple of hours on the morning of June 8th.

-The "Survey of Heritage Institutions, 1999-2000" forms have been completed and forwarded to the Canadian office of Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics. It was quite a process to get all the facts and figures in the correct places on the forms. What a relief to have this behind us. Information required included the size of our exhibit space, opening hours and attendance, (thank goodness we keep attendance journals), revenue, expenditures, and use of technology. With our expanded financial activity, much work was required in the revenue and expenditure categories.

-The South Stormont Chamber of Commerce will host a "Home and Trade Show" at the Long Sault Arena on Friday, April 27, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and on Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You will recall that our society took second place in the show last year, and we hope to provide another attractive and educational booth in 2001. We will require help during the hours of this show, and you are encouraged to come forward and volunteer. More on this at our March and April meetings. We have established a profile in the community, and a "Home and Trade" show is a wonderful way to continue the profile in our museum's "off" months.

-40th Anniversary Celebrations will be held at Upper Canada Village on Sunday, June 24, 2001. A feature of this celebration will be a parade through the streets of the village. Our historical society will be invited to submit a float in the parade, -a non-motorized submission. We hope to have some of our historical society volunteers assist the summer student(s) in preparing our society's contribution. As

well, we have been invited to distribute food on the day of the 40th Anniversary Celebrations. No food preparation is necessary, as the caterer at Upper Canada Village will be doing the work. Our society members have been invited to distribute the food at various locations around Crysler Hall. President Jim Brownell, even before being appointed a Commissioner for the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, was asked to sit on the organizing committee. To continue a rapport and dialogue with Upper Canada Village, he accepted to assist the committee, and they have worked very hard to establish a meaningful event to mark the 40th anniversary of this site. In weeks to come, you will be hearing much more about the "celebrations".

-The Lost Villages Historical Society has been offered the St David's Anglican Church "Drive Shed", from Wales, Ontario. This drive shed, although in very rough condition, is salvageable. Some of the mortise and tenon joints have parted, due to the collapse of a couple of trees onto the building, however many parts are in relatively good condition. The "horse ties" are still in place at the back of the drive shed, and the galvanized metal on the roof still bears the shipping label to a Mr. Sampson, Wales, Ontario. The initials of Mr. Sampson are on the metal, and this information will be published at a future date. This Sampson may connect with George Hickey's family. A motion at the February meeting proposed that the Executive of the society continue to pursue this project, and report back on the relocation of this "Lost Villages" building. It would certainly compliment our museum's church, and it would provide storage space for the larger pieces of equipment we have acquired to date. As well, it would provide an excellent covered picnic area, or sales area for our "flea market" vendors. There are many possibilities. We were pleased to receive a \$100.00 cheque from Murray and Kaye (Ransom) Smith for this relocation project. Thanks so much for your dedication and help to the museum site.

-The Lost Villages Historical Society will participate in the Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism "Signage Program" in the spring of 2001. Approval was given to purchase four tourism signs, two to be placed in strategic road locations in Ingleside, and two to be placed at Long Sault. These signs will establish a profile of the Lost Villages Museum to tourists entering the communities from the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway, Highway 401. Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism will administer the program, and the United Counties Roads department will install and maintain the signs. We commend the work of Leslie O'Gorman, proprietor of Nightingale House Bed and Breakfast, Ingleside, Ontario, for her efforts and drive to get this program in place through the tourism office. This project started through the "grass-roots" efforts of tourism partners. Well done

Leslie! If you see Leslie, commend her on her initiative and work.

-The Lost Villages Historical Society has applied to Enbridge Pipelines Incorporated's "Environmental Initiatives Program" for funding to replace trees which were lost to Dutch Elm disease at the museum site. It is our plan to replace the trees with hardwoods, of substantial growth. As well, we hope to provide wooden "surrounds" for the garbage containers in Ault Park. Photographs of our heritage buildings are spoiled by the "ugly" plastic barrels which are scattered about the park. We seek funding in the amount of \$1,925.00.

-A Bake sale will be held at the Bank of Montreal, 159 Pitt Street, Cornwall, on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. This is a major fundraiser for the society, and it is hoped that all members will contribute towards the success of this event. Baked goods, jams, fudge, etc. etc. are appreciated, and they may be dropped off at the bank by 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the sale, or they may be picked up or delivered by calling Vale Brownell, 537-2531, (Ingleside area), or Jim Brownell, 534-2423, (Long Sault area). Helpers will be required on the day of the sale, and names may be submitted to Rita Canough or Mavis Nixon. More information on this at the March and April meetings. For those dropping off goods at the bank, there is a convenient back door, with some parking places nearby. The entrance to this is from Second Street east, (the laneway to the west of St. John's Presbyterian Church). The parking lot is on your right, behind the brick buildings. The bank logo is on a sign above the door. Please, please, we need the support and help of all members in order to make this an outstanding success. Vale has indicated that this is one of the best days of the month for a bake sale. If we have the goods, we will achieve success.

THANK YOU FROM THE HAMPTON MUSEUM AND VISITORS' CENTER

In late fall 2000, Mrs. Claire Markell, Ingleside, Ontario, approached the Lost Villages Historical Society for some material to be used in a "Canadian Kit" at the Hampton Museum and Visitors' Centre, Hampton, South Carolina. A collection of interesting documents was assembled, and the video, "Tales of the Lost Villages, Then and Now" was the centrepiece of our collection to the "Canadian Kit". Claire, after visiting the museum and making contact with Marie Ellis, Director and Curator of the museum, assembled a collection of material from across Ontario and Canada, and had the material shipped to South Carolina. The following information was received from Marie Ellis and Claire Markell, regarding the materials received from Canada.

From Marie S. Ellis to the Lost Villages Historical Society:

"The town of Hampton wishes to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the Hampton Museum and Visitors' Center project "Know your Canadian Neighbour". We are especially grateful to Claire Markell for heading up this wonderful enterprise.

The materials which were sent to us have already created significant interest and will continue to do so for many years in the future. We will use the materials as a means of education in our local schools and civic groups (on a loan basis), and will keep them on display in our Museum when they are not on loan.

Many visitors tell us they appreciate our southern hospitality. We, the Hampton Museum and Visitors' Centre, appreciate the warmth and kindness you Canadians have shown to us. It is through your efforts that bonds of friendship are formed and our world becomes a better place in which to live. Thank you!"

In a note to Claire, Marie Ellis writes:

"The material was just overwhelming. Our teachers came in on Thursday to review the inventory. The selection is magnificent! If we had gone to any agency, we could not have received this response.

On Thursday, after the teacher representatives were here, Dr. Leonard McIntire came in. He's with the South Carolina Department of Education and was delighted with the materials."

In a letter to the Lost Villages Historical Society, Claire Markell writes:

"Last fall I contacted you in regards to a request from Marie Ellis, curator of Hampton Museum, South Carolina. My letter to you and others across the country resulted in an amazing collection of articles and reading materials that will tell the story of Canada for years to come.

Along with the materials from the provinces and territories, I had a wonderful response from local organizations and historical places.

I was also able to purchase Canadian books and games for children, along with videos, photographs, and an excellent collection of our maple leaves which I gathered this fall and had laminated.

The students of St. George's School in Long Sault sent a binder of artwork depicting the four seasons in Canada to the children of South Carolina, -a personal

touch for sure.

I have added a couple of pieces to the bottom of Marie's letter to you that was in a personal letter to me. They really are interested in Canada."

As well as receiving these notes from Marie and Claire, we also received a "Certificate of Appreciation".

RAILWAYS OF S.D. & G. HISTORY GROUP

Recently, an email was received from Chris Granger, a train buff and a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society. Many will remember Chris's presentation to our historical society, a couple of years ago, and those who attended the "Heritage Fair" at Cornwall Square on February 17th probably saw his display. After consultation and much soul searching, Chris has decided to put out "feelers" to see if there is interest in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for a "Railways of S.D. & G. History Group". If you are interested in this project you may contact Chris: Phone 933-0482, Cell 363-0054, Write 137 11th St. East, Cornwall, K6H 2Y6, or Email at chris.granger@sympatico.ca

EVENTS CALENDAR

Many historical society members have requested that the events of the society be listed in one place so that the list may be posted on the refrigerator or bulletin board. As well, it would be an ideal way of keeping your neighbours and friends updated on the activities of the Lost Villages Historical Society. A separate sheet has been provided with this newsletter, and it will be updated from time to time. Please keep this "Events Calendar" handy, and support the endeavours of the Lost Villages members.

MEMORIUM CARDS

Recently, it was brought to the attention of some executive members of the Lost Villages Historical Society that members may not realize that "In Memorium" donations may be made to the Lost Villages Historical Society, with an appropriate card and income tax receipt to support the donation. These "In Memorium" cards were printed a number of years ago, and some members have

been using them on a consistent basis, especially when notified that donations may be made to the charity of choice. As a non-profit and local charitable organization, these donations go a long way in support of the activities of the society. We thank all those who have used this method of extending sympathy in the past, and we encourage others to think about the Lost Villages Historical Society when making donations in the future. Memorial cards are available from Vale Brownell (537-2531), or Jim Brownell (534-2423).

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend sympathy to David Moss, past-president of the Lost Villages Historical Society and sustaining member, on the passing of his aunt, Mrs. Nettie (Moss) Jenkins. "Aunt Nettie" was one of the last of the original families from the "Old Second" of Cornwall Township. Photographs at her wake recalled her long life in the Moss family at Moulinette. We extend sympathy to her children, Jay and Heather, and their families.