
Waterloo Historical Society Newsletter

JANUARY 2018



Marion Roes, Editor

Public Meetings – All are welcome!

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30

Doors open at 7

Victoria Park Pavilion
80 Schneider Ave., Kitchener

Last year, for the April meeting, WHS turned over the meeting to TUGSA / Tri University Graduate Student Association. There were four excellent speakers who gave brief talks on their history research. The Tri-U History Program covers the universities of Waterloo, Laurier and Guelph, and brings together master and doctoral students for social, academic and learning opportunities. <http://www.triuhistory.ca/tugsa/executive/>. TUGSA members are returning for this meeting! Topics and speakers will be on the WHS web site and Facebook page in February and in the April newsletter. www.whs.ca

Saturday, May 12

Meeting and speaker at 1:30 in the Christie Digital Theatre

Waterloo Region Museum
10 Huron Road, Kitchener

Joint day-long event with the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation and the Waterloo Region Museum

Curtis B. Robinson, PhD Candidate, Memorial University of Newfoundland, will be our speaker. If his name is familiar, it's because WHS Volume 104-2016 includes his article, "Conflict or Consensus? The *Berliner Journal* and the Chief Press Censor During the First World War, 1915-1918."

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Event times for the day: 10 - 4 to be confirmed

- WHS Volume 105-2017 will be distributed free to current members and available for sale
- WHS will have a photo display and Book Table
- Many local heritage organizations will have displays and volunteers and staff to talk about local history
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- More events / activities to be confirmed

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For information about WHS meetings, contact Marion Roes or Lesley Webb

Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

Obituaries, photographs, directories and more! We've been busy in the GSR. We're launching a new service – **photo printing!** If you have a digital scan and would like a print copy, we can help! For a small fee, you can print your digital images on photo paper for safekeeping and display. Contact gsrphoto@kpl.org for info.

Our **Obituary Index** has launched! Keep an eye on www.kpl.org/obituaries as the index grows.

Learn how to **craft press releases** with Valerie Hill of the Waterloo Region Record on **Monday January 22, 2018** at 7pm at Central Library. Registration required – online or call InfoLink 519-743-7502.

Lights, camera, action! Come to the **Kitchener Movie Night**, being held on Tuesday February 6, 2018 in the Central Library Theatre at 7pm, to see recently digitized 1940s & 1950s films from the Library's archival collection. We'll also be talking to City staff about Kitchener's economic development past and present. Registration required – online or call InfoLink 519-743-7502.

Be sure to join us on **Saturday 21 April 2018 for the KPL Genealogy Fair!** The Fair will be held at the Central Library from 9am-3pm. Watch www.kpl.org/genealogy-fair more details!

Since my last report, the Society has received the following donations:

- 1 panoramic black & white photograph of Mennonite Bible School, Kitchener, dated Feb 1932, by Ernest Denton;
- A funeral program for artist, Robert (Bob) Gaede, 1926-2017;
- 18 black and white & digital copies of the Schedewitz family photographs;
- Records of the St. Jacobs Mill, including deeds, mortgages, meeting minutes, ledgers, stock certificates, photos and financial reports, related to the ownership of the mill by the Snider family;
- 4 portrait photograph albums and approximately 35 black and white photographs with identifications and church certificates, related to Maynard Snider and;
- 3 colour photographs of Stroh family home in Conestogo.

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Have You Renewed Your WHS Membership?

If you received a renewal form with the October newsletter, and haven't renewed, please fill it in, and mail it with your cheque to the address on the last page

Contact whs@whs.ca if you have questions about your membership status

The WHS membership year is from October 1 to September 30. Members' discount card for 25% off admission to the Waterloo Region Museums will be distributed with the annual volume and includes admission to the Waterloo Region Museum and Schneider Haus. Admission to McDougall Cottage is by donation. For a full list of membership benefits, visit <http://www.whs.ca/membership/>

Annual General Meeting Reports

The Reports from the November 7, 2017 AGM are on the WHS web site. www.whs.ca If you weren't at the meeting and don't use the internet and would like a paper copy, please call Marion Roes 519 883-1448 and it will be mailed to you.

Where Are They Now?

Might this may be a new topic for the WHS newsletter? It was sent by rych mills, who writes: "Our first-ever Local History Award winner was Crystal Luxmore. ...obviously she has followed a career path created by publishing her paper 'Radical Student Politics at UW in the 1960s'!" Have a look at her web site <http://craftbeertastings.com/about/>

THE BEER BOSS Crystal Luxmore is a Certified Cicerone, Prud'homme Beer Sommelier, Beer Judge and journalist. Her sudsy scribbles have appeared in *The Globe & Mail*, *enRoute*, *The Sun newspapers*, *Canadian Business*, *LCBO.com* and more. A dynamic speaker, she talks about brewing trends on Global TV, CBC Radio, CHCH TV and at major food and drink festivals. As a beer sommelier holding both the U.S. and Canadian designations (Cicerone and Prud'homme), she creates unique beer experiences, like guided tastings, sensory bars, and team-building workshops for corporate and private clients. <https://thriftygirl.wordpress.com/about/>

Requests to / from Readers

David Westfall would like to find out more about David W. Gingrich, b. 1829 in Waterloo Region to Michael Gingrich and Mary Wanner; m. Catherine Hoffman; children, Allan, Richard, Phoebe, David A. David W. Gingrich was a local architect of note; Castle Kilbride in Baden is one of his buildings. After Gingrich and his wife moved to Dayton, Ohio in the 1890s, their whereabouts and burial places aren't known. Anyone with information is asked to contact David Westfall at djwestfall@hotmail.com Please note that this is not the David Gingerich who was a sawyer in Wilmot Centre, who died May 15, 1915 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, New Hamburg.

Historical Happenings

Starting with this issue, the WHS newsletter won't be including events of other organizations. This is to save time preparing the newsletter. There will be some exceptions, such as events in which WHS is participating. Submissions from members and non-members for consideration are welcome and appreciated! Examples are short stories, requests for information, kudos, book launches, etc. Thank you!

The WHS Facebook and Twitter pages will continue to occasionally share events from the pages of sister organizations.

~Marion Roes, Editor

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Thank you for help with this newsletter to: Karen Ball-Pyatt, Lesley Webb, Pat Bailey, David Westfall, rych mills, Darryl Bonk.

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*Waterloo Historical Society thanks the **Bell Canada Employee Giving Program** for its generous \$250 donation on behalf of retiree, Marion Roes. It is the 11th year that Bell Canada has made a donation to WHS.*

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*Who walked across Asia to end up in Kitchener? In 1941, which school hosted a Blitzkrieg-themed dance? Why did New Hamburg men travel to Goderich hoping to shoot Irishmen? How did Kitchener-Waterloo lose eight Group of Seven paintings? Why was Greenbush a local Gretna Green? You'll find out May 12! The 2017 WHS volume will be for sale and distributed **free to current members**. During our meeting the volume will be reviewed and authors introduced by rymills, publication chair and editor.*

Please pick up volumes to deliver to others if you are able. Thank you!

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History Under the Trees (HUT) will be set up by **1 pm**

Doon Heritage Village, Waterloo Region Museum

10 Huron Road, Kitchener www.waterlooregion.museum.ca

The Museum and Village are open 9:30 – 5. Come early and explore!

"These Old Things!" That's the title for the 2018 History Under the Trees (HUT). Whether those "old things" are treasures, mementos, souvenirs, art or even unknown, bring them along. Two well-known antique specialists will identify your vintage

treasures. Caroline Byfield and John Sewell will use their expert knowledge to help give the items an historical background. They will offer only general value ranges. *You are requested to also bring something else — your story about the item to share with the audience.* Please note that items are brought at the owner's risk. Do not bring bulky, awkward or super-fragile items. For more information, contact rychmills@golden.net or 519 742-4990.

Visit Waterloo Historical Society's photo display and Book Table at KPL's Genealogy Fair, April 21. Speakers info: <http://www.kpl.org/genealogy-fair>

Caroline operates Byfield Antiques out of nearby Doon, begun with her late husband Bill several decades ago. John has been the "This Old Thing" antiques columnist in Saturday's *Waterloo Region Record* for many years.

Admission is at a reduced rate for WHS members who bring their discount card. Non-members indicating they are attending HUT will receive a discount. You will be given directions to the meeting location in the village. Light refreshments provided.

Mark your calendars for the WHS meeting, September 25 at 7:30 pm, Victoria Park Pavilion

Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

Ever wondered how to distinguish between Queen Anne, Georgian and Regency architectural styles and features? Come join us on Tuesday June 6 at 7pm at the Central Library for a talk on architectural styles by local heritage advocate, Sandra Parks! Registration is required – online or call InfoLink at 519-743-7502.

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When you visit the GSR, have a look at the latest cabinet displays about: "Friends and Family," and "Calendars."

Since my last report, the Society has received the following donations:

- Binder of Elmira Theatre material & 2 funeral cards from Dreisinger Funeral Home;
- Photographs & information relating to Abraham M. Bowman & son Henry B. Bowman;
- A copy of the Kitchener Journal, dated 20 Mar 1970; Petersburg School (S.S. 14 Wilmot) Centenary souvenir; a Castle Kilbride notecard by Lance Russwurm, 2 Plein Jour fabric sample brochures, 2 Kobe fabric brochures and a copy of a 25 Aug 1902 paper hanging invoice for D.W. Bethel;
- 2 tintypes (unidentified older man and young girl) and a funeral card for Mary Katherine Hartwig (1929);
- An Ernest Denton class photograph of S.S. 25 Bearinger, 1951 showing Mary Johnston in her first teaching position, copies of the July 1888 and 1877 Ontario Department of Education High School Entrance Exams in Literature, Composition, Writing, Drawing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic and History; a copy of a blank Teacher's Report on Junior and Senior 3rd Class, dated for examination held 12 April 1881, and a copy of County of Waterloo - Eighth Annual Uniform Promotion Examination, 1881;
- A copy of Woolwich Historical Foundation Special Supplement, dated 19 Nov 1985 and an Emanuel F. Soehner's Floradale Garage gasoline purchase/mileage meter, Floradale Garage letterhead and a photograph of Floradale Garage;
- And a digital copy of Kitchener dentist, William Jacob Schmidt, in 1936.

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Would You like to Write for the WHS Annual Volume?

Have you considered submitting an article for the WHS annual volume? Are you already writing or researching about some aspect of Waterloo Region history? That includes all peoples, places, buildings, businesses.... Please contact, editor rychmills@golden.net or 519 742-4990 to discuss your article and ask questions. The publication committee is experienced in editing, researching, working with authors (new and experienced) and the history of Waterloo Region. Deadline for each volume is September 30; future articles may be submitted anytime. See www.whs.ca/authors.

Request to / from Readers

<https://historicallyspeakingkitchener.wordpress.com/2018/04/02/william-armstrong-the-grand-trunk-railway-and-the-breslau-bridge/> or Google it to read the full blog and see additional photos.



William Armstrong, the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Breslau Bridge is Karen Ball-Pyatt's latest "Historically Speaking" blog, with guest blogger, TJ – a graduate student from University of Toronto's iSchool, currently completing a co-op placement in the Grace Schmidt Room of Local History. TJ is looking for further information, corrections, or clarifications regarding the painting held in the Grace Schmidt Room. You can leave a comment on the blog or contact Karen at karen.ball-pyatt@kpl.org

The painting is a water colour that may be by acclaimed Canadian painter, photographer and engineer, William Armstrong (1822-1914). It depicts a scene in front of the Grand River Bridge in 1856 at what's believed to be Breslau. There are two canoes on the Grand River with three Indigenous figures in one.

Waterloo's Old Street Lights in use *Again*

Thanks to Glen McKee for telling me about his "neighbour, Mike Shantz, a long time collector, restorer and re-purposer of unique items." Glen emailed the newspaper article and asked Mike to contact me. Thanks to Mike for the story and photos. *Ed.*

2017

When taking my dog Eli to daycare I had noticed a house at the Crowsfoot Corner, between Conestogo and Bloomingdale, that was marked for demolition. At the end of the driveway were two old lamp bases. I knocked on some doors but nobody seemed to know much about them. One person did give me a last name and with some research I found someone with that



name in Stratford. I called and it was the lamp owner's mother! She gave me her daughter's number in Dubai. When I called the owner she told me they had been standing in the back yard for years and I could have them free for taking them away if I would use them. I hired a truck trailer and tractor, took them to a fabricator and we came up with the idea to rebuild one. I was able to find some acrylic light globes, had the lamp rewired, sand blasted, painted and then moved to my home. We mounted it in the back yard, installed LED bulbs and plugged it in!



I contacted the previous owner's nephew to find

where the lights originated and he gave me a newspaper article from 1956. They had been set up in his uncle's back yard until 2016. Now one is in *my* back yard for who knows how long! Another project will be to get the second lamp restored and working.

1956

"Waterloo's Old Street Lights in Use Again," *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, July 31, 1956

Retired briefly last year, Waterloo's 45 year-old street lights are back in business and ready to start the next 45 years. The standards illuminated Waterloo's King Street business section from William to Young Streets. Last November they were taken down and replaced with much brighter fluorescent units. Since most of the old standards were in good condition, the Waterloo PUC decided to sell them for \$20 apiece. The price included five unbroken globes on each standard.... 450 pound cast iron, steel standards....Mr. Ritter placed two standards at the entrance to his driveway and two on the lawn beside a barbeque pit.

Caption with the photo: "Motorists passing Crowsfoot Corner, near Conestogo, are surprised to see former Waterloo light standards on Harry Ritter's lawn. Mr. Ritter purchased them from the Waterloo PUC for ornamental purposes."

1910

The book by Bill Moyer, *This Unique Heritage: The Story of Waterloo County*, page 97, has a 1910 photo of the street lamps. The caption is: "King Street in Waterloo (not yet paved) immediately after Niagara power was turned on in November of 1910. Experts said the five-globe standards made it the best lit main street in Canada at the time."

Sherwood Hagey's Beaver Collection

A few years ago, we saw a cabinetful of Sherwood's amazing collection when it was exhibited in the house at Woodside National Historic Site. Last year, he covered a few tables with all-things-beaver at a meeting of the Waterloo Chapter of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society. Thanks to Sherwood for sharing part of his collection! If you have any questions, about items in his collection, Sherwood would be happy to answer them. There's one more picture on the WHS Facebook page. Photos by Marion Roes.




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Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 21 – 21: Celebrate the value of volunteering – building confidence, competence, connections and community! Thank you to WHS volunteers for your many hours – attending and organizing meetings; updating membership records, the web site, Facebook and Twitter; taking minutes, writing, editing, proofreading, delivering volumes; selling books, accounting, reports, mailing, representing WHS, sharing experience and knowledge. Thank you for all you do for WHS!

Congratulations and Thank You to WHS volunteers who received Volunteer Service Awards: Warren Stauch 10 years, Sherwood Hagey 10 years, Jeff Shank 20 years, Patty Clarke 5 years, Marjorie Kohli 30 years, Nancy Maitland 5 years.

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Waterloo County House of Industry & Refuge / The Poorhouse / House of Refuge

Laura Coakley, Research and Project Coordinator of the Social Innovation Research Group at Wilfrid Laurier University will be our presenter. Laura works in the Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work and is interested and passionate about the social history of poverty in the Waterloo Region. Under the direction of Dr. Sandy Hoy and Dr. Ginette Lafrenière, Laura helped pull together archives, local history literature and genealogical research to better understand the lives of people who lived at the House of Refuge between 1869 and 1951. Through this research, she helped develop a virtual museum to house archival information, stories of the people that stayed and worked at there, and the realities of poverty in Ontario in the 19th century. Have a look at <http://waterloohouseofrefuge.ca/>



Laura Coakley and Warren Stauch at Discover Heritage, Waterloo Region Museum, 2018

At the meeting, Laura will share some of those stories, what residents' lives were like on a daily basis while bringing to light the evolution of the Poorhouse's existence over its 80 years in operation. She will piece together some of the social history of poverty over the 19th and early 20th century to give context to the realities for people living in poverty.

WHS meetings are free and open to everyone. Come early, browse the Book Table, see the displays, and meet other WHSrs

Mark your calendars for the WHS Annual General Meeting, November 3 at 1:30 at the Waterloo Region Museum

Details will be in the next newsletter, on Facebook, Twitter and the web site

Membership renewals are due October 1

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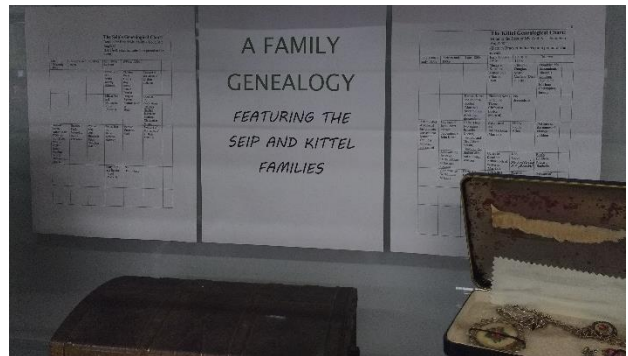
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- 1 vintage Maple Leaf Baking Powder label and 1 panoramic photograph of Dominion Tire employees, dated approximately 1920, in front of the Strange Street factory. Donor's grandmother, Eva Sievenpiper (nee Schlicter), appears on the far right;
- A Michigan State Automotive School Inc. diploma for Emanuel F. Soehner, dated 23 Apr 1920, and a sheet of Floradale Garage letterhead (undated);
- 1 black and white photograph of Three Bridges School pupils, dated 1928-1929, with identifications;
- 7 Schuett family and Winterbourne area and school photographs, and newspaper clippings, and;
- North Waterloo Rural Softball League (NWRSL) and Elmira Polar Kings Hockey newspaper clippings.

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One of the displays in the GSR



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Kudos, Congratulations, Thank you

Congratulations to Lary Turner for receiving the Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement! A long-time resident of Cambridge, and WHS member, Lary has contributed significantly to the conservation of Hespeler's cultural heritage for over 40 years. Locally, known as "Mr. Hespeler," Lary played an integral role in founding the Hespeler Heritage Center, an organization devoted to the promotion and preservation of history and community.

See also <https://www.therecord.com/news-story/8146905-hespeler-s-history-buff-wins-provincial-honour/>

Thanks very much to Will Kummer and WRX Property Group for writing an extensive and exceptional history / promo about WHS. You can read it in their Local Spotlight Blog at <https://www.wrxpropertygroup.com/the-waterloo-historical-society/>

Congratulations to Diane Strickler for receiving the Jean Steckle Award for Heritage Education from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. Warren Stauch, chair of the Foundation and also WHS past president, presented the award. Diane embodies what the award stands for: leadership in heritage education through teaching, writing or by example; encouraging and mentoring others in the understanding and appreciation of the natural or cultural heritage of Waterloo Region. Diane is a long-time member and volunteer of the Historical Society of St. Boniface and Maryhill Community, and a WHS councilor.



Diane Strickler and Warren Stauch



Lesley Webb and Warren Stauch

Congratulations to Lesley Webb, WHS president, for receiving an Award of Excellence from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation. It was also presented by Warren Stauch. Lesley is the first WHS president who will have served three terms (six years). In addition to president duties, she has been chair and / or member on several committees: digitizing and indexing the volumes, communications, web site, nomination and membership. Thank you, Lesley! *John Glass photos*

Thank you to all who delivered the WHS annual volumes! Members, board members & councilors, plus David and Mary Gingrich, delivered the bulk of the volumes, saving postage costs. By the time you receive this newsletter, all should be delivered. Contact whs@whs.ca if you haven't received yours or if you have a question about your membership status.

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Spirit of the Camp: The Story of the South Woolwich Farm Pond League

Brian "Hurricane" Hunsberger expanded his article in a previous WHS newsletter to a book! *Spirit of the Camp: The Story of the South Woolwich Farm Pond League* is well-illustrated and a fun read. Cost is \$20. Information and ordering is at swfpl1972@gmail.com and <http://swfpl1972.wixsite.com/spiritofthecamp>. At the June book launch the walls were covered with hockey memorabilia from the SWFPL and more.



Author Brian is on the right

WHS will be at Doors Open Waterloo Region

Saturday September 15, 10-5, Waterloo Historical Society will have a display at Sun Life Insurance. Come and see it, talk with our volunteers, tour this magnificent 100+ year old building, and then continue to other DOWR locations.



For those who don't know, DOWR is an architecture, heritage and tech event. Free admission, activities and performances! Theme: Places, Patterns & Plans: Our built and planned environment. **Pick up the 2018 Map & Guide now** at libraries, museums and tourism offices, or in *The Waterloo Region Record* on Sat., Sep. 8. Follow on Twitter/Instagram @DoorsOpenWR, Facebook or post a photo on Flickr. Photos of Sun Life are from 2008



Condolences

To the family of Marion Hall, who died April 21. Marion and John (2013) had been WHS members since 1967! Thank you to Marion and her family for designating WHS as one of the recipients of donations made in her memory.

<http://dreisingerfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1134/Marion-Hall/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Request to / from Readers

The Friends of the Governor's House & Gaol would like to know when and where the auction of materials from the gaol was held when it closed. This relates to the cell doors which are being "reborn with new stainless steel art highlighting the new Four Season Garden: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall." Contact Jean Haalboom at www.whs.ca if you have information.

A Visit to the Sims Estate

In 2017, members of the WHS board and council received a tour of the Sims Estate property from Leon Bensason, Heritage Kitchener. The goal was to take photographs for the WHS Archives – and enjoy the scenery. Thank you to Leon! Photos by Harold Russell and Leon Bensason.



*From left: David Emberly, Nancy Maitland, Todd Bowman
Jeff Shank, John Glass, Harold Russell*



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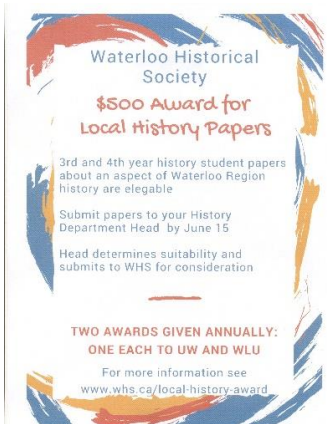
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Do you have an article for the next WHS annual volume?

Work on WHS Volume 106 has begun! There is still time to submit an article that you've been researching – on family, business, church, historical character, community history, etc. Contact editor rych mills and let him know you intend to submit a paper, even if it is not yet finalized. Deadline is September 30, 2018. rychmills@golden.net

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Waterloo Historical Society Newsletter

OCTOBER 2018



Marion Roes, Editor

Public Meetings – All are welcome!

Saturday, November 3 at 1:30

Book Table and WHS displays will be set up by 1
Annual General Meeting at 2:30
Museum hours are 11 to 5

Waterloo Region Museum
10 Huron Rd, Kitchener

There is no admission charge to those attending our meeting

Sounds of Victory in the Waterloo Region, 11 November 1918 – Sara Karn

About Sara's talk:

The First World War witnessed unprecedented levels of noise, from machine gun bursts on the battlefields to the roar of aircraft engines in the skies above. While the ceasefire on 11 November 1918 at 11 am marked the silencing of weapons at the front, there was an explosion of sound across Canada in celebration of victory and peace. This presentation considers the aural aspects of armistice celebrations in Ontario, with a particular focus on Kitchener, Waterloo, and Galt. Using local newspapers, as well as photographs from the time, Sara examines the sights and sounds of celebrations, from organized parades to spontaneous gatherings in the streets. Through uncovering the sounds of victory, we can better understand how the war's end was experienced in the Waterloo Region.

About Sara Karn:

You may recognize our speaker from her article in the latest WHS Volume. Sara first moved to the Waterloo Region in 2016 to pursue a Master of Arts in History at Wilfrid Laurier University. Her research explored popular songs composed on Canada's home front during the First World War. As part of her graduate course work, she also examined how high school students at Kitchener Collegiate Institute contributed to the Second World War – her topic for the WHS annual volume. Sara currently works as a secondary school teacher for the Thames Valley District School Board and leads student battlefield tours for the Vimy Foundation.

WHS meetings are free and open to everyone. Browse the Book Table. See our displays. Meet other WHSrs.

*At this November meeting, come early and see the museum exhibits. Explore immigrants' diverse personal Day 1 experiences, from Confederation to present day. The main floor exhibit, *What Makes Us Who We Are?* tells the story of Waterloo Region.*

Memberships are due October 1
Thanks to all who renewed at the September 25 meeting

You can download and print a form at
www.whs.ca/membership to bring with you, or mail.

Thank you for supporting WHS and renewing promptly!

2019 meetings will be in the next newsletter, on our web site, Facebook and Twitter

Happenings in the Grace Schmidt Room (GSR)

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone. I was delighted to have had a quick visit in September with my mentor and former WHS archivist, Susan Hoffman. She made local history come alive for me and her example guides me in all that I do.

Join me on October 31st at 7pm at the Central Library for Ancestry 101 to learn how to search Ancestry for your ancestors.

We are pleased to present two Remembrance Day programs this year:

"From Kitchener to Cairo: Cameron Hill's War Time Story," a presentation given by local author, Barbara Hill, at the Grand River Library on Monday November 5, 2018 at 7pm

"The WWII Journal and Family History of William Douglas Land" given by Janet Land, at Forest Heights Library on Monday, November 12 at 10 am.

Registration is required for all of the above programs. Please call InfoLink (519-743-7502) or register online through the KPL events calendar.

Due to the amazing response to our Kitchener Movie Nite in August, we are planning for a winter showing at one of our branch locations. Watch KPL's winter publicity for details!

Since my last report, the Society has received the following donations:

- A letter, dated 27 June 1910, by Minister of Labour, Mackenzie King, to the Secretary, Waterloo Free Library Board;
- An album containing images shows scenes dating from WWII or post-WWII era, possibly 1939-1947. They include soldiers, returning soldiers, a training camp, parade, and a Strohs store front (location unidentified);
- 2 photographic reprints of the 1906 Galt, Preston and Hespeler and Preston and Berlin Electric Railway car barn fire at Preston;
- Waterloo Historical Society Tour Guides, including original photographs from the estate of Mary Johnston. Also included is a 1949 Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate Institute Commencement Program;
- Records of the Centurians Car Club, 1964-2012, including membership lists and obituaries, 2012 Reunion planning, photographs and history scrapbook.

Cheers,

Karen Ball-Pyatt, WHS Archivist

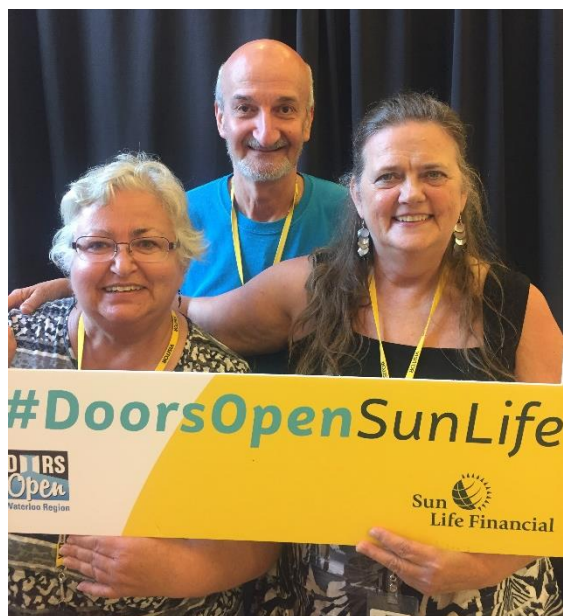
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KITTEL, SISTER Rita (formerly Sister Anacleto), School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND).

Died at Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown, Ontario on September 25, 2018. Sister Rita was six days short of her 107th birthday and she was the oldest living Sister in the Congregation of the SSND. She had celebrated her 85th year as a SSND. Joan Helm, at the Notre Dame Convent confirmed that Sister Rita was the oldest sister ever in Ontario. In WHS Volume 102-2014, are a story and photos by Theresa Dietrich about Sister Rita's life, "A Long and Vibrant Life: Sister Rita Kittel (aka Sister M. Anacleto)." <http://www.lifenews.ca/announcement/89J6736-kittel-sister-rita-formerly-sister>



WHS had a display at the Sun Life building for Doors Open Waterloo Region on Saturday, September 15. Thanks to WHS volunteers: from left, Sandy Parks, Sherwood Hagey, Debbie Kroetsch. Thanks to Krystal Rycroft for the photo



Nancy Maitland, WHS councilor for Wellesley Township, and curator of the Wellesley Township Heritage and Historical Society. Here she is at the Waterloo Region Museum in May for Discover Heritage Day.

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Introducing New Councilors Erin Applebee and Glenn Thorpe

From the WHS Nominating Committee:

Erin and Glenn were nominated and accepted at the September 4, 2018 Board and Council meeting.

Glenn Thorpe is now a councilor for Cambridge. In his career, Glenn is the Director of Sales & Marketing at OE Canada Inc., a B2B consulting, sales and service company. In addition to his newest role serving on the Board of Directors at the Greater KW Chamber of Commerce, he is also involved in a few organizations where he volunteers his time in an executive capacity. Currently he is Chairperson of The Young Professionals Network of Ontario, as well as a committee member at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Glenn spent five years with the KW Chamber Young Professionals as a committee member, Vice Chair, Chairperson, and Past Chair. It was in this role that Glenn and the committee created and put forth a simple marketing strategy aimed toward fast growth and increasing membership. Attendance and membership quickly saw sustainable success that benefited the then 125-year-old organization, and helped keep it relevant to younger generations coming into the work force. Glenn will join Lesley Webb on the Communications Committee with an interest in coming up with a strategy for the Society to increase its membership.



Erin processed Jean Haalboom's –and many others' – membership renewal at the September 25 meeting.

Erin Applebee is now a councilor for Cambridge. She has lived most of her life in the Kitchener- Waterloo area. Along with completing an Honours BA in English and History, with a minor in Medieval Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, Erin has a diploma in Museum and Gallery Studies from Georgian College in Barrie. She has worked at the Stratford Perth Museum, and Castle Kilbride in Baden. Of late, Erin was the membership coordinator at Homer Watson House & Gallery and recently returned from a professional development trip to England. She will be joining Lesley Webb on the Membership Committee with the intention of being nominated to the director position of Membership Chair at the annual general meeting in November.

Kudos & Congratulations

From David Pyper, WHS councilor for North Dumfries Township: The North Dumfries Historical Preservation Society (NDHPS) celebrated its fifth anniversary! Since its inception in 2013 it has established an extensive collection of archival records and artifacts that represent the history of North Dumfries Township. Its web site www.northdumfrieshistory.com will soon include all the maps held in the Township archives. After five years of working in partnership, the NDHPS and Township signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the NDHPS to fulfill the role of official township archivist for the next five years, taking responsibility for township archives from 1987 and earlier. Much work lies ahead in cataloguing and organizing this collection!

The Seventh Generation – When Indigenous history becomes personal

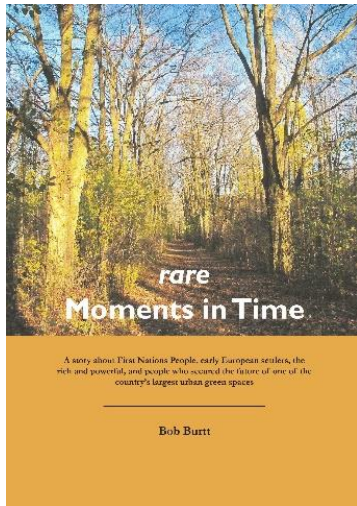
By Penny L. Warner

The Seventh Generation follows the effects of Indigenous assimilation into today. Indigenous historical events are intertwined with a personal life story, spiritualism, and nature, as they are related to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Seven Generation law of stewardship: "We must think seven generations ahead with every decision made."

Books may be ordered from Penny at penny_warner2@aol.com. They are for sale at Pickwick Bookstore, Waterdown and Green Heron Bookstore, Paris.

On Nov. 3 from 9:30 to 3:30, Brant Branch Ontario Genealogical Society, 118 Powerline Rd, Brantford, is hosting "Researching First Nations Families." Penny will be a speaker, and will sell and sign books. Copies of her first book, *James Beaver – Footpath through History* will also be available. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195675854544633/>





rare Moments in Time

By Bob Burt

rare Moments in Time is a story about how a relatively small organization, consistently punches above its weight in its commitment to conservation, education and research and how people from the community came together almost two decades ago to save what has become a nature and research reserve near Blair. Chapters in the first section are dedicated to Nathaniel Dodge, the first non-Native settler; Lamb's Inn (home to the first or one of the first stage coach stops in Upper Canada); Cruickston Park, (the summer home built by Matthew Wilks) and Langdon Hall, built by Wilks's youngest son.

The book sells for \$20 and is available at Book Express, Cambridge Centre; Wordsworth Books, Waterloo; One Black Sheep, Ayr; and the Waterloo Region Museum Gift Shop. Bob Burt is a WHS member and has contributed articles to the WHS Volume. Contact Bob at bobburt@gmail.com or 519-653-8860.

Mennonite Funeral & Burial Traditions

By Marion Roes

The book is about specific Mennonite groups in Waterloo Region, Oxford, Perth and Wellington Counties, written from interviews and personal stories. Publishing date is estimated to be in December. If you would like to know when it's released, let Marion know and she will let you know. mlroes@sympatico.ca or 519 883-1448.

More than Books are for Sale at the WHS Book Table

Books of course! Also, WHS...

Postcard sets of 9 photos taken throughout the region, \$5 / set

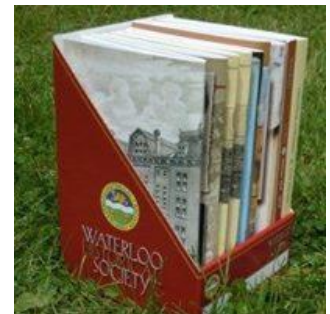
Windbreaker with the society's badge sewn in, medium only, \$60.

Slipcases – sturdy & colourful, to store & display 10-15 annual volumes each

Member cost: \$5 each or 3 for \$13

Non-member cost: \$7 each or 3 for \$17

For more information contact rychmills@golden.net



Condolences

On behalf of the WHS, we offer condolences for the death of a member to:

The family of Dominic Cosentino, including his son Vinny and Lesley Webb. Dominic died on July 14.

<http://www.lifenews.ca/announcement/8744499-cosentino-dominic>

The family of Herb Ratz who died August 14. Herb was a member from 1982 and a past president of WHS. There will be a tribute to him in the next volume. We appreciate that Herb and his family designated WHS as a recipient of memorial donations. <https://www.therecord.com/announcements-obituaries-memorials/obituaries-death-notice/8846103>

The family of Jim Breithaupt who died August 29. Jim was a life member since 1974 and also a past president. There will be a tribute to him in the next volume. <https://erbgood.com/tribute/details/14158/James-Breithaupt/obituary.html>
Harold Russell provided photos of both Herb and Jim for the WHS Facebook page.

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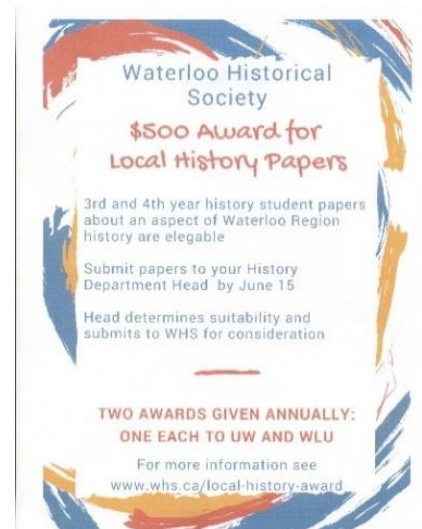
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