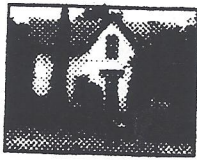


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NEWSLETTER

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WHY ARE THERE TWO HISTORICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN STONEY CREEK ?

by Bill O'Reilly, President of Friends of Battlefield Museum

It is true that we have two historical organizations that work in co-operation with each other, and both have separate distinction and goals. In the May newsletter a history of Stoney Creek Historical Society was outlined and this month we will describe the organization at Battlefield.

First we wish to be known as "Friends of Battlefield Museum". This organization was formed in 1981 with Mr. John Hencher as the first president. Three goals were proposed.

- [1] To involve the community in programs operating at Battlefield House.
- [2] To increase the awareness of the valuable historical background of the surrounding area.
- [3] To encourage volunteer participation and to become members of the organization.

During the years we have expanded in numbers and have purchased an AV system, a freezer and other materials for Battlefield House. Also we help to supply uniforms for the House Guards. We have workshops to train volunteers and other interested members and visit other historical sites and museums.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the months of Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, and May at 7:30 pm. usually at the house.

Many members of Stoney Creek Historical Society belong to both organizations and also do volunteer work. New members and volunteers are very welcome, we find it is a fun organization and very friendly.

Each of these two worthy organizations is valuable in a distinct manner to the community, both are protectors and advocates of our local heritage which is so enriched in history.

THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

In less than six months, the cost of our new book "Billy Green and the Battle of Stoney Creek" has been paid in full, including the additional hard cover books we had printed in the Spring. Congratulations!

The Hamilton Spectator alone sold one thousand copies. The education program which they promoted has been well received in our schools. James Elliott, in costume, has been part of the promotion package as he reads from his book to students in grade seven. The young people love it as he makes history come alive for them. Thanks to the Spectator and James Elliott for their continuing support.

Our book makes a wonderful gift for all those history buffs on your Christmas gift list. Keep up the good work.

We will not be having our annual December "Christmas by Candlelight Tour" this year or a December meeting. We will be having a "Christmas Social" evening at the home of Judy and Gerry Heeringa, for our members on December 19th. We will be giving more information about this event later on. Keep the date open.

Again I must extend my thanks to the Executive Committee and to our membership for making my job a pleasant one.

Mary Lewis

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome four new members.
Harry and Marion Brown, Janet Jones, Grant Shaw.

The challenge issued in our first newsletter to increase membership has resulted in 15 new members this year to-date. You are to be congratulated for your efforts. Keep up the good work.

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

BILLY GREEN
AND THE BATTLE OF STONEY CREEK
JUNE 6, 1813

will make a great gift for friends or family.
Price: Hardcover \$14.95 Soft cover \$ 8.95
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ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

The 1994 season is quickly winding down as we enter the month of September. As of September 1 we have had a total of 780 visitors at our site, with approximately forty percent of those visiting from the United Kingdom. Many of our visitors both local and foreign have commented on the wonderful displays that were present in our drive house. The Billy Green display is no exception. The history of Billy Green has sparked a curiosity among all visitors, which has resulted in many buying the Historical Society's publication. I would encourage all Historical Society members to visit the Lee and see this display if you have not already. The display will remain intact until November 30.

Ticket sales for our Harvest Luncheons are also selling quite fast, with our Wednesday lunches already sold out. This year we will have the pleasure of hosting fifty Women's Institute members from the Wiltshire Federation in England. They will be in Stoney Creek area on Wednesday, September 28, and plan on stopping at our home for lunch. This should prove to be an exciting day for all involved.

At this time I would like to thank all of you who visited the Erland Lee (Museum) Home during our 1994 season. Keep us on your calendar for a visit in 1995 as we prepare for another season of special events and interesting displays.

Mary Kneebone

1995 EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

The 1995 general meeting will be held January 4th, 1995, this is also voting day for the next executive. The following offices will be open and need to be elected.

- [1] PRESIDENT
- [2] TREASURER
- [3] CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Members should consider standing for these offices. The nominating committee will contact each member prior to the January meeting. New faces bring new ideas and these in turn maintain a healthy membership.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Account balancess to September 9, 1994.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 494.73
MUSEUM FUND	\$ 5041.75
PUBLISHING FUND	\$ 2886.58

The total printing costs for our publication of the Billy Green Book are \$14462.12, which we are happy to report have been completely paid.

FROM THE PAST

The following is from the minutes of the first meeting to create a Historical Society in Stoney Creek.

February 14th 1908

A meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Stoney Creek, to organize a Branch of the Wentworth Historical Society. After much discussion, it was moved by J.A.Green, seconded by Donald McInnes, that a branch be formed this evening and that we proceed to elect Officers. CARRIED.

Election of Officers -

Hon.President - E.D.Smith, M.P.

President - Moved by A.C.Springstead, seconded by J.W.Green, that W.E.Corman be President. CARRIED.

Vice President - Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by Donald McInnes, that A.E.Walker be Vice President. CARRIED.

Secretary - Treasurer - Moved by A.C.Springstead, seconded by J.W.Green, that J.W.Beaumont be Secretary-Treasurer. CARRIED.

Hon.Secretary - Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by D.McInnes, that (Rev.)W.G.Davis be Honorary Secretary. CARRIED.

Executive Committee - Moved by A.C.Springstead, seconded by Donald McInnes, that an Executive Committee be formed consisting of the Officers and the following members

Col. Ptolemy	R.E.Glover	J.McNeilly
Arthur Lee	Ham Lee	Col. Van Wagner
Mrs.C.Fessenden	Hugh Bertram	J.W.Green
J.W.Smith	Mrs.Evans	Donald McInnes
Samuel Patterson	A.C.Springstead.	

with power to add.

Fees - Moved by A.C.Springstead, seconded by D.McInnes, that membership fee be 25 cents a year which will entitle each member to a badge. CARRIED.

Other Business - Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by Selby Corman, that Rev. W.G.Davis attend the next meeting of the Woman's Institute and urge them to become members, also to explain the aims and objects of this society to them. CARRIED.

Moved by J.W.Green, seconded by D.McInnes, that this meeting adjourn to meet again on Friday evening, Feb. 21st, in Parish Hall. CARRIED.

Signed W.G.Davis Hon.Secretary W.E.Corman President.

REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

Battlefield House has had a pretty exciting summer. It started, of course, with the reenactment weekend on June 4 & 5. This event by itself requires a lot of organization and work. This year, we also had the official reopening of the restored monument and dedication of the new colours of our Houseguard, the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on the same weekend. We feel that this weekend was very successful. The weather was beautiful and the re-enactors lent a lot of colour to all the events. We had the Lt. Governor, the Hon. Henry Jackman take part in the re-opening. For the dedication of the new Royal Newfoundland Regimental colours, Lt. Col. Ring from to-day's same regiment, had come all the way from St. John's with his aide to preside over this ceremony. In conjunction with the re-opening, Battlefield House had mounted an exhibit of articles from the 20th century to commemorate the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, which was responsible not only for the preservation of Battlefield House, but also for the building of the monument. Another exhibit, mounted in the blockhouse of the monument, depicted the deterioration and consequent restoration of this building.

In August we had a family fun event in the park in response to this being "The Year of the Family".

Our historical organization, the Friends of Battlefield Museum, has resumed its meetings. On October 11, the President of the Ontario Historical Society, Dorothy Duncan, has consented to be our speaker for the evening. Her topic will be "Superstition". She is a very prominent and accomplished speaker and we count ourselves lucky to have her with us. We have secured for that evening the Saltfleet Room in City Hall. We are happy to welcome the members of the Stoney Creek Historical Society at this meeting. We start at 7.30 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterward.

If you have an antique sitting in your house and are wondering how old it is and where it was made, come to our Antique Identification Clinic on Sunday, October 16, 1-4 p.m., when we have a specialist from the ROM. The cost is \$5.00 per item in addition to the admission fee. Refreshments will be served and you will be able to taste our open-hearth cooking. We hope to see you all!

Christmas Candlelight Evening at Battlefield House.

A 3 day event, December 7, 14, and 15th 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
the cost is

ADULTS \$ 3.75
SENIORS \$ 3.25
CHILDREN \$ 1.25

Susan Ramsay

WELLAND CANALS GALLERY PHASE II DEVELOPMENT COMPLETE

The St. Catherines Museum is pleased to announce that Phase II of the Welland Canals Gallery Development is complete, and a priority for 1994 will be to add new attractions. The new paint is dry, and the artifacts and displays are now being updated, redesigned and new exhibits are being added. A spectacular Relief Map is a highlight of the gallery, and a rest area has been added, where many publications about the Welland Canals can be perused.

A new display case is home to a seven-foot model of the "John A. France", built for Scott Misner Steamships Ltd. and christened August 26 1960. Another new display is "Canal Ceremonies", highlighting the pomp and circumstance around the Canals. The top hat presented to the captain of the first ship through the canal each spring is on display. The commemorative stamp of William Hamilton Merritt; a fully-refurbished model of the "Ann & Jane", the first ship through the canal in 1829; and a soup tureen from that memorable trip are a few of the new artifacts.

1994 FLAG DAY PARADE

Mother nature was truly on our side for the 1994 parade. Although a very iffy day at times, the rain held off until I believe everyone had made it home. The entry of Antique cars was again well received in an excellent parade, thanks to Harvey Bowerman, Harry and Marian Brown, Pres Featherstone, George Kosterewa, Peter Wills, and George Worrn for making our entry outstanding with your fabulous vehicles.

HELP WANTED

FAMILYSEARCH:

To report on the May 1994 Newsletter request for information on the J.H. McNeilly Family. I received 3 phone calls with information that I was able to use. I write about this to show how people will respond to queries. This may help you in your search for family members. A phone call to me before the next deadline will have your search underway.

Ron Place

DID YOU KNOW?

Stoney Creek's first village council was formed in 1931 -1932 with J Dale as reeve and councillors J.T. Chitlick, J.Piott, J.A. Walker and L.F. McDougall. Mr. H. Bertram was clerk.

Index of Taped Interviews.

Tapes may be borrowed by members between meetings.

Tape No.	Title:	Date of Interview:	Source:
(1)	A: LIFE IN SALTFLEET B: HARMONY HALL	Aug 17 1989 Feb 06 1989	Mrs. Mae Sanderson. Mrs. Ruby Williams.
(2)	1: HERITAGE WEEK 2: BILLY GREEN HOMESTEAD	Feb 24 1990	Barbara Green & Billy Green.
(3)	A: SURVEYING & EARLY B: HISTORY OF NIAGARA	Sep 25 1988	Mr. Larry Woods.
(4)	1: THE FARM THE HOUSE 2: THE HOUSE OF 1840	May 19 1989 May 24 1989	Mr. John Sedgwick Mrs. Elizabeth Gillies.
(5)	1: THE YEAGER FAMILY 2: THE BLACKMORE FAMILY	Sep 25 1990 Oct 24 1990	Mr. Bill Yeager. Mrs. Laura Blackmore.
(6)	1: RAILWAYS & BUILDINGS 2: BAKERIES, HOTELS	Apr 05 1989 Apr 17 1989	Mr. Tom Roderick. Mr. & Mrs. Bill McNell.
(7)	1: STONEY CREEK, 1930'S 2: SC 1921 & LATER.	Feb 06 1990 Mar 24 1992	Mr. Francis Brandow. Mr. Ron Deuxberry.
(8)	1: HEWITSON/WALKER FAMILY 2: THE PIOTT FAMILY	Apr 03 1990 Aug 12 1991	Mrs. Margaret Hewitson. Mrs. Pat Richmond.
(9)	1: EARLY SALTFLEET & S.C. 2: THE JONES FAMILY	Jun 20 1989 Mar 28 1989	Mrs. Aletha Turk. Mr. Don Jones.
(10)	A: MILLEN STORE, TOLL GATE B: EARLY DAYS IN S.C.	Aug 22 1988 May 13 1989	Mrs. Thelma Felker. Mrs. Aleda Pearson.
(11)	A: HISTORY OF SCHOOLS B: THE MILLENS & EARLY S.C.	1983 Apr 14 1992	Mr. John Pell. Mrs. E. Phillip
(12)	A: THE NASH /GAGE FAMILIES B:	Oct 15 1992	Mrs. Leone Jackson
(13)	A: WM.CASE- A PORTRAYAL. B: _____	Nov.24 1992	Mr. John Hencher
(14)	A: THE S.C.HYDRO SYSTEM. B: BILLY GREEN BOOK	Jun.. 1993 1994	Mr. Stuart Chapple. Radio stations/James Elliott

The latest addition to our tape library, " BILLY GREEN" TAPE #14 SIDE "B"

During the publicity run for the book "BILLY GREEN and the BATTLE OF STONEY CREEK", several radio station interviews were conducted with James Elliott, these we have taped and have now put them together so that anyone not being able to hear them at the time of broadcasting can now do so.

The first interview was with Bob Brattina of Hamilton's CHML. A short comment by Charles Doering from CFRB. Then an interview with Christopher Thomas from CBC, this also includes the Music of the late Stan Rodgers and his song of "Billy Green The Scout". Finally the reading at the Heritage Day celebrations held at Stoney Creek City Hall in February by James Elliott.

Although little is mentioned of the illustrator George Balbar in this tape, we must recognize the fact that his work along with James' has given us a terrific entry into the world of publishing.

Ron Place

Stoney Creek Historical Society

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MEETINGS ARE HELD AT STONEY CREEK CITY HALL, SALTFLY ROOM
1st. WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 7.30 pm. SEPTEMBER TO JUNE
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

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FUTURE SPEAKER

November 2 1994 R.J. Tatton from Hamilton, his topic will be

“COVERED BRIDGES OF ONTARIO”

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

The next newsletter will be published and issued at the
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 1995 meeting.

Deadline for all articles to be included is
JANUARY 15, 1995.
