

Rideau Township Historical Society

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- **Meeting** **Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**
at St. Andrew's Church Hall
6810 Rideau Valley Drive South, Kars

(Please use the front door and leave coats and boots in the sanctuary. Handicap access at the south door or west door of the hall.)

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by our guest speaker, Jeff Earl, industrial archaeologist.

Topic: Archaeological findings at Lebreton Flats.

Jeff Earl, son of Brian and Pat Earl, Manotick, is a graduate of South Carleton High School and has a B.A. in classics from Carleton University and a Master's degree in Social Science from the University of Birmingham, England.

Jeff and his wife, Brenda, formed their own company in 2000, *Past Recoveries, Archaeological Services*. They also work each year for Heritage Quest, Kingston, and supervise Grade 5 students at Murphy's Point.

Among other eastern Ontario sites the Earls located Chapman's Mill, worked at Lebreton Flats before the construction of the Canadian War Museum and are now involved with the Light Rail survey.

- **Last Meeting:** **Burns Dinner, January 18, 2006**

Thank you to the committee of Dennis Osmond, Jane Anderson, Kathy Killens and Pat de St. Croix. Well done! Contact Dennis for photographs. The Broad Scots language may be almost unintelligible to most of us but our guest, Robert Orr, was pleased that we followed the traditions and protocol with such finesse.

Lassies, please remember that when you sing Comin' thru' the rye that the Rye Water is a river, not a grain field. Laddies, are you still smiling?

- **Heritage Day, February 20, 2006**

We have been invited by Mayor Chiarelli to the ceremony and reception at Ottawa City Hall, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Car pooling is advised.

From the Archives:

The information session on documenting military ancestors conducted by Owen Cooke on Sunday, February 5, 2006 from 1 to 4 p.m. was very productive. Twelve people participated in the workshop, including several R.T.H.S. members. Others came to observe or to visit the Archives.

Coming soon: the new exhibit will feature the village of Kars for the Kars 150th anniversary and Lindsay's Wharf where the first Kars Post Office was located.

On the first Sunday of the month (t.b.a.) we plan to feature Domestic Life: cookbooks and receipt/recipe books, 19th century and early 20th century, now in the R.T.A. library. Do you have an old cookbook to donate?

Hours: every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 first Sunday of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 489-2926 or rideauarchives@ottawa.ca

Visitors and volunteers always welcome.

- **Media coverage**

We have been invited to submit articles for the Manotick Messenger Heritage issue so please buy a copy. These will cover both RTHS and RTA events as well as an excerpt from one of Larry Ellis's books and other people passionate about our history.

- The North Grenville Historical Society will host guest speaker, Pam Buell, Parks Canada on Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. in the North Grenville Archives, Highway 43 west of Kemptville. Her topic will be the designation of the Rideau Canal by U.N.E.S.C.O. as a World Heritage site in 2007.
- Parks Canada is preparing for the 175th celebration of the opening of the Rideau Canal in 1832. How would R.T.H.S. celebrate?
- Jonathan Moore, marine archaeologist, addressed R.T.H.S. in March 2003. His book, *Submersed Inventory of the Rideau Waterway, 2005*, Parks Canada, is not for sale but Jon was very generous in his acknowledgement of Coral Lindsay and Mark Jodoin for their assistance.

- Membership 2006, call Brian Earl, 692-2371.
- Come early to meet and greet. Light refreshments. Bring a friend. You need a ride? Call Brian, 692-2371.

**February is
Heritage Month**

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History Month**

• **Future Meetings**

Executive meeting, February 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Earl home.

March 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Rideau Township Archives

Speaker Phil Jenkins, author of *River Song*, will tell us about his research on the St. Lawrence River.

April 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Hall, Kars

Speaker Jeff Cronin will present his paper on *Hadrian's Wall, Roman Britain*.

May 17: tentative plans for a walking tour of Kars Village followed by a program, perhaps in St. John's Hall, Kars. Coral does not conduct walking tours in the rain.

June: Suggestions wanted! Please give your ideas to the program committee or any member of the 2006 executive. Colin Wright recommends a visit to the Heritage Place Museum at Lyn, 10 minutes northwest of Brockville.

Hall of Fame trivia
Canada's flag:
what day, what year?

Introduction to Archives

Presented by the City of Ottawa Archives

Archives are important components of community museums; historical societies also collect or acquire archival materials as a result of their programmes, or as resources for research or genealogical enquiry. Volunteers working in institutions with archives need basic skills in acquiring, documenting, arranging, preserving, and making available the treasures under their care.

The City of Ottawa Archives presents a four-day introductory workshop series on Archives. Archives staff and guest lecturers will speak on a variety of specialized topics. Each presentation will include relevant archival theory, but will emphasize practice using hands-on exercises.

At the conclusion of the workshop series, participants will have the skills and the confidence they need to effectively manage archival collections within their institutions.

Dates

February 15th	Intro, mandates, policies
March 22nd	Acquisition & Arrangement
April 19th	Description & Special Media
May 17th	Preservation & Public Service

Each workshop will run from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, with lunch breaks. Lunch is not provided. There is space if you wish to bring your lunch. Several restaurants are within walking distance of the Archives.

Location

Rideau Branch, City of Ottawa Archives
6581 Fourth Line Road (Main Street)
North Gower, Ontario
Tel: 613-489-2926
RideauArchives@ottawa.ca

Cost: \$0 to Museum Network member institutions. Materials will be provided.

Space is limited, so reserve early by phone or email.

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A.G.M. reports

Nominating Committee for 2006

Past President	Richard McDonald
President	Jeff Cronin
Vice President	Mark Jodoin
Secretary	
Treasurer	Pat de St. Croix
Membership	Brian Earl
Publications	Jane Anderson
Newsletter Editor	Coral Lindsay
Directors	Ron Wallace Eric Field Dennis Osmond

Further nominations will be invited from the members at the meeting.

RIDEAU TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LOOKING BACK AT 2005

In 2005, Rideau Township Historical Society enjoyed great success within its mandate to “arouse and stimulate interest in the story of the people and places of the former township of Rideau and historical subjects in general”.

In January, Owen Cooke introduced the Microfilm facility, available to groups and individuals who wish to microfilm their records, at the Rideau Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives.

Mark Jodoin, our vice president, gave us an introduction to “Archives Without Walls, the Boundless Sources of Online History,” in February.

In celebration of Ottawa’s 150th Anniversary, Steve Desart gave us a tour of early Bytown, from the 1800’s to the present day.

In April, each member brought one of their own treasured artifacts and gave a brief history. There was a tremendous assortment of things, from an ancient Hudson Bay Company whiskey bottle to a stone from Pompeii.

Bruce Straby gave us a history of recorded sound, and generously shared his collection of old cylinders, records, and recording devices at the May meeting at Trinity United Church, Kars.

In June, we went on a Rideau Heritage bus tour, from Kars through Kilmarnock and back. Supported by an illustrated text, Coral Lindsay and Mark Jodoin led us on a fascinating journey, pointing out historically significant houses and locations as we drove by. Arising from this effort, Mrs. Lindsay and Mr. Jodoin are in the process of producing a book, Ghost Roads, an illustrated heritage guide of the Rideau River, on both sides, from the Hunt Club Bridge to Smiths Falls.

To mark the 150th Anniversary of Ottawa, the Rideau Township Historical Society commissioned Dr. Norman Fraser to paint a portrait of Moss Kent Dickinson, founder of Manotick, and early mayor of Ottawa. At the September meeting Eleanor Field outlined the colourful life of Moss Kent Dickinson at the unveiling of the portrait at the mill Dickinson built in Manotick.

In October, Coral Lindsay did a fascinating presentation on the Timber Trade and the Lumber Barons of Ottawa. Street names such as Bronson Ave. and Gilmour St. pay tribute to these early magnates.

In November, Paul Francis, a keen military historian, gave an interesting rendition of the Battle of Crysler's Farm during the War of 1812.

2005 was capped off with a Christmas Pot Luck Supper. Members entertained with stories of their favourite Christmas memories, and Ken Holman led a carol sing.

Two of our members addressed the North Grenville Historical Society -- Coral Lindsay on the Roger Stevens Story and Audrey Renton on the military history of the O'Callaghans of Kars and Kemptville. Richard McDonald manned the Rideau Township Historical Society Booth in Dickinson Square on Dickinson Day. In addition, the Society maintains a stock of its publications for sale to the public through commercial outlets in Rideau.

The Society was instrumental in installing a plaque commemorating Moss Kent Dickinson opposite the Millers' Oven in Manotick, and is in the process of commissioning another in memory of the Thomson family, to be located at the corner of Lothead Road and 3rd Line.

The Historical Society provides support to the Rideau Township Branch of the Ottawa Archives through the Friends of the Rideau Township Archives. Assistance is given in its microfilm service, and donations are made of reference books as recommended by volunteers.

Planned 2006 programs include a talk by Jeff Earl on his work on the archaeology of Lebreton Flats this month; Phil Jenkins will speak on the St. Lawrence River in March, and Jeff Cronin on Hadrian's Wall in April.

For more information about our society, our Web address is www.manotick.org/rths/. To see the portrait of Moss Kent Dickinson, and read Eleanor Field's presentation, please go to www.mosskentdickinson.blogspot.com. For information about Coral Lindsay's presentation on the Timber Trade and the Lumber Barons of Ottawa, please go to www.ottawasuperex.com/the_purecountry_pavilion.cfm.

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Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ended December 31, 2005

INCOME	2005	2006
Membership Fees	1125.00	750.00
Bank Interest	0.93	1.00
City of Ottawa Operating Grant	2300.00	2500.00
City of Ottawa Heritage Fund Grant	1500.00	1230.00
Fund Raising (House collections)	72.75	300.00
Rideau River Tour	1110.00	Spring Tour 1200.00
Burns Dinner (2006 event)	615.00	299.00
Publication Sales	145.50	300.00
Total Income	6869.18	6000.00

Expenses

Promotion and Publicity	444.55	Presentations 500.00
Speakers Expenses	189.96	Promotion 300.00
Name Tags	58.66	100.00
Hall Rentals	225.00	50.00
Bank charges and Cheque Purchase	42.27	400.00
Rideau River Tour	1219.68	40.00
Ontario Historical Assoc. Membership	50.00	Spring Tour 1250.00
Donation to Rideau Archives (book)	34.00	50.00
Special Heritage Project (Dickinson Portrait)	3000.00	150.00
Special Heritage Project Prints	40.00	Memorial Plaque 2012.00
Total Expenses	5304.12	Equipment 1600.00
Net gain (includes Burns pay'ts)	1565.06	Publications 1500.00
		Insurance 1188.00
		Burns Dinner <u>700.00</u>
		<u>9840.00</u>
		Proposed Deficit 3840.00

Bank Balance Forward Dec. 31, 2004	7350.88
Income 2005	6869.18
Expenses 2005	-5304.12
	8915.94

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2005	8935.16
Outstanding cheques #47, 48	-65.00
Total	8870.16
Cash on hand	45.78

Total 8915.94