



# Rideau Township Historical Society

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## January 2008 Newsletter

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- **Meeting**      **Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 7:30 p.m.**  
at Knox Presbyterian Church hall  
Dickinson Street, Manotick

**Speaker:**      **George Hobson**

**Topic:**      **The Mysteries of Sir John Franklin**

RTHS member George Hobson will examine many of the unanswered questions arising from Franklin's explorations of Arctic Canada. He came to the Canadian north near the end of the 'Little Ice Age' and despite much searching for clues in warmer times since, questions remain about the location of his ships, his camera, his logbook, and his earthly remains. Only one cairn and only one note were left in the desolation of the Arctic. Why?

This is also the Annual General Meeting.

Bring a friend

Light refreshments

For a ride call Brian Earl  
613-692-2371

- **Last meeting:**

Thanks to Ann Cronin and her crew who organized the December Pot-Luck and to Ron and Sandy Wilson for inviting Everard de Sousa to entertain us, with a little help from the RTHS "choir".

- **Coming events:**

February 20:            February RTHS meeting – topic to be announced.

- **Dickinson Square**

Congratulations to all those who have worked so diligently to keep the Dickinson Square in public hands, especially thanks to Glenn Brooks, Bonnie Gray, Margot Belanger, Katherine Killens and so many others. Well done.

**News from the Rideau Archives . . .**

**Hours:**

The Archives is open every Tuesday from 9:30 am to 4:30 p.m., and at other times by appointment. (613-489-2926).

**Document preservation:**

Rideau Archives recently bound 50 rare and important works in hard cover, including the Lindsay's Wharf ledgers.

**New central archives building:**

On December 12, 2007 the budget of the City of Ottawa Archives was approved, including funding for a new central Archives facility at CentrepoinTE. Plans are to keep a downtown presence through sharing a public reference facility with the Ottawa Public Library.

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