



The Rideau Township Historical Society

Preserving and Promoting local history for the former Rideau Township

January 2020 Newsletter

RTHS AGM and Bring & Brag

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
6810 Rideau Valley Drive South
Kars, ON



2020 Memberships Now Due

A reminder: very reasonable annual dues for 2020 are now being collected. (\$15 individual; \$20 family) See Membership Director Gary Bagley at any meeting, or mail your cheques and the form on page 6 of this newsletter to: RTHS P.O. Box 56 North Gower, ON, K0A 2T0

Renewals and new members are always welcome. Join and enjoy the newsletters, meeting presentations and excursions.

Speakers

Speakers at the January meeting will once again be RTHS members themselves.

Yes it is time once again for our annual bring and brag night with RTHS members and/or their guests presenting their treasures.

So if you or someone you know has something you think would be of interest to the Society we will see you on the 15th. There will be a computer and screen available for PowerPoint or other kinds of presentations, so bring a memory stick if you so choose.

The Annual General Meeting

The AGM will precede the Bring & Brag presentations. It is traditionally short but it is important because we elect our executive for the coming year. The nominating committee will present a report listing a slate of candidates for the various positions as recruited by the present executive.

At this point there will be a request for nominations from the floor for any position. In particular there is an opportunity to join your 2020 Society executive as a Director with responsibilities to be determined at the first meeting of the new executive. If this appeals to you, please contact Sandy McNiece (dmcniece@rogers.com) or at 613-489-2295 to put your name forward

We have lost 2 friends.

John Seabrook, a lifetime resident of North Gower, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2019 in his 87th year. A successful farmer, family man and community worker, he will be greatly missed by his wife of 62 years, Doris, and his three children, as well as the community in general. RTHS members send our sympathies to his family and friends.

Betty Bartlett died peacefully on December 8, 2019 after complications involving a fall. She was predeceased by David, her husband of 52 years. Betty had two sons Michael and Peter.

She was always a strong supporter of high quality education, teaching history, Latin and local history to many of us while at South Carleton High School. She was very active in the Rideau Township Historical Society and in many aspects of Rideau Township. She will be much missed. Our condolences to her family and friends.

*The Rideau Township Historical Society
and
Dickinson House Museum*



*Wish You
a
Happy
New
Year*

RTHS Christmas Party 2019 ***Article and photos by Sandy McNiece***

The 2019 RTHS Christmas Party!

A lively group of over 25 members attended the RTHS Christmas Party on December 11th at St. James Anglican Church in Manotick.

We enjoyed an excellent ham supper buffet, which was joyfully served by members of the Crescent Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Our program director Dorothy Gray, and her cousin Joan Hendry arranged the Christmas decorations which included ten lovely “seasonally” decorated table arrangements which were presented as door prizes throughout the evening.

Rowena Pearl, with assistance from her son Wilson and a friend Juliette, entertained the group with a wide selection of traditional Christmas carols and well-known songs which we all enjoyed singing along to.

Thanks to all who attended a fun evening!



Rowena at her keyboard. Her son and a friend, standing behind, are leading the sing along.



Members at the tables enjoying the prospect of a good dinner. Note the beautiful flower arrangements.



A singalong is an essential part of our Christmas celebrations. It really sets the mood for a Christmas party.

RTHS Winter/Spring Programme

January to June 2020

January 15th Bring and Brag, Annual General Meeting
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
6810 Rideau Valley Drive South. Kars

February 19th The Joys of Canadian History
Manotick Place Retirement Community
1145 Bridge Street, Manotick
Speaker: George Laidlaw.

March. 18th North. Grenville Archeology Society
Ottawa Client Services Centre

2155 Roger Stevens Drive, North Gower
Speaker: Michael Whittaker

April 15th North Gower Book Launch.
Alfred Taylor Community Centre
2300 Community Way, North Gower

May 20th Grandma's Genes (DNA)
St. Paul's Anglican Church
1138 Bridge Street, Manotick
Speaker: Mags Caulden

June 13th Excursion to Smiths Falls
(more info at the April meeting)

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**Come and bring your
memorabilia to share.**



News from the Rideau Branch, Ottawa Archives

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

Resources and Services of the Rideau Township Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives: a monthly feature in this newsletter, celebrating the services and holdings preserved in your community's archives resource centre.

North Gower and the Hamburger Geld-Lotterie

The first monetary lottery – a lottery with cash prizes – occurred in Florence in 1530, according to Palgrave's Dictionary of Political Economy (1894). This was in the "lotto" format somewhat like today's Lottario and 6/49. Around the same time, the Dutch devised a different "class" lottery system, a more costly and complicated progressive system that apparently was less harmful to low-income households. Around 1610, the northern German city-state of Hamburg borrowed this Dutch model, and by the time of Palgrave's dictionary at the end of the nineteenth century, there was a class lottery in most of the German nations. The Duchy of Braunschweig [Brunswick] pocketed 1.24 million marks, about 10% of public revenues, from its state lottery in 1894, for which tickets cost 60 marks – about \$0.70 Canadian at the time, more than a third of a day's wage.

Tickets for the Hamburger Geld-Lotterie [Hamburg Money Lottery] at that time cost just over half that price. Prizes were guaranteed by Hamburg's government, and tickets could only be bought from regulated sellers. There were a number of these over the years, often bankers for whom lotteries made a lucrative sideline: Lazarus Samson Cohn, Isenthal & Co., Samuel Heckscher senior, Adolph Haas, and, Wehling & Co.

Eventually lottery agents, in Hamburg and elsewhere, capitalized on the fact that, while the lottery was backed by a German state, the holders of winning tickets need not be resident there. With the advent of mail ordering in the 1860s, agents began running advertisements for the Hamburg lottery in newspapers throughout the German-speaking areas of Europe. The bankers went even further afield, too, placing English-language advertisements in British papers, including London's Railways Times and the Welsh Y Tyst a'r Dydd, and in American papers too, such as the Memphis Public Ledger.

Beyond newspaper ads, the agents distributed direct or "junk" advertising mail. Indeed, in the Toronto Globe issue of 30 April 1886 a short note asked: "Why does the Government permit Canadian mails to be flooded with circular advertisements advertising the Hamburg lottery?" In a follow-up several days later, a columnist, believing the lotteries were fraudulent, added: "... Canadians ought to be too shrewd to be cheated in any such fashion. Unfortunately, it is to be feared that too many of them are not, but in their short-sighted greed of gain, are in danger of sending their money to swell the ill-gotten gains of swindlers and rogues." Matters had not changed much twenty years later, when the Globe reported on 21 October 1903 that Canadian postmasters were being advised not to issue registered letters or postal money orders to known lottery

agents in Europe and South America, including Heckscher in Hamburg. No doubt the fires of anti-lottery sentiment were fanned by the story, appearing in 1908 in various American papers including the New York Times, of a German lottery agent sentenced to 1461 years in prison.

The intensity of the agents' marketing campaigns was such that Nixon Craig, about the turn of the twentieth century, found himself with a ticket order form from a Hamburg banking concern, Wehling & Co. But it appears that he was "too shrewd" and left his form unsigned and un-sent, and so it can be seen today in this condition at Rideau Branch Archives.

Man biete dem Glücke die Hand!

Plan-Auszug der Gewinne:

Erste Classe.		Zweite Classe.		Dritte Classe.		Siebente Classe.	
<small>Umsatz # 1. - 100 % Original-Lose</small>		<small>Umsatz # 1. - 100 % Original-Lose</small>		<small>Umsatz # 1. - 100 % Original-Lose</small>		<small>Umsatz # 1. - 100 % Original-Lose</small>	
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Gewinne	Mark	Gewinne	Mark	Gewinne	Mark		
1. 75000	1. 80000	1. 100000					
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1. 3000	1. 3000	1. 3000					
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29. 150 4350	29. 200 5800	28. 200 5600					
3950. 94 371800	3950. 124 189800	3950. 145 372750					
4000. 177450	4000. 602600	4000. 705850					

Original-Lose sind zu haben bei dem Haupt-Bureau:

Wehling & Co.,

HAMBURG.

Wehling & Co. advertisement, Deutsche Wacht [Slovenian German-language newspaper], 11 August 1887

Instructions to remitters of money direct to Hamburg.

Remittances are best and cheapest made by means of *Post-Money-Order* or Banknotes, Cheques, Express-Money-Order etc. *You are requested to have your letter* (containing remittances) *registered* and to retain the receipt issued by the Post-Office. In case you send us the amount by Post-Money-Order, *please mention the number of it.*

Prices of the tickets of the two first Divisions:

1/4 ticket 18 Marks or \$ 4.50,
1/2 " " " " " 2.25,
3/4 " " " " " 1.15.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

(Wishing english correspondence.)

To Messrs. **WEHLING & Co., Hamburg.**

You are requested to forward to the undersigned original ticket(s) with an official prospectus.

The amount of \$ { is enclosed.

Address in full: { is sent by Post-Money-Order No.

Name:

Town or City: county:

P. O. Box or Street:

Please return this order **postpaid**. Not prepaid letters will be returned. **5 cents** Stamps for ordinary letters — **15 cents** Stamps for **registered** letters.

Die Einsendung der Beträge geschieht am besten durch Post-Einzahlung (Post-Money-Order) oder Banknoten, Cheques, Express-Money-Order etc. und ersuchen wir Sie, Briefe, welche Geld u. Werth enthalten, *recommandirt* (registered) (gegen Postschein) einzusenden. Sollten Sie uns den Betrag durch Post-Anweisung (Post-Money-Order) zusenden, so bitten wir Sie, uns *gell. die No. derselben anzugeben.*

Bestellungs-Brief.

(Für deutsche Correspondenz.)

An Herren **Wehling & Comp. in Hamburg.**

Hierdurch beauftrage ich Sie, mir **Original-Loos** sowie den amtlichen Plan zugehen zu lassen.

Der Betrag von { *liegt bet.*
Genaue Adresse: { *folgt pr. Post-Einzahlung No.*

Vor und Zuname:

Wohnort: county:

P. O. Box oder Strasse:

Preis der Loose für die ersten zwei Classen:

1/4 Loos Mark 18.— oder \$ 4.50,
1/2 " " " " " 2.25,
3/4 " " " " " 1.15.

Wir bitten Sie, diesen Brief **franco** abzusenden, da unfrancirte Briefe nicht angenommen werden. Für gewöhnliche Briefe sind **5 cts.** Postmarken, für **registered** Briefe **15 cts.** Postmarken erforderlich.

Sign me up as a member of RTHS



Rideau Township
Historical Society

Members of the Society enjoy:

- Monthly meetings featuring engaging presentations, followed by refreshments
- Group excursions to historical points of interest in Eastern Ont.
- Local books published by the Society and a monthly newsletter
- Opportunities to participate and contribute as volunteers

For more information visit www.rideautownshiphistory.org,
[facebook.com/rideautownshiphistory](https://www.facebook.com/rideautownshiphistory), and twitter.com/RideauTpHS.
Please send this form with a cheque for membership dues payable to:
Rideau Township Historical Society, Box 56, North Gower, ON, K0A 2T0.
A tax receipt will be issued for all membership dues and donations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

Individual Membership \$15 _____

Life Membership \$100 _____

Family Membership \$20 _____

Donation \$50 _____

(2 adults & school-aged children)

Other Donation \$ _____

Thank you for supporting RTHS!