

The Rideau Township Historical Society

Preserving and Promoting local history for the former Rideau Township

March 2013 Newsletter

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The March Meeting

Date: March 20, 2013
Time: 7:30 pm
Place: Carsonby Hall
6047 Prince of Wales Drive
Carsonby, Ontario



Speaker: Donna Naughton

Donna is the author of the book: "The Natural History of Canadian Mammals". Her book is the culmination of a long and illustrious career as a biologist with the Museum of Nature. Her book contains detailed text, colourful photos, and informative drawings and artwork concerning the 215 species of mammals in Canada.

Topic: Canadian Mammals

Donna will be speaking about the research and writing of her book and about her commitment and passion for the diverse collection of mammals which inhabit our country.

Bring a Friend, Light Refreshments

This Month

1. The March Meeting
2. February Presentation
3. News from the Rideau Archives
4. Family Day in Kars
5. Brian Earl on Baden-Powell
6. Ellen Adamsons, genealogy
7. Minutes of the Feb. 20 meeting

Notice

Membership 2013 Membership fees are now due. \$10 for a single membership, \$15 for a family membership. Hope to see you at our meeting on March 20th.

Family Day in Kars

Article by Lucy Martin, photo by Susan McKellar

Family Day has been observed on the third Monday of February in Ontario since 2008. The day's twin purpose is to celebrate the importance of families in community life and insert a holiday into the long span between New Year's Day and Good Friday. National Heritage Day (not a statutory holiday) falls on the same day, so it makes sense to combine the two themes.

Utilizing support from the City of Ottawa, officers and volunteers with the Kars RA put on a fun family event on Sat. Feb 16th. A good crowd partook of outdoor skating, sleigh rides, demonstrations from "Mad Science", "Little Ray's Reptiles", the Ottawa Police Child print program and displays from Coral Lindsay. Besides Coral, Lucy Martin and Susan McKellar represented RTHS. It was a fine, sunny winter day. A nice free lunch cheered spirits as well.

Lindsay provided material representing Lindsay's Wharf, schools in old Kars, and a hands-on display of old time games. The Rideau Archives loaned relevant volumes of

the Tweedsmuir Community History Books for browsing. RTHS publications were also on display.

Children of all ages were most fascinated by Lindsay's Bobby Orr Table Hockey game, which managed to survive the enthusiastic encounter!



Coral Lindsay and Lucy Martin at the RTHS book table for the Kars' Family Day

The February Meeting: Richard Garlick Presentation by Brian Booth Article and Pictures by Lucy Martin

Sometimes the past is viewed through rose-coloured glasses. Much respect is directed hereabouts to the Loyalists who settled the land and built strong communities. But, in truth, it takes all kinds to make a world - and some pioneers were rascals!

RTHS member Brian Booth was trained as a chemical engineer and retired as a section head with the patent department. Booth has spent years researching regional history in the greater Manotick area and has authored a number of books on the subject – from the geological age, the Algonquins, early settlement, the canal era and beyond. Drawing upon that background, Booth presented highlights from the life of Richard Latham Garlick (1780 – 1863). Twenty-seven stalwarts gathered at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kars to hear Booth's talk, in spite of blustery weather and snow-slicked roads.

Richard Latham Garlick was born in Massachusetts to an Anglican Clergyman and physician, Reuben Garlick and his wife, Lucy (Latham) Garlick. The Reuben Garlick family supported the crown during the American Revolution and suffered as a result. Reuben moved to Quebec's Eastern Township region in the early 1800s, and received a land grant of 5,000 acres based on his prior military service with British forces.

Richard Garlick arrived in Canada even ahead of that, where he courted, impregnated and then married Sarah Jacobs in 1800. They had 11 children in all. Booth describes Garlick's subsequent life as that of "an opportunist" who sometimes "took it too far" and was "not too concerned with legalities".

According to Booth's research, with his father's help Garlick began buying lots in the North Gower region early on, circa 1803. He bought more lots in the 1820's, when it is believed he moved to reside in the area. Eventually he owned 21 lots, about 10% of the township. Most were never cleared. It appears that Garlick was after the lumber – quoting Booth, the "tall pine and stout oak" so desired by the Royal Navy. Booth surmises that Garlick harvested the best trees from his lots and quite probably from other land he did not own. (Booth added that the usual oak of this region was not the type most valued.)

Records of the time provide tantalizing – but incomplete – glimpses of people's lives. For example, sometime before 1819, records indicate Garlick was found guilty of an offense in Lower Canada. He may have fled the jurisdiction of the Court of Montreal which issued writs that called for him to appear. The charge, or threatened punishment, are not known from documentation available to date.

But changes were affecting the economic landscape. By 1825, British demand for lumber was in decline, planners were about to build the Rideau Canal and the North Gower Township survey was completed. This meant amal-

gamation with Marlborough Township and the collection of land taxes.

As Garlick had mostly been after timber, regular land taxes were the last obligation he wanted. He began selling his lots and redirected his energy to running a tavern on Lot 31, Conc 1, up the Rideau from present day Kars. He built a wharf to serve steamers with firewood and improve access to his tavern. He had a steamboat built (the "Bytown") and ran a passenger service between Kemptville and Manotick. He secured a contract with the Ordinance Department to transport supplies between Hog's Back and Burritt's Rapids. With partners, he also cut a winter (sleigh) road to Richmond, where there were breweries and distilleries - important connections for a man now running a tavern.

Unfortunately for Garlick (and his creditors) he ran into financial difficulties that necessitated a loan, which he could not repay.

In this time period Col. By was actively buying land along the canal route to secure that project's future. Garlick saw a chance to make money by selling lots he no longer owned to Col By. It took a whole decade for that fraud to be detected and brought to court. By the time the title swindle was straightened out Garlick had to give up his remaining leases and he lost his tavern. But he was able to begin anew as a farmer in 1849 - at age 69.

Garlick's role in pioneer society over the decades seems to have been a mixture of respectable civic engagement along with some less-reputable dealings. He established a school and hired a Mr. Grove as the teacher. He provided bail for some Tory friends charged with rioting in relation to the Alien Act of 1828. He was appointed a sergeant in the 2nd Regiment of the Grenville Militia in 1829. He was nominated (though not appointed) to be a magistrate in 1842. That position went instead to John Eastman Sr.

In later years, Garlick was largely out of the public eye. By 1862 he went to live with a son in Osgoode. On May 13, 1863, while walking the train tracks to visit another son in Kemptville, he was struck and killed by a train, at age 83. Because trains of the day were slow enough and loud enough to detect at a considerable distance there is some suspicion inebriation may have been a factor in his death.

Post-talk discussion included comments about where Garlick owned land and why Col. By was purchasing so many lots - some were bought as flood plain to avert damage claims. Most lots were 200 acres in area, though they were often cut in half.

Owen Cooke expressed his admiration for the broad degree of expertise found within RTHS, as demonstrated by the many well-researched presentations given by members.

Chatting during the reception, I asked Booth in what ways Garlick may have been typical - or atypical - for his time and place. Booth replied with this summary: "He was an American! He may have been a Loyalist but he had the American bent for entrepreneurship. He was looking for ways. And most of the other people weren't."

It was an interesting presentation on the different types of people who contributed to settling this part of Ontario.



Brian Booth

An April Excursion

We have been invited to view the warehouse of the Museum of Science and Technology at 2421A Lancaster Road. Pat Hilborn, artifact handler, will be conducting tours in small groups throughout the premises at various times of the day. There will be a sign-up sheet available at our next meeting, or contact Ruth Wright at 613-489-3886 or e-mail at ruthbri-anwright@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Please note that this excursion will be instead of the usual monthly meeting and speaker.

Ellen Adamsons Speaks on Writing a Family History

Patricia Barlosky, the Nepean Centerpointe Reference Librarian and genealogy guide, introduced RTHS member Ellen Adamsons, who spoke at the Library Genealogy Series on Wednesday March 6, 2013. The Genealogy Series of talks was arranged by Diana Hall, Information Services Ottawa Public Library. Ellen lectured about the process of writing a family history using the Adamsons-Lava family escape from their native Latvia after World War II, and their settlement in Kars, Ontario as an example.

Ellen will present at the Alta Vista Library April 19, 2 pm. Registration: www.biblioottawalibrary.ca/program

Ellen will also speak about how to write a family history at the Peace Latvian Church, Mann Avenue, April 14, at 12:15 am.



Photo by Ellen Adamsons

Artifacts from Wurzburg Displaced Person's Camp and Latvian cultural items

Heritage Day at Ottawa City Hall

Each year, in February, on the Tuesday after Family Day, many of the heritage organizations in the Ottawa area meet in the foyer of Ottawa City Hall on Laurier Avenue to display their wares and programs to the public and to each other. The event is well attended and useful contacts are made both between individuals and organizations.

Each year the RTHS attends this event to display our publications and to seek others with whom we have common aspirations and interests. This year we were represented by Jane Anderson and Susan McKellar.



Photo by Susan McKellar

Jane Anderson at the RTHS table on Heritage Day.

News from the Rideau Branch, Ottawa Archives

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

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

The Audrey Renton Collection

Audrey Renton's association with the Rideau Township Branch of the City of Ottawa Archives dates to the time of the Rideau Township Archives beginnings in the early 1990s. A former member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force of the RAF during the Second World War, she initiated a project to capture the community's military herit-

age. Over the years, she submitted hundreds of copies of a questionnaire she developed, to be filled out by the men and women of Rideau Township who served in the military. She herself gathered information about military personnel killed in action, died on service or since deceased. The result so far amounts to over 500 individual files offering a glimpse into the story of those from the area who were in Canada's three armed services.

Watson's Mill Events

The Mill is located at 5525 Dickinson Street, Dickinson Square, Manotick. Free parking on-site.

Web Site: www.watsonsmill.com

Watson's Mill hours of operation: Office hours: weekdays, 10:00-4:00. Watson's Mill: starting Saturday, May 5th: open to visitors daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please visit www.watsonsmill.com for a complete calendar of events. Below are some highlights for the March - April, 2013 period.

1 March Break Day Camps: Tuesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Admission: \$25 per child (\$20 for WMMI members). At the Carriage Shed. Advance registration required. ****Please note that space is limited: call today to register your child!***

This year, Watson's Mill is expanding their March Break camp to 2 days of themed activities and fun! These are camps you do not want your children to miss! On Tuesday March 12th, kids can register with our Circus Camp! Learn the ways of the Clown. Juggle, make balloon animals, and put on rubber noses and big feet! It's a day full of acrobatics and clowning around. Then, on Thursday March 14th, Watson's Mill gets Goofy as we take a trip to the enchanted world of all things Disney. Campers will have a ball at the Bippity-boppity-bop boutique or ride to the isle of Tortuga with Captain Jack Sparrow.

2 Raise the Roof' Concert: featuring MonkeyJunk: Saturday, April 13th. Doors open: 6:30pm. Show starts: 7:30pm: At the Manotick United Church. Tickets: \$25 per person or \$60 for a family pack.

For our second co-production of the winter/spring season Watson's Mill and the Manotick United Church are co-producing a concert featuring the Juno award winning (2012 Blues Album of the Year) blues trio, MonkeyJunk. We are very happy that The Mill Tavern has joined us as a concert sponsor. The show will be held at the Manotick United Church on Saturday, April 13th. Doors open at 6:30 (pre-concert social hour with cash bar) Show time is 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$25.00 or \$60 for a family pack.

Things will be a bit livelier for this show. MonkeyJunk's music is described as "a generous helping of swamp rhythm and blues, soul boogie and bedroom funk" and there is bound to be lots of toe tapping and knee slapping in the concert hall. Tickets are available at Manotick Office Pro, Main Street, Manotick and at Watson's Mill. If you want to make it "dinner and a show", we have discounts for concert-goers at The Mill Tavern and Burgers On Main.

**Brian Earl Speaks to 1st North Gower/Kars
Scouts on Lord Baden-Powell**
Article by Lucy Martin

Last November, scouts and leaders from the 1st North Gower/Kars troop were able to come hear Vintage Wings President Rob Fleck speak about WW II's British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

That went so well, we were asked if anyone in our organization might be willing to give a "Founders Day" address in honour of the the man most associated with the scout movement, Robert Baden-Powell (b. Feb 22, 1857 – d. 1941). As is often the case, Brian Earl was the perfect person for the job.

Earl's scouting credentials began when he was a boy scout in Winnipeg. While stationed in England during his own military career, Earl lead a Wolf Cub Pack in Halstead, Kent. They participated in many district activities, including a stay in London at Baden-Powell House. (Earl was even introduced to the Queen during her review of the Scout Leaders in Windsor Castle.)

The scout pot luck dinner was held Feb 20th at the North Gower RA, the same night as RTHS's regular February meeting. Earl gave a 30 minute talk about Baden-Powell's many accomplishments, and then drove over to Kars in time to catch the last half of Brian Booth's talk on North Gower pioneer Richard Latham Garlick.

Earl called his audience attentive - which was a good thing as he spoke to the large hall without amplification. Earl paid tribute to what he called Baden-Powell's "brilliance, enthusiasm and great intelligence". Baden-Powell spent over 30 years as an army officer, serving in Africa, Malta and India and rose to the rank of lieutenant-general. Earl credits Baden-Powell's innovative military career with developing the foundations of scouting, such as instilling soldiers with enough skills and confidence "to think for themselves".

Contrary to popular belief, Baden-Powell did not start scouting. Earl says Baden-Powell took the movement in hand (so to speak) after it emerged spontaneously around content he had originally written for the army called "Aids

to Scouting". Baden-Powell readapted the material as "Scouting for Boys" which went on to sell well over 100 million copies and ranks among the best-selling books of the 20th century.

Looking ahead, the 1st North Gower/Kars scouts may attend the March meeting too, to hear Kemptville author Donna Naughton talk about her notable illustrated book "Natural History of Canadian Mammals". It's nice to see a wider segment of the community come enjoy speakers' presentations!

Those interested in reading more about Baden-Powell and the scout movement might enjoy an interview he gave to Listener Magazine in 1937.

<http://www.pinetreeweb.com/bp-listener.htm>



Photo by Lucy Martin

Brian Earl shared insights on Lord Baden-Powell in a talk to local scouts Feb 20th. Earl is pictured wearing an "old brigade" tie, presented to Royal Military College cadets 50 years after graduation.

**Minutes of the Rideau Township Historical Society FEBRUARY Meeting
February 20, 2013
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kars**

Opening: The Rideau Township Historical Society met at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 6180 Rideau Valley Drive South, Kars, Ontario, for the regular February meeting and a program on Richard Latham Garlick by Brian Booth. There were about 27 members and guests present. President Brian Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: It was moved by Ellen Adamsons and seconded by Ron Wilson that the minutes of the January 16, 2013 AGM as published in the February Newsletter be approved. Carried.

Committees: Brian Sawyer reported that several committees have been established, and noted that no-one has as yet agreed to chair the Communications committee. Membership is as follows:

- **Dickinson House:** Maureen McPhee, chair, with Ron Wilson, Coral Lindsay, Brian Earl, Tom MacDonald, Bill Tupper, Jane Anderson and Brian Sawyer.

- Grants: Tom MacDonald, chair, with Colin Wright, Bill Tupper and Maureen McPhee.
- Communications: Jane Anderson, Ruth Wright, Owen Cooke, Brian Wright and Tom MacDonald.

Finance: The Treasurer Colin Wright announced that the General Ledger total was \$14,664.86 at the end of December with \$166.39 outstanding, and hence a bank balance of that date of \$14,797.07.

Auditor's Report: Sandy McNiece, the auditor, presented his report and noted he had reviewed the accounts for 2012 and found all in good order. Moved by Coral Lindsay, seconded by Maureen McPhee, that the auditor's report be approved; carried. It was agreed that a copy of the report would be included in the newsletter. Colin noted he has copies of the budget available upon request, and thanked Sandy for his work.

Publications: Jane Anderson reported that since she took over this position in January, \$163 has been received from the sale of books. She and Susan McKellar set up a table at the City of Ottawa Heritage Day on Feb. 18, and had lots of interest. Jane also reported that the book on Cheese Factories is almost ready for printing.

Program: Ruth Wright, program co-ordinator, noted that the Mar 20th meeting would be in Carsonby with speaker Donna Naughton, author of Natural History of Canadian Mammals, and that the Scouts had been invited again. For the April meeting we have been invited by Pat Hilborn, artefact handler, for a tour of the storage facilities at the Museum of Science and Technology.

Grants: Maureen McPhee reported in the absence of Tom MacDonald that grant applications have been submitted related to students for Dickinson House.

Newsletter/website: Ron Wilson reported that as usual the RTHS web site was up to date and the February Newsletter had been distributed; he will revise the Dickinson House website next. He appreciates news and photos on events in which members have participated.

Communications: Owen Cooke suggested that public notices should be posted in the different communities each month, to publicize the speakers and meetings. He offered to put up posters in North Gower.

Dickinson House (DH): Maureen McPhee noted that the painting of DH is going well, but more volunteers would be appreciated, every Monday between 9 and 3. She then reported that while the 2013 season has been planned, the future beyond that is uncertain. The City of Ottawa is interested in selling the buildings it owns in the area of the mill, and has issued a request for expressions of interest for these buildings. It will then meet with interested parties. The next phases (to take place over 2013) would be a request for offers, an evaluation of these offers, and notification of the successful bidders. The RTHS business plan for DH has been updated (copies available upon request), and the RTHS executive is meeting with the board of Watson's Mill Manotick Inc. (WMMI) on Feb. 26 to discuss possible options. Option 1 would be to continue with the current process, and option 2 would be for one entity to administer DH, the Mill and the Carriage Shed together as one heritage destination. Option 2 is preferred by the DH committee and the RTHS executive. The committee feels the RTHS has lots to offer, including the artifacts currently in DH, a group of dedicated volunteers with costumes, research on the house and family, and management experience. She noted the membership would be consulted on any decisions, and encouraged members to attend the public meeting with Scott Moffatt, city councillor for this ward, at the Manotick arena on March 7.

Membership: Patricia Earl reported that currently there were 49 paid members, 11 life members and 4 complimentary members.

Announcements

- Ellen Adamsons will be speaking on her book, With Only a Suitcase, and the process of producing the book, on three occasions: March 5, 2-4, at the Centrepointe Library, April 14, 12:15 pm, at the Latvian Church, and Apr. 19, 2-4, at the Alta Vista library.
- Richard McDonald will give a talk at the Carriage Shed on the history of Manotick the last Wednesday of February, at 7:00 p.m.

Evening Program: Ruth Wright then introduced Brian Booth who gave an interesting talk on the life of one of the first settlers in the area, Richard Latham Garlick.

Adjournment: The presentation ended shortly before 9pm and Owen thanked Brian for his presentation and thorough research, and encouraged others to follow suit. Sandy Wilson hosted a time of refreshments and discussion.