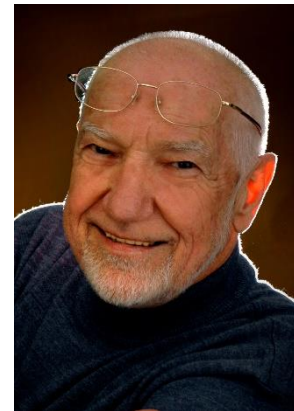


The Burlington Historical Society
GAZETTE

Crossing the Atlantic on the Queen Mary II

Our speaker this month is Tom Bochsler. Through his 60 plus years of professional photographic career, he has captured many aspects of work, life and culture throughout Canada and beyond. Bochsler Photolmaging, in Burlington, is celebrating 60 years this year, specializing in commercial photography. Tom has also published a book, “The Art of Industry”, covering over 50 years of his work in news, commercial and industrial photography.



Tom and his wife, Doreen made a memorable Atlantic crossing on the Queen Mary II and Tom will share with us his magnificent pictures of the voyage.

On the long Atlantic trip the Bochslers couldn't help but think of themselves as being on either the original Queen Mary or Queen Elizabeth in the early 1940's as it sped in total darkness to Britain from North America...with more than 12 thousand troops aboard. Tom's pictures remind us that the servicemen of WWII didn't have 15 restaurants, a casino, planetarium, shopping mall, the largest ocean going library, AND the troops had to sleep in bunks in shifts.

Winston Churchill said that the two Queens acting as troop ships probably shortened the war by two years.

Photo courtesy Tom Bochsler

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***Drop anchor with us for a voyage across the Atlantic
Bring a friend***

Monday, February 13th, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Tom Bochsler

Next Meeting

Monday, March 13th
7:00 pm

Speaker: Joan Little, Burlington Memories

President's Report

By Jane Ann Newson

February President's Report

We started off the new year with a most interesting talk on the history on Crime Stoppers! Our speaker, Cal Millar, was well prepared and explained what Crime Stoppers was, who administers the program, how it is funded and where Crime Stoppers began. He also provided us with some Canadian statistics which were very impressive indeed. I have listed some of these Canadian numbers for you: Arrests - 188,019; Rewards Paid - \$14,862,925; Property recovered - \$521,785,995. We were left with a sense of pride and a better knowledge of this important program. Thank you Cal for sharing the story of Crime Stoppers with us!

I thought I would tantalize your mind by sharing a few upcoming General meeting program topics with you! As already indicated, in **February** we are 'cruising' on the Queen Mary II with Tom and Doreen Bochsler. In **March**, Joan Little will be our guest speaker talking about Burlington Memories. Who better to do this? In **April** we will learn more about the Japanese Internment in Canada during WW2 with Jennifer Maruno. To round off the beginning of the year in **May**, we have invited the Monarchist League of Canada as our special guests.

It is with much excitement that we begin another new BHS year! New faces around our table with new ideas and energies coupled with seasoned and experienced faces should prove for a very lively planning crew.



Photo courtesy of Tom Bochsler
Pictured left to right - Patricia Taylor, Barry Saunders, Elizabeth Baldwin, Ed Keenleyside, JA

I have had to make a slight change to our Membership Renewal. All renewals must be accompanied by a Membership Application Form. Please ref the details in the Welcome New Members notice.

Please take the time to read the other great articles of interest in our newsletter : From the Archives, Heritage Updates; A Walk in Greenwood and the Outreach Report. Don't forget our Mystery Photo.

As always, I encourage you to become involved and to let us know how we are doing. You can do this simply by emailing info@burlingtonhistorical.ca and adding my name to your subject line.

We look forward to your continued support in 2017!

Welcome New Members:

Glen Huffman

Torey Hunt

Jack White

MODERN TRANSPORTATION COMES TO BURLINGTON

By Dorothy Turcotte: excerpts from Burlington The Growing Years

“In 1936, the Cecil Norton family lived on Dundas Street, one-and-a-quarter miles west of Palermo. In September of that year, their son, Grant, was ready to attend Burlington Central High School. However, it was much too far to walk, and there was no public transportation. Cecil bought a seven-passenger Pierce-Arrow Limousine in which he planned to drive Grant and some of his neighbourhood friends to school.

At times, there were 13 passengers packed into that vehicle. Students were asked to pay \$3 a month, but those who couldn't afford to pay were never asked for money. Years later, when they were out in the work force, some of these students visited Mr. Norton to pay for the months when they had ridden with him. Some might never have gone to high school at all if it hadn't been for this transportation.



Courtesy Mrs. Martin

L to R the bus riders are: Irving Baker, Fred Bell, Don Peer, George Hamilton, Grant Norton, Marion Sherwood, Alfreda Martin, Betty Dolby, Evelyn Peer, Marie Ireland

Before long, what had begun as a casual service had turned into a business. In 1946, Cecil Norton bought an old army chassis and fitted it with a bus body so that more students could be picked up and taken to school. The following year the school board began to pay for the bus service, so the Nortons purchased their first real bus – a Reo. By this time, Cecil had been joined in the business by his son, Grant, and his grandsons Alan, David and Michael.”



Thank you to our Greeters:

January

Dohn Nagy & Jack Segært

February

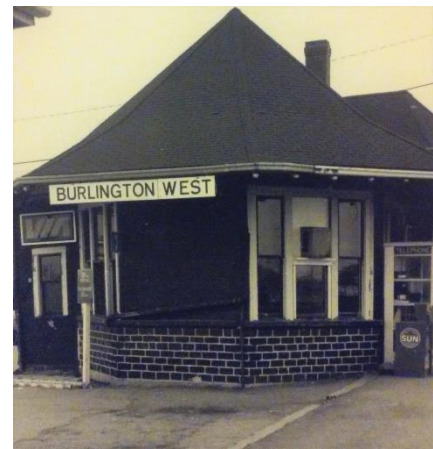
Dohn Nagy & Ross Anderson

Freeman Station Update

By Alan Harrington

Another major mile"stone" in the restoration of the Freeman Station. During the sub-zero weather conditions of late December 2016 - the original granite whinstones were re-installed around the base of the building. The masons kept the original white mortar look and feel. One stone by the front door has 1906 carved in it. These are the SAME whinstones sold as a fundraiser and some are still available for \$100 each.

Photos courtesy Alan Harrington



From the Archives

Remember this building? Did your family get their winter coal supply from Macdougall's?

The building is long gone and the site is now the parking lot for Smith's Funeral Home on Brant Street.

This week, Don Macdougall and his wife Louise generously donated the surviving company records to the BHS Archives.



The coal yard at the end of Caroline St.

Included in the package is a brief genealogy and the story of the founding of the company.

An interesting note, the Macdougalls are now living in Ottawa and while in Burlington were staying at a Bed and Breakfast on Hurd Avenue which was originally the Virtue home. Don's mother's maiden name was Virtue and his aunt was born in that house.

Photo courtesy Don Macdougall

Also of note - BHS has become the proud owner of the original painting "The Paved Paradise" by Donna Fratesi, a Burlington resident. When it is displayed at our February meeting I am sure you will recognize it from the cover of Eleanor McMahan's 2017 calendar.

A Walk in Greenwood

Chapter 10 Sea Captains & Sailors

For many decades of the settling and growing years of Burlington and Nelson Township the action and interest was at the waterfront. There were three wharfs at Wellington Square and others to the east and west at Port Nelson and what is now LaSalle Park. The waterfront was where supplies and people arrived to, and goods and passengers left from.

The waterfront also became a place of employment. Ships were being built which needed men and boys to sail on them. Often these were sons from the rural area who were familiar with the ships and where they were going. They drove regularly to the docks with their produce and lumber, ready for shipping to a market elsewhere on the lakes. Some of these early residents had indeed, arrived here on ships, from Britain.

Greenwood Cemetery has several markers which clearly identify former residents as “Capt”.

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Visit our website to read the complete article:

<http://burlingtonhistorical.ca/Html5/OtherPages/Greenwood.html>

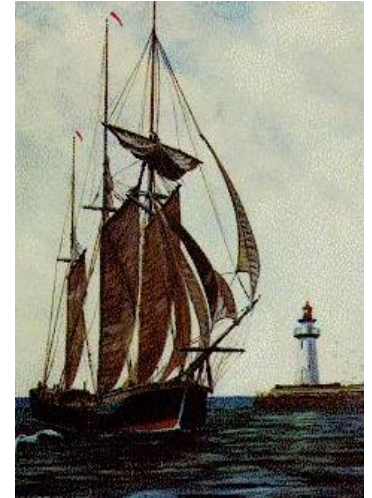


Photo BHS Archives

Book Review

“WE WERE JUST DOING OUR BIT” by E. G. Keenleyside

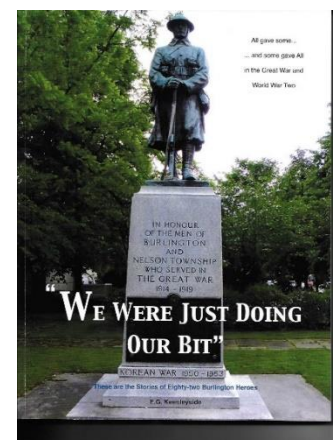
“On each Remembrance Day I stood wondering who each of the persons were whose names stood in rigid military rows on the hallowed face of the Burlington Cenotaph.....This book was written to put faces and personalities to those eighty-one men and one woman whose names are memorialized on the Burlington Cenotaph.”

The above is from the preface to Ed’s book. And, put a face to those names is certainly what he accomplished. His painstaking research has unearthed never before told stories of these heroes and painted a picture of Burlington life at the time of the World Wars.

The book is available through A Different Drummer Books on Locust Street, from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum gift shop and at BHS meetings.

All net proceeds from the sale of the book will be split between the Legion's Poppy Fund, the Friends of Freeman Station and the Burlington Historical Society.

Special Note – The author has just been elected 1st Vice President of The Burlington Historical Society. Welcome Ed!



Outreach Report

By Heather Mace

In January, our team grew in response to the increasing number of projects we are working on. The team now includes: Jane Ann Newson, Heather Mace, Joan Downey, Jack Seguert, Tom Bochsler, Wayne Murphy, and Dr. Pat Sweeny. Thanks to all – looking forward to an exciting year.

Burlington History Series

[We are looking for speakers](#) who can help us bring Burlington's history to life for our presentation series at the Burlington Seniors' Centre. They run September 14th to November 30th. Everything will be provided for an informative session – you just bring yourself. For more information, contact Jack Seguert at one of our General meetings.

Sharing Memories Project

The Pearl & Pine has been tremendously supportive of our initiative to meet with residents in order to capture their early memories of Burlington. In January, we held our first meeting with eight Pearl & Pine residents. Our member, Dr. Pat Sweeny has volunteered to be the Pearl & Pine liaison for resident interviews moving forward. Thanks Pat!



At the Pearl & Pine – Jane Ann Newson, Pat Sweeny, Jack Seguert and Tom Bochsler (taking the photo) plus the residents

Heritage Fair

The annual Heritage Fair will be on Saturday, February 4th, 10 am to 3 pm at the Burlington Public Library, Central Branch – theme: the history of sport. Drop by, it's a great opportunity to meet the many organizations who help keep local history alive.

Interested in participating in our outreach activities? Contact us at info@burlingtonhistorical.ca or talk to any of our Board members at the General meetings.

Mystery Photo

February Mystery Photo

Another stone building, but this one is definitely not a cottage –



January Mystery Photo

I admit to having some help from Councillor Rick Craven's newsletter for this one – it is a cottage in Hidden Valley Park. For the full story go to



<http://burlingtonhistorical.ca/Html5/mysteryPhoto.html>

Burlington Historical Society Executive

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Heritage Dates and Events

<u>Burlington Historical Society</u>	<u>Museums of Burlington</u>
<p>General Meetings Monday, February 13, 2017 Monday, March 13, 2017 Monday, April 10, 2017 Monday, May 8, 2017 Monday, September 11, 2017 Monday, October 16, 2017 Monday, November 13, 2017 Location: Burlington Public Library</p>	<p>Heritage Fair, Saturday, February 4th, 10 am – 3 pm at Burlington Public Library, Central Branch. The theme is History of Sports in Burlington.</p> <p>Family Day Festivities, Ireland House at Oakridge Farms, Monday, February 20th, times TBA</p>

* * *Special Renewal Notice* * *

All membership renewals must be accompanied by a Membership Application Form effective February 1, 2017. If information on the top portion of the form has not changed, only complete the Membership Dues, Volunteer and the Donation Sections. Thank you.

Jane Ann Newson – Membership



The Burlington Historical Society

Preserving Burlington's History for Today and Tomorrow

Membership - 2017

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Membership Dues (check all categories that apply)

New Member Renewal

Family: \$40.00 Senior: \$25.00 Adult: \$30.00

Yes, as a **new** BHS member I wish to receive the Gazette newsletter and other e-communications and understand I can unsubscribe at any time.

Volunteer

Join our volunteer team – please circle your interest(s)

RESEARCH - COFFEE - BYTES OF BURLINGTON - ARCHIVES - NEWSLETTER – OUTREACH - MEMBERSHIP -
SPECIAL PROJECTS – TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

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I wish to make a separate donation to the society in the sum of _____

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Leave it at the Membership table at any General Meeting

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