



Brant Historical Society

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PRESERVING LOCAL HISTORY

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The Brant Historical Society and the Brant Museum & Archives

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Brant Historical Society Manual, 1920

The Brant Historical Society was organized on Monday evening, May 11, 1908, at a meeting held in the Conservatory of Music on Nelson Street, Brantford, Ont.

Those present were Mrs. H. F. Leonard,
Mrs. S. F. Passmore, Mrs. M. F. Muir,
Mrs. John Martin, Miss A. I. G. Gilkinson,
Miss Hale, Miss Wye, Miss Raymond,
His Honour Judge Hardy,
Mr. H. F. Gardiner, M.A., Ex-Mayor
W. G. Raymond, Ex-Mayor S. G. Read,
Mr. R. H. Reville, Mr. Alvert Waldron and
Mr. S. F. Passmore, M.A.

Aims and Purposes - 1908

Brant Historical Society endeavors to encourage the collection and preservation of historic records and relics, particularly those of great local value, to arouse interest in history and literature, and to strengthen loyalty and patriotism. The Society meets at 8 p.m. on the first Friday of each month in the basement of the Public Library Building, George Street, Brantford.

Brantford has had a museum since the 1890's. Although the history of this first museum is quite sketchy, we do know that it was originally located on the corner of George St. and Dalhousie St. in Brantford and later moved to the basement of the Public Library in 1905.

The original nucleus of the Brant Museum was assembled by George Broomfield, one of the earliest Historical Society members and museum curator for 30 years. His private collection of Native and local artifacts would become the first real holdings on which the Brant Museum would grow.

In 1951 the Brant Historical Society purchased the property of our current site (57 Charlotte Street) and in 1952 amalgamated with the existing local museum to form the Brant Historical Society Museum and Cultural Centre.

57 Charlotte was originally built in approximately 1870 by Frederick Brendon, a local druggist. It was sold to Rev. William Cochrane, minister of Zion Presbyterian Church, who lived in the home from 1883 until his death in 1898. The property was deeded to the County of Brant by the Historical Society in 1966, and they continue to maintain the building to the present day.

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57 Charlotte St. Brantford, Ont.

100th Anniversary

Recipes ... from the past

submitted by Judy Stoklosa

Potato Soup

Boil a shank of beef two days before you want your soup, strain into a crock and let stand till you need it, the fat will rise to the top, this you must take off before beginning to make your soup, now take your soup pot and in about two tablespoonfuls of this same fat, fry brown four large onions sliced, put in half your stock, have ready a pot of nicely mashed potatoes, stir the potatoes into the soup till about the thickness of thick cream, and season with pepper and salt. The remaining stock is valuable for graveys, etc. or Scotch broth instead of mutton.

Roast Beef

Prepare for the oven by dredging lightly with flour, and seasoning with salt and pepper; place in the oven, and baste frequently while roasting. Allow a quarter of an hour for a pound of meat, if you like it rare; longer if you like it well done. Serve with a sauce made from the drippings in the pan, to which has been added a tablespoon of Harvey or Worcestershire sauce, and a tablespoon of tomato catsup.

Receipt for Cold

(recipe is spelled receipt in this very old cookbook). One pound of liverwort put into four quarts of water and boiled down to one quart; add, while warm, a quarter pound of ball liquorice and a quarter pound of loaf sugar; when cool add a half pint of gin. Dose - half a large wineglass half an hour before each meal.



Since the original date of purchase, the museum building has undergone many physical changes. Shortly after the 1952 amalgamation, the Royal Ontario Museum donated an Iroquoian False Face Mask that hung on the front of the Museum until August, 1996 when it was given to the Pine Tree Native Centre.

In 1964 a two-story addition was erected, and later in 1967, as part of Canada's Centennial, another two-story addition was added to accommodate growing collections. Storage space continues to be one of the Museum's most pressing concerns, and further expansion and renovations are sure to be a part of the Museum's future.

In addition, we have also undergone several name changes (though the Brant Historical Society continues to operate the museum and owns the collections). Shortened from the original "Brant Historical Society Museum and Cultural Centre", we have also been know as the "Brant County Museum", "Brant County Museum and Archives", and most recently the "Brant Museum and Archives."

Gift Shop - We carry a wide range of books written by local authors and books about local history. Check out our poster and maps, native giftware, pewter ornaments, old fashioned candy sticks and much, much more. The perfect solution for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list.

The gift shop is a great destination for local history books, books written by local authors and giftware made by local artists and artisans. Our Web site currently lists publications available in the shop. Please contact the museum for information on other available items.

www.brantmuseum.ca/giftshop

Volunteer Opportunities

We have jobs that will suit you, your skills, and level of commitment. It does not matter if you can contribute 1 hour or 100 hours. Every little bit helps.



County Store - on display at the Brant County Museum

Twelfth Annual Report of Brant Historical Society 1919-1920

The past year has been marked throughout the world by unusual unrest associated with the problem of reconstruction consequent upon the termination of the Great War.

In such times concerns of individual interest seem to be supreme to the majority of mankind, while matters of historic interest with no guarantee of immediate material remuneration are left to the few-generally extremely busy men. Consequently the active membership of the Society is not as large as it should be.

The year has been marked by the entry of peace, which did not occasion the enthusiasm produced by the announcement of the Armistice terminating actual conflict, and, in Canada, by the visit of our future sovereign (D.V.) His Royal Highness, Edward, Prince of Wales. The occasion of the prince's visit to Brantford, where he was made a Chief of the Six Nations, October 20, was a gala day for every citizen.

During the year, Mr. F. D. Reville has made excellent progress with his "History of Brantford and Brant County." Brant County stands now in the splendid and enviable position as one of the few counties to have a history published in a single volume.

Much valuable historical work is being continued by the Society which is endeavoring to preserve faithful records of all the various relations of Brant County to the Great War, the records of municipal representatives and the members of parliament. Many valuable historical tasks have been assigned. Rev. Mr. Woodside presented an excellent paper, "The Honorable George Brown, a Brant County Farmer." Mr. Passmore is engaged in similar research work, while his Honor Judge Hardy is preparing a series of papers on "Industrial Leaders of Brantford.."

Reference must be made to the historical activities of the Brantford Expositor. Mr. A. T. Whittaker compiled very accurate records of all soldiers enlisting in the city and for several months articles have appeared each week giving a biographical sketch of Brant County natives who have achieved fame in political, commercial, industrial and other phases of intensive human endeavor..

The Society refrained from issuing publications during the war. A manual has been prepared during the present year and papers presented to the Society will be published later.

Important additions have been made to the collections in the museum. Special note is made of the following donations:

Dr. Hutton - Propeller of German Aeroplane. Alex. Monk - Various Indian relics.

Mr. S. F. Passmore, a past president of the Society, contributed the dial and pendulum of the clock first used in Brantford's Municipal Hall, and also a large number of excellently preserved Indian relics and numerous publications of manifest historical value.

During the current year the Society intends to press the campaign to erect a suitable memorial to the late Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy and to Messrs. Robert Kennedy Duncan and Norman Duncan.

Neat Verse - By Pauline Johnson

As appeared in the Brantford Expositor,

Feb. 22, 1908

The following splendidly written acrostic written by Miss E. Pauline Johnson, well-known in this city, received the first Canadian prize in George R. Sims, London, Eng., January 26. It will be noted that the first letter of each line make the word "Canada."

Crown of her, young Vancouver; crest of her old Quebec
Atlantic and far Pacific sweeping her, keel to deck.

North of her, ice and arctics; southward, a rival's stealth;
Aloft, her Empire's pennant; below her nation's wealth.

Daughter of men and markets, hearing within her hold,
Appraised at highest value, cargoes of grain and gold.

First Medical Practioners in the County of Brant

Submitted by Laurie Dunn

The first medical doctor in what is now the County of Brant was Dr. Ebenezer Lee. He was born in 1727 in Connecticut, USA and he remained loyal to England when the War of Independence took place. Shortly after independence of the USA was established, he came to Canada and settled in Burford Gore (now Oakland). He and his wife had nine children; the graves of both he and his son, Dr. William Lee, may be seen in a rural Oakland cemetery.

One of the first female medical doctors in Ontario and the first woman to graduate from a Canadian medical school was Ann Augusta Stowe-Gullen (1857 - 1943) who was born in Mt Pleasant, Ontario. The historical plaque that marks her birthplace and achievements is located at the front of the Mt. Pleasant Public School in Mount Pleasant.

Dr. Stow-Gullen was also a lecturer and a suffragette and was a lifelong activist for women's rights and other social movements. (The word suffragette comes from the word suffrage which means the right to vote).

Stowe-Gullen went to the Toronto School of Medicine, then to the Faculty of Medicine at Victoria University, Toronto where she became an M.D. in 1883 and was later appointed Professor of Diseases of Children. She also served among the original staff of Toronto Western Hospital (founded 1896), was a founding member of Women's College Hospital in Toronto (founded 1909) and she was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1935.

It should be noted that her mother, Dr. Emily Howard Stowe (1831-1903) was the first female doctor to practise in Canada, and was also an activist for women's rights, in particular the right to vote. After graduating from Egerton Ryerson's newly founded "Normal School for Upper Canada", in Toronto, she was hired as principal of a Brantford public school and was the first woman to be a principal of a public school in Upper Canada. She taught there until her marriage in 1856 and then raised 3 children. Her husband developed tuberculosis, which prompted Emily's interest in herbal remedies and she decided to become a doctor. No medical school in Canada would accept a female, even by the 1860's.

She earned her degree in the USA and returned to open a practice in Toronto, Ontario without a license. Finally, in 1880 the College of Physicians of Ontario granted her a licence to practice medicine.

References: Canadian Medicine: Doctors and Discoveries A Female Pioneer: Dr. Emily Stowe.
Famous Canadian Physicians: Dr. Emily Howard Stowe at Library and Archives Canada.
Mount Pleasant Heritage Plaque, Mt. Pleasant, Ontario.
Passmore S.F. First medical Practicians in the county of Brant. Reprinted from papers of 1908.

Brant Historical Society membership offers...

- ◆ **Free Admission to the Brant Museum & Archives, Bell Homestead and Myrtleville House Museum (excluding special events)**
- ◆ **Exemption from personal research fees in our archives**
- ◆ **Bulletins about upcoming museum activities**
- ◆ **Subscription to the "BHS Quarterly"**
- ◆ **Discounts on Heritage Bus Tours, Children's Museum Club and other programs**
- ◆ **10% discount on gift shop purchases over \$20.**
- ◆ **NEW! Discount price on Brantford Film Group tickets.**

BRANT MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

57 Charlotte St., Brantford, Ont.

Phone (519)752-2483

Fax (519)752-1931

Admission: Families \$7.50

Adults \$3. Students/Children \$2.

Under 6 Free BHS members Free

Hours:

Wed. to Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat. 1 to 4 p.m. July and

Aug: Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.

THE MUSEUM IN THE SQUARE

A Satellite of the

Brant Museum & Archives

Main Level, Market Square Mall

1 Market St., Brantford, Ont.

(519)752-8578

Admission by voluntary donation

Hours:

Wed. to Fri. 1 to 4 p.m. Sat. 1 to 4 p.m.