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Historical Folk Songs from Eastern Ontario

Folk songs flourished in eastern Ontario's rural culture from the 1820s through the



depression years of the 1930s into the 1950s.

Eighteenth and nineteenth century English, Scottish and Irish ballads moved through geography and time to reside in rural Ontario. These ballads blended with regional lumbering and social songs to produce a folk song tradition in eastern Ontario that rivals the traditions of Appalachia and the Canadian East Coast. Dr. Kirby explains the creation of this Ontario folk song culture, which has evolved over the past 200 years, in a “words and music” presentation. Kirby is a music historian who spent many years researching the origins of Ontario folk music. He is also an experienced banjo and guitar player, which enables

him to present the story utilizing a unique mix of historical lecture and live folk music.

Our February meeting will be an interesting evening's enlightenment and entertainment on local folk music. Join us on Tuesday, February 23, in Victoria Hall's Citizens' Forum. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Coffee and cookies will be available before the meeting. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

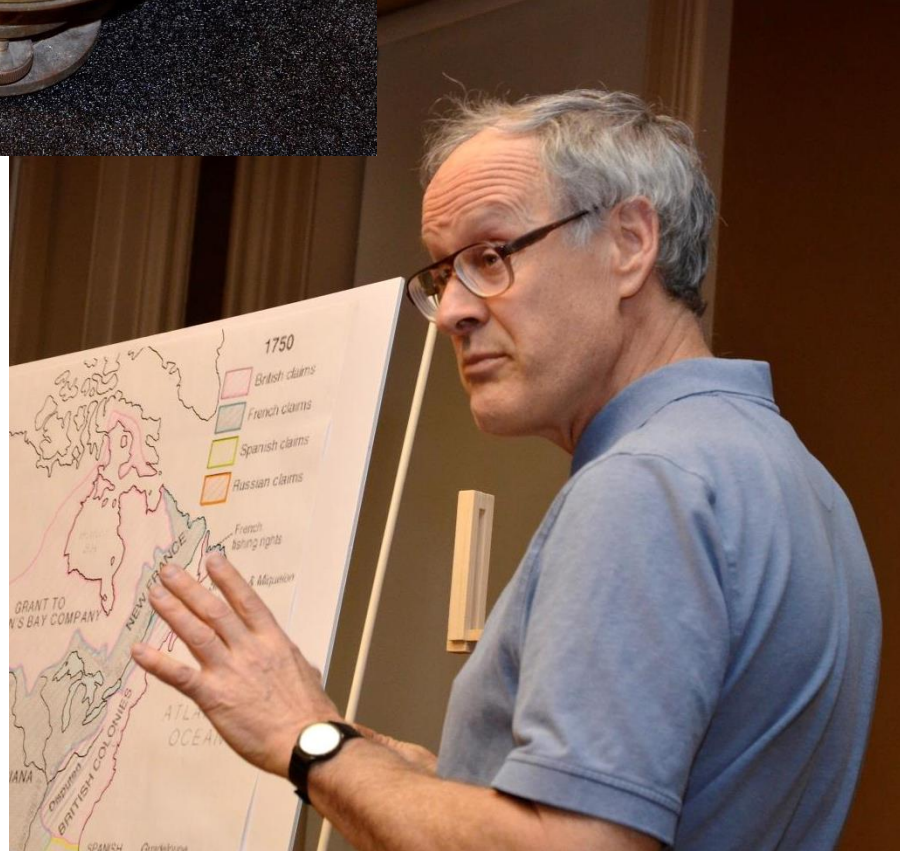
Our Previous Meeting

From Forest to Farmland: Surveying Hamilton Township

Have you ever wondered as you were driving around Hamilton Township, why there are so

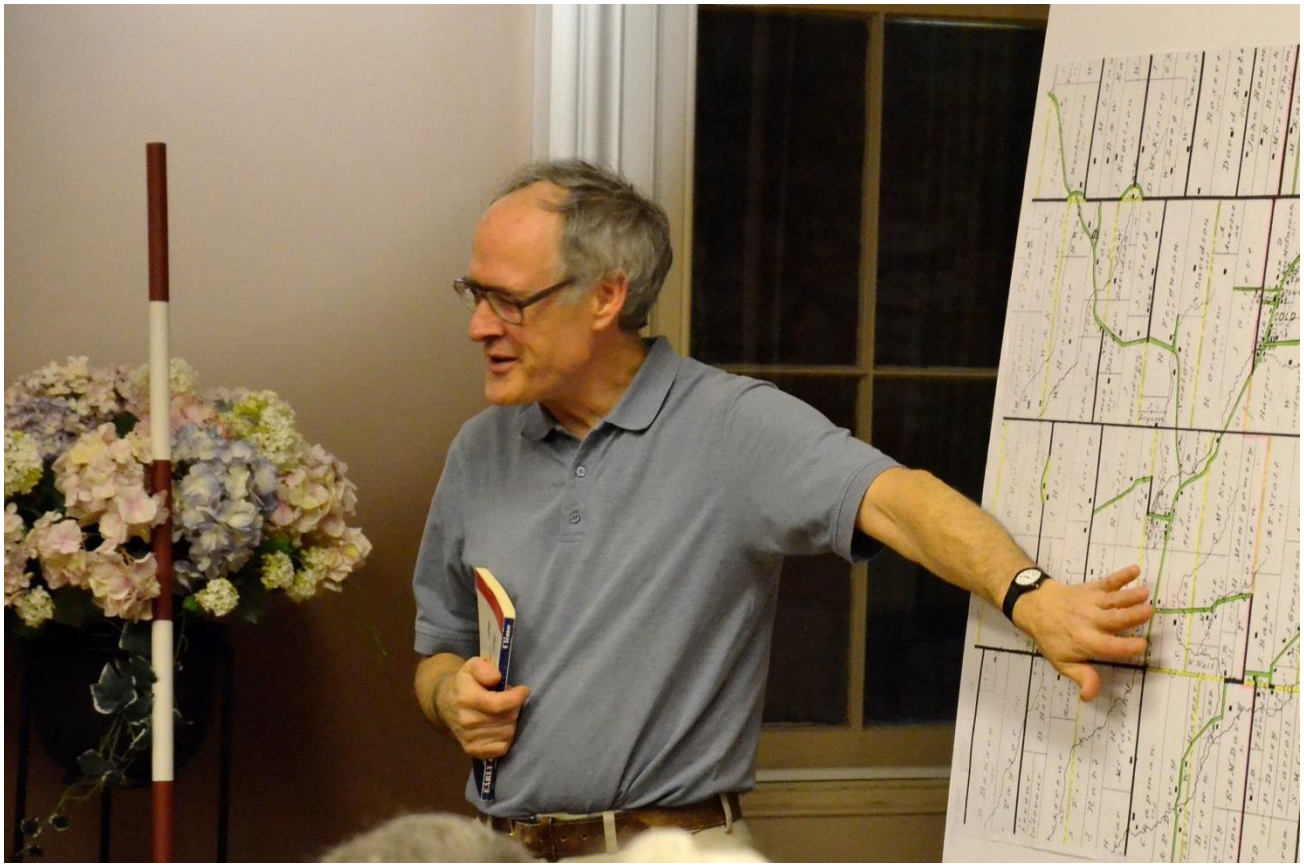


many little roads with names like Wallace Jibb and Stu Black that dead-end at farms or why some routes like Telephone Road are not continuous or about other idiosyncrasies of our local roads? George Parker's insatiable curiosity and amazing research skills found the answers to these quirky questions and more.



George's animated and very well researched illustrated presentation was enjoyed by about 60 CDHS members and over 20 visitors.

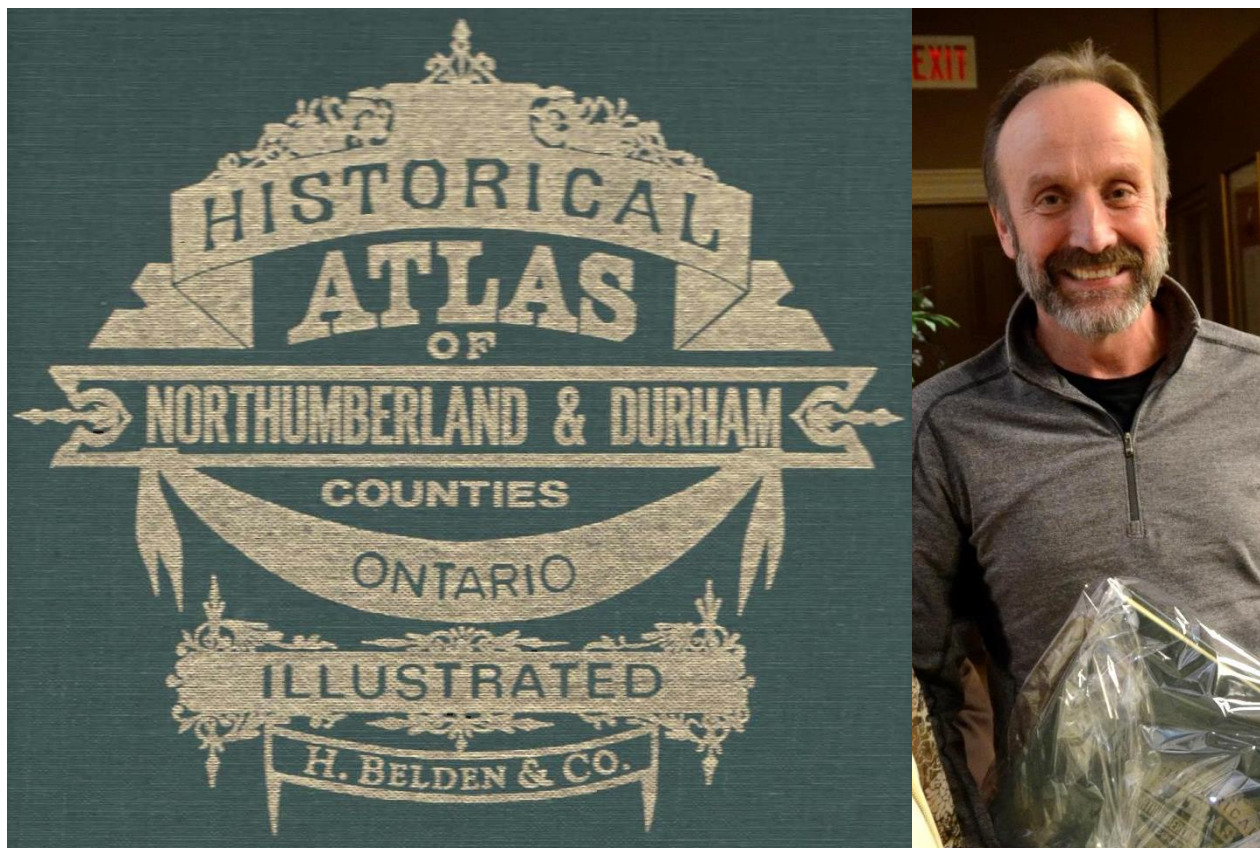




Future Meetings

<p>Tuesday March 22, 2016, Ted Rafuse <i>The Ontario Car Ferry Company: Cobourg to Rochester</i></p>	<p>Tuesday April 26, 2016, Tom Holden <i>The 1878 Northumberland Atlas in Google Earth</i> and our Annual General Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday May 24, 2016, Bus Trip, Museum Secrets: Trenton and Belleville Tour Glanmore House in Belleville, a National Historic site, and enjoy the architecture, furniture, china and costumes of the Victorian Era. Tour the National Air Force Museum in Trenton and see artists' interpretations of SOAR, the social history of WWI and WWII in uniforms, letters and other memorabilia; the Cold War, the evolution of the RCAF, the story of the Halifax Bomber, and other planes that have figured in the history of our air force plus much more.</p> <p>We will leave Cobourg at 8:30am. in a comfortable coach with a washroom, spend 1½ hours at Glanmore in Belleville, enjoy a delicious lunch at the Trenton Legion and spend 1½ hours at the Air Force Museum returning to Cobourg by 4:30pm.</p> <p>Invite your friends to join us on this field trip through history. There are many pictures and a video of Glanmore at http://glanmore.ca/</p> <p>Tickets on sale in at our meetings in Feb, March and April or by calling Leona at 905 372-7624. The cost of the outing is \$44.00 per person including bus fare, all admission fees, guided tour of Glanmore House, lunch and gratuities.</p>	

We Have a Winner!



Stewart Richardson, one of the new members who joined at our January meeting, was the winner of the Northumberland County Atlas generously donated by Isabel Pankhurst. Thanks to Isabel and congratulations to Stewart!

Membership Matters

New Members

Please join me in welcoming our new members. They include Stewart Richardson, Ken Lythall, Beth Rhind, Gerry Malloy, Ed Bebee and Marc Bebee.

Historical Review

Leona Woods has been hard at work preparing *The Historical Review* #32 for publication. She has promised to have it available on our website very soon. You will be able to read the *Review* online and print your own copy. Printed spiral bound will also be available for approximately \$15 each. Please order them at the February meeting.

Announcements

Brighton History Open House 2016 is coming!

The show this year, "Riding The Rails", will explore the railway history of Brighton from laying the rails to the closing of stations in the 1970s followed by the rejuvenation of Brighton's local train station by the creation of Memory Junction Museum. The events include:

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

"Riding The Rails" Presentation, history stories, train songs, a train station set and pop-up speakers. And, of course, The History Guy, Dan Buchanan, providing lots of interesting details about our train history.

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 10 am to 4 pm

Open House: Local historians will be there to chat and you can see many interesting displays about local history. A very old and very special artifact from Memory Junction Museum will be on display! As always, enjoy the Heritage Tea, provided by the three Women's Institutes (\$5.00 a plate).

Sunday, February 21, 2016, 2 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm)

An encore performance of "Riding The Rails" as on Thursday night - once more with feeling!

You can download a poster for the events from:

[http://brighton.ca/photos/custom/History%20Week%20Poster%20\(2\).pdf](http://brighton.ca/photos/custom/History%20Week%20Poster%20(2).pdf)

Port Hope Heritage Fair

The Port Hope Historical Society will sponsor a Heritage fair on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 10am to 4pm at Lion's Centre, Thomas St., Port Hope. For further information phone (905)885-2981 eMail info@porthopehistorical.ca.

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