



The Pattullo Press

Summer 2016



Ten Years that
Changed America



Grand Day Out



“Maiden of the Mist” - Pattullo Fountain

The “maiden of the mist” you see at the top of this page is from the uppermost part of the Pattullo Fountain, located in front of the Woodstock Museum NHS in the spring of 1917.

The City purchased the fountain with a bequest from Andrew Pattullo, who in 1897 founded the Oxford Historical Society.

It was therefore decided it would be a great logo to represent both the Oxford Historical Society and the Woodstock Museum NHS on our new joint newsletters.

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
& THE WOODSTOCK MUSEUM, NHS

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The Society's Archives

The Society has over 31,000 papers, documents, and other items of local historical interest listed in our easy-to-use database.

We have atlases, biographies, business index, oral histories on tape, court records and more!

Our dedicated volunteers are there to help you with your research!

Attention:

Our monthly meetings are changing location!

**We will now be meeting at the
Woodstock Museum, NHS
at 6:45 pm**

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Looking For Speakers?

Is your group, organization or school looking for a speaker? The Oxford Historical Society has many members who are willing to come out and provide a speaker for your meeting. Our members are well versed in the history of the city of Woodstock, Oxford County and individuals who have made this city what it is today.

Don't need a speaker but would like a guided tour of the city? The Society also offers guided walking / bus tours of downtown Woodstock and it's historical district.

Want to Become a Speaker?

Do you have a topic you wish to share with the Society? The Society is always interested in hearing from different groups and individuals on topics relating to Woodstock and Oxford County.

To arrange for a speaker, a guided tour or to speak at a meeting please contact the Oxford Historical Society at info@oxhs.ca or at 519-421-1700.

A small fee may apply for the guided tours

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month (excluding June, July, August, December) and are open to the public

******New Location: Woodstock Museum, NHS******

466 Dundas Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 1C4

at 6:45pm (unless otherwise specified)

Membership Reminder

Please ensure that we have your email address in order to keep you up to date on all upcoming events

Upcoming Meetings

Sep. 21, 2016: Annual Joint Dinner hosted by the OGS at Southgate Centre - Dinner will be held at the Southgate Centre, please see the flyer on page 7 for more information on how to purchase tickets

Oct. 26, 2016: Adam Fawcett talks about the "Dark Cloud over Oxford"

Nov. 30, 2016: Bert Taylor discusses Joseph Whiteside Boyle

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016: Christmas Tour of Homes

Volunteers are needed for the Tour of Homes, if interested please contact Kathie Richards at 519-537-7743 or email kathie@bell.net

Message from the Editor

Hello Dear Members,

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Pattullo Press, brought to you by the Oxford Historical Society and the Woodstock Museum, NHS. Andrew Pattullo is the inspiration for the name of our publication as he founded the Oxford Historical Society in 1897 and in 1880 owned the Sentinel Review. The logo was designed by the Museum's very own Adam Pollard who used the Maiden from the Maid of the Mist Fountain, the fountain was built with a bequest by Andrew Pattullo to the City of Woodstock and officially opened in 1917.

Two special events are coming up this fall. The first is this year's Annual Joint Dinner meeting hosted by the Ontario Genealogical Society, Woodstock branch. Presenting at the meeting will be Bill Darfler. For information on how to purchase tickets please see the ad on page 7.

The second event is the Spirit of Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Keep checking the Society's website www.oxhs.ca for the most up-to-date information about this event. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event automatically receives a free ticket to view all the homes. For more information see the Christmas tree ad on page 9.

We hope you enjoy the new format and reading about the many fascinating topics presented by our guest speakers and learning about the wonderful exhibits and programs that the museum has to offer.

Thank you,

Laura Centore, Editor



Woodstock Museum National Historic Site

Journaling for Happiness

Brighten your day with a loving kindness meditation, a writing and water colour painting exercise, inspired by happiness research. Bring a journal to use if you wish. Paper and all other materials included.

Saturday, Aug 20

2:30pm-4:30pm

\$30 / Members \$25

**Advanced Registration only.
519-537-8411 ex. 2901**

466 Dundas Street
www.woodstockmuseum.ca



Salford School Reunion

SS # 1,2 & 3
1877- 1958 Two room School
1959-1973 New three room School
Saturday August 27th, 2016
10:00 am to ?

Join us for what is and could be the first and only reunion held for our little school. Renew friendships and join your former classmates to reminisce about the 'good 'ol school days'!



Join us for:
- Class Pictures
- Displays
- Activities
- Presentations
- Food Booth

Salford Community Center
383908 Salford Road
RR#1 Salford, ON
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* *BYO lawn chairs*

Facebook page: "Salford School Reunion"
Website: <https://salfordonschoolsreunion.wordpress.com>

Cassie Chadwick

Presentation by John De Boer on Wednesday, April 27, 2016

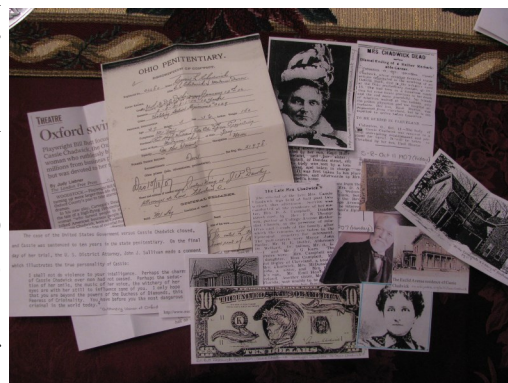
Article by Laura Centore, based on research by John De Boe and Max Haines

Cassie Chadwick, who was one of the greatest con artists of the 20th century, had very humble beginnings in the town of Eastwood, ON. Cassie was born Elizabeth (Betsy) Bigley on Oct. 10, 1857 and she was the second oldest of five children in a family that was quite poor. Betsy began her scheming early on in life. As a teenager she successfully scammed Woodstock merchants in a credit-buying scheme. She was eventually caught and brought to trial. In court she put on such a performance of mimicry and spontaneous outbursts that she was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

After her acquittal Lizzie moved to Cleveland and married a doctor by convincing him that she was an Irish heiress. The marriage was very short-lived, lasting only 12 days. Lizzie racked up many bills and when the bill collectors showed up the doctor let them have all her purchases and divorced her at the same time.

She then proceeded to marry a farmer and used his money to set up a shop in Toledo as a clairvoyant, Mme. De Vere. As a psychic she fleeced a farmer for \$1500 and then in order to get the money back together she and the farmer tried to con a well-known broker, Richard Brown, out of \$40,000. For this scheme Lizzie received 9 years in prison but was pardoned after 4 years.

Upon her release she moved to Cleveland, changed her name to Mrs. Cassie Hoover, and established herself as a masseuse. It was here that she met and charmed Dr. Leroy Shippen Chadwick. While married to him Cassie acquired many fine goods including paintings, furs, Persian rugs, remodeled her home and numerous dresses and accessories. It was estimated that Cassie went through a quarter of a million dollars in four years. In 1902 Dr. Chadwick closed his accounts and moved to Europe, leaving Cassie to fend for herself.



Cassie then departed for New York where she was to pull off her greatest scheme - as an illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie. In order to do so she needed to convince her Cleveland bankers that she was worth millions. Cassie, accompanied by a lawyer from the bank drove to Carnegie's mansion where Cassie preceded to gain access to his home and came out with two signed notes for \$500,000 and a sealed package of bonds. After proving her so-called legitimacy as Andrew Carnegie's daughter Cassie continued to rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in credit based on the sealed package of bonds.

Unfortunately for Cassie all this came to an end in 1904 when one of her millionaire friends, Herbert Newton, sued her for \$190,000. From then it was just a matter of time before it all came tumbling down. On March 6, 1905 Cassie was arrested and charged with forgery and abetting bank officials with misappropriation of funds. Cassie was found guilty and sentenced to 10 years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. In 1907 Cassie passed away in the prison hospital. Her remains were sent back to Eastwood and were buried in the family plot in the Woodstock Anglican Cemetery on Vansittart Ave.

Ten Years that Changed America: the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 to 1965

Presentation and article by Kathie Richards on May 25, 2016

In words and pictures she covered some of the events and leaders which resulted in changes in Black people's civil rights.

Kathie spoke about the brutal killing in August 1955 of Emmett Till, a 14 year old teenager from Chicago, while visiting his uncle in Money, Mississippi, because he spoke to a white woman in a local store and told his kidnappers that he had a white girlfriend. His Mother, a teacher, insisted on an open casket at his funeral, so people could see what had been done to him, thus creating awareness in both the black and white communities in the United States.

In 1956 Rosa Parks, refused to give up her seat on the bus for a white man, resulted in a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, that lasted for a year and was the beginning of Rev. Martin Luther King's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1957, nine black students attempted to attend an all white High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In 1960 there were student sit ins at lunch counters in North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

In 1961, there were Freedom Rides on buses throughout the South which resulted in violence and imprisonment of many riders.

In September 1962, James Meredith was the first black student at the University of Mississippi.

In May 1963, there were demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama and the March on Washington in August where Martin Luther King gave his "I have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

In 1964 there was Freedom Summer, trying to register black people to vote which resulted in 4 activists going missing and being found murdered.

She ended with the March from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama in March 1965 which was led by Martin Luther King and John Lewis, see picture below. Events during that march angered President Lyndon Johnson to bring the Voting Rights Act to Congress, which he signed into law on August 6, 1965, in the same room where President Abraham Lincoln has signed the Emancipation Proclamation a century earlier.

The men in the front row from left to right are:

Rev. Ralph Abernathy, James Foreman, Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Jesse Douglas, John Lewis.



Grand Day Out: June 18, 2016

Article by Elaine Becker

While we were not large in number the experience was tremendous. We got away in good time from Woodstock and had a spectacular day for a drive through the country side to Goderich. The people at the Gaol were more than pleased to welcome us. The Gaol is on a self-directed plan but audio equipment was available for those who wanted to use it.

The personal information about individual inmates was of particular interest. Little notes could be read with their name and reason for incarceration. The range of crimes varied from improper language, insanity, and destitution to murder.

Fortunately when it was time to leave the entire group was released.

A little drive along the beach front was followed by lunch. Near the restaurant we discovered this great park with many sculptures carved into the trees (see the lady on the front page as a sample of the carvings).

In the afternoon we attended the Huron County Museum with its fascinating display of farm equipment and working model machines. There were various other sections as well including immigration, furniture and a little main street section with a steam engine at the heart of the displays.

Thank you to Laura and Kathie for arranging for such an interesting day and to Chris for providing excellent maps for us.



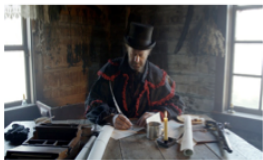

Our group at the Huron Country Museum, from left to right: Judy & Jack Klages (back row), Rob Donaldson, Elaine Becker, Laura Centore, Kathie & Doug Richards

Oxford County Branch OGS & Oxford Historical Society
Annual Joint Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Speaker
Historian and researcher
Bill Darfler
Presenting:

The Ontario Visual Heritage Project:

Giving local stories a voice

South Gate Centre
191 Old Wellington St., Woodstock

Social 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Speaker 7:45 pm

Dinner and Speaker \$30 Speaker only \$15

Tickets available at The Governor's House
82 Light Street, Woodstock
Call 519-421-1700 to reserve tickets

Cheques payable to:
Oxford County Branch OGS
Box 20091, Woodstock ON N4S 8X8

Founder's Day Dedication To Philip Graham

Sunday June 26, 2016; Article by Jim Groulx

Founder's Day has been celebrated every June at Old St. Paul's church for many years. On these occasions we remember the early influential citizens of Woodstock. Of course when these individuals arrived in 1832 there was no town called Woodstock. These Half Pay Officers from the Royal Navy started Old St. Paul's church which was at that time the Church of England. Their family names such as Vansittart, Graham, and Light now grace our city streets in Woodstock.

This year we were honouring Capt. Philip Graham. A book was written about him by Pamela Stadden, a local resident. Pamela asked our Society's advice on how to restore Graham's grave site, which needed considerable work. I took on the task of pursuing this project with the help of Jack Hedges. Many hours were spent researching, visiting Old St. Paul's, and other tasks. The Wardens at Old St. Paul's then took a great interest and informed me of a major project to restore the grave site. A gentleman from Sarnia arrived with a tractor to do major work on and around the tall tombstone. Old St. Paul's decided to honour Graham as well as Admiral Vansittart on this date. As far as I know, each year up to now Vansittart's grave was the only one that was honoured on this occasion.

The service introduced several speakers, namely Mayor Trevor Birtch, M.P. Dave Mackenzie, M.P.P. Ernie Hardeman, and County Warden David Mayberry. Guest preachers were Rev. Canon Ruth Ferrier, Rev. Rob Luxton: Rector, and Rev. Ted Winter. Special guests included the Naval Veteran Assoc.- Colour Guard, Royal Canadian Legion, Woodstock Army Cadets, St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Division, St. John Ambulance Cadets, Ontario Genealogical society- Oxford Branch, and the Oxford Historical Society. The sermon by Rev. Ruth Ferrier was especially interesting. She talked about our relationship to the past, and how we should be in touch with it. She spoke at length about Capt. Philip Graham. I had prepared a talk about him, in case I was asked. Rev. Ferrier did an excellent presentation about Graham, and I was impressed.



*Jim Groulx laying the wreath at
Captain Philip Graham's grave.*

After the service many wreaths were placed on the grave sites of Vansittart and Graham, including ours. Rev. Luxton and Rev. Canon Ferrier also said a few words. We were then invited to a light luncheon in the parish hall.

When the crowd moved from the Graham grave site to the Vansittart grave site, I noticed one person still standing at the Graham grave site, staring at the tombstone. I walked over, and realized it was Pamela Stadden, who had spent many hours writing the book about Capt. Philip Graham. Up to this moment I was not sure my time spent on this project was of any importance. When I saw Pamela with tears in her eyes, I was deeply moved and felt all my efforts were indeed worthwhile.

Escape the Museum Storeroom! Sept 15 - Oct 15

Bring your wit and your friends to solve this fun escape room fundraiser.

All proceeds to the Woodstock Museum. Booking groups of 4 - 6 people.

Runs Thurs / Fri / Sat evenings starting at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm

\$22 per person or \$20 if you pay cash



Spirit of Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday November 26, 2016

We have enough homes to hold the tour this year!

Volunteers will be needed on Saturday November 26, 2016 to staff the homes, either in the morning or in the afternoon, for shifts of approximately 3 hours. Each volunteer will be given a free ticket so they can tour the other homes.

Sign up sheets will be available at the joint dinner meeting with the OGS on Wednesday September 21, 2016. Or you can contact Kathie Richards by phoning 519-537-7743 or emailing kathie@bell.net.

This has been a fun and successful event in the past, because of all the volunteers, so be sure to help out this year if you are able.

All-Star PA Day

Sept 23, 8:30am-4:30pm

for ages 5-12

\$38 Non-Members, \$28 Members

Learn about historic sports
and our Sport Hall of Fame
Athletes!



WOODSTOCK SPORTS HALL OF FAME EXHIBIT

JULY 30TH TO SEPT 24TH



WOODSTOCK MUSEUM NHS

Woodstock Warriors O.H.A. Jr. "B" Champions 1954-55
Credit: Woodstock Museum NHS

Fun Program for children's summer camps and groups Aug 2– Sept 22, 2016

Learn about the sports that Woodstock played and the people featured in the Hall of Fame! This active and educational 1.5 hr program is \$3 ea. (min. fee for small groups)

Call for details or to book (519) 537-8411 ex. 2903

Adult groups are always welcome to book a guided tour in the same manner.