

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

WHAT IS ARCHAEOLOGY:

ARCHAEOLOGY TO MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY MEANS THE STUDY OF BOTH THE HISTORY AND THE ARTIFACTUAL CULTURAL REMAINS OF THE ABORIGINES OR EARLY NATIVES OF THIS PROVINCE AND IT'S IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

IT IS THE ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO TRIES TO REDISCOVER THE BURIED AND LONG FORGOTTEN ABORIGINAL PAST AND WHO THEN TRIES TO DESCRIBE AND INTERPRET THIS UNWRITTEN HISTORY THROUGH CAREFUL RECOVERY AND STUDY OF THE CULTURAL REMAINS.

AIMS OF THE SOCIETY:

- 1 - TO BRING TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN THE PRACTICE, PROMOTION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY PARTICULARLY IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
- 2 - TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST EVERY EFFORT BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE WHICH MAY TEND TO FOSTER, ELEVATE AND ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE FIELDS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE, AND TO DEVELOP NEW SOURCES OF PROGRESS WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
- 3 - TO SEEK PROPER MEANS TO DISCOURAGE INDISCRIMINATE, UNORGANIZED PERSONS, AND THEREBY ADVANCE THE ETHICS OF ARCHAEOLOGY.
- 4 - TO FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, CO-OPERATION AND SOCIAL INTERCOURSE AMONG THOSE INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP AMONG MEMBERS OF OTHER SIMILAR SOCIETIES AND THIS ONE, AND SO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS OBJECTIVES.
- 5 - TO RESPECT RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF INDIVIDUALS ON WHOSE LAND THE SOCIETY MAY EXCAVATE.
- 6 - TO PUBLISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL LITERATURE AND SITE REPORTS IN THE INTERESTS OF ARCHAEOLOGY.
- 7 - TO STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ARCHAEOLOGY THROUGH NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA.
- 8 - TO CO-ORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND THE NON PROFESSIONAL IN THIS EXTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT TASK OF SCIENTIFICALLY UNCOVERING AND PRESERVING THE EARLY CULTURES OF ONTARIO.
- 9 - TO PROMOTE NOT ONLY THE INTEREST OF THE LAYMAN IN ARCHAEOLOGY BUT ALSO HIS UNDERSTANDING OF ITS IMPORTANCE.

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY HAVE GIVEN ILLUSTRATED TALKS ON VARIOUS PHASES OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN ONTARIO AND ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY.

HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY:

FORMATION OF THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN JANUARY OF 1951 WAS THE OUTCOME OF SEVERAL SERIES OF UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO EXTENSION COURSE LECTURES, HELD IN THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM. PROFESSOR J. NORMAN EMERSON, THE LECTURER, WAS THE GUIDING SPIRIT IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY, AND HAS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF IT'S "GUIDING LIGHTS." IN THIS LATTER CATAGORY ARE ALSO PLACED PROFESSOR T. F. MCILWROITH AND MR. THOMAS E. LEE.

ON DECEMBER 21 1956 THE SOCIETY BECAME INCORPORATED UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND HAS ITS HEAD OFFICE IN THE CITY OF TORONTO AND THIS ALLOWS FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY TO BE INCOME TAX DEDUCTABLE.

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS ALSO A MEMBER SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION.

THE MEMBERSHIP IS CONTINUALLY INCREASING.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY IS OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO SUPPORT THIS WORK. DIFFERENT MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 - ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP- OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY.
 - 2 - ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP- AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON AND THESE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE ALL PRIVILEGES OF #1 EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE AND OF PARTICIPATING IN EXCAVATIONS.
 - 3 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP- OPEN TO ANY ACTIVE OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER UPON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEE.
 - 4 - HONORARY MEMBERSHIP- MAY BE CONFERRED ON THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE MATERIALLY ADVANCED THE SCIENCE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND REQUIRES A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.
 - 5 - INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP- OPEN TO ANY INSTITUTION INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY.
 - 6 - CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP- SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ACQUIRE MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY.
- ALL MEMBERS MUST AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY.

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES AN IDENTITY CARD, A MONTHLY NEWS LETTER (ARCH NOTES) CURRENT PUBLICATIONS AND YEARLY E.S.A.F. BULLETIN.

THE SOCIETY HAS RECEIVED A SIZABLE GRANT FROM THE ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAVEL AND PUBLICITY WHICH GREATLY ASSISTS IN THE COSTS OF OUR PUBLICATIONS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WRITE TO THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

AN APPLICATION FORM IS ATTACHED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR FORMATION OF BRANCH CHAPTERS IN OTHER CENTRES.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE UNDERSIGNED MAKES APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND AGREES TO BE GOVERNED BY ITS CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND RULES, AS LONG AS MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES.

PLEASE CHECK TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP DESIRED.

ACTIVE:	\$3.00	ASSOCIATE:	\$2.00
FAMILY (HUSBAND & WIFE)	\$5.00	INSTITUTIONAL:	\$3.00
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
NAME:		ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:			

ALL CHEQUES AND POSTAL MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

PERSONS JOINING IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE YEAR WILL BE CONSIDERED AS BEING REGISTERED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING YEAR. CONTRIBUTIONS IN ADDITION TO MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX.

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ARCH-NOTES

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EXECUTIVE

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This month, the regular third-Wednesday meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be replaced by a special full-day joint session with the Archaeological Society of Western Ontario. This will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at the Commercial Travellers' Association Salesmen's Club, 17 Dundonald Street, Toronto.

Out-of-town members should have no difficulty locating this building. It is situated one block north of Wellesley Street, just a few yards east of Yonge Street. It is close to public transportation lines, and has a large municipal parking lot adjacent to the building.

The Program and Social Committee has arranged an excellent program for this meeting (copy included with this issue of Arch-Notes). Archaeological displays, prepared by the participating societies - and by their individual members as well - will be on view, and informal discussion periods have been included to permit a free exchange of ideas and information.

If you plan to attend, and have not sent in the form provided in last month's Arch-Notes, please notify Mrs. Gisela Reichert immediately. Meal arrangements require an accurate attendance estimate (Telephone 921-6163, or write to 320 Tweedsmuir Avenue, Apt. 705, Toronto, Ontario).

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Our speaker last month, Dr. J. N. Emerson, aroused considerable interest with his description of the University of Toronto's continuing excavation of the supposed site of Cahiaque (the Warminster site), in old Huronia.

Beginning with the initial exploratory work by the late T.F. McIlwraith in 1946, Dr. Emerson described each year's work to the close of the 1966 season. He then summarized the results of this work and compared the findings with Champlain's description of Cahiague.

This comparison indicates that the site may very well be the main Huron village visited by Champlain in 1615, but the evidence is still far from conclusive. So far, one ossuary has been associated with the site (historical accounts mention two); palisades, consisting of from 3 to 7 rows of posts, have been uncovered (Cahiague was heavily palisaded); French trade items and the remains of a pair of French boots have been found (Cahiague was abandoned in 1620 A.D.), and, with less than two acres of this 25 acre site now excavated, mostly in the palisaded area, a dozen longhouses have been uncovered (historical accounts mention 200 dwellings).

An unexpected discovery in 1966 was that the site actually consisted of two separately palisaded areas of roughly 8 acres each, with a 500 to 600 foot wide strip of relatively sterile ground between them.

The trade material and pottery vessels recovered within these palisaded areas indicated that they were contemporary and related. The pipe styles did not correspond as well, however, but Dr. Emerson felt that this was not inconsistent with the historical evidence. Cahiague split into two separate units when abandoned, and this difference could represent clan divisions within the village.

This is still conjecture, however, and Dr. Emerson stated that in the months ahead, a great deal of effort will be directed toward resolving this and many other problems raised by the previous year's excavations.

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Two members of the Canadian Archaeological Divers Club, Mr. William Pennington and Mr. James Jones, attended this meeting and described some of their underwater activities.

Of particular interest to our members was Mr. Pennington's recovery, last summer, of a virtually undamaged Ontario Horizontal vessel of the late Uren (or early Middleport) Iroquoian period. This was found on the bottom of a small, shallow, wild-rice choked cove in Dyer's Bay, on the Bruce Peninsula, Ontario.

Mr. Pennington showed the members a number of excellent photographs of this vessel, now on loan to the Royal Ontario Museum.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Too late for inclusion in last month's Arch-Notes was the change in date for President Axelson's interview on the CFTO television show, "Bright and Early". This interview was re-scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, March 8th.

This month, an archaeological exhibit, prepared by our Promotion and Publicity Committee, will be on display at the Bathurst Heights Branch of the North York Library, 3170 Bathurst Street, Toronto.

The "lab" sessions of February 4th and 24th considerably reduced the number of Beeton site specimens still to be processed. They

also revealed that several restorable vessels were recovered during last year's excavation of this site, and that a number of unusual specimens were obtained as well.

It is hoped that all the material recovered can be cleaned and catalogued before the excavation is resumed this spring. This will require a good turnout at the next "lab" session, however, now scheduled for April 15th, at 247 Truman Road, Willowdale.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Two of the Royal Ontario Museum's Wednesday afternoon "ten to one" tours this month will be of special interest to our members. These 30 minute guided tours begin in the Museum main rotunda at 12.50 p.m.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
March 15	Ancient Egypt
March 22	Indians of Canada

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The latest issue of The Cartographer (Vol. 3, No. 2, December, 1966) carries an excellent article by Conrad E. Heidenreich which deals with all known maps relative to Huronia in the first half of the 17th Century. Included in this work are three maps not previously used in such studies, and Mr. Heidenreich has used these to good advantage to propose a new concept of the distribution of Huron villages during the French missionary period (1615 to 1650 A.D.)

Another of our members has also been busy with the pen. Dr. Marian E. White's latest article, "The Orchard Site Ossuary, Fort Erie, Ontario" appeared in The Bulletin (No. 38, November, 1966), a publication of the New York State Archaeological Association.

It is a well-written and clearly illustrated report dealing with the salvage excavation of a terminal Point Peninsula site, and possibly contemporary ossuary, uncovered by construction activity at the corner of Niagara Boulevard and Forsythe Avenue, Fort Erie.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the eight new members who joined the Society since the last issue of Arch-Notes. These Are:-

Mr. E.W. Austin, Port Hope, Ontario
 Miss. Joyce E. Hollaway, Oshawa, Ontario
 Mr. Ross Strain, Scarborough, Ontario
 Mr. Peter Envers, Toronto, Ontario
 Lt. Col. and Mrs. A.D. Martin-Sperry, Toronto, Ontario
 Mr. W.T. Fair, Orangeville, Ontario
 Mr. W.G. Lisk, Orangeville, Ontario

VIEWS AND COMMENTS

A plea for assistance has come from Mr. Rollo M. McDonald, 2547 Jarvis Street, Erindale, Ontario. His present archaeological and anthropological researches concern the northern Ontario field. To sustain his studies, he requires the following issues of The Beaver for constant reference: March and June 1931; December 1935, 1946, 1948,

and 1951. If you know where any of these issues can be obtained, please contact Mr. McDonald immediately.

Our librarian, Mr. Charles Garrad, still has copies of O.A.S. Publication #4, #6, #8, #9 for sale at 50¢ each. Also available are a few reprints of the 1958 and 1959 issues of New Pages of Prehistory, at 25¢ per copy. Mr. Garrad's address is, 30 Upper Canada Drive, Apt. 411, Willowdale, Ontario (Tel. 223-2752).

One thing Mr. Garrad does NOT have is the Reference Library copy of Research Guide #1 (Dr. J.N. Emerson's "Castellation Development Among the Iroquois"). This was borrowed sometime before the present card system was set up, and has not been returned. Mr. Garrad requests the unknown borrower return this publication to the Library as soon as possible, for it has been requested by another member.

Mr. Joseph E. Granger, whose main field of endeavour is the Transitional and Early Woodland Period - especially the Meadowood Phase - is currently concentrating on the Niagara River area. He is convinced that this area holds the key to many problems involving settlement and cultural interaction during this period (circa 1000 B.C.).

A number of likely sites on the New York side of the Niagara River have already been destroyed by urban development, and Mr. Granger fears a like fate for those in Ontario, unless prompt action is taken. He hopes that other O.A.S. members will initiate or assist in controlled excavations in this area in the near future.

Our figures show that the O.A.S. membership in 1966 consisted of 115 individuals and institutions. This was 25 more than the previous year's total, and represents a considerable gain for the Society.

While on the subject of membership, we might point out that if you have not yet paid your 1967 membership fees, your time is running out. Those who have not renewed their membership by the end of this month will be held delinquent, and forfeit all priveledges of membership.

Members are requested to notify us of any change in address. We have experienced considerable difficulty in tracing down those who have neglected to do so.

Bill Donaldson, editor,
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PROGRAM

- 9:00 a.m. - Building opens to set up displays
- 10:00 a.m. - Registration - informal fraternization and examine displays
- 10:30 a.m. - Coffee - compliments of the O. A. S.
- 10:50 a.m. - Welcome - Dr. R. Dean Axelsen
- 11:00 a.m. - Presentation of papers
- 12:00 a.m. - Luncheon (\$1.50 per person)
- 1:30 p.m. - Presentation of papers
- 2:30 p.m. - Coffee - compliments of the O. A. S.
- 3:00 p.m. - Presentation of papers
- 3:30 p.m. - Presentation of papers
- 4:00 p.m. - Question and answer period with panel of speakers to answer questions from the floor.
- 5:00 p.m. - Break to examine displays, etc.
- Bar facilities available
- 6:00 p.m. - Dinner - (\$3.25 per person)
- To be followed by a few words by the O. A. S. president and anyone else that wishes to say a few words.
- 9:00 p.m. - Building closes - All displays must be removed by this time.

MEMBER'S FRIENDS WELCOME