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2017

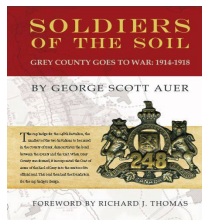
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**Potluck Lunch at 12:00 pm, meeting at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Markdale**



In 1973 David and Penny Chapman purchased the former creamery in the Village of Markdale, and began to manufacture ice cream. They had four employees and two trucks; today the company has a fleet of sixty trucks and have had in a peak season a force of 700 workers. A devastating fire destroyed the main plant in September of 2009, and the new facility was opened one year later in September of 2010. Chapman's is the largest independent ice cream manufacturer in Canada, at this time producing two hundred and sixty-four different varieties of frozen goodies! In October of 2015, Chapman's Ice Cream donated One Million dollars to assist in the building of the Grey-Bruce Hospice in Owen Sound, to be appropriately named "Chapman House". Ashley Chapman is the Vice-President of the Company.

**Location:** Cooke's Presbyterian Church, 14 George Street, Markdale

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Durham**



George Auer in his new book, *Soldiers of the Soil: Grey County Goes to War, 1914 - 1918*, provides a readable account of what was happening at home and abroad during those years with archival photographs and maps. Also included is a complete list of the war memorials and cenotaphs in Grey County, the war medals which were presented to Grey County soldiers, and the most complete Grey County Great War Honour Roll ever published, with the names of over 4,000 soldiers.

**Location:** Knox United Church: Address: 236 Garafraxa Street North, Durham

2017

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**South Grey Museum, Flesherton**

Jean Hutchinson, author of *Country Midwife: The Story of Elizabeth Harvey Ward*, will share the story of Elizabeth Nuhn who delivered over 1000 babies born in South Grey County between 1924 and 1954.

Born in 1884, Elizabeth Harvey was part of a big farm family. In 1903, she married Hazard Ward and they had four daughters. He died while one was still at home. She sold the farm and moved to town and assisted Dr. Milne in his work. Elizabeth married Mr. Nuhn who she had gone to care for. In 1934, she specialized in obstetrics Elizabeth ran the Nuhn Nursing Home for many years.

Jean Hutchinson married William Hutchinson, the grandson of Elizabeth Nuhn. She wrote the book so that Elizabeth's history would not be lost. She wanted Elizabeth's great grandchildren to know how special Gramma Nuhn was.

**Location:** South Grey Museum, 40 Sydenham South, Flesherton

**GCHS 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

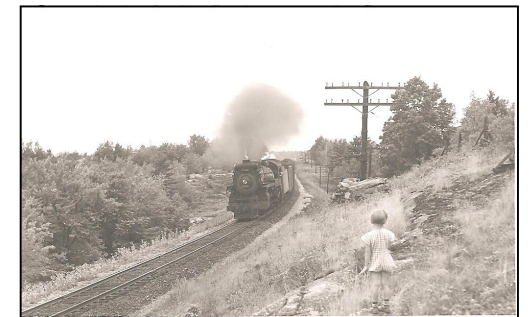
To celebrate our 50th Annual Dinner, a special evening is being planned. Details will be announced when they are available.



## Meetings & Gatherings

**June 2016-2017**

The Grey County Historical Society is an incorporated, charitable organization that has been discovering, preserving and disseminating the history of the County of Grey since 1955. Our informative speakers series takes place every 3rd Wednesday monthly except December and January, or unless otherwise noted. Nearly all of our meetings are open to the public. Welcome!



## Grey County Historical Society

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2016

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.  
Meaford



On the day the cornerstone was laid in August of 1908, Mayor J.W. Horsley bragged that Meaford Hall would be the largest municipal building in the County of Grey. "Its massive and graceful outlines," he declared, "will stand as a monument to prosperity and progress . . . and doubtless will be for many generations one of its prominent landmarks." Enjoy a tour of the historic building and learn about the history of this beautiful building.

**Location:** Meaford Hall, 12 Nelson Street East Meaford

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 6:00 p.m.  
Summer Potluck Picnic -



Come for a tour of the 1850s McNaughton House and hear the history of the house with the owner Jo-Ann Craig. She will also share a brief history of the area.

Bring your dishes, food to share and a lawn chair.

**Location:** 105601, 10th Sideroad, Meaford. Go south from Highway 26 on to Grey Road 112 (Range Road). SR 10 is the third sideroad south of Highway. 26. Turn left on to SR 10 and Jo-Ann's farm is the first farm on the left. If approaching from the south on Grey Road 12, SR 10 is the first sideroad after you reach the bottom of Scotch Mountain.

2016

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.



This historic Black settlement burial ground dates to the mid-1800s. It served the local community until the 1880s. By the 1930s the site had reverted to a farmers' field and the gravestones were

either ploughed under or removed. Four headstones were found in a rock pile north of the site in 1990 before it was dedicated once again as a cemetery by then Lt. Gov. Lincoln Alexander. In 2015, a memorial pavilion was built on the site to house the stones and commemorate early Black pioneer families. Maintained by a volunteer committee, the site serves to honour early settlers and commemorate their contributions to the opening up of the Queen's Bush. Come out and learn more about this local historic site.

**Location:** Turn West onto County Road 4 at the lights in Flesherton (turn right if coming from the north); turn left onto Grey Road 14 and turn left onto Durham Road B. Destination will be on the left.

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.



Lori Oschefski is a Genealogical Researcher and Advocate whose work is recognized world wide. In December of 2012, Lori founded the first national organization in Canada for the British Home Children, British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association.

(BHCARA) Ms. Oschefski became involved with the Home Children when, in 2010, her mother, at the age of eighty six, revealed that she had been adopted. Ms. Oschefski soon discovered that her mother was, in fact, a Child Migrant of the Salvation Army brought to Canada in 1924. Many children were brought to Grey County by Dr. Bernardo,

**Location:** Grey Roots, 102599 Grey Road 18, R. R. #4, Owen Sound

2016

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.  
Markdale



The May Funeral Home in Markdale was built by Dr. Thomas Sproule in 1883. He was a medical doctor and entrepreneur who turned to politics and was first elected

as a Conservative MP for Grey East in 1878. He fell in love with Mary Alice Flesher and had this beautiful Italianate home built for her that he called Knarsboro Hall. Come and learn more about the history of this marvelous building and Dr. Thomas Simpson Sproule.

**Location:** 63 Main Street East, Markdale

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.  
Owen Sound



Following the Saugeen Tract Agreement Treaty 45 1/2, signed on August 9th, 1836, between the Saugeen Ojibwa and Odawa and the government of Upper Canada, a reserve along the western shore of Owen Sound was set aside for the band headed by Chief Newash.

In 1842, the Indian village of Newash, contained fourteen log houses, a school and a barn. Wesleyan Methodist missionaries ministered to the Indians. In 1845, a frame chapel was completed on the corner of 24th Street and 4th Avenue West, Owen Sound. In 1857, the Reserve, contained some 11,000 acres, was ceded to the government and most of the Indians moved to Cape Croker .

**Location: First United Church, 435 21st Street West, Owen Sound**

**Board of Directors' Meetings 2016-2017**

June 10 @ 6 p.m. at Steven's Restaurant, Markdale  
September 15, at 7 p.m. Wayne Bryant's home  
November 4 at 7 p.m. Bonna Rouse's condo  
February 5 at 1:30 p.m. at Marjorie Davison's home  
April 7 at 7 p.m. at Styn Furness' home

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I would like to receive the electronic version of the newsletter by e-mail to help the Society go paperless.

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Group: \$40.00,  
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To help us plan our meetings, speakers and outings, what are you interested in learning or knowing more about?

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