

The 2008 Annual Report



The Military History Society of Manitoba

March 05, 2009

2008 Activities of the Military History Society of Manitoba:

1. Camp Hughes Project

A steering/managing committee known as **The "Friends of Camp Hughes"** has been established with the Rural Municipality of North Cypress, Town of Carberry, DND and the Society. This will be a permanent board dedicated to form a heritage park with the following members of the Society on the board: Bruce Tascona and Grant Tyler.

The Society organized a **Hughes Heritage Day** on November 08, 2008 at the Carberry Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. It was well attended by the General Public with over 250 members of the public visiting the exhibits. Five Museums and some private individuals participated in the heritage day.

The Society has also applied to the **National Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada** for the designation of Camp Hughes. The hearing is set for the autumn of 2009.

Several meetings had been held in 2008 with the Province of Manitoba and this new group.

The Society had applied and received a **research permit** to conduct surface and archaeological study of Camp Hughes. Two outings were conducted with the focus on a baker's oven located at the site. Some more artefacts from the Camp Hughes heritage site were collected for the study collection of the Museum.

The Society would like to thank the following volunteers who gave of their time to ensure that these Hughes activities became a success: Alan Parkin, Jason Darling, Pam Darling, Paul Tascona, Patrick Tascona, Bruce Tascona and Grant Tyler.

Volunteer hours have been estimated to be in the area 154 hours.

2. The Legion House Museum

The Director is Bruce Tascona and the Curator is Grant Tyler.

The Museum is located on the second floor of the Norwood St. Boniface Legion 134 Marion Street, Winnipeg. The physical description of the museum is of 656 square feet of space with 29 exhibit cases. The storage/office administration /archives/library totals 150 square feet.

The wall space contains 195 linear feet of exhibits as follows:

- United Nations Gallery Area (8 feet)
- Nato/Cold War Gallery Area (12 feet)
- Second world War Gallery Area (40 feet)
- The Great War 1914-1918 Gallery Area (40 feet)
- Pre-1914 Gallery Area (20 feet)
- Centre Case Gallery Area (12 feet)
- Photo Gallery Area (60 feet)



Exhibit at Carberry Library

The Museum houses the largest known collection of artefacts from Camp Hughes of which some of it is on exhibit within the museum and the rest is in the study collection in the storage area. A satellite site is on display at the Carberry Town Library containing 4 exhibit cases of artefacts at Hughes.

Days of Operation

The Museum was regularly opened Through-out the year on Monday evenings between 1800hrs and 2200hrs. It was opened for Legion Week in late September, and Veteran's Week in November making a total of **67 days opened.**

The Organization of Military Museums of Canada (OMMC) held their gathering in Winnipeg. On July 21, the members of this organization



the

toured the museum and had lunch at the Legion Branch. Approximately 120 conference members toured the museum. Four other group tours visited Museum this past year.

Hughes artefacts at Legion House Museum

The Society paid for one member to attend this conference.

Museum Volunteers dedicated nearly 500 hours.

The Museum had to be painted in March 2008; the volunteers to be thanked are Jason Darling, Alan Parkin and Bruce Tascona.

The Museum had assembled or moved approximately 8 exhibit cases into the museum this past year. Volunteers to be thanked are as follows: Rick Cardinal, Jason Darling, Pam Darling, Paul Tascona, and Patrick Tascona

The Museum participated in an exhibit at the Winnipeg Millennium Library. The Exhibit focused on the end of the Great War and the troops coming home. It lasted for two months from November 0, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

The Board of Directors

Bruce Tascona	President
Grant Tyler	Vice President and Past President
Gordon Crossley	Secretary
Pam Darling	Treasurer
Alan Parkin	Director at Large
Paul Collins	Director at Large
Raymond Collins	Director at Large

3. The Archives/Library of the Military History Society of Manitoba.

- The Archives/Library handled 122 research requests throughout the year. Mostly genealogy requests.
- 145 Documents, articles, photographs and books were accessioned into the Archives.
- The Archives/Library (As of December 31, 2008) contains 2786 items that have been accessioned into the collection since 1987.
- The **conservation** of the Archives/Library collection is ongoing with the document files being converted to "Acid-Free" file folders.
 - The photographs within the collection are being converted to "acid free" sleeves as each file is being examined.
 - A genealogy workshop was held March 18, 2008 with the Creative Retirement Genealogy Club.

4. Goals and objectives for 2009

The Society will continue to expand the Legion House Museum exposure to the general public by the following:

- Recruiting museum volunteers to act as guides/interpreters.
- To expand the hours of operation by adding "Saturday".
- Develop a Museum brochure to be distributed within the Heritage/Tourist Community.
- Develop a Web-Site for the Society's Activities and create a On-line Journal.
- Continue on-going efforts with Camp Hughes Project by participating in meetings with the "Friends of Camp Hughes" and establishing a "Camp Hughes Heritage Day".

2008--A pictorial review

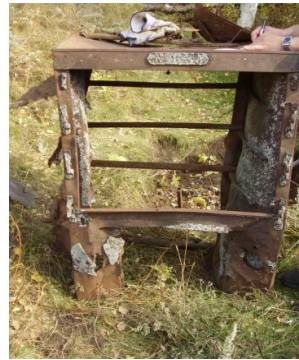


Royal Winnipeg Rifles Exhibit

19th Century Exhibit LHM



Trench at Camp Hughes 2008



Baker's Oven 2008



Signal Exhibit Hughes Heritage Day November 08, 2008



Hughes Heritage Day November 8, 2008