

NYSAA NEWSLETTER



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The Sullivan/Cukierski Site

*By Walter Cukierski
Chenango Chapter*

In June of 2015, the Chenango Archaeological Chapter began digging on the Oneida Indian Settlement known as the Sullivan/Cukierski site. The occupation time period was roughly 1660-1677 and is regarded as the mission site of St. Francis Xavier Church. Finding the church is taking on extra emphasis because of who had the church built. It was Father Jacques Bruyas, who is also one of the priests that discovered Kateri Tekakwitha. She was recently made a Saint and it is believed she would of traveled to the site.



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Chenango Chapter
Members at the site.

Sullivan/Cukierski continued:

We have found thousands of artifacts and many post molds from long houses. We believe the church would of had a crude wood foundation and hopefully would still have a decayed outline.

In August of 2016 we were fortunate to get help from the USDA with our search. We are hoping to find anomalies in the hard clay subsoil. To date we have not received the final report, but we were able to proceed with some rough data.



Sullivan/Cukierski continued:

The first three spots we examined led us to two refuse pits and one fire pit. The second pit below is still being excavated and is over six feet wide and at least 61 inches deep.

Sullivan/Cukierski continued:



Here are a few of the first items that we found in this refuse pit. Overall the items that we found ranged from hundreds of animal bones, teeth, bear claws, stone tools, beads, brass arrowheads and tools, rat tail knives, pottery, kaolin pipe pieces, gun parts and too many items to list.



At right is a sampling of the beads that we have been finding. The red round glass beads consist of 90% of the beads found.

Sullivan/Cukierski continued:

Many Jesuit items have been found in the seventies and recently like the items below. This in addition to Father Bruyas' detailed area description of the settlement makes this spot the likely mission site. Hopefully with the aid of GPR and continued systematic digging will help lead us to the church if any signs remain.

The Little Known Impact of NYSAA in Ontario, Canada

By: Mima Brown Kapches

Retired Senior Curator, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

At the recent meetings of NYSAA celebrating the centennial of its founding I mentioned to Lisa Marie Anselmi that NYSAA had an impact on an Ontario archaeological organization nearly 100 years ago. The gist of the story is that NYSAA was established in 1916 and three years later the Ontario Archaeological Association (OAA) was founded on the NYSAA model. The OAA existed until 1933 and is not related to the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) that was founded in 1950. But the story of the founding of the OAA involves New York State and Ontario personalities and is of enough interest to be recounted. Most Ontarians and New Yorkers are not aware of this brief encounter, it happened so long ago and there was no lasting impact, so it's no wonder. This brief article will outline those events so that NYSAA members can appreciate the impact that your organization had beyond your borders, north of the lake.

I have published on this topic in Arch Notes, the newsletter of the Ontario Archaeological Society (Kapches 2010) and I will draw from that publication. (You may read the article by Googling Kapches+OAA) Most of this article deals with Ontario's early curators, archaeologists and antiquarians, many of whom are not familiar to OAS members today. But it also mentions NYSAA founding members.

The sources of information consist of archival correspondence and scrapbooks at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in the Rowland B. Orr and Andrew F. Hunter files. Rowland B. Orr (1844-1933) took over as Director of the Ontario Provincial Museum after the death of David Boyle in 1911, a post he held until his death. Andrew F. Hunter (1863-1940) was an avocational archaeologist who worked intensively documenting Huron (Wendat) sites in Simcoe County, Ontario up until shortly before his death. Hunter was the Treasurer of the OAA and kept the files while Orr was the primary force in its establishment. To found the OAA Orr interacted with people in New York, and therein lies the story.

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth century people kept informed through reading newspapers, newspapers from all over, not just local. Newspapers were the equivalent of today's Google. But to make sure you didn't lose the information from the papers you created scrapbooks, large bound books with blank pages where you could paste the articles that you wanted to keep for future reference. The scrapbooks were like your personal Wikipedia. Some of these scrapbooks survive and they contain clippings of articles from newspapers that are very hard, if not impossible, to find today.

Kapches continued:

In the Orr scrapbooks at the ROM there are articles from the Rochester Post Express and the Rochester Herald detailing the founding of NYSAA.

On March 7, 1916 interested persons met at the home of Alvin H. Dewey, the general manager of the Lake Ontario Water Company, with Arthur C. Parker of the State Museum, to formally established the Lewis Henry Morgan Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association: Just why such a society has not been formed here years ago is perhaps, hard to explain. However, the time seems opportune for launching it (Rochester Post Express, March 8, 1916).

This article also noted that there were two states that had already established such societies, Ohio and Wisconsin. Dewey was elected the President of the chapter.

Shortly after the chapter was formed Dewey visited Toronto and met with Orr. On his return to Rochester, Dewey wrote Orr:

I arrived home safely and not the least of my pleasant recollections of my visit was your courtesy in giving me the pleasure of your company at luncheon.... You will find enclosed the Constitution of the Morgan Chapter which I promised to send you. I trust this may be of service to you in your plans. If you feel at any time that the experience I have had in organizing this Chapter will be of any service to you ... you have only to ask. (AFH: ROM)

Then in March of 1917 Orr spoke at the Morgan Chapter meeting and he congratulated NYSAA for the formation of the Chapter and then gave a talk about natives in Canada. After this meeting, Orr and Dewey went to Albany to meet with Arthur C. Parker (Rochester Herald, Mar. 17, 1917; RBOsb:ROM).

In the Andrew Hunter archives of the ROM there is the Morgan Chapter constitution sent by Dewey. It had been altered with pencil notations, naming the Ontario Archaeological Association (OAA), making the organization a stand-alone body with no chapters, and changing the rules authority to Parliamentary procedures. The OAA was formed in January 1919. At that meeting Orr stated in the minutes "the gentleman who suggested to me to start (this organization) for the Province of Ontario was the head of the Archaeological Society for the State of N.Y. Mr. Parker. Mr. Dewey, head of the (blank space) has been in communication with me for sometime, but something unforeseen prevented him from being here today (AFH:ROM).

Kapches continued:

Although formed in 1919 there were very few meetings and by 1920 it seems to have become defunct. In 1932 it was legally terminated as an organization.

Having been in Rochester at the 100th Anniversary Meeting of NYSAA gave me pause to reflect why the OAA is not looking forward to its centennial. Especially since it had such a good model to emulate. There are two factors at play here, the first is the advanced age and ill health of the founding members. Now this would not have been a serious factor if there had been a group of young enthusiastic men to take up the reins of the organization and breathe into it some new life. But the second factor at play here is that Canada had entered the First World War in 1914, and the young men were overseas. In fact the letters in the Hunter file talk about war concerns and even that the displays of the Provincial Museum were disassembled to make room for the Workman's Compensation Board. Keep in mind that the United States did not enter WWI until April 6, 1917. So while life continued normally in New York State, it was definitely not normal in Ontario and Canada.

So while the stars aligned and NYSAA became the successful organization that it is today, for the OAA, the stars did not align. The time was not right for an archaeological organization until 1950 when the Ontario Archaeological Society was formed by an enthusiastic group of students, professors and volunteers some 34 years following NYSAA's example.

Archival Documents:

RBOsb:ROM The Rowland B. Orr Scrapbook, World Cultures, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

AFH: Royal Ontario Museum

Andrew F. Hunter files, World Cultures, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

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CALL FOR RENEWALS
New York State Archaeological Association

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NEW YORK STATE
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**New York State Archaeological Association
101st Annual Conference
April 21 - 23, 2017**



Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center Lake George, NY
Hosted by the Adirondack Chapter

The Adirondack Chapter is proud to host the 101st Annual Meeting of the New York State Archaeological Association (NYSAA) and the annual Spring Meeting of the New York Archaeological Council (NYAC).

The NYAC spring meeting will be held Friday afternoon and the NYSAA annual business meeting will be held Friday evening. NYSAA Paper presentations will begin Saturday morning, continue through the afternoon, and resume Sunday morning. The NYSAA annual banquet, awards ceremony and special guest speaker will be Saturday evening. Tours will bracket the conference with the first two on Friday afternoon and the third on Sunday afternoon. Details may be found on the back of this flyer.

All conference events will be held at the beautiful Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, located on Canada Street in the Village of Lake George (off Exit 21 of the Adirondack Northway, I87). This is one of the most scenic and historic locations in the United States. The famed Fort William Henry (1755-1757), reconstructed in the 1950s, is located next to the hotel, and the modern conference center is nearby, providing meeting rooms for our conference attendees. Lunch will be conveniently held in the conference center on Saturday. The evening reception will be hosted in the newly-refurbished Tankard Tavern followed by the banquet and awards ceremony in the White Lion Room which commands a spectacular view of Lake George.



This year, our banquet speaker is Dr. David Orr, retired professor from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA and retired Mid-Atlantic Region Archaeologist of the National Park Service. His presentation, "Some Things of Value: An Archaeological Odyssey," will explore the influences and inspirations, both European and American, that guided his archaeological career. This enlightening, humorous and personal discussion will touch upon Prehistoric, Classical, and Industrial archaeology, Landscape, Cemetery and Architectural studies, and the interdependence of folklife, folklore, and community in both broadening personal perspective and interpreting the archaeological record. Questions? Please contact:

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Tours

Friday, April 21st, 2:00-3:15pm Fort William Henry, Lake George

Fort William Henry -- Steve Collyer, lead interpreter at Fort William Henry, will treat us to a behind-the-scenes tour of Fort William Henry. The "massacre" at Fort William Henry in 1757, which gave rise to the novel "The Last of the Mohicans," is easily the best-known story of the French & Indian War. The fort was partially excavated and then reconstructed in the 1950s and has been a very popular destination for visitors from around the world ever since. Recent archaeology was conducted here from 1997-2000 and 2011-2013 by SUNY Adirondack, and the fort prides itself on its "living history" presentations that make early American history "come alive" for many thousands of school children, their parents, re-enactors, historians and international visitors every summer. Steve Collyer will introduce you to the fort's fascinating stories and exhibits in what will be a very personalized tour.

Friday, April 21st, 3:45-5:00pm Lake George Battlefield Park, Lake George

Lake George Battlefield Park -- Dr. Lyn Karig Hohmann, President of the Fort George Alliance, will lead a tour of the Lake George Battlefield Park, which is located at the southernmost end of Lake George (on high ground overlooking the Million Dollar Beach). The Battlefield Park was the setting for portions of the Battle of Lake George (1755); for an entrenched camp of soldiers at the time of the "massacre" at Fort William Henry; for the site of Fort George (1759), a massive British fort that was never completed; and then for regimental camps on through the American Revolution. The Department of Environmental Conservation manages this beautiful park today, and archaeology was conducted here through SUNY Adirondack from 2000-2001 and again from 2014-2016. Dr. Hohmann will present the history and archaeology of this park, and she has many wonderful stories to tell.



Sunday, April 23rd, 2:00pm Rogers Island, Fort Edward

Dr. David Starbuck, Professor at Plymouth State University, will lead a tour of the archaeological sites on Rogers Island in Fort Edward, as well as a tour of exhibits in the Rogers Island Visitors Center. Archaeology has been conducted on Rogers Island for a great many years, and SUNY Adirondack will be resuming its annual field school on the Island this coming summer. Walking trails and outdoor exhibits are currently being developed, and this tour will give an "advance look" at some of the future plans.





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Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center
Lake George, NY

Hosted by the Adirondack Chapter



NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHAPTER: _____ PHONE/CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

Registration

	Price	x People	= Subtotal
Conference Fee	\$25.00	x _____	= _____ (<i>\$15.00 with Student ID</i>)
Saturday Breakfast	\$18.00	x _____	= _____
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00	x _____	= _____
Banquet.....	\$40.00	x _____	= _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$18.00	x _____	= _____

Total:

(*Service Charges and Taxes are included.*)

Banquet Entrée Selections

_____ Marinated Flank Steak w/ Sautéed Mushrooms & Onions
_____ Slow Roasted Pork Loin _____ Vegetarian
_____ Grilled Atlantic Salmon

**Please note any dietary restrictions: _____*

Tours (Free)

Friday, April 21, 2:00-3:15pm:	Fort William Henry, Lake George	(# of people)
Friday, April 21, 3:45-5:00pm:	Lake George Battlefield Park, Lake George	_____
Sunday, April 23, 2:00-4:00pm:	Rogers Island, Fort Edward	_____

Hotel Reservations

For hotel reservations contact the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center at 518-668-3081.
Please specify **NYS Archaeological Association** when booking to ensure appropriate room rate.
Rooms will have a mix of mountain and lake views and local and state taxes/fees will apply.

Premium = \$79/night (*taxes and fees apply*)
Grand = \$99/night (*taxes and fees apply*)

Reservations with the hotel must be made by March 31, 2017 12:00AM to receive the Conference Rate.

Payment of Conference and Banquet Fees are requested by April 12, 2017.

Checks made payable to: *Adirondack Chapter, NYSAA.*

Please send this completed registration form with your check to:

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This announcement is an open call for papers for abstracts of papers/posters on any subject of interest in the archaeology of New York and adjoining regions. Paper and poster abstract proposals should be 250 words or less. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes in length. One paper and/or poster per presenter, although individuals may coauthor multiple papers. All presenters must register for the conference. Abstracts, authors, affiliation and AV preferences must be received by March 1, 2017 for consideration. Meeting registration must be pre-paid by April 1, 2017, or your paper will be dropped from the program. Registration information will be available online at <http://nysarchaeology.org/conference>.

Please send your title, abstract, A/V preference and contact address to:

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See you at the conference!