writing a book called-"The History Detective". Hugh MacMillan, a pioneer in field research for the Ontario Archives, is committing some of his great finds, humorous cases, and fascinating wild goose chases to paper in the form of a new book written in conjunction with Ron Poulton.

The Nassagaweya resident, who has more interests than most people' is squeezing time out of his very busy life to organize the book and, at the same time, to develop a radio column on historical finds.

Man of many faces

Hugh is a fascinating man, a mixture of Farley Mowat and Grizzly Adams (the beard helps!) with a twinkling sense of humor and an over-developed sense of history. He even lives in a log house he built himself, surrounded by fur trade canoes and pioneer nostalgia.

Visiting him is like taking a step back in time. Hugh's life sounds like a three ring circus. In fact he used to be part of one-and a drummer for a hypnotist-and a mate on a towboat, among other

things. However, throughout his years he's always been

interested in history and old papers. In 1963, he was living in the lower Ottawa Valley and president of a local historical society in Glengarry County. Doing research in the Dominion and provincial archives, he was appalled that neither organization had field workers going out and bringing in documents of historical value to be

preserved. From 1912 to 1933, Sir Arthur Doughty had field workers filling the national archives on the theory that he didn't "want to wait for people to stumble off the street with their treasures clutched in their hand. "You went out and got them," thought Doughty, and "if you couldn't get them any other way, you stole them."

After a 30 year drought of field research, Hugh convinced the Ontario Archives they should hire a field research worker-him.

Actually, the Archives weren't completely sold and he had to become a clerk at the Archives in the newspaper section doing field work parl-time. Within six months, the archives were indeed convinced they needed Hugh out on the road full time. He's been pulling in historical documents, papers and letters at a fantastic rate ever since.

Archives bullt on paper The Ontario Department of Public Records-the



Archives-is situated near the University of Toronto at 77 Grenville Street, The 48 person staff deals with paper records of Ontario history, including government records, land deeds, family papers, diaries, photographs, newspapers, tape recordings, church and school records, political papers, business and society records, all documenting our past.

Family hibles, cancelled cheques and land deeds are not accepted, thank you. Land deed records are already complete within the department.

Letters are most interesting for Hugh. He says he really likes to acquire old letters that tell a bit of Canada's history in them. He considers his greatest find a collection of 51 letters from John Graves



Hugh MacMillan

Simcoe, to his wife. Simcoe was first Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The chase for those letters took Hugh from the Georgian Historical Society near Sutton, where he was speaking one night, to Peterborough, to Northumberland County where he paid a New Zealand farmer \$5,000 for the Simcoe letters plus material of John Ross Robertson.

In some cases, the archives are willing to pay for a real find, but the acquisition budget is small, and in most cases, Hugh persuades the owner, the documents are much safer in the archives. A donating family receives a bound copy of their papers and a tax receipt so they don't lose out.

However, valuable historical papers are much better off in the controlled humidity, dust-free, acidity controlled, fire-proof containers of the 11storey stone archives building than in the desk drawer at home.

Thousands of miles, hundreds of finds

Hugh travels mostly by car, sometimes by air, about 30 to 35,000 miles per year following leads, nosing out information. He has a large file book filled with names, 3,000 of them, contacts all across Ontario with an interest in preserving history.

It's this network of contacts that helps Hugh gather 70 to 80 items a year and an average of three to four major collections in a year. To acquire those 70 pieces, Hugh follows upwards of 400 leads. One thing leads to another and he often finds himself off on a tangent following the trail of something much more exciting than the original lead.

Not only does Hugh pursue history but he really does live it. He and his wife, Murtel, and four nearly grown youngsters live in a charming hillside pieceen-piece log house built from four old barns dating back to 1820.

Hugh and some friends have recharted the North West Company after Hugh discovered one of his ancestors was a partner in the old trading company. He builds fur trade canoes and reconstructs historical fur trade trips, canoeing hundreds of miles on the same routes pioneers did.

Acton High School is the first high school ever to own two fur trade canoes built by students under Hugh's guidance.

Hugh MacMillan is steeped in history and has been called a pioneer in his method of preserving Ontario history. I hope his name goes down in history and that he saves all his own papers for someone else to collect.

apprehended when they

were caught by surprise

by Police officers patrol-

Two juveniles apprehended

The two youths were

Gough-Sayers vows at home

Mary Sayers

The ceremony took was a sterling silver place in the living room necklace and earrings. of the bride's home which was decorated with bride's yellow streamers, white daughter. Lorna. She bells and many lovely wore a rust colored plants.

in by the bride's three corsage was autumn Shirley colored flowers. daughters. Wilson, Lynda Sayers Patenaude, and Lorna Sayers.

yellow, polyester gown Wilson,

at the home of the bride skirt, blouse on top. She bride was flower girl. She autumn flowers. on Oct. 13 was chosen for wore an autumn colored wore a yellow dress the marriage of Florence corsage with flowers in similar to the bride's and honeymooned in Nassau. and her hair to match. The Richard Charles Gough. groom's gift to the bride

Maid of honor was the youngest polyester gown with a Guests were welcomed rust lace jacket. Her

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Obituary

Elva Masales dies at home

A resident of Acton for knitting, and was a great 56 years. Mrs. Elva sports enthusiast, espec-Marie Masales died in fally watching grandsons her home at 85 Mill St., E. December 19 at the age of Mrs. Masales was born

on November 5, 1902 at Waubaushene, daughter of Charles and Minnie Gervais. On February 17, 1923 she married Lloyd Masales, in Toronto. The couple lived in Acton all their married life. Mrs. Masales was act-

ive as a kitchen convener with the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch-197, Home Rev_C. Beaton for more than 20 years officiated at the funeral and was also a member of the Golden Age Club. She and her husband ran the Gregory theatre for

great grandsons playing baseball and

hockey. Mrs. Masales was also well known for sitting on her verandah in the nice weather and chatting with passerbys. Friends knew her as a hard

The Legion Ladies held a service in their comrade's honor 20 December Funeral Shoemaker service December 21.

Pailbearers Gary

they had broken into and entered Robert Little sch-Walters, and

Terry Masales, Acton, Masales, grandsons;

20 years. She enjoyed Ottawa, Nomination dates set

With the nomination Pearson parties, no dark horse School January 9. candidates seem likely to Campaign manager for

didates. John McDermid. deputy incumbent PC member minister for Ontario and for Brampton-George- John McDermid's optown federal riding, Ross ponent for the Tory-Milne, former Liberal candidacy in the May MP defeated in the May election. Irene Biggs will 22 election, and David be deputy campaign Moulton, unsuccessful manager. NDP candidate will at- Fran Baines has been

The PC nomination manager January 10, at Central stration. nomination at Lester the campaign.

the PC campaign is

assistant heading meeting is scheduled for strategy and admini-

Peel Secondary School, For the Liberals, Lynn Brampton; the Liberal Callahan will again head

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auditorium meeting dates set by the January 9; and the NDP three main political at Bramalea Secondary

The same three can- Everett Biggs, former environment

most certainly face each chosen as McDermid's campaign

Harold Townsley, all of Acton; and Jack Quinn, a newphew from Toronto. Left to mourn her loss are her husband Lloyd; Owen Masales, Acton; brother Aubrey Gervais, Acton: sisters Cora Ball and Almeda Warden, Toronto: Jessie Helf, Buffalo; and Audrey Currie, Minden; two grandchildren, Terry

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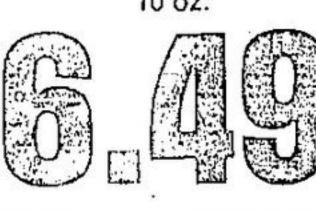
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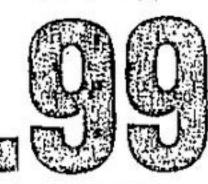
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