

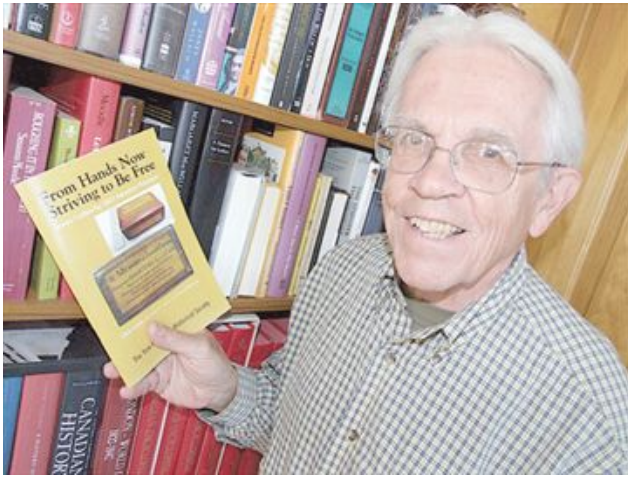


Trafalgar Township Historical Society

"Documenting, celebrating and preserving the agricultural heritage of North Oakville"

Summer 2015 Newsletter

Author Chris Raible to Speak at Upcoming TTHS Meeting



Chris Raible is well-known in Ontario historical circles as a writer and researcher of Upper Canada history. A retired minister, museum historic interpreter and bookseller, Raible continues as a writer and historical researcher of Upper Canadian history. His especial historical focus is the life and times of the controversial Scottish-Canadian, William Lyon Mackenzie and the 1837 Rebellion.

His current study is a careful tracking of Mackenzie's flight for his life in the days immediately following the failure of the Rebellion just north of Toronto in early December, 1837.

Travelling mostly by night, the rebel leader made his way successfully from Montgomery's Tavern to the Niagara River and across to the safety of the United States. The journey of more than 150 miles took five days (four nights) on foot, on horseback, occasionally on wagon or sleigh, mostly in the dark. In the course of his journey he was aided by more than thirty different persons and families who fed him, hid him, advised him, accompanied him – often at very real risk to their their own lives.

Chris Raible has authored four books and has published numerous articles and reviews for *Canada's History* (formerly *The Beaver*), *The Globe and Mail*, *the Toronto Star*, *Ontario History*, *The York Pioneer*, and various other periodicals. He has spoken and led seminars at many Ontario museums and historical societies, and serves as historical consultant to the Mackenzie Printery & Newspaper Museum in Queenston.

In 1994 he and his wife, Pat, launched Curiosity House, an independent bookstore in Creemore - Ontario, Since fully retiring, they continue in Creemore as active community volunteers and in 2013 were named Citizens of the Year. For 19 years they edited the Ontario Historical Society's *OHS Bulletin* book pages, reviewing many hundreds of works relating this province's history. In 2010 they were honoured by the Ontario Historical Society with its prestigious Cruikshank Medal.

Raible will present "Mackenzie's Flight For His Life" at the upcoming meeting of the TTHS on Wednesday July 8, from 7-9pm at the Old Palermo Schoolhouse (details on page 6).