

# Trans Canada Water Relay

(continued from page 1) portion of the national trail.

**Ocean Samples**  
Norma Wilson, of Vancouver, B.C., logistics co-ordinator of the relay, explained that one bottle contained water from the Arctic Ocean which was collected on February 19th, and the second bottle has water from the Pacific Ocean, collected on April 7th. Water from the Atlantic Ocean is being carried from the east coast through Quebec.

To date, 3,300 of the 5,000 carriers had hand-carried the water over the trail route. The Canadian Ski Patrol is escorting every carrier and providing first aid along the route.

Mayor Van Brenk had the honour of signing the "Book of Communities" which will be presented at the national capital at the conclusion of the relay. "I am proud to be part of this epic event in history," he said. Municipal flags from the Village of Dutton and the Township of Dunwich were presented and will also be taken to Ottawa.

**Conclusion**  
At the conclusion of the official ceremonies, water carriers, members of the relay entourage and visitors were able to spend some time socializing before the relay was

due to get underway again.

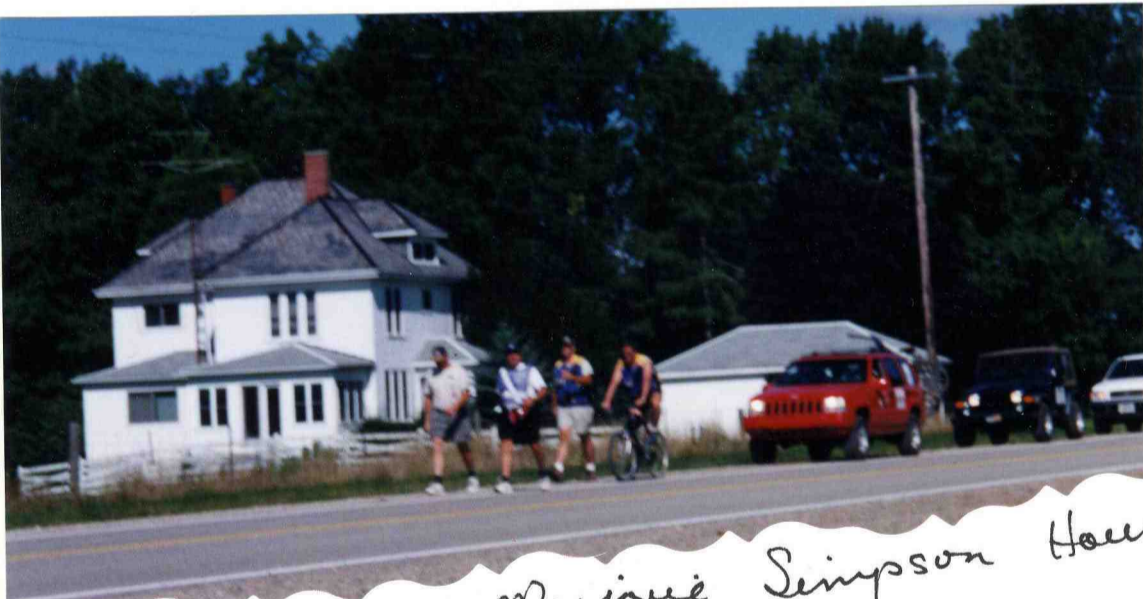
**Southwold Stop**  
Southwold Deputy Mayor Jim McIntyre welcomed everyone to a brief ceremony at Hunter Cemetery shortly after the relay entered Southwold Township.

He conveyed the community's pride in having the relay pass through the township and having several Southwold residents able to carry the water within its borders.

"You are the first to formally travel across the Trans Canada Trail," he said.



STRIDING ALONG - Dutton/Dunwich Mayor Rien Van Brenk, pictured here with members of the Trans Canada Trail escort party, had the privilege of carrying the water from Wallacetown to the Backus-Page House museum.



In front of Marjorie Simpson House. Rien walked just over 4 km.



Rien greeted at the Backus-Page house 29/

# Trans Canada Water Relay to pass through Elgin County

The longest trail relay in the world will pass through the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich and Southwold Township on Wednesday, August 16th as water from the three oceans bordering Canada is carried toward a final destination in the nation's capital region.

The Trans Canada Water Relay 2000 be-

gan in February and will end on September 9th with a special ceremony as the waters are poured into a newly-constructed Trans Canada Trail fountain.

Starting about 8 a.m., August 16th, those selected as carriers will transport the water across Elgin County, beginning at the Kent-Elgin border.

The public is invited

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to attend a special ceremony at the Backus-Page House at 11:15 a.m., to celebrate the water's arrival in Dutton/Dunwich. In Southwold, a ceremony is planned for Hunter Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. A program will also be held at Pinafore Park in St. Thomas beginning at 3:49 p.m. with the water scheduled to arrive at 6:00 p.m.



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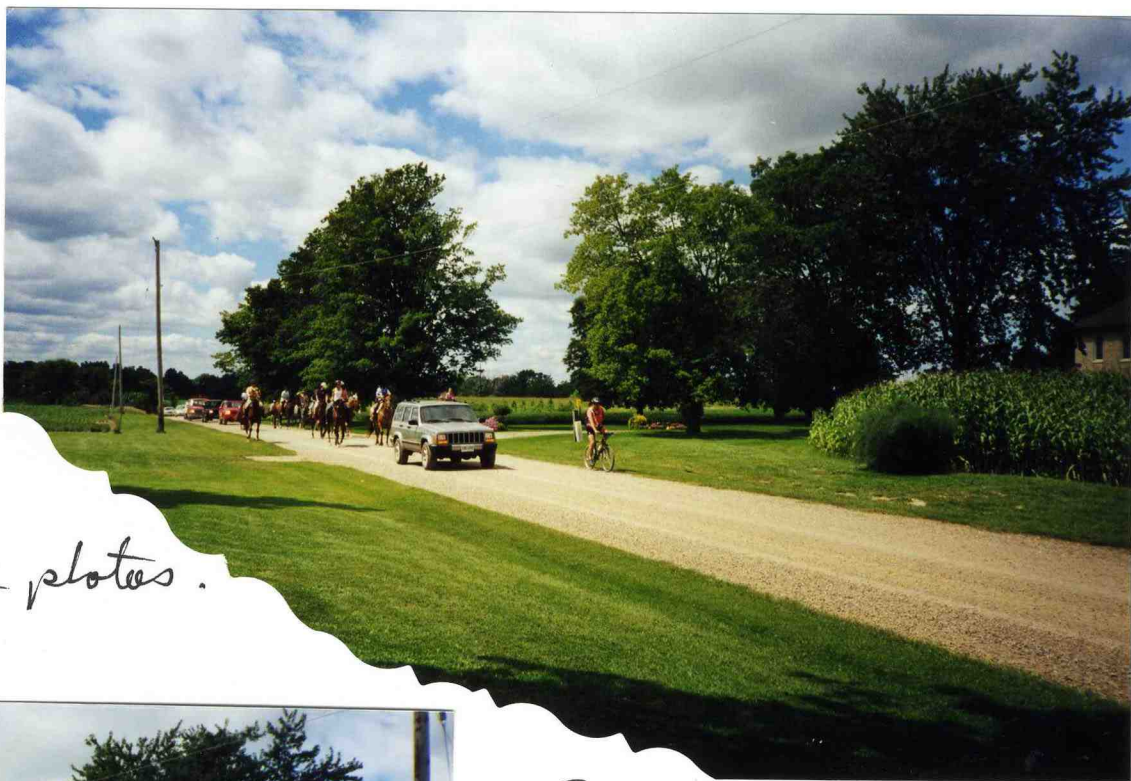
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Leta West Chairperson of the local trail Committee, welcome everyone to the celebrations.



Louie Lockey took the photos.



Jessica Carroll on horse to Southwold, this photos taken in front of Louie Lockey house



**OLD LANDMARK DISAPPEARS** – The building on the corner of Currie Road and No. 3 Highway (Talbot Line) was demolished on November 20th. Built in 1852 by Robert Blackwood, it was rented by S.S. Burwell til 1854. In 1855 it was rented or sold to a John McKillop. Blackwood sons operated it following Mr. McKillop's death (time unknown). Peter

Cameron bought it in 1882. His brother John A. took it over til 1937, followed by Alex White who ran a general store until 1967. Robert Giles bought the store, carried on the business until 1971 when he retired. This information was taken from the new Tweedsmuir History of Wallacetown published recently by Wallacetown Women's Institute.



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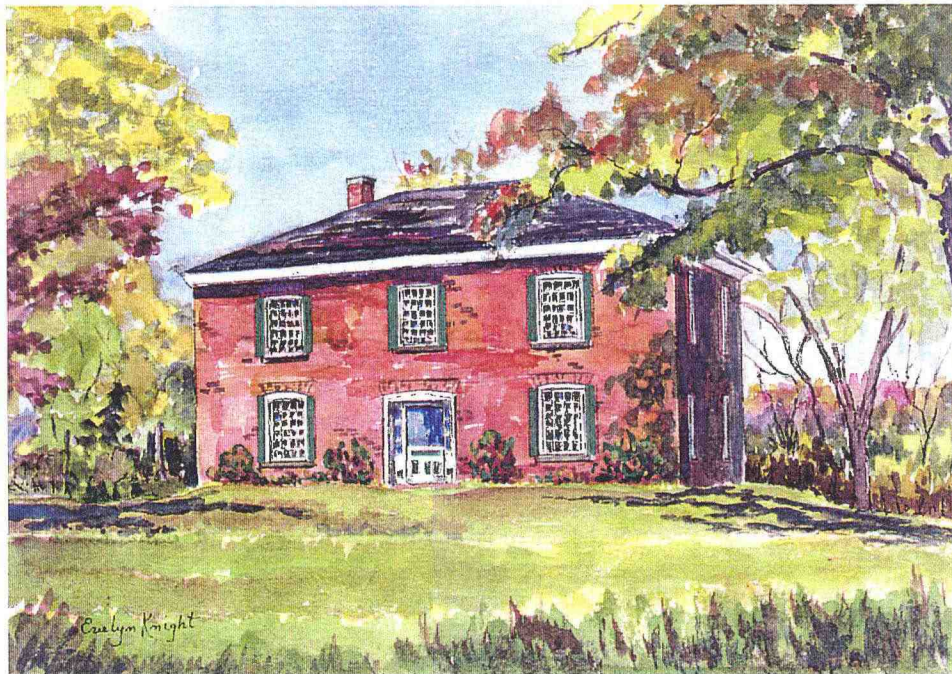
## Victorian Tea

at the Backus-Page House  
Saturday, May 20th

1:30 Queen Arrives  
2:00 Black History Story Teller  
3:00 Video  
3:45 Queen Departs

- Tea with the Queen: 1-4pm
- Paintings by Jenny Phillips
- Picture displays by Don Carroll & Don Hockin
- WESS Brass Ensemble
- Town Criers
- Colonel Talbot
- Piper: Bonnie Rowe
- Garden Games

Admission: \$6 at the gate  
Fundraiser for the restoration of the Backus-Page House  
762-3072



Refreshments



Your presence is requested at  
a Celebration in honour of  
Her Majesty Queen Victoria  
at Backus-Page House  
29424 Lakerview Line, Wallacetown  
Saturday May 20, 2000 1 - 4 pm.  
also attending - Colonel Thomas Talbot  
- the King's Company  
- Ontario Guild of Town Criers  
- Black History Story Teller  
- Tea Leaf Reader  
- Art & Historical Displays  
- a Scottish Piper  
- W.E.S.S. Brass Ensemble  
- Michelle Anderson -  
Flute & Oboe Duet

Tea will be served  
Admission \$6  
Period Dress Optional

Funds raised are for  
programs & restoration of  
Backus Page House