

# THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESEARCH CENTRE: THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS

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## ABSTRACT

In 2002 the Eastern Townships Research Centre marks the twentieth anniversary of its founding. The impetus to create an archival and research centre at Bishop's University began in the 1960s with both community and university-based initiatives. In 1982, the introduction of the Aid to Small Universities Programme by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada provided the necessary funding to launch the ETRC. Its principal missions were to stimulate primary academic research on the Eastern Townships and to create an archive at Bishop's University whose main focus was on the English-speaking population of the region. In the intervening years the ETRC has gained accreditation as a regional archives, it has broadened its funding base, it publishes a scholarly journal and it engages in a variety of activities designed to promote regionally based research.

## RÉSUMÉ

*L'année 2002 marque le vingtième anniversaire de la fondation du Centre de recherche des Cantons de l'Est. Déjà dans les années 1960, certains membres de la communauté régionale et du personnel de l'Université lancent l'idée de fonder un centre d'archives et de recherche à l'Université Bishop's. Grâce à la création, en 1982, du programme d'aide aux petites universités du Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada (CRSH), l'Université Bishop's obtient les fonds nécessaires à la mise sur pied du CRCE. Les principaux objectifs du CRCE sont de stimuler la recherche multidisciplinaire sur les Cantons de l'Est et de créer un service d'archives à l'Université Bishop's qui voit à la conservation du patrimoine archivistique de la communauté anglophone des Cantons de l'Est. Au fil des années, le CRCE obtient une accréditation en tant qu'archives régionales, obtient des subventions importantes auprès de différents organismes des secteurs publics et privés, publie la Revue d'études des Cantons de l'Est, et organise plusieurs activités encourageant la recherche régionale.*

**INTRODUCTION:**

The year 2002 marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Eastern Townships Research Centre and it is therefore an opportune time to look back over two decades of institutional history. It has been a time of growth, of diversification and of successful collaboration among the many constituencies which focus on the central objectives of the Centre, namely, primary research in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and the archival preservation of research materials relating to the English-speaking populations of the region.

**THE FORMATIVE YEARS:**

The formative impulses that eventually culminated in the creation of the Eastern Townships Research Centre, in 1982, were felt almost two decades prior to that date. They were focused initially around a growing collection of manuscript and secondary materials that were housed in the John Bassett Memorial Library of Bishop's University. Over a period of years the University had received several donations of printed materials, most notably the P.H. Scowen Collection in the 1960s, that had as their central focus the history of the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships of Quebec. These individual donations and collections came to be known, with increasing formality, as the Eastern Townships Collection.

In 1965, under the direction of the Head Librarian, A.D. Banfill, the first catalogue of the Eastern Townships Collection was published. This document stands as perhaps the earliest indication of the emergence of a systematic focus on the regional English-speaking heritage of the Eastern Townships at Bishop's University.

The substantial growth in the size of the faculty of Bishop's University that took place in the decade of the sixties was accompanied by a similar increase in the breadth and volume of scholarly research that was directed towards regional topics. Several departments of the University, notably Biology, Geography, History and Sociology, were involved. With increased research activity came strengthened links to the existing regional network of historical societies and other agencies directly involved in the study and preservation of aspects of the English-speaking heritage of the region.

In 1976, as a result of the growing interest in creating some sort of regional structure to help in the co-ordination of research and archival preservation activities in the Eastern Townships, the Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation (ETHF), the most important forerunner to the ETRC, was incorporated. A board composed of rep-

representatives of Bishop's University, the Eastern Townships historical societies and community members governed it. The first Chairman of the ETHF's Board of Directors was Gary Richards.

The ETHF, which existed from its incorporation in 1976 to its dissolution in 1984, was an important catalyst to the eventual formation of the ETRC. It also accomplished much that was useful in its own right by sponsoring several major research undertakings in the Eastern Townships and, in particular, by bringing together on a regular basis those individuals and organizations most closely identified with the study and preservation of the English-speaking heritage of the Eastern Townships.

The first major endeavour of the Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation, sponsored with the financial support of the Bishop's University Foundation, in 1977, was the Landscapes of the Past project, under the direction of Gil Ross and Derek Booth. Over two thousand historical photographs of the Eastern Townships, from both private collections and those of the region's historical societies, were identified, copied, described and indexed. The photographs were housed in the Bishop's University's Eastern Townships Collection and created the nucleus for what would become the ETRC's photographic archives. In 1979, a similar project designed to create the basis for an archives of oral history was carried out under the direction of Derek Booth and over seventy audiotapes were compiled, transcribed and also housed at Bishop's University.

In bringing together people from many constituencies with a common purpose, the ETHF was an important forum in which were aired the varying local and regional objectives of the individuals and societies represented on the Board. From the outset, a central issue was the matter of archival preservation. It was a time when a markedly increasing volume of archival material was becoming available and the need for some kind of formal archival preservation programme was manifest. In many cases, the individual historical societies of the region, each with a lengthy history, possessed their own archival collections, some more extensive and well managed than others. The Bishop's University Library housed the University's own archives, together with a growing number of *ad hoc* donations which swelled the contents of the Eastern Townships Collection.

While the ETHF remained an important entity for discussion and planning, it was an organization with little or no financial support. It was this financial vacuum that the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada would fill in 1982.

### **THE AID TO SMALL UNIVERSITIES PROGRAMME AND THE FOUNDING OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESEARCH CENTRE:**

In the fall of 1981, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) announced its programme of Aid to Small Universities (ASU). This was a plan to divert funds to the smaller Canadian universities to aid in the direct financing of faculty research and to increase and upgrade the small universities' research and training capacities. It had long been argued that the emphasis on undergraduate teaching and a tendency to higher teaching loads at small universities left faculty in these institutions disadvantaged in terms of research opportunities. The objective of the ASU programme was to help to redress this deficiency. Inasmuch as the ASU programme was aimed specifically at Canadian universities and their faculties, the ETHF, being a more broadly based organization with both community and university representation, was not an appropriate vehicle to seek ASU funds. A more narrowly based structure that rested primarily within the University was required.

Each potential recipient of ASU funds, including Bishop's University, was required to submit a three-year plan detailing the way in which the ASU funds would be spent in the furtherance of faculty research. It should be noted that some of the small Canadian universities chose merely to apply ASU funds to the general supply of research funds available within the institution with little or no additional creative input. Such was not the case at Bishop's. A steering committee, composed of representatives of the Bishop's University faculty and administration (Cecil Abrahams, Robert Barnett, Germain Belisle, Derek Booth, Robin Burns, Kris Kristen, Karl Kuepper, Eckhard Rothe and William Taylor), was formed in order to draft a proposal for an initial three-year ASU grant. Implicit in the terms of the ASU grant was that scholarly research by faculty members would be the cornerstone of any programme. Beyond this, however, there was latitude to focus such research activities in whatever ways might be appropriate to the institutional situation.

It was here that the emerging role that Bishop's University had created for itself as the focal point for regional research and archival preservation of English-language materials came to be focused on a new institution called the Eastern Townships Research Centre. The outcomes envisioned were threefold. In the first instance, there was the creation of a research centre, based at Bishop's University and with an unspecific level of infrastructure support from the University, that would serve as a focal point to encourage research among the University's faculty members on topics of regional impor-

tance. Secondly, the ETRC would maintain and enhance, through the facilities of the Bishop's University Library, the acquisition and preservation of English-language research materials that had been a central concern of the Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation. And thirdly, recognizing the consistently broad base of institutional and public support that had been built up over the previous years, the ETRC was to provide a means to disseminate the findings of research projects as widely as possible through the scholarly and general community and to be a forum for the exchange of research related information among all individuals and groups working on topics relating to the Eastern Townships.

In the spring of 1982, Bishop's University was notified of the success of its application for funds to create the Eastern Townships Research Centre. The funding formula that was established at the time provided for Bishop's University to receive an initial three-year grant of \$23 000 for the period 1982–85. A system of annual reports required the ETRC to detail its expenditures and, while it was understood that a significant portion of the annual grant was to be used to directly fund faculty research, there was latitude within the provisions of the grant to also cover the kind of infrastructure costs that having a physical presence on the Bishop's campus would entail.

The steering committee, which had been created to draft the proposal for the ETRC, was reconstituted as the Committee on Research at Bishop's University and it became, *de facto*, the first ETRC Committee, the governing body for the Centre. Robin Burns was elected Chairman of the group.

In August 1982, Andrée Chartrand-Turgeon was hired as the ETRC's first Coordinator, a part-time position with the responsibility to manage the day-to-day affairs of the ETRC in respect to its various mandates. (The title of 'Coordinator' was eventually replaced by that of 'Executive Director'.) (Appendix 1)

## THE MISSIONS OF THE ETRC:

The primary objectives of the ETRC have been, since its inception, two-fold: The support and encouragement of regional research and the creation of an archive. Over the twenty-year period that the ETRC has been active in furthering these objectives, much has been achieved.

### 1. RESEARCH:

From the outset, the primary mission of the ETRC was the facilitation, encouragement and direct financial support of Bishop's Uni-

versity faculty research projects within the broadly defined boundaries of the social sciences, the humanities, business administration and education having a primary focus on regional themes within the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

Annually, throughout the twenty-year history of the ETRC, funds have been earmarked for primary research by Bishop's faculty, either directly from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council ASU grant or, on a reciprocal basis, from the Bishop's University Foundation. In the twenty years of the ETRC's existence it has provided in excess of \$200 000 to support the research projects of over thirty faculty members of Bishop's University in fields as diverse as theatre history and environmental change.

Recently the level of financial support provided to the ETRC by the ASU programme has been substantially increased and the current level of annual research funding provided by the ETRC, entirely with ASU funds, is of the order of \$30 000.

For much of its history the ETRC has made use of the Bishop's University Senate Research Committee for the adjudication of research grant applications made to the ETRC. (This is yet another example of the indirect infrastructure support that has been provided by the University to the ETRC over the years). In 2002, however, in order to reduce the burden on the SRC, the ETRC established its own Research Committee to provide a peer-review process for grant applications.

In addition to the direct encouragement of research on Eastern Townships topics by Bishop's University faculty members, an implicit role of the ETRC, with the full support of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, has been the training of young researchers. The majority of faculty research projects funded by the ETRC have involved student research assistants.

### **1.2 Dissemination of research results:**

The mandate of the ETRC includes not only the providing of direct financial support for Eastern Townships research but also, in the broader sense, for the dissemination of research findings and the facilitation of communication among researchers, whether from the academic community or the larger regional community. The ETRC was envisaged as a clearinghouse, a focal point to which researchers having a regional interest would be drawn.

The process of research communication by the ETRC has taken several forms over its twenty-year history.

### **1.2.1 The Newsletter:**

Since the fall of 1982, a semi-annual newsletter has been published by the ETRC and distributed, free of charge, to over nine hundred recipients, including individuals, historical societies and other community groups. The Newsletter has contained not only news of ETRC events, research projects, guest lectures and other activities, but also of major events taking place within the Eastern Townships that impinge in any way on the broad topic of regional historical research. In 1992 the Newsletter became a bilingual publication and the format was enlarged to include photographs.

### **1.2.2 The Annual Fall Lecture:**

The series of annual fall lectures that began in 1983 was intended as a forum for researchers to present the results of their undertakings to a broad cross-section of the University and local communities. Scholars from across Quebec and Canada have taken part in the series presenting topics as varied as Eastern Townships poetry and the Loyalist heritage of the Eastern Townships. (Appendix 2).

In 1998, the Annual Fall Lecture was renamed The Robin Burns Lecture, in memory of Dr. Robin Burns who died in that year. Dr. Burns, of the Department of History of Bishop's University, was a long-time supporter of the ETRC and its objectives.

### **1.2.3 Symposia:**

Another more recent element in the ETRC's general programme of community involvement and participation in topics of broad relevance to the Eastern Townships has been the sponsoring and organization of public symposia at Bishop's University. In the past ten years the ETRC has held four such forums (Appendix 3) each one seeking to bring together individuals from the academic and public communities to discuss issues of major regional significance.

### **1.2.4 Publications:**

In addition to funding individual research projects, the ETRC has contributed to the publication of a number of works of a more general research reference nature (Appendix 4).

### **1.2.5 Website:**

In 1999, in conjunction with Bishop's University, the ETRC initiated a website designed to provide researchers with a general introduction to the Centre and its resources. In 2002, thanks to a

generous private donation to the ETRC by Reed Scowen, the website is being greatly expanded to include a search engine for the *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies* and for archival fonds. Reed Scowen is a member of the Board of Directors of the ETRC and the son of P.H. Scowen whose collection of Canadian and Eastern Townships books formed the nucleus from which so much has grown.

#### **1.2.6 The Journal of Eastern Townships Studies:**

The ETRC's most significant contribution to the dissemination of research findings was the 1992 launching of the *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies (JETS)*, under the editorship of Jonathan Rittenhouse (Appendix 5). Published semi-annually, this peer-reviewed scholarly journal serves as one of the primary venues for the publication of Eastern Townships research articles in both French and English. While most of the journal's twenty issues have contained an eclectic range of subject matter, several issues have been devoted to single-theme topics, most notably Number 9 which was devoted to the Eastern Townships' poet Ralph Gustafson and his works and Number 19 which focused on the topic of municipal mergers in the Eastern Townships, the subject of the ETRC's 2001 Symposium.

A regular feature of *JETS* is a section devoted to the ETRC's growing archival holdings and the journal also publishes book reviews of all major new works dealing with regional Eastern Townships themes.

#### **1.2.7 Training in research and archival techniques:**

An important ancillary function of the ETRC has been the training of student interns in the techniques of archival processing and cataloguing, of basic field research and data recording, of journal composition and in many other aspects of primary research and archival procedures. Under the direction of the Archivist and the Executive Director, the Centre has maintained an active internship programme with the financial support of a number of external agencies including the Tomlinson Donation to the Bishop's University Foundation, the Belanger-Gardner Foundation, Human Resources and Development Canada and the Young Canadians Works programme.

#### **1.2.8 Other ETRC activities:**

In addition to its regularly scheduled events and undertakings, the ETRC has been associated with a number of special projects of regional interest. In the spring of 1999, the ETRC took an active part



in the organization of the Learned Societies Conference sponsored by the SSHRC at Bishop's University and the Université de Sherbrooke. In the summer of 2000, the ETRC co-sponsored, with Bishop's University and the Colby-Curtis Museum, the Echenberg Collection exhibition of Eastern Townships business ephemera. In June 2002, as part of the Centre's mandate to maintain and enhance contact among the region's historians and historical societies, the ETRC sponsored the 37<sup>e</sup> Congrès de la Fédération des sociétés d'histoire du Québec in Sherbrooke and the full Spring 2002 issue of *JETS* was devoted to the proceedings of the Congrès. From time to time the ETRC has sponsored special lectures by visiting scholars (Wolfgang Helbich, 1994) and by local historians (Bernard Epps, 1997, on the occasion of the donation of his papers to the ETRC archives). The ETRC has maintained an active presence at Townshippers' Day, held annually under the auspices of the Townshippers' Association, and it has been a participant in several community projects within the Eastern Townships.

## 2. THE ETRC ARCHIVES:

The need to create an archival repository for research materials pertaining to the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships was implicit in the earliest pre-ETRC discussions among individuals and groups in the 1960s and 70s. This need was made more acute by the substantial numerical decline in the English-speaking population of the region and by the fact that it was also an aging population. It was feared that much potentially valuable archival material might be lost if an active programme of archival material location and acquisition were not undertaken.

Fairly, it may be said that the Eastern Townships Collection of the Bishop's University Library, while primarily a collection of books and other secondary materials, formed the nucleus from which eventually grew the ETRC's archives. Through the 1970s the volume of archival material donated to the Bishop's University Library increased constantly making the need for a comprehensive archival policy ever more acute. In 1978, the Committee on Archives of Bishop's University (Derek Booth, Gil Ross, Karl Schweitzer and Lionel Standing) made a submission to the Consultative Group on Canadian Archives which outlined a new and more active role for Bishop's University as an archival centre for the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships. The principal function, however, of the Bishop's University Library continued to be to serve the undergraduate student population of the University. Some new

framework was therefore required to support an enlarged archival mandate for the University.

With the emergence of the ETRC in 1982, one of whose founding objectives was the creation of an Eastern Townships English-speaking archives, the mantle of responsibility for the project fell to this new organization. The need to create a new archival structure, under the auspices of the ETRC, grew more acute year by year. In the first instance, the threat of substantial losses of important documentary archives that accompanied the decline of the English-speaking population continued, giving an ever-increasing urgency to the need for archival preservation. On the other hand, the founding of the ETRC, at Bishop's University, with the focus of its activities resting on research and the English-speaking population of the region, brought a substantial increase in the flow of archival material coming to the Centre. Without an archivist of its own, the burden of classification and treatment of this material fell on the shoulders of the Bishop's University Librarian whose primary responsibilities lay elsewhere.

In 1990, the ETRC and Bishop's University jointly commissioned an archival feasibility study by consultants from McGill University and, on the basis of the recommendations arising from this study, the decision was made to seek accreditation from the Quebec Ministry for Cultural Affairs.

In 1991, having formally incorporated the project to create a separate archives within the three-year plan that the ETRC submitted to the SSHRC, the ETRC applied for and received full accreditation from the Quebec Ministry for Cultural Affairs to set up a regional archives whose primary focus was to be on materials pertaining to the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships. At the same time an agreement was reached with Bishop's University to provide facilities in the University library and space within the compact storage units.

Official accreditation brought with it financial support from the provincial government of Quebec which allowed the ETRC to employ its first professional archivist, Sylvie Côté, in 1992. (Appendix 6)

In 1993, with the renovation of McGreer Hall (which coincided with the sesquicentennial of Bishop's University) and the reconstruction of the Old Library in this building, the books of the Eastern Townships Collection of Bishop's University, together with the offices of both the University Archivist and the ETRC Archivist were relocated to this site. In addition, microfilm readers and other

research materials and facilities were located in the Old Library making it a focal point for researchers using either the Bishop's University or ETRC archives.

The ETRC's archival collection has now grown to include approximately 230 *fonds* occupying over 190 linear metres making it the largest archival collection of materials relating to the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships within the region. The largest single component within the collection is the archival records of the Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.

#### **GOVERNANCE:**

In 1982, when the ETRC was formed, in response to the opportunity presented by the SSHRC's Aid to Small Universities Programme, its governing structure, the ETRC Committee, was composed primarily of Bishop's University faculty members and administrators with minimal external representation (see above). This represented a considerably narrower spectrum of governance than that of the Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation (1976–84) whose Board of Directors included representation from Eastern Townships historical societies, the academic community and interested members of the public. Inasmuch as the ETRC was the creature of Bishop's University, for the first years of its existence the composition of the ETRC reflected this reality.

In 1991, however, in order to position the ETRC to make its application for accreditation as a regional archive, it was necessary to create a new structure, at arms' length from Bishop's University. It was at that time that the ETRC became an incorporated non-profit organization with a Board of Directors and a more formalized structure. At the same time, the constituency of the Board was broadened to include not only Bishop's University faculty and administration but also members from other academic institutions and from the community at large. (Appendices 7 and 8)

#### **FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE ETRC:**

Over the two decades of its existence the ETRC has received financial and other forms of support from a number of sources. Throughout the entire twenty-year period, the Centre has been sustained by an annual grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada through its Aid to Small Universities Programme. The funding is renewed every three years on the basis of a three-year

plan which is submitted by the ETRC through Bishop's University. Initially these funds were used both for the direct funding of Bishop's University faculty research and also for administrative support in the form of salaries and other infrastructure costs. At the present time, however, the entire SSHRC grant is devoted to the direct funding of research.

The agreement by the Bishop's University to embrace the ETRC as the vehicle by means of which to access the SSHRC's ASU Programme funds was fundamental to the original formation of the Centre. The creation and sustenance of the ETRC would not have been possible without the ongoing support of the University, both in the form of direct financial subsidy and also in many indirect ways which include the provision of office space (initially in the Hamilton Building and subsequently in the Bishop's University Library, and McGreer Hall) and archival facilities as well as the services of many of the University's administrative departments.

The Bishop's University Foundation has supported the ETRC from its first days both by providing direct funding for Eastern Townships research so that the ETRC's SSHRC funds might be used, in part, for administrative purposes. More recently, the salary of the ETRC's Executive Director has been funded by the Foundation allowing the entire SSHRC grant to be directed to primary research.

Since the accreditation of its archives department in 1991, the ETRC has received an annual grant, subject to a funding formula which requires annual evaluations of the archives, from the Ministry for Culture and Communications of the government of Quebec. The bulk of these funds are directed to the salary of the Archivist.

Since the launching of the Centre's journal *JETS* in 1992, the ETRC has sold subscriptions to the Journal. These subscriptions provide a source of income which is directed entirely towards the semi-annual production costs of *JETS*.

In addition to the principal sustaining grants that the ETRC receives, the Centre has received a large number of special-purpose grants to fund particular research or other projects. These have included the Department of Canadian Heritage, Human Resources Development Canada, Belanger-Gardner Foundation, Townshippers' Research and Cultural Foundation, the Tomlinson Donation to the Bishop's University Foundation, the Réseau des archives du Québec, and the Canadian Council of Archives.

Over the past twenty years the ETRC has been most fortunate in having the financial support of many who have made substantial contributions to the works of the Centre. Similarly, the Centre has

been able to rely on the unstinting support of a number of community members who have given their time and expertise to sit on various ETRC's advisory committees or to help with special projects. Throughout its history, the ETRC has been a collaborative venture whose strength has lain in the dedication of all those associated with it.

### CONCLUSION:

Through its activities over the past twenty years, the Eastern Townships Research Centre has achieved much of what was first envisioned by individuals at Bishop's University and in the wider community almost forty years ago. A substantial and growing body of primary academic research within the Eastern Townships, now exists, in all areas of the social sciences and humanities. Scholars, not only from Bishop's University but also from many other Canadian and foreign universities, make use of the facilities and services of the ETRC. Furthermore, the ETRC's *Journal of Eastern Townships Studies* provides the academic community in general with a forum for the publication of regionally based research.

The urgent need for the acquisition and systematic archiving of materials relating to the English-speaking population of the Eastern Townships has been addressed by the creation of the ETRC's archives, now the region's largest. In addition to being a repository for primary documents relating to a broad range of regional topics, the ETRC's archives are an important resource in genealogical research.

One of the principal concerns of those who were involved at the inception of the ETRC was that Bishop's University should take an active leadership role in focusing the resources of the region on the dual priorities of research and archival preservation. The ETRC, through its diverse activities, has fostered contacts within the Eastern Townships among the many individuals and organizations who share the ETRC's fundamental concerns with regional research. The central role of Bishop's University in this process has been clearly established.

The ETRC has provided, both to the faculty of Bishop's University and to the broader community of researchers who share a regional research interest, twenty years of unbroken service. This has been made possible primarily by the ongoing commitment of those whose ideals of fostering research on the Eastern Townships and of preserving important elements of the heritage of the English-speaking communities of the region.

In order to match the successes of its first twenty years, the ETRC must now strive to maintain an active programme of archival acquisition and to further strengthen the depth and breadth of faculty based research at Bishop's University, for which there is now an unprecedented opportunity.

## SOURCE MATERIALS

The information for this brief history of the Eastern Townships Research Centre has been drawn from the archives of the ETRC, in particular Fond P020 The Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation and Fond P990 The Eastern Townships Research Centre. Additional material has been derived from the ETRC's Newsletters (Vol.1–Vol.18 No.2). I am indebted to Daniel Bromby, Sylvie Côté and Marie Thibault for their valuable input to this paper.

### APPENDIX 1

#### *CO-ORDINATORS (EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS) OF THE ETRC*

1982–1987	Andrée Chartrand-Turgeon
1987–1996	Monique Nadeau-Saumier
1996 interim	Sylvie Côté
1996–1999	Rina Kampeas
1999–2000	Mary O'Keefe
2000–	Marie Thibault

### APPENDIX 2.

#### *ANNUAL FALL LECTURES*

1983	Earle Thomas "The Loyalist Heritage of the Eastern Townships"
1984	William Taylor "Changes in Anglophone Institutions in the Eastern Townships between 1946 and 1976"
1985	Brereton Greenhous "Hong Kong: The Canadian Experience 1941–45"
1986	Anne MacLaren Presentation of the video "River, Road and Rail"
1987	Monique Nadeau-Saumier "Art in the Eastern Townships 1800–1950"
1988	Jack Little "The British American Land Company and the Settlement of the St. Francis Tract"
1989	Gwen Parker "The Women's Institutes of the Eastern Townships: Laying the Foundations for Social Programs"

- 1990 Conrad Graham & Stanley Triggs  
"William Notman, the Victoria Bridge and the Impact of the Grand Trunk Railway on the Development of the Eastern Townships"
- 1991 Marie-Paule LaBrèque  
"Living in the Eastern Townships? Or in Lower Canada? In the First Half of the Nineteenth Century"
- 1992 Wendy Robbins  
"Ralph Gustafson's Townships Poems"
- 1993 Christopher Nicholl  
"Bishop's University 1843–1970: An Ivory Tower?"
- 1994 Jack Little  
"Oscar Dhu: People's Poet of the Eastern Townships"
- 1995 Jean O'Neil  
"Growing Up in the Eastern Townships: Anecdotes and Recollections"
- 1996 Monique Nadeau-Saumier  
"Frederick Simpson Coburn (1871–1960: The Human History of a Landscape"
- 1997 Susan Mastine  
"The Sherbrooke Daily Record: A 100-Year Record"
- 1998 Jean-Pierre Kesteman and Peter Southam  
"Conflicting Views of the Eastern Townships: À Chacun ses Cantons de l'Est"
- 1999 Derek Booth  
"Reading the Landscapes of the Eastern Townships"
- 2000 Peter Gossage  
"Family Misfortunes: Marital Separations in the Eastern Townships 1866–1920"
- 2001 Brian Young  
"Protestant Death in Urban Quebec"

**APPENDIX 3*****SYMPOSIA OF THE ETRC***

1. Symposium for the "Bicentennial of the Eastern Townships" May, 1992
2. Symposium on "Transport Issues in the Eastern Townships" April 1995
3. Symposium on "Rural Communities in an Ageing Society" October 1998
4. Symposium on "Municipal Mergers: The Social, Economic and Linguistic Impact on Rural and Urban Municipalities in the Eastern Townships" March 2001

## APPENDIX 4

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE ETRC**

- MOORE, STEPHEN. *An Annotated Bibliography of Genealogical Source Material Pertaining to the Eastern Townships available at the John Bassett Memorial Library of Bishop's University*. 1983
- MOORE, STEPHEN. *Guide to Eastern Townships Genealogical Source Material at Bishop's University/Guide des sources généalogiques des Cantons de l'Est disponibles à l'Université Bishop's*. 1993
- O'DONNELL, BRENDAN. *Printed Sources for the Study of English-Speaking Quebec: An Annotated Bibliography of Works Printed Before 1980*. 1985
- O'DONNELL, BRENDAN. *Printed Sources for the Study of English-Speaking Quebec: An Annotated Bibliography of Works Printed After 1980*. 1992
- EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESEARCH CENTRE. *Gilbert Hyatt Fonds-Fonds Gilbert Hyatt*. 1991
- CÔTÉ, SYLVIE. *Guide to the Private Archival Fonds and Collections/ Guide des fonds et des collections d'archives privées*, 1995
- MARQUIS, ANDRÉ. GIGUÈRE, RICHARD. LANTHIER, PHILIP. *Anthologie de la poésie des Cantons de l'Est au 20<sup>e</sup> siècle/ Anthology of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Poetry of the Eastern Townships*. Montreal: Éditions Triptyque/Eastern Townships Research Centre. 1999

## APPENDIX 5

**EDITORS OF THE JOURNAL OF EASTERN TOWNSHIPS STUDIES**

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|-----------|----------------------|
| 1991–2001 | Jonathan Rittenhouse |
| 2001–     | Tom Fletcher         |

## APPENDIX 6

**ARCHIVISTS OF THE ETRC**

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| 1982–1992 | Anna Grant ( <i>Bishop's University Archivist</i> ) |
| 1992–2001 | Sylvie Côté   |
| 2001–     | Daniel Bromby                                       |

## APPENDIX 7

**MEMBERS OF THE ETRC COMMITTEE (1982–1991) and the ETRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1991–) WITH DATES OF SERVICE**

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| Robert Barnett           | 1982–1991                   |
| Germain Belisle          | 1982–1997                   |
| Michael Benazon          | 1991–2000                   |
| Derek Booth              | 1982–1991, 1994–1996, 2000– |
| Robin Burns              | 1982–1997                   |
| Michel Carle             | 1995–1998                   |
| John Castle              | 1986–1993                   |
| Andrée Chartrand-Turgeon | 1989–1990                   |



Melissa Clark-Jones	1991–2000
Sylvie Côté	2002–
William Curran	1991–1997
Wendy Durrant	1991–
Ralph Farley	1999–
James Ferrabee	1999–
Tom Fletcher	2002–
Michael Fox	1991–1996
Marjorie Goodfellow	1987–
Andrew Johnson	1986–1993
Kris Kristen	1982–1986
Guy Laperrière	1987–1993
Jean Levasseur	2000–
Michael Lustigman	2000–
Graham Moodie	2000–
Monique Nadeau-Saumier	1997–
Jonathan Rittenhouse	1986–
Eckhard Rothe	1982–1991
Reed Scowen	1997–
Antoine Sirois	1991–1998
Peter Southam	2000–

## APPENDIX 8

***CHAIRS OF THE ETRC COMMITTEE AND THE ETRC BOARD***

1982–1989	Robin Burns
1989–1994	Jonathan Rittenhouse
1994–1995	Derek Booth
1995–2000	Melissa Clark-Jones
2000–	Derek Booth

