

Lyle Dalgleish OGS #2473

Lyle became a member of OGS Nov.1974. His home branch was Hamilton. It was the best thing that happened to OGS for his impact on the Society was legion.

At Hamilton Branch he was the treasurer, membership convener, assisted with the Bulletin and the printing of various publications and Chairman of Seminar '81 and the 'detail man', on the Seminar '92 committee. He was Treasurer of New Horizons Senior Group, established to direct a Trillium Grant, from 1982-83, and coordinator and facilitator in several areas centering around the branch office. The Hamilton office was on the third floor of a Hamilton school having high ceilings. The steps were quite steep, so instead of having someone drag the bulletin down the stairs, Lyle would bundle them up in a heavy-duty sack and push them out the window so they would fall near his car for delivery to the post office.

As branch Chair, 1981-82, Lyle initiated numerous projects. The Surname File Index was initiated and he sought after and received donations to purchase a Surname file cabinet. He reorganized the Branch structure and rewrote committee duties. The first permanent site for the branch library was established in Rm 215, Hamilton PL, cupboards were purchased for the books, 85 members attended per meeting, cemetery transcribing was done in Hamilton and Caledonia, and the first Life Membership went to the Barbers. Lyle didn't sit around when a job needed to be done.

Everyone went to Lyle for advice and he would smoothly buttonhole candidates for a task or assistance with a project. He headed up the Hamilton Branch committee to carry out the OGS 1871 Census project which in those days covered Wentworth and Haldimand counties. If Lyle was in charge you knew that a thorough and complete job would be done.

Searching through the Hamilton Branch *Bulletin* Lyle's name continually cropped up and, it was easy to come across statements like the one from the chairman's annual report for 1989: "And I know somewhere in here, a big thanks is due to our 'jack of all trades' and adviser, LYLE DALGLEISH."

At the Provincial level he was a Council member for 5 years, through 1984, Chairman of the Library Committee 1983-84, and a member of the By-laws and Corporate Structure Committee 1985-86.

All this Lyle did after retiring from teaching in 1975. He is veteran of World War II having served in the RCAF. On July 4, 1992, he and his wife Eleanor celebrated their 50th anniversary. Lyle tells me "One of these days I am going to retire". *"When that day comes, OGS, Hamilton Branch and the genealogical field will loose one of the most active volunteers we've ever had."* stated Jackie Norris. No truer words were spoken.

In 1992 Lyle received OGS' Citation of Recognition "as a mark of recognition from your society and friends."

Lyle did retire but more due to health and distance. Well done dear friend. We are all much wiser and enriched because of our relationship with you. *"You will be missed dearly."*

With thanks to:

Jackie Norris, *OGS Newsleaf*, Aug. 1992

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