

# Perth and District Historical Society

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## **The Perth and District Historical Society: March 19, 2026 Meeting: A Virtual Visit to the Dalhousie Library Museum**

The Perth & District Historical Society's meeting for March 19, 2026, will take us to a corner of Dalhousie Township, an historic part of rural Lanark County. Found in that corner is a small gem, something that many of us know little of, if anything at all, the Dalhousie Library Museum.

The Dalhousie Library Museum (DLM) is considered to be the earliest rural library in Ontario. Founded in 1828, it is coming close to celebrating its 200th anniversary. For our meeting, we invite you on a journey with us to visit this little library and its companion museum, the start of which came from contributions of both funds and books from Lord Dalhousie, 9th Earl of Ramsey, Governor-in-Chief of Canada at the time, and after whom the library is named. In essence, the library and museum are entwined as one entity.

The persistence of the community over the years has brought DLM to its present existence and current location in a back room of the Watson's Corners Community Hall. DLM not only contains over 1200 books, some of which are original to the library, but also includes some identified to have been part of Lord Dalhousie's personal contribution. In addition, the museum has local artifacts and historical accounts of Dalhousie Township and the early pioneers who contributed to that history.

Our guest, Gloria Currie, is a Trustee of the DLM and a great great great granddaughter of an 1821 settler. She grew up in the Watson's Corners area, attending school at SS # 3. She has been involved with the DLM for over 25 years and has welcomed many visitors including assisting those researching their ancestors in Dalhousie Township.

The Perth and District Historical Society is dedicated to learning about and popularising our history and is a forum for discussion and celebration of our area's rich culture and heritage. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month and are open to the public at 7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Perth-Upon-Tay, Branch 244, home of the Hall of Remembrance, 26 Beckwith St. E. in Perth. The usual "Toonie Fee" applies for each meeting. For information, contact Ellen Dean at 613-264-8362. Our website at [www.perthhs.org](http://www.perthhs.org) has additional information about us and items of interest related to Perth and district.

*Article submitted by the Perth and District Historical Society*