Grey Highlands Public Library Digitisation Project

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The Grey Highlands Public Library is bringing local history to the World Wide Web! Sponsored by an LSDF grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and supported by the Job Creation Partnership, we’re on our way to completing a digitization project that highlights local archives and artifacts.

The Grey Highlands digitization project is a collaborative effort that is bringing together local archives and museums, their collections, and the community. Working closely with host site OurOntario.ca, we are digitizing the Flesherton Advance and Markdale Standard newspapers, starting with issues from the 1880s. Genealogists, students and history buffs will be able to search these papers online and discover the people, news and events of Grey County.

The project also features a new website dedicated to Agnes Campbell Macphail (1890-1953), the first woman elected to Parliament, who was born and lived in Grey County and rose to represent her community with the Farm Vote of 1921. The website will highlight Macphail’s personal relationship with her birthplace as she championed causes that reflected the needs and beliefs of her local constituents and strove for peace, equality, and respect among all people.

The Grey Highlands Digitization Project looks forward to uncovering the rich cultural heritage of Grey County and its influence on Canadian society. The anticipated launch date for the project website is February 2008, so watch for us at the OLA Super Conference and online!

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