



Mr. Clifford Jackson, son of the original owner of the Jackson House, has kindly provided the above photograph. This charming picture is a real boon to the restoration project, showing as it does shades of colour so that scrapings can easily be made for painting purposes. It also confirms the suspected existence of finials and roof cresting details. (Santa, of course, did not appear in the original picture.)

JACKSON HOUSE UPDATE

A bid which was nearly twice our budgeted figure, was received from a general contractor. Since then, we have obtained individual bids for each aspect of the work, and it looks like it will come in under budget. The date for buying the Jackson House has been extended to March because of difficulty in arranging financing, due to the fact that we are a society. These problems seem to be on their way to solution, and we look forward to announcing concrete plans in the

near future. Jim Lee and John Keay are working on a \$40,000 loan from CMHC for conversion of the Jackson House. Tom Mayne is submitting a lotteries application to help raise funds for the house.

HO HO HO

By the time you receive this, it will be the season to be jolly! So what are you waiting for? Your new Executive wishes each and everyone of you the very best holiday season and New Year ever! Let's all give as much time and support as we can to make this truly a "Hallmark" year.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Speaking of the new Executive, they were elected at the Annual General Meeting on October 15, 1980 at the Empress:

President - Stuart Stark - 386-0215

Vice-President - Peter Walton - 386-6102

Treasurer - Bill Murphy - 383-1000

Corresponding Secretary - Mike Halleran - 598-5883

Recording Secretary - Jennifer Barr - 598-9484

Membership Chairperson - Rosemary James Cross - 384-2461

Members-at-Large: Tom Pappajohn - 479-4176

Marla Handley- 384-5848

Susan Lambeth - 598-0763

The Newsletter was to be done by a committee, but you know what happens when only one committee member shows up at the meeting! Meet your new editor of the Newsletter and member of the Executive:

Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Pollard - 385-0008

Nick Bawlf, local architect, has promised to act as contributing editor, giving things a more interesting architectural slant. (See "Notes from Nick", in forthcoming newsletters.)

HERITAGE BUILDING TRUSTEES

The Trustees are comprised of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, and four members of the Society:

Martin Segger Sandra McCallum

John Keay Carol Davison

CHINATOWN

The Annual General Meeting also featured a slide presentation on Chinatown, and showed all the elaborate wood balconies which were formerly attached to the fronts of the buildings. These were subsequently removed as fire hazards, but they provided a distinctly oriental look to basic architectural styles of the day. Thanks to Al Kerr of the Heritage Conservation Branch, for his informative show.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS – HIGHLIGHTS

There have been two executive meetings of the Society since the October 15th Annual General Meeting, and another was held December 8th. The lower case headings highlight some of the items discussed at the first two meetings.

STUART GOES TO WINNIPEG

Stuart reported good contacts made at the Heritage Canada Conference in Winnipeg in October. He extracted a promise from a Bank of Montreal representative who spoke at the conference, to halt renovations on the Douglas & Yates bank building. They were applying a waterproof coating which will cause the facing stone to rot. It has been noted with dismay, however, that said work is continuing, and a letter of protest is being sent to the bank. Stuart was out-of-pocket over \$700 as a result of attending the conference, and the Executive voted to reimburse him for \$100 of that amount.

BAZAAR RETURNS

The Annual Bazaar held at Hillside Mall on October 23rd netted \$310. Thanks to Isla Tuck who organized the event, and to all those who in any way contributed toward it.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Please note the new commercial rate of \$25 for businesses wishing to belong to Hallmark. This confers the same rights and obligations as any other membership, but your Executive decided against allowing member firms to use the Hallmark logo, as some had requested.

THE CRYSTAL BALL

It was a memorable evening, and if you missed this one, get in line early for the next. The evening added considerably to the Jackson House coffers, although all totals are not yet in. Accolades go to Candy Wyatt, Rosemary Cross, Carol Davison, Lynn Milne, Jill Sewell, Jim Lee, Marilyn Seto and Mark Aitken for the wonderful food, decorations, music and organization of this event. Some generous folk who couldn't attend the dance bought tickets anyway. Thanks to everyone who supported this unique project.

To be ratified at the next general meeting

TRUTCH TROUBLE

Stuart Stark and Peter Walton were asked to attend a meeting regarding a developer's proposal for 601 Trutch Street and the two adjoining houses to the north. The Trutch House (Fairfield House) was listed as of primary importance in the City's Heritage Conservation Report, "This Old House", along with the entire street, a basically intact 1906 subdivision. Both Stuart and Peter were astonished that anyone should so blatantly disregard the City's own report and come up with a proposal of this kind. It is not a bad proposal in itself, but simply should not be entertained on a street of this importance. Fairfield House is one of the three or four most important houses in the entire city, and even served as Government

House during the renovation of Cary Castle. Be prepared to write letters in support of retaining the Trutch Street Cluster, as plans become more evident. Approval seems to be coming from levels which should be heeding, rather than ignoring, the City's report.

EMILY CARR IDEAS

The Heritage Conservation Branch has asked the Hallmark Executive to come up with ideas for use of the Emily Carr House, so please let us know your thinking on this.

MONDAY URBAN CONFERENCE

John Keay and Stuart Stark represented the Hallmark Society at this conference held in October at the Empress. No decisions were made, but it was encouraging to note a wide range of support for Victoria's more obscure attractions; even businessmen were fed up with the continuing desecration of Beacon Hill Park, for instance.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Other contacts were made with members of the business community and we will be following up on these later with presentation of the film, "Main Street", from the U. S. National Trust, about revitalizing downtown areas through the use of heritage buildings.

HALLMARK FILES MOVED

Several volunteers helped move the Society's files and office equipment from the space in Craigdarroch. They are safely stashed in a basement "somewhere in Victoria", until another office can be found or the space in the Jackson House is ready and affordable--we may have to rent it out. At the end of this newsletter is a partial inventory of the wealth of information these files contain. Should you wish to peruse any of these materials, please contact any member of the Executive. And...if anyone knows of any temporary office space available, please do the same.

CRAIGDARROCH

By the way, if you haven't been to the Castle lately, make a point to go, maybe over the holidays. The restoration work is proceeding apace and many new areas have been opened to the public. Practically perfect in every way is the "Dutch Masters" den directly behind the drawing room. Gold leafing is still being done in the drawing room, but it is open. Restoration of the kitchens at the back of the castle is now underway, and a beautiful quarry tile floor has been revealed, and looks to be in good shape. The castle is open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and suggested donation is \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children.

ACTIVE

Stuart will be interviewed on Barton & Co. at 10:30 a.m. December 29th, Ch. 6. He will also be teaching a course at Camosun on Heritage Architecture. This begins January 20th.

TRADITION RETURNS

The British Columbia Buildings Corporation has revived an old tradition of erecting a very large Christmas tree, centered in the Lower Rotunda of the Parliament Buildings. It beats another parking lot! Merry Xmas, BCBC!

MEMBERS, WHAT MEMBERS?

Only about 42% of you out there have renewed your memberships. Come on-get with it and support your Society with your membership and active participation. Make a statement, through your Hallmark Society, about what you want your community to be. (See the form near the end of this newsletter).

HERITAGE AWARDS

Please submit your nominations for the Annual Heritage Awards night coming up in February. Take a look around and see if someone has done a particularly fine restoration. paint job or been an effective heritage communicator.

WHAT, ANOTHER GENERAL

Yes, it's true--there will be another general meeting on January 22 (Thursday) 8 p.m. in the Windsor Park Pavillion. This is in the centre of Windsor Park just past Oak Bay Village, off Newport Avenue. This meeting will present Don Fawthorpe of the Heritage Conservation Branch speaking on the restoration of the Synagogue, for which project the Branch has done all the drawings, etc. Come on out for this one--bring your friends, neighbours, relatives. And join the Society while you're there. A membership table will be set up so you can take care of that. Also a good time to communicate your nominations for Heritage Awards.

GUESS WHAT! WE NEED YOU!

You bet! Volunteers are requested for the Heritage Research Committee. If this is your bag, call Stuart or anyone on the Executive. The big project there is the Esquimalt heritage list, which the Esquimalt City Council has been requesting. We also need a clipping person (anybody handy with scissors who can read). Don't be shy--put your time where your interests lie. Tour guides will be needed for the coming season, and possibly Hallmark can earn some revenue from this endeavour. People also needed to file and collate.

FROM IN THE CORNER

As a newly active member, I am amazed at the extent and intensity of Hallmark activity. Stuart said people at the Heritage Canada Conference couldn't believe the Victoria group is an all-volunteer organization (you mean some people get paid for having this much fun?). Are you aware of this Hallmark participation . . . The City of Victoria Heritage Advisory Committee meets regularly once a month and other meetings as necessary. Stuart Stark, Jim Lee, John Keay, Nick Bawlf and Terry Reksten, Hallmark members, have been sitting on this committee for the past year. Jill Sewell sits on the Saanich Heritage Advisory Committee. These people also attend many zoning hearings, etc. to put forward Hallmark views. And the Society is very active in the letter-writing business!

SAANICH HERITAGE INVENTORY

The Saanich Heritage Inventory will be available near the end of January. It will be a quality presentation with large pictures and there will be a charge for it, but the amount is unknown at present.

NOW REALLY, DEAR

New editors are supposed to have new ideas. You may have tried this one before but I don't know about it, so it's a new idea--right?? Anyway, I thought this Newsletter might serve a real down-to-earth function for those of us who are restoring or creating homes, offices or whatever. Do you have any moldings, fireplace fittings, mantels or other bits and pieces you would like to be rid of which might be useful to someone? Or maybe you are looking for some of these items? Phone me, with a simple description and price, and I'll put the ad in the next newsletter--free of charge! (Sorry-members only and no dealers.) When have you had a better offer? Or maybe you need some advice about some project you're undertaking, or can provide hints for those who are doing something you've been through a time or two. After all, it isn't always easy to find this information, so ask for or give help through this sheet. Phone me at 385-0008. Along these lines, Stuart says he painted his house with acrylic paint and it is holding up better than others painted at the same time with conventional paint.

REAL (ESTATE) ANTIQUE BUFF

A local realtor was seen gleefully making off with some discarded sheets of pressed tin from the scene of a recent accident on Cook Street. Seems a car creamed the front of a restaurant, demolishing the gyproc covering the quaint, old tin. That's called knowing a good thing when you see it, and who says realtors aren't interested in heritage? (I'm just mad 'cuz he got there first!) Incidentally, the principals of this same firm have spent an amazing amount of time (not to mention money) on the loving restoration/ renovation of a distinguished old home to serve as their office. They expect to move in soon, so watch for it! (And look for the tin paneling!)

HERITAGE WATCHDOG

Remember to keep an eye on happenings in your neighbourhood or areas you frequent for possible threats to heritage. You can make a difference! I recently saw in the Hallmark files a "before" picture of an old house which had existed in my neighbourhood until fairly recently. Although it was a very simple structure to begin with and had been even further streamlined by subsequent owners, it still retained a charm and scale fitting to the street. Now the site is occupied by a very expensive and relatively pleasing office building, but unfortunately the scale is all wrong as the owners had to make use of every square foot of lot. The absence of that one simple building does make a difference, and I am sure there is something I might have done to prevent this happening, but I didn't.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 29th - 10:30 a.n. Stuart on Barton & Co., Ch. 6

January 22nd - 8:00 p.m. General Meeting, Windsor Park Pavillio

February - Annual Heritage Awards Night/Heritage Day

- Heritage Fair, Mayfair Mall June - B.C. and Yukon Regional Council Convention - first weekend. We will be sending a delegate. May or June –
- Jackson House Opening

HAVE A MERRY ONE!

Marilyn Pollard, Editor

THIS IS AN INFORMAL LISTING OF MOST OF THE MATERIALS IN THE HALLMARK FILES -

Please save - we will update it occasionally. Books, both hard and soft-cover, are *'d-- the rest are periodicals, leaflets, booklets, etc. They're in no particular order!

*-HERITAGE INVENTORY OF GREATER VICTORIA (1978)
(Privately published for Hallmark Society) *-NEW
LIFE FOR OLD BUILDINGS

(Proceedings of B. C. & Yukon Heritage Conference 1977) *-
RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS CANADA 1977
(National Research Council of Canada)

*-CANADIAN WOOD FRAME HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (CMHC) *-
GLOSSARY OF HOUSE BUILDING TERMS (CMHC)
-THE OLD HOUSE JOURNAL (Oct. 1973 to present)
(Restoration and Maintenance Techniques for the Antique House) -
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL APPENDIX
(Ap. I - Survey of Historical Buildings; II - Cathedral Hill Precinct, Cit
WALKING TOUR - OLD TOWN VICTORIA (Heritage Map Tours)
-THE NORWICH PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN RESTORATION
(Norwich Union Insurance Group) -A
HISTORY OF RICHMOND
(Reprinted 1971, Richmond Historical & Municipal Advisory Committee) -
URBAN PROSPECTS - HERITAGE BY DESIGN
(Information Canada 1976)
-METHODS IN MUNICIPAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION
(Heritage Canada Act - Ministry of Provincial Secretary) -
VICTORIA ON FOOT (Pub. 1979, Terrapin Publishing, Victoria)
-PRESERVING OUR PAST
(B. C. Heritage Trust)
*-HISTORICAL DISTRICT ZONING ORDINANCE
(Savannah, Georgia, U.S.A.) *-HERITAGE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (Nelson, B. C.)
*-CITY OF VICTORIA CENTRAL AREA HERITAGE CONSERVATION REPORT
(Pub. by City of Victoria Heritage Advisory Comm. 1975) *-
CYCLICAL MAINTENANCE FOR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS (1976) (National
Park Service, U. S. Dept. of Interior)
*-EXTERIOR DECORATION - VICTORIAN~ COLOURS FOR VICTORIAN HOUSES (Devoe Paint
Coatings & Spec. Co., Louisville, Ky.; Pub. by Athenaeum of Philadelphia 197
VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE (Two pattern books)
Pub. for the Athenaeum Library of 19th Century America by the American Life
Foundation & Study Institute, Watkins Glen, N. Y. 1977)
*-BICKNELL'S VILLAGE BUILDER (Victorian Architectural Guidebook)
Same publisher etc. as above (1976)
-1829 COSTUMES FOR WOMEN & MEN - Patterns & Instructions
(Western Australia's 150th Anniversary)
-HERITAGE RECYCLE
(Proposal to Rehabilitate Old Town - City of Victoria 1975) -
GOVERNMENT STREET MALL
(Proposal - City of Victoria 1973) -
INNER HARBOUR STUDY (Victoria)
(Prepared by Arthur Erickson Architects 1973) -
OAKLAND CALIFORNIA (1971-72 Progress Report)
-PLANNED RESTORATION OF SYNAGOGUE OF CONGREGATION EMANUEL
(Restoration Committee) *-CITY OF
VICTORIA BY-LAW #4382 (Zoning By-Law -
1956) -"PINEHURST" - A DILEMMA
(Term paper by G. Edw. MacFarlane & Carole A. Bergh - 1979) *-
THIS OLD HOUSE
(An Inventory of Residential Heritage - City of Victoria Heritage Advisory
Committee 1979 - available from Planning Dept. for \$7.50)
-"B" INVENTORY (Pictures only)
-NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS 1974-79
-YESTERDAY-TODAY & VICTORIA PAST & PRESENT, 1969-79
*-VICTORIAN GARDENS - THE ART OF BEAUTIFYING SUBURBAN HOME GROUNDS (_A

Victorian Guidebook of 1870)
-GUESTBOOK FROM RESTORATION WEEKEND, may 8-9, 1976.

Most importantly, there is a file on each house in the various heritage inventories containing all information available on the buildings, including pictures. If you please contact an Executive member should you wish to see any of the above.

PLEASE SAVE THIS LIST