

## OBITUARIES / DÉCÈS

Dr. **Charles Walter Humphries** died peacefully on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. He was a member of the CHA since 1962. Charles was raised in Galt, Ontario and studied at McMaster University and then at the University of Toronto, where in 1967 he received his Ph.D. in History. While at Toronto, he was involved in the initial development phase of Upper Canada Village. His doctoral research on Ontario Premier J.P. Whitney formed the basis for the biography *Honest Enough to be Bold* published in 1985. Charles taught at Mount Allison University, Queen's University, the University of Toronto, and the University of British Columbia, retiring from the latter in 1998. He was a passionate, dedicated teacher and winner of the UBC teaching prize in 1990. Charles possessed a deep and abiding commitment to the idea of Canada as a nation. In recent years, Charles enriched the lives of many talented scholars through UBC's Transition Program for secondary school students. He was also engaged in a study of Canadian machinists - i.e. munitions makers - who went to Great Britain during the First World War. Off campus, he served as the British Columbia member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Dr **Ronald Sunter**, Professor Emeritus of History, died peacefully at his home on 8 August 2005 following a sudden illness. For many years prior to his recent retirement, Ron taught Scottish history, the large first-year course in the history of science, and military history. A Scotsman who graduated from the University of Edinburgh, Ron readily adopted his new land and taught at the University of Windsor and the University College of Cape Breton before settling finally in Guelph where he also contributed to graduate studies in History. Among Ron Sunter's numerous publications his book, *Patronage and Politics in Scotland, 1707-1832* (1986), stands out.

It was with a great sadness that I learned of the passing on September 11, 2005, of **Hugh Alexander Taylor**, one of the archival community's great men. Extraordinarily forward-thinking and inspiring as an archivist, he was the first provincial archivist of Alberta, from 1965 to 1967, and New Brunswick, from 1967 to 1971, Director of the Historical Branch of the Public Archives of Canada from 1971 to 1977, and Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia from 1977 to 1982. Hugh Taylor was an Officer of the Order of Canada and recipient of the Silver Light Award. He was highly respected by his peers in Canada and abroad for his work in film and sound archives, his many publications and especially as an archival educator. Our condolences are extended to the Taylor family, as we too in the archival community will miss his keen intellect, his extensive knowledge of archival practices and his ability to look to the future of archives.

*Ian E. Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada*

C'est avec grande tristesse que j'ai appris le décès de **Hugh Alexander Taylor**, survenu le 11 septembre dernier. Archiviste d'avant-garde, Hugh Taylor était l'un des grands de la communauté archivistique, une source d'inspiration pour ses confrères et consœurs. Il a été le premier archiviste provincial de l'Alberta, de 1965 à 1967, et du Nouveau-Brunswick, de 1967 à 1971, directeur de la Direction historique des Archives publiques du Canada, de 1971 à 1977, et archiviste provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse, de 1977 à 1982. Il a été nommé officier de l'Ordre du Canada et a reçu le Silver Light Award. Son travail remarquable dans le domaine des archives cinématographiques et sonores, les nombreux ouvrages qu'il a publiés et, surtout, ses qualités de formateur lui ont valu une haute réputation auprès de ses pairs, au Canada comme à l'étranger. Nous offrons nos sincères condoléances à la famille Taylor. Hugh Alexander Taylor était une sommité dans le domaine des archives, un homme d'une grande intelligence, toujours tourné vers l'avenir. Il nous manquera à tous.

*Ian E. Wilson, Bibliothécaire et archiviste du Canada*

