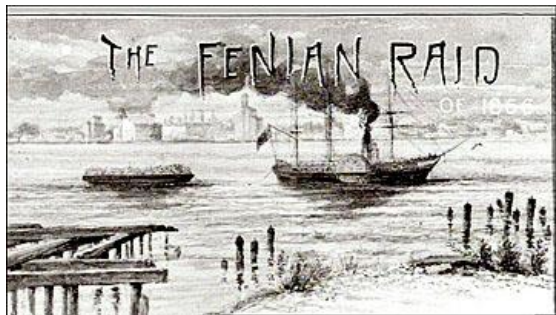
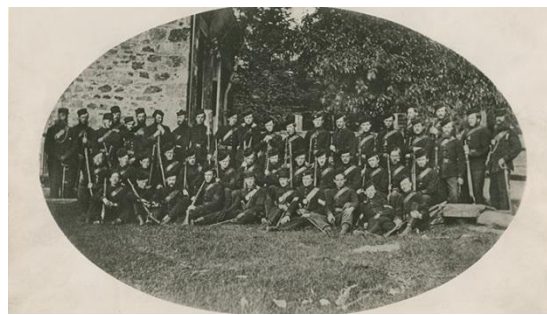


THE FENIAN RAIDS HISTORICAL AUTHORS CONFERENCE



RIDGEWAY LITERARY SOCIETY



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June 2016 will mark the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway/Fenian Raids of 1866. This important historical event crystallized numerous bilateral concerns existing at the time between Canada and the United States, including border security, Civil War reparations and the Irish American political lobby. A stepping stone for Canada on the road to Confederation, and a touchstone for the United States moving forward from the Civil War, the Raids have been garnering increased attention from multinational historians seeking to understand the complex political climate of the time and the impact that the Raids would have on subsequent reciprocal undertakings.

As part of the celebrations relating to the 150th Anniversary of the Battle, the Ridgeway Literary Society will be presenting a two day Conference of Fenian Raids Historical Authors on June 2 and 3, 2016. Through key note speeches, forums and special interest sessions, the authors, all published writers and professional historians, will examine the restive, complicated issues that underpinned the ultimately abortive actions that took place on June 2, 1866, the day the Ridgeway Nine gave their lives to make Canada truly Canadian.

Additional events are planned which will highlight music and literature relating to the Battle of Ridgeway/Fenian Raids including a concert with Ireland's greatest folksinger Derek Warfield, and a literary salon featuring Guy Vanderhaeghe, Governor General's Award winning author.

Please plan to join us on June 2 & 3, 2016 in Fort Erie, Ontario for this momentous celebration of national identity and transnational understanding.

Gary Roy

Mary Friesen

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Thursday June 2, 2016

- [David DOOLIN](#) (Ireland) "Transnational Revolutionaries The Fenian Invasion of Canada"
- [William JENKINS](#) (Canada) "Between Raid and Rebellion"
- [John BOYKO \(Canada\)](#) "[Blood and Daring](#), How Canada Fought the American Civil War"
- [James LAXER \(Canada\)](#) "[Staking Claims to a Continent](#)"
- [Bryan P. McGovern](#) / [Patrick Steward](#) (United States) "[The Fenians: Irish Rebellion in the North Atlantic World](#)"
- [David A. WILSON](#) (Canada) "Thomas D'Arcy McGee" 2 volumes
- [Tim BOHEN](#) (United States) "Against the Grain- The History of Buffalo's First Ward"

CONCERT [DEREK WARFIELD AND THE YOUNG WOLFETONES](#) **8:00 pm**

Friday June 3, 2016

- [Peter VRONSKY](#) (Canada) "Ridgeway The American Fenian Invasion and the 1866 Battle That Made Canada"
- [Wilf NEIDHARDT](#) (Canada) "Fenianism in North America"
- [William MCCONE](#) (United States) "Vermont's Irish Rebel"
- [Barry KENNERK](#) (Ireland) "Shadow of the Brotherhood"
- [Cheryl MacDonald](#) (Canada) "Canada Under Attack"

LITERARY SALON- A TRIBUTE TO DR. RAY BASSETT, IRISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA 7:00 pm

- [GUY VANDERHAEGHE](#) (Governor General's Award Winner 2016) "A Good Man"
 - [KEITH HENDERSON](#) "The Roof Walkers"
- Music by [EITHNE HEFFERNAN](#), [HUGO STRANEY](#), and others

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE [CLARION HOTEL GARRISON RD. FORT ERIE](#)

CONFERENCE FEE- \$125 for both days (includes meals and refreshments)

[DEREK WARFIELD](#) CONCERT -\$30 [GUY VANDERHAEGHE](#) LITERARY SALON- \$20

Tickets available through www.eventbrite.ca , Ridgeway Literary Society, or at the Door

Additional information on all of the above at www.fenians150.com

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