

DEVON REMEMBERED – TESTIMONIES

I am blown away by the amount of research and writing you and Bob did to produce these valuable histories. In so doing, you have done much to preserve the body of knowledge about our wonderful north-side community ... You two have made a valuable contribution to the public record by preserving the history of Devon and its people. A century from now historians will still be examining your amazing body of work to learn how life was lived in this part of Canada (Richard Hughes, Fredericton).

It is so interesting, so full of details, and so readable! (Ed and Donna Lee Smith, Fredericton).

I am very impressed with the scope of your research and the success of the format you have chosen. You and your co-author have produced an interesting record of the past, the result of a lot of time digging through many sources (Tom Myles, Ontario).

I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I had expected a 'picture book' like the *Fredericton North* book by Ted & Anita Jones. Don't get me wrong, that was a good book! Yours had far more detail and research in it than I had expected. Of course I especially enjoyed the chapter on railways. Thank you for writing this! (Steve Boyko).

It is very attractively covered and bound. I only had brief moment to thumb through it, but it looks like a very well done and thorough job. I am not surprised at the great response you are receiving (Ron Green).

My congratulations to you Bob and Carol on a wonderful read in *Devon Remembered*. I have been through it about 4 times now and am still fitting pieces together about things that are familiar to me. Many of the families mentioned are/were old friends of my parents. I have been trying to research some of my family tree over the years and I have struggled to put all the names in the right places. I can only imagine the difficulties you ran into (Lee Colter).

I have been meaning to e-mail you to tell you how very much I am enjoying your book. I usually do a few houses at a time and when I'm out walking Spirit, I walk that particular street to find the homes I have read about. It is really wonderful to be able to go to your book and read those interesting family stories and the history of our community to make one feel a real part of Devon and connected to the people, present and past that lived and worked on these very same streets that we are lucky enough to have shared with them.

One can only imagine the time and work that was necessary to get a book like this into print, but, we as community are so fortunate that you have. Now it is documented, and as we lose more of our elders, that information is saved for many future generations. Nothing like a good book to make one nostalgic!!!!!! (Pam Monahan).

I am sitting here in SouthEast Queensland, Australia, having just received a book in the mail from my old friend, Brenda Gulliver. She knew I would like this book as I am into

history and genealogy. I have been waiting for this book ever since I heard about it a few months ago. So, I savoured it at first, having looked at the front cover for awhile, introduction, contents, and then a quick peek at the back cover. Anyway, although I am only one third the way through, I am very much enjoying this book and I must say you have done a wonderful job. I am a little biased of course, as I remember so many things about my neighbourhood and I had such a great childhood in Devon. It was wonderful to grow up there (Chris Fisher, Australia).

Nice clear writing and I especially like your brackets that tell the new name of the place being cited. This makes for much easier reading. Although I know of the locations in the old names, when I read history I often lose track, just trying to keep things straight in my head. Your presentation does not give me this challenge, so makes it more enjoyable to read (Fred White, Marysville).

May I congratulate you on your book. It is a wonderful resource. I can imagine the amount of work you have put on this, and I assume you aren't done yet ... I'm sure you will be flooded with more information from people who see the book and "could have told you more about such and such a place ... Don't take people's suggestions and corrections as criticism. I think everyone is excited about the book and so happy to see their history laid out ... I haven't read it "from cover to cover." It is like a big box of chocolates. I just pick it up and read about a house or two at a time, and memories of the places and people of my childhood come flooding back. It's just wonderful. Thank you for what you have done! (Sandra MacBean).

It's a nicely laid out genealogy aid (Chuck Mason, Chicago).

I enjoyed it and it is chock full of interesting stuff. It is a gem and very worthy of praise and the good reviews it is getting (Peter Pacey).

Hi Carol, my stepmom picked up two copies of your book today. When she called to tell me, my Dad had been reading one for about 4 hours straight! And he never reads anything but the paper. He is really enjoying it (Heather MacIssac).