



The Archaeology of Patterson Village A 19th Century Company Town in the Township of Vaughan, Ontario

Publisher's Note

"Archaeology: the study of ancient history by examining objects dug up from the ground." (Oxford English Dictionary, 2012.)

In *The Archaeology of Patterson Village: A 19th Century Company Town in the Township of Vaughan, Ontario*, author William (Bill) Finlayson takes this simplistic definition, yet extraordinarily complicated field of study, and gives us a fascinating look into a piece of local Ontario history. Through the meticulously documented and analyzed "objects dug up from the ground," we learn how the people of Patterson Village worked and socialized. Dr. Finlayson's wonderfully descriptive prose, illustrations, and pictures, transport us back in time to the mid-1800s where we have a front-row seat to the lives of the people of Patterson Village.

The Archaeology of Patterson Village is the first volume in the Our Lands Speak series. As Dr. John Triggs writes in the foreword to this volume, "The research value of the Patterson Village site is the rare opportunity it affords to look at the larger picture." So much can be learned from a single site dig. That Dr. Finlayson has the vision to continue the Our Lands Speak series with equally compelling and fascinating archaeological projects is a testament to the value and impact of these digs on our own society.

It has been a pleasure to work with Dr. Finlayson on this project. His knowledge and passion for his work has truly brought Patterson Village to life. We look forward to collaborating on future Our Lands Speak volumes.

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