

Workers' Heritage Centre



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*Preserve working class
history!*

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Why Workers' Heritage?

History forgets the contribution of the working class – the men and women who helped build our city. For example, Colonel By is remembered for supervising the construction of the Rideau Canal, but until recently with the erection of the Celtic Cross monument, the men who gave up their lives for the project were condemned to obscurity.



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What is the WHC?

The goal of the WHC is to preserve, interpret and share the history of Ottawa's working class. Through exhibits, educational planning, community outreach and other programming,

awareness will be raised about this part of our heritage.

The Gamman House

The home of the WHC will be the Gamman House, built in 1874 by Nathaniel Gamman, a labourer who also served as Councillor for the City of Eastview (now Vanier). The Gamman House is a heritage home, representing the only worker's house owned by the City of Ottawa.

What's Next?

The WHC hopes to gain access to the Gamman House in the fall of 2004. After that, renovations on the building will begin in order to bring it up to current standards. Programming should begin within the first year or two, and the House itself should be open to the public by 2009.

What Can I Do?

If you are interested in volunteering, have information or stories to share, please contact the Workers' Heritage Committee for more information.

This is your history. Get involved.