



**NEW AUTHOR** — Wayne Paddon, a teacher of local history at Arthur Voaden Secondary School, is seen here with his recently published book, *The Story Of The Talbot Settlement 1803-1840*. The new book will be available in local book stores early next week.

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## AVSS teacher Wayne Paddon author of local-history book

Wayne Paddon, a teacher of History at Arthur Voaden Secondary School, has published a new book entitled *The Story of The Talbot Settlement 1803-1840*.

The 160-page volume which carries the subtitle *A Frontier History of Southwestern Ontario* is the most definitive work to date on the subject.

For Mr. Paddon, who pioneered one of the first courses in local history to be taught in Ontario high schools, the work has been a labor of love, growing out of the vast amounts of documentary evidence that he has accumulated in the course of his research.

The book is aimed at a wide audience and will make interesting reading not only for the general public but for

students of local history who, for the first time, will have a readily available source of information on this region at the time it was first settled. Over 50 illustrations, many of them by the author, and a series of related documents add an additional dimension to the narrative style of the presentation.

Over 1,000 copies of the hardcover book have been printed and they are due for release to the public early next week.

In addition to writing the book and providing many of the illustrations, Mr. Paddon also did the layout work on the book and arranged the printing himself.

The primary purpose of the book is to present a picture of

life as it was lived by the people who first settled this area and although such leading personalities as Talbot, Burwell, Ermatinger and Coyne are mentioned frequently the book rises above a mere biography of these few influential men. Many families who trace their ancestry back to the pioneers of Southwestern Ontario will be fascinated by the detailed description of the lives of more common folk.

Mr. Paddon who resides with his wife, Lois and family at 10 Lynhurst Drive, states that the book will be available in local book stores early next week. With the ink barely dry on his first volume, he is already eyeing a number of other areas of local history which, for too long, have escaped the attention of other writers.