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The husband-wife tandem of John and Monica Ladell received Ontario's Bicentennial Awards of Merit for their literary contribution to the agricultural history of the province.

The Mississauga writers' earlier research on Ontario's century farms resulted in a book, *Inheritance*, Macmillan of Canada, 1979. As a bicentennial project for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food they identified and listed the province's 200-year-old farms. The project required in-depth research on late-18th century documents in the Archives of Ontario and elsewhere, as well as much cross-province travel.

The Ladells' bicentennial work was used as the basis of a film, *Proud Beginnings*. In addition they wrote a series of articles, both on bicentennial farms and on farms of a variety of ethnic backgrounds — the latter to illustrate the multicultural nature of Ontario's agricultural community. The articles were printed in publications across Ontario and are to be published in book form.

The Ladells write extensively on a range of subjects, including medical, social and colonial history, architecture, antiques, real estate, science and the environment.