

It's About Time...



NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

PORT HOPE'S PIONEER CEMETERY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Unidentified woman in mourning clothes with urn, c. 1880s, 999-12-1-2882

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Welcome Cemetery Receipt, 1910, 2010.25.2



As October approaches we are reminded from all angles of spooky stories featuring scary beings from the beyond. Images of sickening zombies crawling out of their graves to walk with the living become ubiquitous, leading up to October 31st, All-Hallows-Eve (a.k.a. Halloween).

Of course, these images are fictional accounts of creepy graveyards complete with cobwebs, broken stones, and twisted trees lining the walkways. In reality, the cemeteries of Port Hope and surrounding area are very well kept.

Currently, the Municipality of Port Hope claims responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Port Hope Union Cemetery, St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Pioneer Cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church, Perrytown Bible Christian Cemetery, Perrytown Presbyterian Cemetery, Elizabethville Methodist & Anglican Cemeteries, and the East Zion Bible Christian Cemetery.

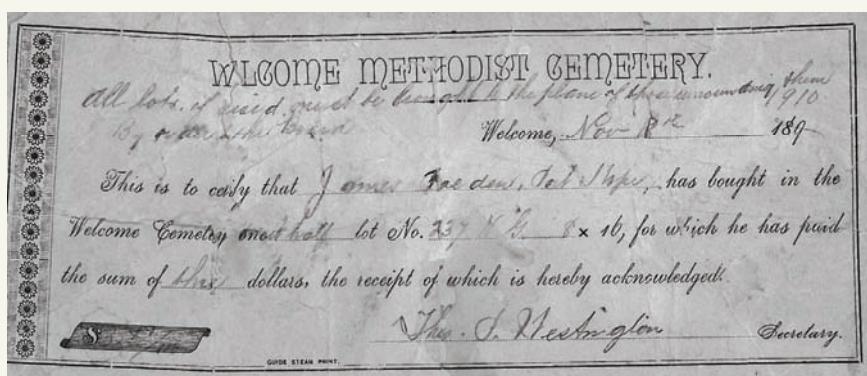
When thinking of Port Hope Cemeteries most minds will turn automatically to the graveyards of St. Mark's Church (the burial place of the Massey family), and Port Hope

Union Cemetery.

While the Port Hope Union Cemetery Company was formed in 1873 and designed by H.A. Englehart, it is not the oldest burial ground in the area. Surpassed by many including one cemetery in particular: the Pioneer Cemetery on Bruton Street.

It was 1827 when Wm. Baldwin sold his property to the Presbyterian Church. A small wood-frame building (finished in 1831) was the first church on the lot. It was later replaced by a brick church on the same site (1854).

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PIONEER CEMETERY, CONT'D

The first burials on the site occurred in 1829 and included members of the John Wallace family. Those of Presbyterian denomination could be buried in the Bruton Street cemetery until about the time that Union Cemetery was first incorporated.

In 1980, a group of concerned citizens, who also happened to be worshippers at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, took it upon themselves to revitalize and restore the old Port Hope Pioneer Presbyterian Cemetery.

The cemetery is now under the care and maintenance of the Municipality of Port Hope.

If you're curious about the history of other cemeteries in Port Hope and area, or have documents to donate, please contact us at 905-885-1673 OR archives@porthope.ca.



*St. Paul's Cemetery Bee Postcard, 1916
2007-37-3-1493*

Sources:

Booklet. *The Port Hope Pioneer Presbyterian Cemetery, 1827-1873*. PHA 2006.9.2.2

"Cemetery Board." Municipality of Port Hope website.
<http://www.porthope.ca>

A R C H I V I S T S ' M E S S A G E

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., MIST

After the blazing heat of summer come the cool breezes and coloured leaves of autumn!

This summer was very busy for us at the PHA, not with many public events, but with queries from all corners of the continent! August saw record numbers of researchers and email information requests.

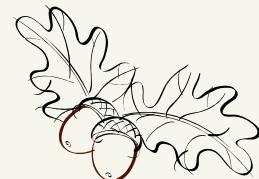
While we did make an appearance at the HBIA sidewalk sale in July, our summer events schedule was slow this year without Estival. This is not going to be

the case for the fall however, with four events coming up in the last quarter of 2011.

We are hosting our usual booth at the Port Hope Fair Sep 16-18th and our annual fundraising yard sale on Sep 24th. The PHA has also been approached by the Northumberland Sunrise Rotary Club to participate in the 2nd Annual Harvest Hike; a charity walk/run taking place at the GRCA Forest Centre on October 15th. For more information see the insert flyer, or contact us.

Another first-time event coming up this fall is a joint event between the PHA and the Cobourg & District Historical Society Archives: a dual-community Photograph Identification Fair.

This will be a 1-day event held at both institutions to accommodate everyone. First we will have our photos out at the CDHS Archives at the C. Gordon King Centre in Cobourg from 10am-Noon and then back home at the PHA, 17 Mill Street North, from 1-3pm. Please



come out and help us identify our mysteries!

Another event of note is: as of October 1st we will be open Saturdays on the 1st weekend of the month from 9am-1pm. Pop by for a visit!

Don't forget that donations of gently used goods for the yard sale will be accepted at the archives until Sep 21st at 5pm; Donations of archival materials, in-kind goods, and financial support are always welcome!

ERIN

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR...

Much as I hate to say it aloud, autumn will soon be upon us. Not that I don't love the autumn season with the glory of changing leaves, and the return of temperate weather, but I know what's coming next!

Here at the Archives we've had a busy summer, not least of which is the addition of a number of new members. To all of you I extend a hearty welcome and thanks for your support! I hope you'll make use of your membership in researching your homes, neighbourhoods, and the wonderful history of our municipality. Whether you are new to our community or long time residents, we are always interested in meeting you and having the opportunity to share memories, stories, and resources.

In my "real job" I work in the publishing industry, and so it should come as no surprise that I am somewhat attached to paper. No matter the convenience and ease of e-books, I still prefer to read and sell books. At the Archives, we have a tremendous amount of paper: books, documents, photographs, postcards, and other ephemera. However for ease of storage and preservation, we have begun to digitize parts of our collection. Most of our photograph collection is now available as digital content and can be viewed on our website. Our database is regularly updated with new additions, making it easier to search for collection materials. We invite all of our members to make use of these resources.

This fall we will once again be exhibiting at the Port Hope Fall Fair – please drop by and say hello. A week later, we will be holding our annual Yard Sale, in the Archives parking lot. If, like me, you seem always to be accumulating "stuff", please consider donating some of the unwanted to our sale... and of course, come along on sale day to... well... accumulate more. And finally, in late autumn, and in keeping with my attachment to the printed word, we will be publishing a new, updated and re-designed edition of George Sweanor's **Military Contributions of a Small Town**. This project has been a labour of love for our long-time volunteers Peter and Barbara Bolton, and Board Secretary Dave Doherty. Stay tuned to hear our plans for celebrating this re-birth!

As ever, thanks for all your support, and Happy Autumn!

PAM ROBINSON, CHAIR

Upcoming Events!

SEPT. 16-18: PORT HOPE'S 180th FALL FAIR

SEPT. 24: PHA'S ANNUAL YARDSALE, 8AM-1PM

OCT. 1: BACK TO OPEN SATURDAYS; 1ST SAT. OF THE MONTH, 9AM-1PM

OCT 15: NORTHUMBERLAND SUNRISE ROTARY 2ND ANNUAL HARVEST HIKE @ GANARASKA REGION FOREST CENTRE

NOV 11: LAUNCH OF "THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF A SMALL TOWN" BOOK

NOV 19: PHA & CDHS JOINT PHOTO I.D. FAIR

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!

If you're interested in preserving the history of your community, have fund-raising experience, or any other skills you think might benefit the PHA Board of Directors, contact us at archives@porthope.ca or by phone at 905-885-1673 or just drop by!



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.PORTHOPEARCHIVES.COM

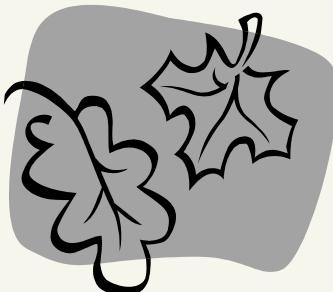
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Our Mandate:

The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.



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All donations of \$25 or more are eligible for a tax receipt.
The Port Hope Archives is a registered charity.

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Tuesday to Friday 1:00pm—5:00pm
1st Saturday (October to May) 9:00am—1:00pm
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

F r o m t h e P h o t o D a t a b a s e ...

Central School - Room 1, c. 1920s

PHA 2010-42-1-3904



Description: B&W photograph featuring Muriel Thompson's class at Central School. Map of Canada hand-drawn on blackboard with lesson on railroads.

Central Public School was built behind Union School at Pine & North Streets. It opened in 1912 with principal R.B. Gillies in charge. Originally, the building consisted of 13 classrooms as designed by Ellis & Connery architects; a gymnasium was added to the school in 1965.

This photo and many others can be found in our Flickr photostream:
www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives

CDHS ARCHIVES' SPECIAL

*Young people all as you pass by
O think of me for you must die.
Repent in time nor time delay
for I in my prime was called away.*

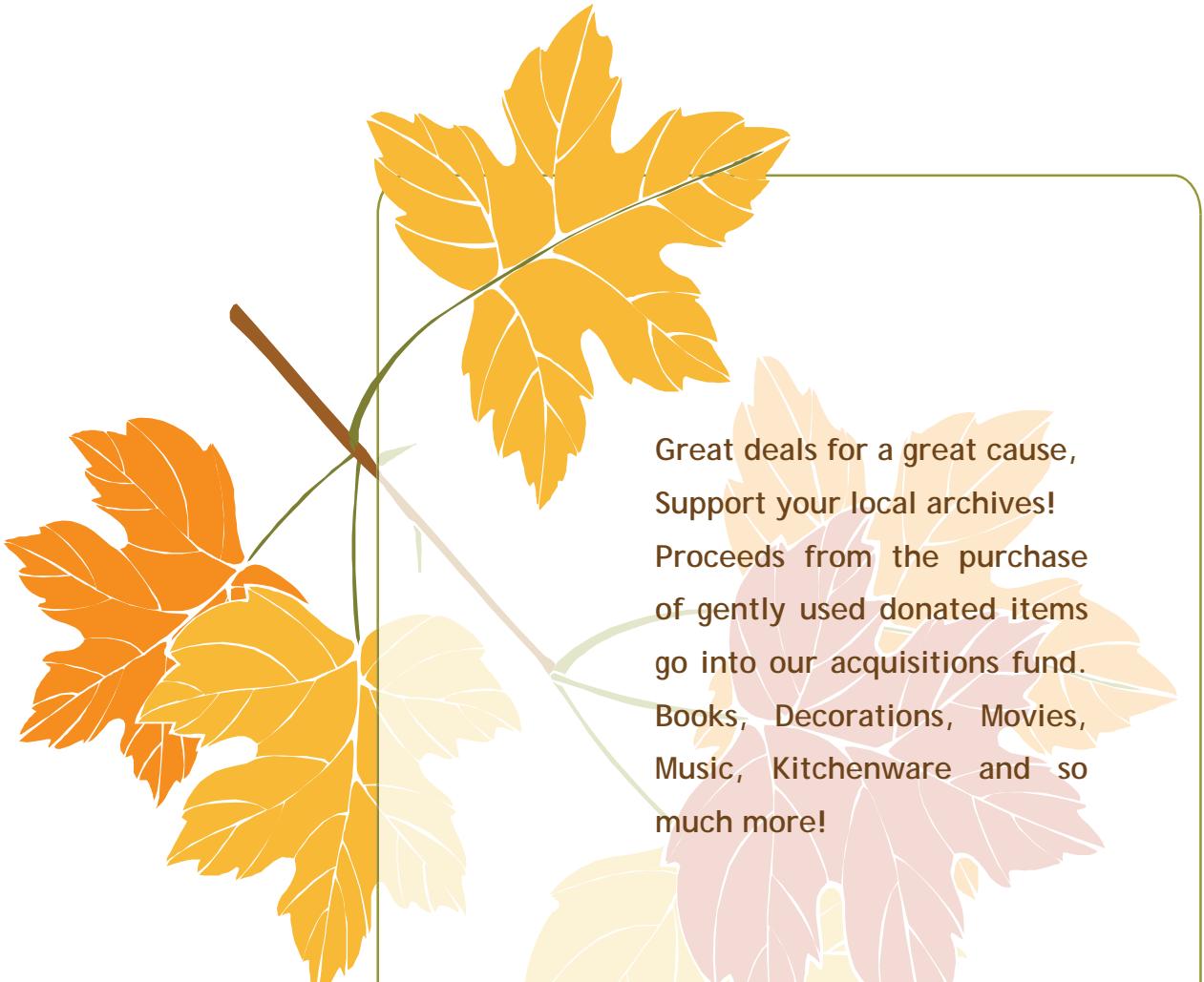
-Epitaph for William D. Gummow, Bowmanton Cemetery

For those of us who have had the pleasure of growing up in Northumberland County, the story of “Weird Willie” is not new to you. Weird Willie’s grave can be found in Bowmanton Cemetery, located in Haldimand Township, north of Baltimore, and it is because of the common Victorian era verse written upon his headstone that the urban legend began. To burst the bubble of would-be ghost hunters: William D. Gummow was just a typical young man. He did not burn down his home with his family trapped inside, or go on a murderous rampage; he did not commit any crimes.

William D. Gummow was born in Northumberland County in 1881, the son of William Sr. (born in England in 1850) and Margaret A. Johnson (born in 1851, in Northumberland County). He had two older sisters, Elizabeth and Emma Alberta Gummow. All of whom lived long lives here in Northumberland County. While working as a labourer on the family farm, his early death on 10 March 1901 at age 20 occurred following two weeks of fighting pneumonia. The message upon his headstone warns us all to live a good life, because life is short.

*Cobourg & District Historical Society
Archives is open to the public
Mon-Thu 2-5pm 905-377-0413
archivist@cdhsarchives.org*



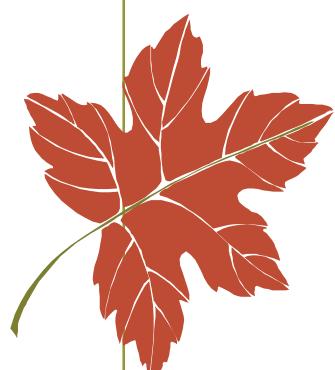


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Support your local archives!
Proceeds from the purchase
of gently used donated items
go into our acquisitions fund.
Books, Decorations, Movies,
Music, Kitchenware and so
much more!

Archives' Yard Sale

Sat. Sept. 24th
8:00am to 1pm
Port Hope Archives
17 Mill Street North
Port Hope, ON

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13 Sep 2011

Re: Rotary Harvest Hike

On Saturday October 15th, Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting their 2nd Annual Harvest Hike at the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Forest Centre. For more information: <http://www.grca.on.ca/news/2011/08/18/106/2ndannualharvesthike/>

For a registration fee of \$20.00/person or \$40.00/family, participants receive a t-shirt and chilli lunch! Not to mention participants get to walk/run a 5k or 10k course through the crisp fall air in the Ganaraska Forest!

Participants gather pledges and allot the funds to a charity of their choice. Any pledges above \$25 will be sent a tax receipt by the Port Hope Archives.

If you can't choose which charity to designate pledges to, feel free to support more than one! Donations are always appreciated!

To receive a pledge form and registration sheet please email. For general participants: harvesthike@gmail.com ; for Port Hope Archives members: archives@porthope.ca

**Some participating charities include: Port Hope Archives, Duir School, Friends of Wesleyville Village, Rebound Northumberland*



Saturday, October 15, 2011 • 10am

Northumberland Sunrise Rotary in partnership with community charitable organizations present the second annual Harvest Hike.

There will be a 10km/5km walk/run.

Awards & Chili to follow.

Family	(2 adults 2 kids under 13)	\$40
Adults	(19-up).....	\$20
Youth	(13-18)	\$10
Kids	(13-0)	\$5

Event to be held at Ganaraska Forest (Central) and registration takes place at the Ganaraska Forest Centre at 9am.

For pre-registration email harvesthike@gmail.com or go to www.grca.on.ca

Rotary Empowering Your Community

