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NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

A ROYAL AFFAIR: PORT HOPE'S ROYAL MEMORABILIA

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In W. Arnot Craick's *Little Tales of Old Port Hope* the first ever visit of a Royal to Port Hope is recounted. September 1860: "It had not been definitely known until the previous Saturday that the Prince [Albert Edward, son of Queen Victoria] would stop off in Port Hope. When announced, steps were immediately taken to decorate the town."

Since this historic event of 7 Sep 1860, it seems the citizens of Port Hope have been mesmerized by the Royal Family and anything to do with the Monarchy. Many Port Hoppers are avid Monarchy collectors, a fact which is shown by the plethora of royal ephemera located in the Port Hope Archives Collection.

One of the first items to 'jump out' in our collection is the wonderful signed portrait of Queen Victoria (1885) hanging behind the Archivist's desk. However, this is not the only interesting item we have with regards to Victoria. A photograph of Queen Victoria from the 1860s was reprinted for sale by Ewing, a prominent Port Hope photographer. (see *top right*)

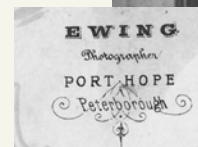
Victoria (1819-1901) and husband Prince Albert had 9 children: Victoria, Albert Edward (the same Prince who visited Port Hope in 1860), Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice. Victoria ensured the growth of her

family line and the continuation of the Monarchy with her strength and longevity (63 years on the throne!).

During the period of the two World Wars, Royal visits were scarce. But after the death of King George VI (1952) and accession of Princess Elizabeth to the throne, visits to Commonwealth countries became much more commonplace.

Around the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (1953), scrapbooks and other collectible items became very chic in Canada and other members of the Commonwealth.

The PHA houses two royal scrapbooks, both created by former *Port Hope Evening Guide* editor, Jim Cutting (as



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Portrait of Queen Victoria, print reproduced for sale by Port Hope photographer: Ewing, ca. 1860s

a boy of course!). These scrapbooks were pre-fabricated and include, in addition to clippings, charming drawings and comments in childish hand. (see *bottom left*).

After 1860, the next major royal visit occurred in 1959, when the Queen and Prince Phillip came to visit the Massey's at Batterwood and worshipped at St. Mark's Church. The event was covered in the *Globe and Mail*, highlighting Port Hope for the whole nation.

With all this past Royal fervor and history in Port Hope, there is no doubt that our connection to the Monarchy is not done yet!

Sources:

"Queen Victoria" www.wikipedia.org

The Globe & Mail, 27 Jul 1959.

Craick, W. Arnot, *Little Tales of Old Port Hope*.



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Jim Cutting's Royal Memorabilia—Including two childhood scrapbooks of the Queen's coronation, and royal visits



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"Princess Margaret &
Friend Dancing"

RECENT DONATIONS & ACQUISITIONS

So far in 2010, we've had an excellent start to the year in terms of donations! In addition to 10 accessions to the regular Archives Collection, we have also received two large transfers of records from the Municipality of Port Hope, Clerk's Department (totaling nearly 20 large boxes).

Already arranged and available items include: a selection of clippings highlighting Royalty, a minute book and handbook from the Elizabethville Women's Institute, the Richard Outram Collection of poetry, more probates for genealogy research, and an interesting scrapbook from the Delta Omicron (Northumberland County) chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Many of our recent donations have come from new donors, and some very exciting collections, including the papers of the Jacobs & Horne families, have not yet been cata-

logued to ease accessibility for the public.

Perhaps the most interesting of the municipal transfers, the 2010 collection, contains the records of the former Hope Township. Transferred from the Municipality's office at Canton, the records include: agreements and land records, correspondence, legal documents (i.e. petitions), financial records, plans, and records relating to railroads in the area.

Dating from between 1842 and 2001, the new Municipality of Port Hope records have a little something for all researchers and are publicly available for one and all.

If you have any interesting records or photographs you feel would find a good home here at the PHA, please drop by during open hours or contact our Archivist at 905-885-1673 or email archives@porthope.ca.

Corporation of the Town of Port Hope
Schedule of Concrete Side-walks Proposed for 1911.

SUMMARY				
Ward No. 1.	1.87 Miles	37858.1	Square feet	
Ward No. 2.	1.87 Miles	34303.6	Square feet	
Ward No. 3.	1.63 Miles	32374.8	Square feet	
Total	5.37 Miles	104537.5	Square feet	

WARD NO. 1				
No.	Street	Side	Location	Sq. Feet
1	Mill	East	North side of Peter to Ward.	1438.4
2	Beattie	North	West side of Hope to Peter's walk.	127.4
3	Prosser	West	N side W. Hill to N side Ward.	109.5
4	Hope	East	N side Ward to Thompson Ave.	111.1
5	Elgin	West	N side Ward to N side Junction.	1219.9
6	Ontario	West	Thompson Ave. to N side Mrs. Wilson's lot.	1260.0
7	Margaret	North	W side Ontario to N side North.	1219.9
8	Elton	South	W side North to N side Hope.	1219.9
Total Ward No. 1				37858.1

WARD NO. 2				
Street	Side	Location	Width	Sq. Feet
Queen	East	N side Walter to Livery Stable.	3	438.0
Queen	East	Livery stable to Mrs. King.	4	160.0
John	West	Midland track to N side Hayward.	3	116.0
John	East	N side Hayward to N side North.	3	116.0
William	South	From job to end of street.	3	285.0
Alexander	North	N side North to end of street.	3	285.0
South	East	W side North to W side John.	3	438.0
Park	South	W side John to W side North.	4	372.0
Elmer	South			230.4

Corporation of the Town of Port Hope "Schedule of Concrete Side-walks Proposed for 1911."

*Municipal Records Collection
MPH10-11*



ARCHIVISTS' MESSAGE

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., M.I.S.T

Hooray it's spring again!

We've had a very busy winter here at the PHA, running (or attending) 4 events, receiving another large transfer of records from Town Hall, and attending to regular research requests. That speed, however, is what has made spring come that much quicker!

As of the beginning of March, I have been archivist here at the PHA for 6 months, and the time has simply flown by!

I have thoroughly enjoyed

my time here so far, everyone has been very supportive of the new initiatives I have undertaken. These include: new social networking accounts, a refurbished website, rearranging the reading room and reference area, enacting a paper-less mailing system, beginning a project to have our photograph collection digitized and searchable by database, and several other small things.

We have received many interesting donations over these past 6 months, and it

is my hope that the citizens of Port Hope (and beyond) will continue to see the benefit of having a municipal archives for historical preservation, and will lend us the financial (and in-kind) support we require to remain a vital life-force for the heritage community in our area.

With the launch of our Let's Make History project last fall, our aim is set on making the Port Hope Archives a household name in our municipality. When people submit their homes for in-

clusion in our collection, it makes me feel that we can get the message of heritage out there for all to understand. A contest for students has also begun, complete with a classroom outreach programme, check our website for details.

Let's continue to strive for the very best for our community, and for YOUR Archives!

Happy
Spring!

Erin



W I N T E R E V E N T S & T A L E S

This Winter has been a busy time for us here at the PHA! While our usual Heritage Fairs were cancelled or postponed, Erin arranged for other outreach activities which received a warm reception!

We began our 2010 with a recap of 2009 at our Annual General Meeting. The meeting, which was featured in Snap Northumberland West, had a wonderful turn-out! Erin presented an overview of 2009, a difficult task given that she was only present for 4 months of the year, but she pulled it off well! She also presented the Williams Family Business Papers.

Erin and several board members were invited to attend a meeting of the East Durham Historical Society at the Ganaraska Conservation Authority building. The topic was Rebellion Prisoner Boxes, with a guest speaker from Pickering, who was very interest-

ing. We would like to thank the Historical Society for their kind invitation!

The postponement of the two regular Heritage Fairs in February left us with a gap to fill in outreach and programming. Erin decided to give a workshop on preserving photographs. The workshop, held on Saturday March 6th, had a reasonable attendance considering it was held in our very own board room. An in-depth presentation, followed by hands-on work with photographs made for an interesting session! If you missed the workshop and are interested please give us a call at 905-885-1673 or email Erin at archives@porthope.ca to request a second event.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive spring and summer season full of events to share! **Beginning with our Annual Open House on Saturday April 3rd!*



Our Annual General Meeting, 18 Jan 2010 @ Port Hope Public Library

Left to right: Lori Stephenson-Brittain (former Board Member), Erin Walsh (Archivist), Charles Taws (Board Chair), Donna Strong (Board Member), John Bennett (Treasurer)



**PHA'S ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE!
SATURDAY,
APRIL 3RD,
2010**

N O T E S F R O M T H E C H A I R ...

We have many goals to accomplish this year. The Let's Make History project is progressing, but slowly. If you haven't taken part yet please consider doing so. The success of this project depends on your participation. It's easy and fun. Fill out the questionnaire, submit it, and your history will be preserved in the archives. The forms can be found on our website (www.porthopearchives.com/exhibits/letsmakehistory.htm) or call us and we'll send them out.

Lori Stephenson-Brittain completed her term as board member in charge of membership. While we were sorry to see her go we are happy she continues on as our liaison with the library. Three other board members are also completing their terms this year. If you'd like to take a more active role in preserving Port Hope's History we need you now! Becoming a board member need not be an onerous task. Without the input of community members the archives cannot function. For more information please call the office at 905-885-1673 or e-mail me at c.taws@sympatico.ca.

Thank you

Charles D. Taws
Chair



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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.

Donations:

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

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HOURS:

Wednesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*We are closed EVERYDAY from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

***For changes to our hours
in spring check our website***

Preserving Canadian Treasures

In December 2009, the PHA applied for a Preserving Canadian Treasures-grant from the Canadian Museums Association meant to assist small institutions with costs associated with preservation of their important collections.

After waiting with bated breath for over 2 months, our Archivist received the good news: we would be granted funds to assist with the re-housing, display and long-term preservation of the Williams Family Papers!

The CMA's generous contribution of over \$600 will help the PHA to purchase supplies including archival boxes, acid-free folders and tissue, encapsulation supplies, humidity reader cards, and new cotton gloves. We wish to extend our gratitude for giving us this opportunity through providing such vital funds!

The Williams Papers will be re-housed with the support of the CMA grant.



Happy 100th Birthday Girl Guides of Canada!

A History of Guiding in Canada:

The Girl Guide movement was initiated when a group of girls followed the Boy Scouts in their parade to Crystal Palace in London, England (1909). Lord Robert Baden-Powell was so surprised by the young girls enthusiasm for the scouting movement that he encouraged his sister Agnes to help create a girl-specific scouting program. The first Girl Guides program book was entitled: "The Handbook for Girl Guides, or How Girls Can Help Build Up the Empire." By 1910 Guiding had spread to several countries throughout the commonwealth and beyond; including Canada.

The first recorded Girl Guide Troop in Canada was located in St. Catherines, Ontario. Lead by Mary Malcomson, this unit began registering girls in January 1910. The movement steadily grew and spread throughout Ontario and then on to other provinces as well. By 1917, the "value of Guiding" was officially recognized by the government of Canada, who ratified the first constitution of the then known

Canadian Girl Guides Association. The association's name was changed again to the more current Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada in 1961.

Today there are 5 branches of the Guiding programme: Sparks (aged 5-6), Brownies (aged 7-8), Girl Guides (aged 9-12), Pathfinders (aged 12-15), and Rangers (aged 15-18). Other adult members, such as Link members (those women who are unable to attend regular meetings due to school or family commitments, aged 18-30), and Trefoil Guild members (aged 30+) work with Guiders to spread the message of Guiding.

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Guides of Canada, the National Council instituted a new promise to usher the association into a promising future:

"I promise to do my best, to be true to myself, my beliefs and Canada, I will take action for a better world, and respect the Guiding Law."

These lines help to support the Law of Guiding, and the spirit of Girl Guides, as "The Guiding Law challenges [us] to:"

"live with courage & strength
[and] share in the sisterhood of Guiding"

*Information from *History of Guiding*, Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada, available online from www.girlguides.ca



Our Archivist, Erin, as a Brownie in the 11th Oshawa Brownie Pack, 1991. She is currently Brown Owl for the 36th Oshawa Brownie Pack.

**Celebrating 100 Years
of Girl Greatness**



A History of Guiding in Port Hope:

The first Girl Guide unit in Port Hope was lead by Mrs. Forrest in 1919. She held those early meetings in her home at the corner of Walton and Cavan Streets. Meetings moved to St. John's Anglican Church in 1920, being held in the parish hall. Girls at this time were taught various life skills, including how to make a proper cup of tea. Many prominent women were leaders of this group over the years. The second Port Hope Girl Guide group was registered in 1922, and sponsored by St. Mark's Anglican Church.

**Information from Port Hope Evening Guide, 11 Apr 1984.*

The other most well-known branch of Guiding are Brownies. The First Brownie pack in Port Hope appeared in 1939. They met at St. John's Church, much like their Guide predecessors, but with Frances Jex as Brown Owl. By 1950, the Brownies had grown in popularity so much that they were split into 2 groups: 1A and 1B, both with Doris Mitchell serving as Brown Owl (speaking from personal experience, this is a LOT of work!). A 2nd Port Hope Brownie Pack was added in 1941, meeting at St. Mark's Parish

hall. After being cancelled in 1945, the unit was re-registered in March 1946.

**Information from Port Hope Evening Guide, 23 Apr 1984.*

Of course, many more units (and branches) have been added to Port Hope Guiding since this time, and the community is still thriving!

If you have any more information about Guiding in Port Hope or documents/photos to add to the Port Hope Archives collection, please contact us at archives@porthope.ca or phone 905-885-1673. We appreciate the support of the community, and would like to build a Girl Guides of Port Hope collection for future girls to enjoy and learn from!



Dedication of Flags 1st Port Hope Girl Guides St. John's Church June 18, 1939
Dora Anderson, Frances Jex, Rev. Hill, Bernice Lowes, Joyce Crisall, Madelon Jex, Rev. Crisall, Connie Fraser

Photograph of the 1st Port Hope Guide Unit, St. John's Church

18 Jun 1939

**This is a copy, we do not have the original in our collection.*