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IT'S ABOUT TIME...

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

"WORKING" TOWARDS THE PORT HOPE WATERWORKS COMMISSION

Port Hope's Waterworks began in 1866 at Francis Beamish's Plaster Mill on Cavan Street, near the site that would later become Nicholson File Company. At the time, a 4" main line was installed from the mill to William Craig's Tannery, and a hydrant was installed for fire suppression purposes. Craig, who was mayor of Port Hope at the time, paid Mr. Beamish an unknown sum of money to pump water from the river into the hydrant.

The next attempt at forming an organized water distribution system was in 1873, when town council installed a gate and water wheel at Wallace's Planing Mill on Queen Street. Water from the gate ran through the 8" main west from the mill to John and Augusta Streets, south to the current site of Cameco, north to Walton Street, west to Pine Street, and finally east to a hydrant at the foot of Jacob's Ladder (Mill Street).

All of the original pipes, hydrants and repairs were facilitated by John Helm's Foundry. Including the later development of a pumping station on the west bank of the Ganaraska River, by Town Hall.



View of Port Hope facing west, featuring Wm. Craig's Tannery, 1872

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1st Sat 9am-1pm (Oct-May)
Other times by appointment

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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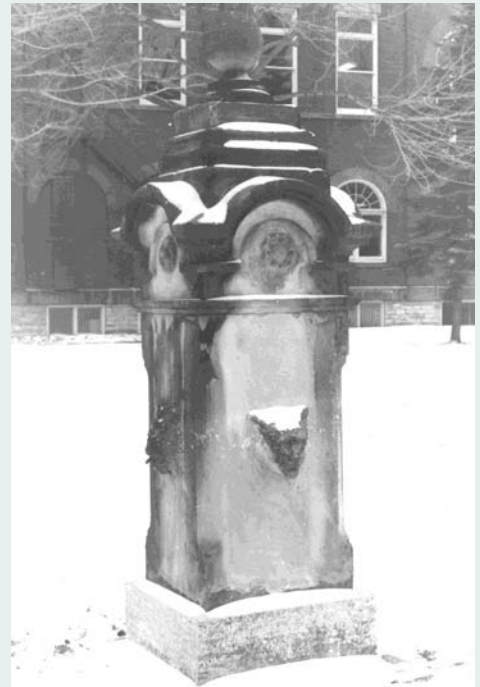
PORT HOPE WATERWORKS, CONT'D

The construction of a more "modern" waterworks system commenced in 1895, with the passing of by-law 716; at which point the first Port Hope Waterworks Commission was established.

After the historic by-law was passed, Brundret Plumbing was awarded the construction contract to extend the water pipes to the old post office on Queen Street. The company also built a new pumping station on Smith Street, along with two water basins (which were located on the beach at the foot of Smith Street). The original water mains were all connected to this new system, which was completed in 1901.

Over the years that followed, many improvements to the original infrastructure were done, including the addition of new intake pipes to bring water in from the lake, electric pumping systems, and a couple incarnations of water treatment plants.

**This article topic was suggested by a PHA member, at our AGM. If you would like to see an article on a specific topic, please contact us!*



Wm Craig's Fountain, behind Port Hope Town Hall, Augusta Street.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PORT HOPE'S STREETS? (COURTESY OF THE COLEMAN FAMILY)

1. Where you go to worship...
2. Where grain is ground...
3. Names of 2 trees...
4. Province in Canada...
5. A dark colour...
6. 2 of the apostles...
7. 2 streets of royalty...
8. A place to sleep and a make of car...
9. When you want to observe a lot...
10. Names of 16 girls...
11. When you look after an orphaned child...
12. Top of a high mound of land...
13. Name of a former queen...
14. If you are not old, you are...
15. Name of a month plus an 'a'...
16. A person with much strength...
17. A bunch of fruit trees...
18. If you don't walk in them you...
19. M.C. of an early talent show...
20. A kind of boot...
21. A kind of apple...
22. The opposite of a male slave...



Brown Street Postcard, c1910

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19. Sullivan; 20. Wellington; 21. Baldwin; 22. Freeman
Victoria; 14. Young; 15. Augusta; 16. Strachan; 17. Orchard; 18. Ridout;
Diane, Ann, Lynn, Lavonia, Rose [Glen], Jocelyn; 11. Ward; 12. Hillcrest; 13.
tha, Madison, Margaret, Julia, Jane, Carol, Catherine, Ellen, Elizabeth,
John, Peter; 7. King, Queen, Princess; 8. Bedford; 9. Seymour; 10. Mar-
1. Church; 2. Mill; 3. Pine, Chestnut, Walnut; 4. Ontario; 5. Brown; 6.

ANSWERS:

ARCHIVIST'S MESSAGE

"But behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begins." - Mitch Albom

Genealogists, whom we assist on a daily basis at the Port Hope Archives, are truly a unique brand of people. They understand the importance of family, and linking oneself to the past, better than almost anyone. My son has helped me to further understand this special type of research; and the value of passing on a passion for history to the next generation.

After my return from maternity leave, I was very fortunate to find myself with some superb company for my first while back to work. Leah-Ann is truly a lovely person; she greets each challenge with great exuberance and enthusiasm, and her love of history shines through! She was a wonderful steward for the PHA while I was on leave, and I am very grateful to her for making my return such a smooth transition.

Leah-Ann quickly filled me in on all the wonderful things that happened at the Port Hope Archives over the course of 2014, and I am very pleased to hear that it was an excellent year!

This year has begun just as strongly as 2014 finished, and that's largely because of the time and commitment that has been shown by Leah-Ann, our Board of Directors, our growing membership base, and our great volunteers!

As you know, non-profits like the PHA cannot function without the passion of amazing people, and in that way, the Port Hope Archives is a very lucky place!

ERIN

*'Without passion there might be no errors, but without passion there would certainly be no history'.
- C. V. Wedgwood*

IT'S NOT "GOOD-BYE," IT'S "SEE YOU LATER!"

I am sad to say that my time at the Port Hope Archives has come to an end. Over the past year, I have really enjoyed my time here; assisting researchers, attending special events, creating displays, and looking after the Port Hope Archives collection while Erin was on maternity leave. Throughout my time here, I have also had the opportunity to learn a new set of skills, meet new people and learn more about this lovely community.

While I will no longer be working at the Port Hope Archives, I will still be involved on a volunteer basis. I will continue to have the opportunity to work on projects and stay connected with the staff, volunteers, board of directors and researchers to the Port Hope Archives.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the Port Hope Archives, individuals from the Municipality of Port Hope and researchers from outside of the area for welcoming me to the archives and making my time here such a great experience. Everyone involved with the PHA made me feel welcome and made my time here a rewarding experience.

LEAH-ANN



Leah-Ann Logel, interim archivist, cleaning tax roll assessments, January 2015.

Thanks so much for all your hard work!

FROM THE PHOTO DATABASE...



"Ganaraska on the Rampage," 1909

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This photo and others can be found in our Flickr photostream:

www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives

Description: B&W photographic postcard of the flood which occurred on 24 Feb 1909. Taken by Byers of Port Hope to sell as "souvenirs" of the flood event. This postcard is one of many such images by Byers.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 2nd: **"Ontario's Small Town Theatres"** Travelling Exhibit from the Archives of Ontario opens! On until May 29th. Also included: *A "Capitol" Idea: The History of Port Hope's Capitol Theatre* in partnership with the Capitol Theatre.

May 3rd: **Port Hope & District Historical Society Heritage Fair** at the Port Hope Lions Club on Thomas Street. Displays from 10am to 4pm. See you there!

June 6-7th: **Doors Open Northumberland**, both days 10am-4pm. Come tour the stacks and view our exhibit on the history of the Land Registry Office/Port Hope Archives!

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COMING ATTRACTIONS...

"Ontario's Movie Theatres"
a travelling exhibit from the
Archives of Ontario!

Opening day, **May 2nd**

For a limited time only!

Exhibit leaves on May 29th

Don't miss your chance to have
an exhibit "viewing!"

Including: "A 'Capitol' Idea: Port Hope's Capitol Theatre"

*In partnership with the **Capitol Theatre***



"Ontario's Movie Theatres" travelling
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