

It's About Time...



NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

CAMPGROUND: PORT HOPE

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While sitting on the doorstep of summer, the mind turns to joyful thoughts of roasting marshmallows over leaping orange-yellow flames.

Whether your idea of camping involves "roughing it" in the woods, a nice new tent, or a cozy trailer, camping is a national past-time.

The idea of camping was passed down to early European settlers from the First Nations People with whom they came into contact. These men learned

how to trap and hunt, a very early type of survival camping, eventually morphing into the hunting camps of the late-1800s.

Family camping in Canada grew rapidly in popularity after World War II. This shift was mostly because of readily-available army surplus materials (i.e. tents and rations) and the growth of the suburban car culture.

The government of Ontario was also an early supporter of the development of camping as a

hobby. In 1913, the Ontario Parks Act was created to set land aside for purposes other than agriculture or building housing.

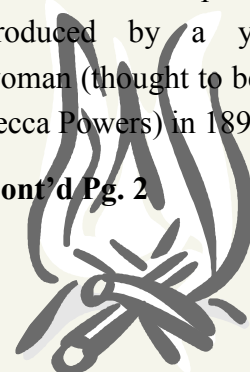
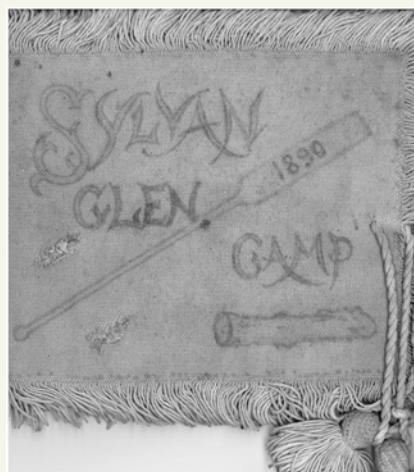
By 1954 there were 8 provincial parks in Ontario: Algonquin, Ipperwash, Lake Superior, Long Point, Presqu'ile (in Northumberland County), Quetico, Rondeau, and Sibley. Currently, there are over 400 public and private campgrounds in Ontario alone.

The Port Hope Archives is home to an important Sylvan Glen camping document: a camper's log produced by a young woman (thought to be Rebecca Powers) in 1890.

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Bottom Left: Watercolour Print of Sylvan Glen Campground, Port Hope, 1887 (scanned copy)

Bottom Right: Cover of Sylvan Glen Camp Log, 1890. (PHA 2006-18-1-1)



CAMPING IN PORT HOPE, CONT'D

The log, which is covered by woven material, complete with tassels, was compiled over the course of one summer by one author. She took note of Port Hope visitors, including: Dr. L.B. Powers, Dr. Clemesha, the Currelly family, and members of the Burnham family; and tidbits such as, the daily weather at the camp.

To mark the end of summer, the author wrote: "Farewell, dear fellow campers! Farewell, dear host and hostess! Heartfelt thanks for every day of pure enjoyment... May we all live to tent again on the old campground, as merry and light-hearted as this season which will be remembered, as far as poor Scrib-ler can judge by herself, among the sunniest, loveliest experiences in all her wanderings until life's last bugle call."



Above: Sylvan Glen Postcard, c. 1903
Scan donated by archives member

Sources:

<http://www.ontarioparks.com/>

<http://www.outdoors.ca/>

ARCHIVISTS' MESSAGE

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

The first half of the year has flown by! But I guess that's what being busy can do!

Towards the end of winter and beginning of spring, I gave talks to both Probus Clubs in town to go along with my Northumberland Today article on the history of floods in Port Hope. During this time, I also hosted displays at Northumberland Mall Heritage Days and for the Port Hope & District Historical Society.

We also hosted our Annual Spring Open House. Despite the rain, we saw

more people than last year on our new date, the second Saturday in May. While we moved the event away from Archives Awareness Week (April 3-9), I still posted many interesting items on our Facebook & Twitter.

In mid-June, I headed to the far-North! The Archives Association of Ontario Conference this year was held in Thunder Bay. The theme of the conference was Archives & Community, and it was a wonderful experience.

Our neighbouring archivist (from the Cobourg &

District Historical Society Archives) took the journey with me, and she also gave a talk on their veterans' oral history project.

Not only did I learn some great tips that can be implemented here at the PHA, but the trip was very interesting, culturally, for a girl who's always lived in Southern Ontario.

Now we're looking forward to our display at the Fall Fair and our annual fundraising yard sale! Enjoy your summer everyone, and pop on by!

Erin



Above: Archivist Erin and the sign for Fort William Historic Fort.

Below: The view of the "Sleeping Giant" from the conference hotel.



REMEMBERING GERRY TOOKE

On April 29, 2011 the Port Hope Archives lost a much valued and dedicated member. Gerry Tooke had been a member of long standing and was always present to assist the Archives organization in many ways; whether it was providing a monetary donation, being in the line up to make a purchase at our annual Yard Sale, or quietly offering common sense advice from his boundless store of cultural expertise.

Since moving to Port Hope 10 years ago, Gerry had been involved in all aspects of the colourful history of Port Hope; as a long time member of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario – Port Hope Branch or the Archives and as the very competent and well loved Chair of the now defunct Cultural Advisory Committee.

Gerry and his wife Joan were instrumental in the publication of “From Georgian to Vernacular” as well as “Symbols of the Past” for the ACO.-- When the Archive Board was getting “Let’s Make History” off the ground, I asked Gerry if he would support us with input from these two publications. Gerry’s enthusiasm to assist in our project was heartwarming and he provided us with a CD covering all of the material and information that has been gathered from these two books to help us in this project.

Gerry was a valued citizen of The Municipality of Port Hope and good friend to the Archives. We will miss him.

- John Bennett, Treasurer, Port Hope Archives

Archives News!

Thanks to a generous donation, the Port Hope Archives is now the proud owner of a brand new digital video camcorder!

If you have an historical presentation you’d like filmed for the archives collection please contact the archives via email (archives@porthope.ca) or phone 905-885-1673



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH ANNUAL FUND-RAISING YARD SALE! COME ON BY AND LOOK FOR A DEAL!

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!



If you’re interested in preserving the history of your community, like a challenge, 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 on by!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
WWW.PORTHOPEARCHIVES.COM

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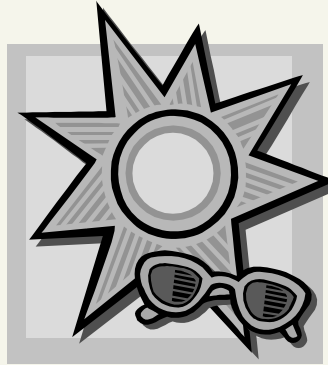
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Our Mandate:

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.
Charitable Registration
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HOURS:

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

From the Photo Database ...

Jacob Girls at the Beach, Port Hope, c. 1920s

PHA 2010-15-6-4063



Description: B&W photograph featuring Madge, Mollie & Hilda Jacob at Port Hope beach; the photograph was taken c. 1922.

The women were sisters to Hazel Jacob (later Horn). Hazel Beatrice Jacob was born to Silas Jacob and Catherine Elizabeth Wilson on 9 Oct 1910. They originally resided in Lanark County, ON. One of ten (10) children, including: Marjorie (Madge), Mollie (Mary) Jacob (married into the Parry family), and Hilda (later Soper).

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

www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives

100 Facts About the Port Hope Archives

In honour of Archives Awareness Week (April 3 – 9, 2011) the Port Hope Archives created and posted a list of “100 Facts about Us” which has been a trending topic on Twitter. Enjoy!

1. Founded in 1994 by East Durham Historical Society & Port Hope branch of the A.C.O.
2. Now the PHA is an independent registered charity
3. We’re located in the former East Durham Land Registry Office
4. Our building was built in 1871 as a Land Registry Office
5. Land Records were brought back “home” to the archives in the 1990s
6. Land Records are searchable by lot index books or by grantor/ee surname
7. Our building was designed by Kivas Tully (who also created Victoria Hall, Cobourg)
8. Our building is a designated heritage property – one of over 200 in Port Hope
9. We’re located at 17 Mill Street N. Port Hope, ON
10. Just a quick jaunt from downtown, we swear!
11. We’re found at the foot of Port Hope’s Jacob’s Ladder
12. The archivist has a gorgeous view of the Ganaraska from her window!
13. In 1980, then-Land Registry Office was spared from serious flood damage
14. We have 100s of photographs of various Port Hope floods
15. We’re governed by a 9-member volunteer board of directors
16. Originally, we were the “Ganaraska Region Archives”
17. Our name changed to the Port Hope Archives in 2005
18. The position of archivist became full-time in 2008
19. PHA became the official repository for the Municipality of Port Hope in 2008
20. The current archivist has been at the PHA since September 2009
21. We house just under 200 metres of textual records
22. We got a grant from the ACO for new shelving in 2007; they’re awesome!
23. Our archivist is assisted by AMAZING volunteers!
24. We’re always looking for new and enthusiastic volunteers to help with our collection
25. High School students can do volunteer hours at the PHA
26. We host an annual fundraising yard sale the 3rd Saturday in September
27. Our Spring Open House has been moved from April to May 14th
28. We’re the home of the Let’s Make History project
(<http://porthopearchives.wikispaces.com/>)
29. We received a generous grant from OTF for the Let’s Make History project
(www.trilliumfoundation.org/)
30. A lovely 1885 portrait of Queen Victoria hangs in our Reading Room
31. In 2010 we sent our Queen away for a conservation spa trip!
32. A painting of Chalk Carriage Shop by Paul Szentkuthy hangs in our Reading Room
33. Our collection contains over 4200 photographs
34. All our photographs are searchable via our photo database

35. Many of our oldest photos are posted online: <http://flickr/photos/porthopearchives>
36. If you see a photo you like you can request a hi-res scan for a small fee
37. We published a re-print of Port Hope's 1919 Book of Remembrance
38. Our Book of Remembrance has letters home from soldiers in WWI
39. The Book of Remembrance sells for \$19.95
40. You can also purchase some out-of-print local history books at the PHA
41. We sell print-on-demand copies of Port Hope's 1856-57 Directory
42. Our Reading Room houses three cabinets of vertical/subject files
43. We have an easily accessible public collection of local history books
44. You can access our 'library' here:
<http://www.porthopearchives.com/pdfs/librarycatalogue.xls>
45. Popular Port Hope surnames have been researched and housed in our vertical files
46. We offer patrons microfilm vital stats and access to www.ancestry.ca
47. Our archivist will research for you for \$25/hour (1st ½ hour free)
48. You can ask our archivist a question via Twitter or Facebook too!
49. It's a \$10/day research fee for unlimited access to our collection
50. Photocopies and PDF scans cost 50 cents/page (B&W of course! Colour is extra)
51. Memberships cost \$25/household; \$50/business
52. Members can research for free!
53. Members have voting privileges at our Annual General Meeting
54. We publish a quarterly newsletter for members
55. The Spring 2011 newsletter features an article on the 1936-37 floods
56. We also publish occasional articles in the Northumberland Today newspaper
57. Our hours are: Tue-Fri 1-5pm
58. We're also open 1st Sat (Oct-May) from 9-1
59. We also take appointments outside of open hours
60. We can be contacted by email archives@porthope.ca and phone 905-885-1673
61. Our website is www.porthopearchives.com
62. We host our own themed virtual exhibits
63. The current exhibit is on the Williams Family of Port Hope
64. Our next virtual exhibit is on Wm. Furby, printer
65. We regularly post on Twitter and Facebook (www.facebook.com/PHArchives)
66. Our "How-To" videos for researchers are located here:
<http://www.porthopearchives.com/exhibits/howto.html>
67. Our archivist will come to talk to your group or class for free!
68. We hold occasional workshops; the last was on photo preservation
69. We collect items that have to do w/the development of Port Hope & Hope Twp
70. Our collection is searchable on our public computer
71. We're an institutional member of the Archives Association of Ontario
72. In the AAO we're a member of the Municipal Archives Interest Group (MAIG)

73. Last year, our archivist published an article on our photo database in the MAIGazine
74. Clippings and photos of our events are kept in a scrapbook in the reading room
75. Photos of events are also on our Facebook Page: <http://on.fb.me/dZgScc>
76. We have access to many useful databases for researchers
77. Our top research requests are for land records and genealogy-related records
78. Genealogists are more than welcome to donate to our family history files
79. Our collection is always growing and donations are more than welcome!
80. We give tax receipts for cash and in-kind donations worth more than \$25
81. Our collection consists of many interesting items from Port Hope's history
82. We have business, financial, legal, personal, and municipal records
83. The records come in many forms including: paper documents, ledgers, maps, architectural drawings, and graphic materials
84. We have a few artefacts, but try not to collect them too often
85. 1 artefact we did accept was almost more a document – the Williams' Lapdesk (<http://on.fb.me/hzm4qL>)
86. Our fall yard sale helps us run the archives and build our collection
87. Some items in our collection have been purchased from eBay and other online vendors
88. 1 online purchase is the Bottling Works label: <http://bit.ly/grBRoX>
89. We have many MANY flood photos: <http://bit.ly/gb3fcd>
90. Our collection includes sports ephemera: <http://bit.ly/hdQ2jy>
91. We're the home of the Port Hope Hospital collection: <http://bit.ly/gKY43H>
92. Our collection includes some art pieces: <http://bit.ly/iepgms>
93. We have the papers of local historian Harold Reeve: <http://bit.ly/ffhWSr>
94. Our collection includes postcards! <http://bit.ly/9yifl0>
95. Mystery photos in our collection are all online: <http://bit.ly/c61MII>
96. We have the papers of Hazel Jacob-Horn & family: <http://bit.ly/dLimSo>
97. Our collection includes the papers of Wm. Furby, printer: <http://on.fb.me/dF629c>
98. Our archivist's favourite photograph in the collection: <http://bit.ly/i0POzO>
99. If you're interested in volunteering or joining our board you can contact us at archives@porthope.ca
100. Phew! Our archivist is in need of a large cup of coffee!

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT...

**PORT HOPE ARCHIVES' ANNUAL
YARD SALE!!**

**CLEAN OUT YOUR ATTICS, BASEMENTS AND
GARAGES! DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED ITEMS
WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE ARCHIVES (17 MILL
ST. N.) STARTING SEPT. 1ST**

*PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, ENCYCLOPAEDIAS, CLOTHING, COFFEE MUGS,
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