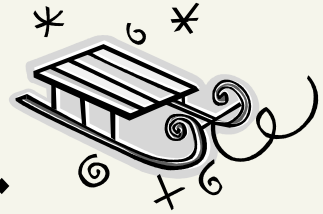


# It's About Time...

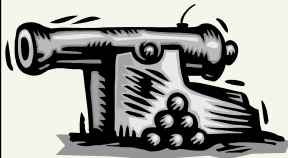


NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

## PORT HOPERS FOR THE EMPIRE! VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812

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*Thomas Ward's Baptismal Certificate. Date 13 Nov 1788, Parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, England. (PHA 2001.44)*

The War of 1812 is often known to historians as the "forgotten war." This is a tragedy for certain because it was a war that formed a sense of nationhood and pride for Canada.

Men from all corners of both Upper and Lower Canada volunteered to support the British King and fight against the American invasion; and Port Hope was no exception.

By 1812, Hope Township had a population of just over 500 people, with 100 of those in Smith's Creek (Port Hope) proper. With 123 men over the age of 16,

there was a good base for the formation of the Durham Regiment.

Some of the Smith's Creek militia marched with the Regiment up Danforth Road to York and Chipewawa to face the invading Americans, while some remained and escorted prisoners on their journey from York to Kingston.

The following men were involved in fending off the American invasion of Upper Canada (in one way or another): Wm. Warren Baldwin, John Burns (1776-1837), Thomas Harris, Josiah Haskell (1784-1860), Samuel Wm. Marsh (d. 1813), James Sculthorpe (1792-1872), Jonathan Sexton (1755-1813), Zepheniah Sexton, John Smith, Thomas Ward (1770-1861), and John Tucker Williams (1789-1851).

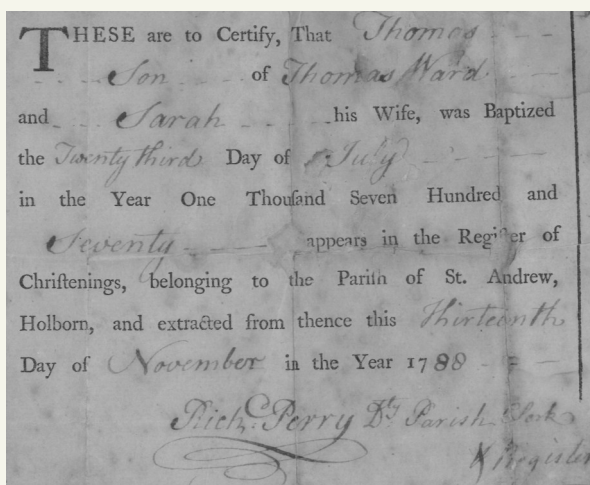
The Port Hope Archives has original material on 2 War of 1812 veterans:

John Tucker Williams and Thomas Ward.

John Tucker Williams is very well known in Port Hope. This is mostly due to his being the first elected mayor of Port Hope (1850) and being the father of the "Hero of Batoche" Col. Arthur T.H. Williams.

Thomas Ward, while being less well known, has the distinction of originally owning the oldest document in the archives' collection: a baptismal certificate dated 1788. Thomas was born in Holborn, England in 1770 and emigrated to Hope Twp just prior to the War of 1812. He lived in Port Hope until his death in 1861 when he was into his 90s; and was buried in the cemetery of St. Mark's Anglican Church.

\*Information on the Veterans of the War of 1812 is from our new publication: *Military Contributions of a Small Town*. Contact the archives to purchase a copy.





## WELCOME EVELYN CONN!

Evelyn Conn (nee Bull) was born and raised in Port Hope, and though she spent some years living out of town she has always been a Port Hoper at heart!

When Evelyn married Kenneth Conn in 1957 the pair moved to Ottawa where they lived for many years, after Ottawa they spent a time in Burlington; then Evelyn and Ken moved back to Port Hope in 1992. She became a member of the Port Hope Archives in 2006 and started volunteering for us in 2010.

Evelyn's done a great job working on writing box lists and our photograph collection for the last year; her love of history and Port Hope just shine through! Which is why, she says, she decided to join the board of directors here at the Port Hope Archives. Welcome Evelyn!



Port Hope Girls' Choir, 1944  
Photo donated to the PHA by  
Evelyn Conn (she can be found  
in the 3rd row).  
PHA 2011-20-1-4295



### ARCHIVISTS' MESSAGE

Erin Walsh, B.A.H., MIST

*"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let each new year find you a better [person]."*

- Benjamin Franklin

People all over the world use this time of year to make wishes come true, and set resolutions for the next year. And 2011 was a year when some wishes came true for us at the PHA.

In the winter, we were able to purchase a digital camcorder through a generous donation; of course we never forget

all the additional fiscal support we receive every year from our members and the community.

Our collection grew again this year, by a factor of 45 collections! Including: scrapbooks, photographs, local business papers, even a painting. If you're curious about our recent donations and acquisitions don't hesitate to pop by the archives in the new year for a peak!

Archives' volunteers have been hard at work again this year, develop-

ing virtual exhibits, and helping with the addition of older collections to the searchable database. Our board (who are also volunteers) made sure the archives ran smoothly, and assisted with our many events in 2011 — especially the yard sale, which was an *amazing* success this year!

Another ambitious volunteer project for 2011 was the re-printing of Geo. Swenor's *Military Contributions of a Small Town*. It is a book which has received a very good

reception since its official release on Nov. 11th. Peter Bolton, a long-time volunteer, coordinated the effort with the author and serves as continuing editor. This has been a great fundraising effort and I'd like to thank everyone involved!

Here's looking forward to a wonderful 2012!

**Erin**





**NOTES FROM THE CHAIR...**

A New Year begins and with it many resolutions are made. Mine include determining to write my newsletter messages long before the eve they are due, finishing up the research on my home for the ongoing Let's Make History Project, thinking up new fundraising activities for the PHA, and tidying up the Archives front garden beds, which got rather out-of-control in 2011. One date emblazoned on my calendar is our AGM, taking place on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be my first AGM as I've been away on business trips in previous years. This year I'm hoping to see lots of our members out, and hearing your queries and suggestions. In 2012 I would like to see the Archives play a more significant and relevant role in the community, and also remind residents of the history that lives within the walls of 17 Mill Street North... a history which they can contribute to in many ways. An excellent example of public involvement? Our recent publication of ***Military Contributions of a Small Town***, which is kept in a digital form at the Archives, has already benefited from updates and knowledge from local residents. A municipality's history lives not just in the bricks and mortar that make up its buildings, but in the people who populate those structures. The shared memory of our community is alive and well in the Archives, and we invite you to make donations of knowledge to sustain that memory for the future.

My very best wishes for a Happy New Year!

PAM ROBINSON, CHAIR



## **PORT HOPE ARCHIVES' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date: January 23, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Port Hope Public Library Program Room

*Come learn about our year in 2011 and share your thoughts!*

*Enjoy refreshments, updates on the Port Hope Archives and our collection, and a presentation on the **War of 1812** – Watch your inboxes & mailboxes for more information!*



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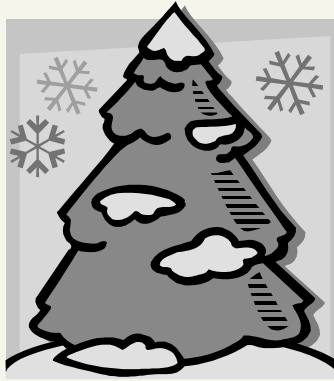
### Our Mandate:

*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.*

**PLEASE NOTE: THE ARCHIVES MAY CLOSE OR OPEN LATE IN TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.**

### 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:

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

## From the Photo Database ...

“Christmas Greetings” Postcard—Canadian Northern Railway  
**PHA 997-16-2-1289**



This photo and others can be found in our Flickr photostream:  
**[www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives](http://www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives)**

Description: Colour tinted postcard featuring the Canadian Northern Railway Station. Located on Ontario & Hope Streets, Port Hope, ON. It was created by Valentine & Sons, Co., c. 1921. On verso: "To Cassie from Mrs. J. Trick"

From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\\_Northern\\_Railway](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Northern_Railway):

*"The Canadian Northern Railway is an historic Canadian transcontinental railway. At its demise in 1923, when it was merged into the Canadian National Railway, the CNoR owned a main line between Quebec City and Vancouver via Ottawa, Winnipeg, and Edmonton."*



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## Military Contributions of a Small Town

Port Hope, ON

Compiled by George Sweanor

Edited by Peter Bolton

Published by the Port Hope Archives, 2011

Official Launch Date: November 11, 2011

Retail: \$10.00

From the original introduction:

“In January 2001, with the help of Vernon White and Mike Lewis, I began to amass data on the careers of Port Hope RCAF veterans. As this study grew, so did the desire to not only include all WWII veterans, but the veterans of all wars that had affected Port Hope...

A request to the Port Hope Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion brought forth a bundle of data... Peter and Barbara Bolton contributed and Barbara Trumper became a major sleuth in ferreting out data on hundreds of veterans.

While this study concentrates on those who served in the fighting forces, we cannot overlook the parents, wives, and siblings who were left behind. Not only did they have the anguish of worry over their departed warriors, but endured shortages, greatly increased workloads, and crippling taxes.

So, this presentation is merely the start of a major project . . .” - George Sweanor



### To Order Your Copy:

- Book Price: \$10.00
- Contact the Archives to order your copy today!  
Via e-mail ([archives@porthope.ca](mailto:archives@porthope.ca)), phone 905-885-1673, or pop on by!
- Cash and cheque are accepted, made payable to *Port Hope Archives*.

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