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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

FIRST SETTLERS SERIES: THE GOHEEN FAMILY

Thomas Goheen Sr. was born in Bensalem, Bucks County Pennsylvania in 1753. He married Rebecca Clark in 1780 and together they had five children, four of whom were born in the Thirteen Colonies. Their youngest son, Jesse was born in Port Hope in 1800. Thomas served in the British Army prior to 1783 and in recognition of his service and any losses he experienced as a Loyalist he, and his children (when they came of age or were married) were eligible for land grants in Upper Canada.

After the Treaty of Separation was signed, ending the conflict between Britain and the Thirteen Colonies, Thomas, Rebecca and their children made their way from Bensalem to Upper Canada as United Empire Loyalists.

The family arrived in Cataraqui, just outside present day Kingston, Ontario where they stayed in an army tent for two years while waiting for Hamilton Township to be surveyed and lots to be drawn. Thomas was awarded a 200 acre parcel on Lot 35, Conc. 2 Hamilton Township, located just outside the town limits of Port Hope. He received his land patent in 1808, once his settlement duties had been fulfilled. His children Thomas Jr., Charles, Elizabeth, Samuel and Jesse were each granted 200 acres "as persons who had adhered to the unity of the empire". The children's lots did not neighbour other family members' lots, but were scattered throughout the township. In 1861, Zilpah and Israel Jr. Goheen came into possession of the south 1/2 of Lot 3, Conc. 5, Hope Township, which continues to be farmed by the family.

The Goheens were active in the Port Hope community. They were Anglicans who supported the parish of St. John the Evangelist on King St., now known as St. Mark's. Thomas Sr. (1753 -1838), Rebecca, Thomas Jr. (1781 -1860) and his wife Levina Cryderman are buried in the first plot of the cemetery. The gravesite was, for over 100 years, marked with a large field stone. In 1965 a large group of Goheen family members gathered at the site to dedicate a new bronze plaque to these early settlers. Later generations became involved with the Methodist Church in Bethel Grove, a church they helped to build, closer to the family farms just north of Port Hope.

Thomas Sr. and Rebecca Goheen and their many descendants have left a legacy of successful farming and community involvement in Port Hope and Hamilton Township. Today, a new group of Goheens and Nelsons farm the land that has been in their family for generations.

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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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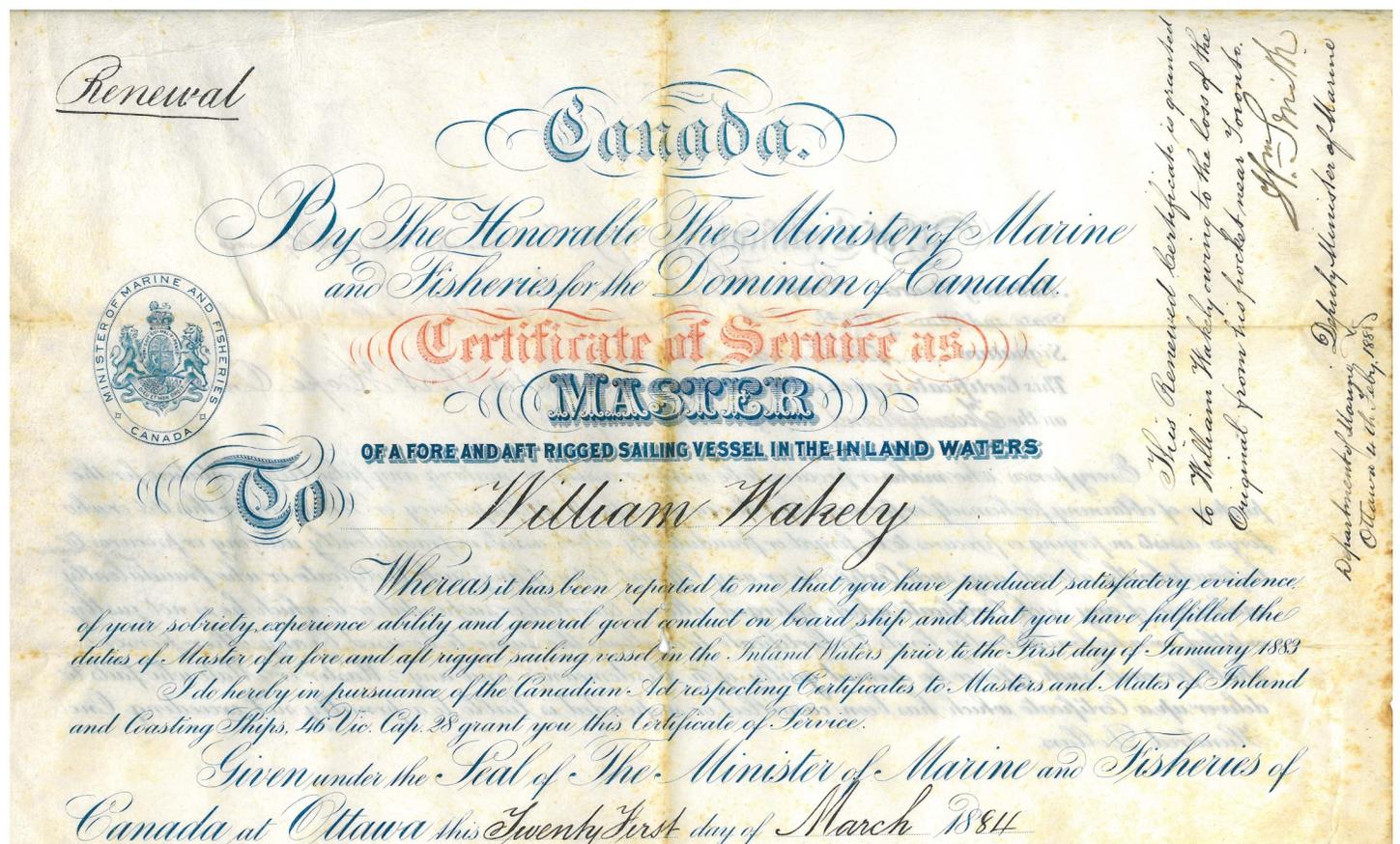
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NEW TO THE COLLECTION—from the Harold Wakely Collection

A recent donation to the Archives has been the Certificate of Master Sailor for William Wakely dated 1884. The certificate was a requirement of anyone interested in becoming a “Master” or “Captain” and granted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the Dominion of Canada. In order to complete this certificate you would need to complete 360 days of documented sea service within the last five years. This certificate proves that you have been successful in your training and that you understand how to control your vessel.

William Wakely was born in 1854 in Port Hope and began sailing the lakes at age 11. The first schooner he was placed on was called “Enterprise”, built in 1855, sailed for 27 years before she was caught in a storm and shipwrecked on shore. His first call as a Captain was on the schooner “Wave Crest” and there he remained for five seasons. In the fall of 1888 he later served as Captain for four other vessels. In the spring of 1897 he became the owner of the schooner “Antelope” and began trading on Lake Ontario. In 1876, William married Delilah Gertrude Mix and they had five daughters.

SUMMER STUDENT

My name is Nicole Hart and I am the current Archives Collections Assistant for the summer. So far my time has been spent inputting information about the collections located at the Archives into databases for public use. I have recently graduated from the Library and Information Technician program at Durham College and was thrilled to get this position. I have a strong passion for history and feel preserving it is important. Within the next year or so I hope to start the Museum & Curator program at Fleming College and see where that path takes me. Until then I am excited to continue gaining knowledge and experience at the Port Hope Archives.

CHAIR'S REPORT

We are in the midst of a very busy summer! Of particular note, our captaincy role in Doors Open Northumberland for the Port Hope Area generated lots of interest with an impressive number of attendees. On June 1 –2, the Archives welcomed over 150 guests who got an inside look at some of our most noteworthy collection material and learned how the archives works. Thank you to all who came by.

We are also well into preparations for our annual yard sale, which is our primary fundraising event. This year it is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. If you have items to donate, please drop them off at 17 Mill St. N., or if you require assistance, please call Marie at 905 885-6173. All proceeds go to the care and preservation of our permanent collection.

We are also delighted to have Nicole Hart working at the Archives as our summer student. Nicole is anticipating a career in museum and archives and we are keeping her busy! Wishing you all a safe and happy summer. Looking forward to seeing you at the archives.

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NEW TO THE BOARD

A graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design, Lois has lived in the Port Hope area for almost 40 years. While her most recent experience was as set designer and props mistress for the Capitol Theatre, prior to that she had her own antique store on Walton Street. Lois has always had an interest in antiques and art. She continues to work as a free-lance artist and designer. Lois is looking forward to her term on the Board of the Port Hope Archives and contributing to this most essential feature of any community. To quote, Maya Angelou, "If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going."

LOIS

ARCHIVIST 'S MESSAGE

We have had a very busy spring and summer at the Archives with visiting researchers, many from across Canada tracing their families roots. Two of our most interesting visitors were brothers, whose early family had left Port Hope to drive a herd of cattle to a farm in Manitoba in the early 1880's. The farm is still in operation today. They were re-tracing, in reverse, the foot steps of their ancestors; across Manitoba, Northern Ontario, around the Great Lakes to Port Hope, where they visited with us. From here the brothers were to continue on to Quebec where their relatives had landed after travelling the Atlantic and eventually on to Scotland from where they started their journey. What a great adventure involving 4 generations of family history!

In early May we held our annual Open House and "Unlocked the Vault", exhibiting some of the more unusual objects from our collection. We assisted visitors with their property research and provided information on the proper care and preservation of personal archival material.

I was fortunate to serve again on the Door's Open Northumberland Committee representing Port Hope. This year the focus was on the downtown area and included 4 very distinct heritage buildings, including the Archives of course! We had lovely weather for this well attended two day community event.

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CELEBRATING LOCAL HERITAGE



Cindy Taylor/Northumberland News

Longtime Port Hope Archives volunteer Mary Jane Broughton holds a well-preserved grant of property deeded by King George III. It was donated years ago by the Goheen family. Port Hope Archives volunteers recently welcomed residents and visitors while celebrating Heritage Week in Port Hope.

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PORT HOPE ARCHIVES ANNUAL YARD SALE

Join us on Sat. Sept. 7 th, 2019 From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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