



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

January 2023

Review of 2022

The Community Archives was closed to the public from January 5th to 30th due to a provincial lockdown. Since then, we have been open as usual. Once again our behind-the-scenes work was focused on digitizing local newspapers and assessment rolls and sharing them online. Our account at the Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/details/cabhc> now holds over 3,250 digitized items (up from 1,200 at the end of 2021).

Our summer student last year was Zac Miller, a Masters student from the University of Toronto, who was with us from May to August. Zac made good progress on digitizing our original copies of local nineteenth century newspapers, taking over 50,000 photographs in the process. These are now searchable online through the Internet Archive. These newspapers cover Belleville, Deseronto, Madoc and Stirling.



Some statistics from 2022 (figures for 2021)

Visits to the archives by researchers	325 (290)
Items delivered to researchers from the vaults	140 (44)
Queries answered	563 (544)
Volunteer hours donated	1,778 (1,376)
Archival descriptions available online at http://discover.cabhc.ca	15,704 (14,716)
New accessions received	101 (103)
Talks presented	4 (1)
Images added to Flickr: http://flickr.com/cabhc	1,053 (1,006)
Views on Flickr	2,823,121 (3,339,300)
Facebook followers (facebook.com/CABHC)	685 (642)
Twitter followers (@CArchivesBHC)	416 (394)
Instagram followers (from September 2022 @carchivesbhc)	13

Recent Additions to the Archives

2022-087 Hastings County Junior Farmers materials, 1955-1987

2022-088 Readers for Ontario public schools, 1885-1906

2022-089 First World War pilot training photograph album, 1918

2022-090 Poem by Violet Camken (later Bowerman), c.1945

2022-091 Digital images relating to Belleville City Hall renovation, 1987

2022-092 Kerr and Yourex family materials , c.1880-2000

What's in the Display Case?

Our winter display takes a closer look at the waterfront area of Belleville to the west of the Moira river, south of Bridge Street. This is an area that has seen significant changes and development in the past 200 years. We take a look at the landscape through maps and photographs ranging in date from 1787 to 2022.



Library and Archives Canada: H3/430/Thurlow/1787

Detail of Lewis Kotte's survey of Thurlow Township, 1787



CABHC: HCM00661

Log drive in Belleville in around 1900, with the Holton lumber mills and Zwick's Island in the distance. The last log drive took place in 1915. Taken by W. S. Clarke from City Hall.



Billa Flint's house in 2022, with the 2014 Belleville Courthouse building in the background. Flint was a successful trader and lumberman who built this home near his lumber mill in 1835. The building was designated as a property of historic interest in 1990.