



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

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From microfilm to Internet Archive



Microfilm scanning machine at CABHC

Microfilms of local newspapers are one of the most popular sources of information for visitors to the Community Archives. Getting them available online is a complex business, with copyright restrictions and technical considerations to navigate.

We have recently started to convert some of the microfilms of our 100-year-old newspapers and to share them online through the Internet Archive. At the time of writing, *Daily Intelligencer*

newspapers from 1922 and 1923 are

available from <https://archive.org/details/cabhc>, with more coming soon. The advantage of using the Internet Archive is that they have excellent optical character recognition capabilities (much better than anything we could hope to provide in-house), which makes the text of the newspapers searchable, as the screenshot below shows.

We are using our microfilm reader's automatic scanning feature to save good-quality TIFF images of the microfilm. Each reel contains four months of *The Daily Intelligencer*, with more than 800 photographs of the newspaper. It takes about two hours for the scanner to do its job, then another two hours to save the files for those months into four (very large!) PDF files. Uploading each month of newspapers to the Internet Archive also takes two hours. This won't be a speedy process, but will make these materials accessible in a way that has not been possible before today.



A search for the word 'bowling' in the June 1922 issues of *The Daily Intelligencer*

Recent Additions to the Archives

2021-039 Digital photograph of 232 Front Street, Belleville, taken by Gerry Fraiberg, 2021

2021-040 Digital photographs of 232 Front Street, Belleville, from Barry Brown and Gary Magarrell 2021

2021-041 Slides of Belleville and Ontario scenes made by Rudolf Donninger, 1969-1971

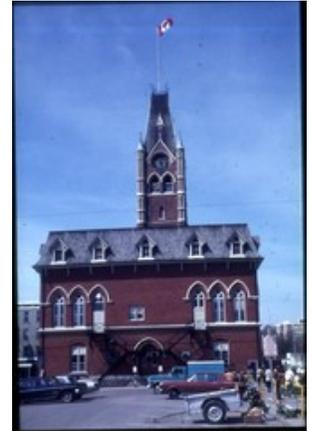
2021-042 Ticket for shows at the Capitol Theatre, c.1930

2021-043 Belleville Soroptimist Club materials, 1940-1949

2021-044 Manly MacDonald family films, 1950s

Slides from Austria

One recent new addition has travelled to us all the way from Austria: Rudolf Donninger worked at Northern Electric from 1969 to 1971 and took photographs of local scenes. He recently donated his slide collection to the archives and you can find a selection of them on [Flickr](#).



CABHC: 2021-041 Some of Rudolf Donninger's slide collection

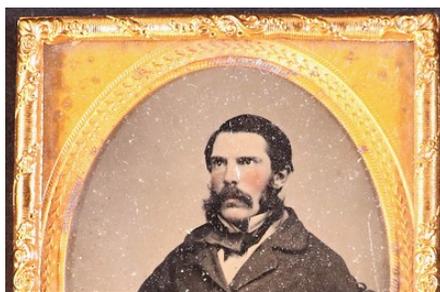
New Summer Student

Olivia White has joined the staff of the Community Archives this summer. Olivia is currently studying for a Masters in Information and Masters in Museum Studies at the University of Toronto and has previously worked at the Great Lakes Research Alliance and at the Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections at York University.

Olivia is doing much of the processing for our newspaper microfilm conversion project, and is also working on digitizing our assessment rolls and describing and digitizing some of our previously unprocessed or under-processed archival collections. You will also find her busily posting updates to our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook.



Olivia White



CABHC: 2008-11 Tintype and daguerreotype images recently photographed by Olivia