

## The CABHC Patch News from the Community Archives

#### The Mystery of the Third Man



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Without any context to it, this is just a photograph showing three happy-looking men boarding a train. Some notes by Loral Wanamaker on the back of this photograph and of four others taken on the same day inform us that these men were going off to fight in the First World War.

Wanamaker named two of the men as Bennie Burton (middle) and Bill Holland (bottom), who were both postal workers, but the third man is not identified.

Now that the records of the Canadian Expeditionary Force have been digitized and shared online at Library and Archives Canada, we can do a bit more digging. William Holland (**300471**) enlisted on 31 August 1915, and *Arthur* Burton (**300473**) signed up on 18 September. Both men were Belleville letter carriers.

The man with the regimental number **300472** was Edward Whittle, a foreman printer at the *Daily Ontario*, who signed up on the same day as Burton. Whittle was an Englishman who came to Canada in

CABHC: HC07610 Men boarding a train, 1915

1910. It seems highly likely that he is the unidentified third man in the photograph.

All three joined the Canadian Field Artillery and all three survived their time in Europe. Arthur and Bill both brought home English brides: Ethel Fryer and Mabel Shoesmith, while Edward married Lillian Catherine Hogle in September 1918 in Belleville. By 1921 the Whittles had moved to Toronto, where Edward died in 1958. Arthur and Bill stayed in Belleville and died in 1944 and 1969, respectively.

### **Recent Additions** to the Archives

**2019-120** Photograph of Income Tax Division staff at Belleville, 1945

**2019-121** Reproduction photographs of Belleville docks, 1911-1916 and Trenton Air Show poster, 1981

**2019-122** District 16 Provincial Lawn Bowling Association of Ontario records, 1972-1993

**2019-123** Kellaway family collection, 1863-c.2005

**2019-124** Collection of Bellevillerelated materials, 1908-1975

**2020-001** Historical notes and publications relating to Bannockburn, 1963-2019

**2020-002** Copies of Belleville City Council minutes, 2019

**2020-003** Photographs of Belleville Exhibition grounds and Stephens-Adamson events, 1890-1963

**2020-004** Watercolours by Anne Rector of homes on West Hill, Belleville, 2002

**2020-005** Final Report of the Study Committee on Belleville Collegiate Institute and Vocational School, 1982

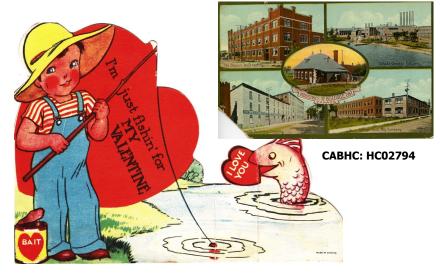
**2020-006** Prints of Jerry Stapley drawings of local buildings, 1973-1976



# What's in the Display Case?

This month's display takes a romantic turn with a collection of Valentines sent in the 1940s and a look at some of the many

Valentine & Sons postcards showing the Quinte region.



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#### **Mika collection progress**

We are fortunate to have two placement students, Sam Miles and Will Lyons, working at the Community Archives for one day a week during the current college semester. They are both working to share digitized images of the Nick and Helma Mika collection through our Flickr account.



CABHC: HCM00157 Trudeau Motors on Station Street, Belleville, c.1975

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The Mikas were keen local historians and publishers and their collection of images and documents is particularly strong in images of Belleville in the 1970s.