



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

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Finding a Fountain

Three photographs donated to the Community Archives last year featured a large concrete fountain which used to stand on the fairgrounds site in Belleville, around Bridge Street West and Sidney Street. In the earliest



CABHC: 2020-003/10 Photograph of fountain on the Exhibition Grounds in Belleville, c.1925

By the time of the second photograph, the fountain had been painted white. Its exact location within Exhibition Park was mysterious, however, until last month when a plan of the park was transferred to



CABHC: 2021-013/15/17/1 Detail of a plan of Exhibition Park, c.1960

photograph, taken in the 1920s, the mushroom-shaped fountain has a lighthouse-style top part and light bulbs underneath the lip of the cap.

Two later photographs, [taken seconds apart](#), also arrived in the early months of 2020. They show the same fountain in around 1950, with the Stephens-Adamson baseball team and their mascot in front.



CABHC: 2020-023 Photograph of fountain with baseball team, c.1950

the archives from the City of Belleville's Engineering Department. This plan, from around 1960, shows the fountain on the Yeomans Street side of the park, surrounded by flower beds and just to the south of the lawn bowling green. This site was later the location of the Ben Bleecker Auditorium building, and the fountain was presumably removed to make way for that in the 1960s. Another mystery solved!

Recent Additions to the Archives

2021-045 Glass negative of large tent in field, c.1910



2021-046 Digital photograph of Every Child Matters sign at Belleville Public Library, 2021

2021-047 Records of Quinte Arts Council, 1967-2020

2021-048 Digital photographs taken in the Quinte region by Paul Lantz, 2021



2021-049 *Our Ancestors and Their Times* family history of the Bell and Phelps families by Allan Phelps Bell, 2021

2021-050 *William James Savage Walk With Me: From 1890 to World War Poetry and Prose* edited by Robert G. Presland

What's in the Display Case?

This month our Archives Assistant, Olivia White, takes a look at the lives of Victorian women through a series of images made by members of the Slee family in England 150 years ago. ***Painting Ladies: Watercolours by the Slee Family*** can be seen in the Reading Room of the Community Archives and is also available [online](#).



CABHC: TF-03-02 Images from the Terry Forin collection of Slee family paintings, c.1869-1873

Archives reopening details

The Community Archives reopens to the public on July 5th, 2021 with our pandemic opening hours of 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm, Monday through Thursday. Visitor numbers are limited: call or email to be sure of a seat!

