



# The CABHC Patch

## News from the Community Archives

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### A Community Rescue

In 1984, a group of Belleville business owners clubbed together to purchase one of the city's oldest buildings: the property at 45 South Front Street. The house had originally been built for store-keeper Martha McIntosh (1780-1859) in around 1817. By the 1980s it was in a poor condition and its owner had applied for a demolition permit. A campaign by the Local Architectural Conservancy Advisory Committee and the Quinte Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario helped to raise awareness of the building's significance.

Martha McIntosh had sold the property to Dr. George Ridley (1794-1847) in 1829 and the house remained in the hands of the Ridley family until 1900, when it was sold to a flour dealer called Laughlin Hughes. The building then continued to be run as a commercial concern until the 1980s, as is clear from the large advertisement on the north wall of the building in this photograph from 1964.

One of the 1984 purchasers of the property was Fred Barlow Deacon (1937-2017). Fred's daughter, Catherine Deacon-Barrett, recently donated a series of photographs to the archives, recording the painstaking restoration of the building to its original appearance.

The structure is currently known as Shiloh House and is in use as transitional housing for individuals who have previously experienced homelessness.



**CABHC: 2015-11-01-02** Keller family photograph of the McIntosh-Ridley property at 45 Front Street, Belleville, 1964



**CABHC: 2023-047-02** Building during restoration, 1984



**CABHC: 2023-047-02** Building after restoration, 1984

## Recent Additions to the Archives

**2023-034** Digital copies of photograph of Coronation Parade hospital float, 1953

**2023-035** Book by the Ontario District Barbershop Harmony Society, 75th Anniversary Edition, 2022

**2023-036** Seven wall maps taken from S.S. #15, Tyendinaga, 1898-1962

**2023-037** Share certificate for Springer Lock Manufacturing Company, 1915

**2023-038** First World War memoir of Arthur Robert Jenkinson, c.1920

**2023-039** Memoirs of Schooldays at the Ontario School for the Deaf, 1945-1960, written in 2023

**2023-040** Scanned copy of O'Hara Mill recipe book with photographs and illustrations by Sandi Warren Marrow, c.2006

**2023-041** Description of the coat of arms of the City of Belleville, 1982

**2023-042** List of students at the Ontario School for the Deaf, 1870-1928, written in 2022

**2023-043** Report on a tour of Western Canada by Methodist missionary Professor W. G. Smith, [1920]

## Summer student: Leah



A warm welcome to Leah Blackwood, who is working at the Community Archives as our summer student for 2023. She is currently studying for her Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario.

Leah is continuing the work on our newspaper digitization project, using the overhead camera we installed in early 2020. The newspaper she is photographing at the moment is *The Daily Ontario*, which Thomas Samuel Carman (1840-1926) started to publish in 1870.

In her first two weeks of work, Leah has already photographed 28 months of this newspaper and made them available for research on the [Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org). She will also be helping to update our social media accounts.

Fun fact about Leah: her favourite animal is the penguin!



*The Daily Ontario* front page, 1 September 1879