



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE ARCHIVES?

Charlotte County Archives Photographs



Photos now online!

The Archives is excited to launch our new online photo collection, allowing over two thousand of our photographs to be viewed anywhere. Browse and search photos from across the region, dating back to the 1850s, and visit galleries curated by our expert photo team.

Visit the collection here:
ccaphotos.omeka.net

Check back often for new additions!

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Historic Home Movies screenings

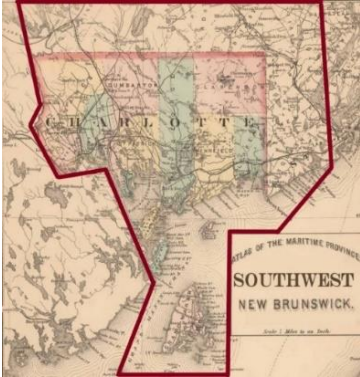


For seven Sundays between January and March, we brought a selection of our moving image collection to the screen at NBCC St. Andrews. Through the production of Franklin Cardy, audience members viewed home movies of St. Andrews past, from 1920s footage of golfers to early Kodachrome, mid-century events to the 2018 jail visit of a former prisoner. We were delighted at the community response to these screenings and hope to follow up with more in the future! In the meantime, these films are also viewable online through our website: ccarchives.ca/audiovisual_gallery

Thanks also to project staff Erika Baker and D'Arcy L. J. White, and especially to our dedicated volunteer photo team, currently composed of Irene Scarratt, Donna Walsh, and Vicki Smith.

WHAT'S NEW?

Our scope expands

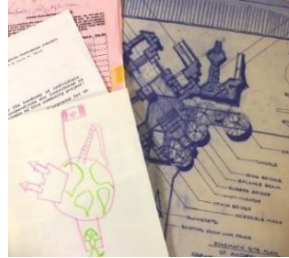


With Charlotte County now a part of the Southwest New Brunswick Regional Service District, we are expanding our geographical scope to include the whole of this region. In short: welcome to McAdam and additional portions of Fundy Shores and Rural Southwest District 10!

Thanks to rail and sea connections, the relationships of this area have long spilled over the formally drawn county lines. Our collections already hold examples of photographs, documents, maps, and moving images from McAdam to Musquash—though with room for much more. We are eager to expand our services across this wider region, with outreach visits already a work in progress. If you or anyone you know is involved in regional heritage, we would love to connect!

Recent donation highlights

St. Andrews Creative Playground Project fonds: 7 cm textual records, and 144 photographs documenting the planning, construction, and reception of the St. Andrews Creative Playground in the 1990s.



Milltown negatives: 17 large-format glass plate negatives from the early 1900s, capturing the mill and logs on the St. Croix River at Milltown.



Harry M. McGee fonds: 10 cm textual records and photographs from the life of McAdam-born Harry M. McGee, including two unique paintings on silk acquired during McGee's service in the Korean War.



QUIZ TIME!

Test your Southwest New Brunswick knowledge with items from our collection! Answers at end of newsletter.



1. What was the name of this prize racehorse belonging to W. F. Todd, St. Stephen-born MP, MLA, and Lt. Governor of New Brunswick?



2. *The Nucleus* was the newsletter of which major project in Southwest New Brunswick?



3. Which NHL hockey team stayed at St. Andrews' Meadow Lodge during training camp in 1969?

WHAT'S COMING UP?

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 4:30 pm on May 2, 2024, via Zoom. We hope to have as many members as possible join us to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the next. Please register prior to the meeting at: <https://bit.ly/49IPLg9>

Make your own “vintage” family album



Join Sunbury Shores and the Archives in this all-ages workshop, where you can mix and match your own photographs with vintage Archives reproductions to create your own albums styled after those popular in the early 20th century.

Sunbury Shores, Saturday, April 27, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Adults \$10, children under 12 free.
Visit <https://sunburyshores.org/kids/> for more details and to register.

Research presentations

Find some of the fruits of Archives research at:



Sir James Dunn Academy's Heritage Fair, April 12, 2024, open to the public from 2 – 3 pm



“Quilting as to War,” public presentation by Joanna Dermenjian, April 15, 2024, 1 – 2:30 pm, Wesley United Church, St. Andrews

Summer Employment

The CCA is now accepting applications for summer positions! Our summer jobs, aimed at individuals aged 16 – 30, centre on involving young people with a range of activities and responsibilities within the field of cultural heritage. See here for more details: <https://ccarchives.ca/employment/> Please also share with anyone who may be interested!

DID YOU KNOW?



In the 1880s, a farmer ploughing his field near Todd's Point uncovered a tin box containing this letter, allegedly written in 1795 by a man named Alexander McKelpin.

Describing himself as an immigrant from Scotland in 1750, then hunter and trapper, the writer states he has amassed a small fortune of £2000 pounds sterling. Now longing to return home to Clackmannan, he is burying the treasure due to a "dread of pirates," at a spot described vaguely as "by the side of [a] stream about six miles from its confluence with a large river and at the root of one of a group of [---] trees." He hopes the sympathetic finder of the letter will return the money to a relative of his and receive a reward.

Very intriguing...but is it true? The premise, relying on chance and trust, seems far-fetched, its directions impractical. The letter is genuinely old, with rust stains. However, age and condition alone can't prove it was written and buried in 1795. 19th century hoaxes were far from uncommon, from the small-scale to the dramatic. A later resident of the area may well have written and buried this letter for fun at a point before it was found.

For now, it is impossible to confirm either way, but whether genuine description of 18th century buried coins or a 19th century act of imagination, this piece itself is a bit of treasure buried in our collections!



MC 306: Alexander McAlpin letter. Donated to the Charlotte County Archives by Whidden Ganong.

CONNECTING WITH CHARLOTTE COUNTY



The Archives' set-up at the New Horizons for Seniors event at St. Anne's Anglican Church Hall, Welshpool, Campobello, October 10, 2023



A spooky figure in the Archives' portable jail (possibly a Board member), at the Huntsman's Halloween event, October 27, 2023



Students from Sir James Dunn Academy peruse a display of archival materials on a class visit, March 13, 2024