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St. Andrews 2021 HERITAGE HUNT

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Heritage Hunt 2021 — a stroll through time and a chance to win an exciting prize

Over the course of the summer months, we are planning to invite residents and visitors to St. Andrews to take part in a Heritage Hunt — a walk (or drive) around four blocks in downtown St. Andrews, at any time they wish. Participants will be looking for distinctive architectural features, heritage houses and important buildings, and filling out the response cards with their finds.

This is a fund raiser for the Archives as we cannot hold our Heritage Home Tours this year. For \$10.00, participants will receive a ticket for a Grand Prize Draw for a free night at the Algonquin Resort Hotel, a 2022 season pass to Kingsbrae Garden, a season pass to the Huntsman Marine Aquarium, a family pass or one of ten day-passes to Minister's Island, or an Amazon gift certificate for those who cannot return to the area.

The ticket provides information about what to hunt for and includes a tear-off numbered response card. Each correct card hand-delivered to the Archives, or sent later, will go into the draw. One ticket may be filled in by more than one person but only gets one chance for a prize.

The Heritage Hunt will run from Memorial Day through Thanksgiving weekend and will be open to people of all ages following COVID protocols at the time.

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Sunbury Shores Arts and Nature Centre on Water Street
Cockburn's Drugstore on Water Street
Honeybeans Coffee, Tea and Treats on Water Street
Fundy Discovery Aquarium, Huntsman Marine Science Centre, Lower Campus Road
Visitor Information Centre at the Arena
Charlotte County Archives at the Historic Jail, 123 Frederick Street

And elsewhere in the Province at:

Westminster Books in Fredericton
Kennebecasis Drugstore in Rothesay
Stewart's Gifts in St. Stephen
Guardian Pharmacy in St. George

New microfilm reader and new education modules in progress

Archives Manager Heather Wilson is at the centre of all our activity, staffing the office and welcoming visitors by appointment under strict pandemic guidelines. Keith McKnight has been working as an intern funded by Young Canada Works under Building Careers in Heritage since the fall and has been working on our core mission of accessioning documents and helping to develop our digital vault. A new microfilm reader has arrived and is installed on the main floor in the microfilm room. Keith and Heather, as well as a walk-in researcher, have all had the chance to use it and it is working beautifully. It will be a wonderful asset for us moving forward.

A new education program for schools is being developed by a team consisting of Caroline Walker, Heather Richmond, Muriel Jarvis, Shirley Brinkhurst, and Irene Scarrett. Their educational modules will be added to our web site soon. We'll keep you posted when this invaluable learning tool for teachers and students is posted.

Fun Archives Facts

- From the start of the year until now, we've reached 34,421 people on our Facebook page.
- In the same timeframe, we've reached 7,369 people on Twitter, with a total of 15 posts for each page.
- The "top performer" was, by far, the post from February 5th on George Braxton, which has reached 10,272 people and has 51 shares to date between our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- We've had 1,648 visitors on our website since the launch, with an average of 117 users per week.

A reason to drop by the Court House this summer

Here's a sneak preview of one of our new bilingual interpretive banners in the Court House. These banners were designed by local graphic designer Elaine Wilson, with text provided by board member Marie La Forest. In total, nine banners were made possible, thanks to a grant from the Government of New Brunswick Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture under their Exhibition Renewal and Museum Activities Support Program.



Heritage Week Celebrated in (cursive) style

During Heritage week in February 15, we launched our Cursive Writing Transcribing Project and are still seeking additional volunteers to help. This project is needed to make our old handwritten records accessible to all, especially to those who have a difficult time reading cursive text.

CHCOtv kindly produced and aired an interview with our Archivist Manager Heather Wilson, during Heritage Week, which can be viewed [here](#).



Reeling it in

A catalogue of the Archives audio visual collection is now available both on the web site and at the Archives office. This comprehensive catalogue lists and describes some 60 videos produced by the Archives, including nine produced jointly with CHCO-TV. In total, there are more than 15 viewing hours now available, including recent public talks at the Court House and many other miscellaneous files prepared by the Archives and by others. Many of these productions are already available on our YouTube Channels — “Charlotte County Moments”, “Charlotte County Archives Videos” and “Historic Home Movies of St Andrews NB” — and are also accessible through the Archives web site. Approximately 140 digital copies of VHS recordings of local TV programs from the 1990s are also included on



Sneak preview of new video

The Grimms' War, based on John Cunningham's script and his book *Where Duty Lies* focuses on the World War I stories of three Grimmer brothers from Charlotte County. Frank and Stuart returned safely, but Harold Mackie (Harley) was gassed and died in the closing days of the war. He is commemorated at Chamcook's Chapel of Ease. This video is now on [YouTube here](#).

One of our favourite new accessions

By Keith MacKnight

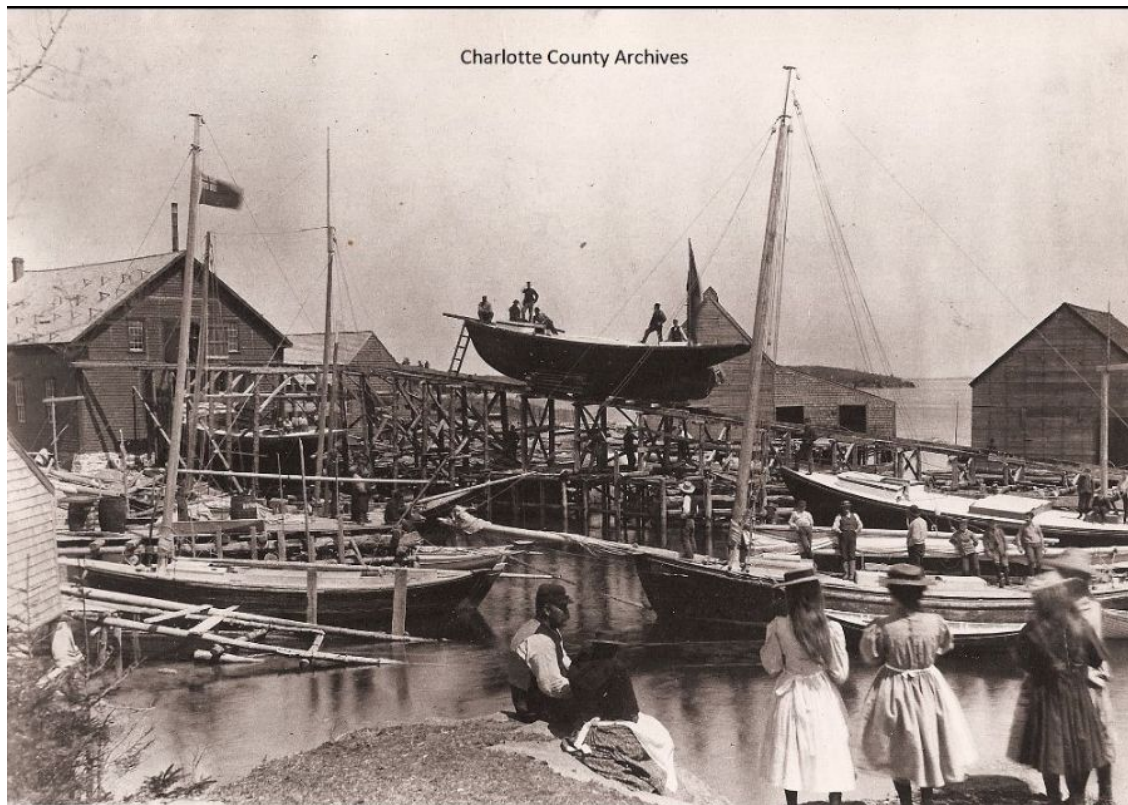
The Jacqueline Davis Collection material I looked at recently contains textual material related to E. Jacqueline Davis during her time as a nurse in the U.S. army during World War II. This textual material includes orders for E. Jacqueline Davis from her time working at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Massachusetts. These orders could be leaves of absence, relocation orders, new assignments, and promotions. This collection also included her letters home from her time serving as a nurse in a military camp on the island of Tinian in the Pacific Ocean, as part of the U.S. campaign against Japan. They include details of what it was like to live as a nurse in this camp, and her thoughts on events during the war with Japan.



Most Memorable Photo Acquisition of 2020

By Irene Scarratt

We have so many memorable photos from last year that it is always hard to pick one. However, this one below is a bit of a treasure. We have had the first photograph in the collections for a number of years and it has been featured on the website and in calendars. It shows a boat built in Richardson's Boat Yard on Deer Island ready for launching down the ramp. Lo and behold, last year through the New Horizon Program, we acquired a photograph showing "what happened next" — the boat splashing into the water at the end of the ramp — really lovely. It was donated by Audrey Cline.



Boat ready for launch at Richardson's Boat Yard, Deer Island (P240.21)



Boat launching into the water at Richardson's Boat Yard, Deer Island (P240.21)

We're hiring!

We have two opportunities for students to join our team this summer as Tour Guide/Archives Assistant. The first position, funded by Young Canada Works, runs from May 24th to August 27th (more details here: <https://young-canada-works.canada.ca/Opportunity/ProjectDetails?projectId=12141&showBackToSearch=true>) The second, funded by Canada Summer Jobs, runs from May 31st to July 23rd (more details here: <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/jobsearch/jobpostingcsj/34310093?source=searchresults>). Candidates must be between 16 and 30 years of age and be intending to return to full-time studies in the fall. Interested? Send a cover letter and resume to contact@ccarchives.ca or by mail to 123 Frederick Street, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, E5B 1Z1.

Candidates applying to the Young Canada Works position will also need to express interest in the posting through their YCW profile to participate in the program. Login or sign up here <https://young-canada-works.canada.ca/Account/Login>

Would you like to be a member of the Charlotte County Archives?

Memberships help sustain us as an organization and we, in turn, help preserve the documentary heritage of Charlotte County and all its interested families and businesses. For only \$25 per year (single) or \$35 per year (family), you can become a member in good standing and not only attend our AGM on June 10, 2021 but also have voting privileges by becoming a paid member. To sign up, please go to <https://ccarchives.ca/membership/>

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