



Spring Newsletter 2022

Preserving your Legacy at the Archives

From the Board Chair,
Franklin Cardy

Thank you all so much for your continued support for the Archives. What we do is made possible by your generosity:

- We collect and preserve the legacies of individuals and communities so future residents can know what happened and who the players were.
- We connect you with the history of your family and help continue and preserve that story into the future.
- We help you link the past, present, and future.
- We have begun building an Endowment fund with the goal of eventually becoming self-sustaining

So, please come to explore our extensive collections of documents, genealogies, images, and audio-visual material and check us out on our web site, Facebook, and YouTube channels.

If you could talk to your future descendants, what would you want them to know? Do you

have stories to tell that you would like preserved for the future?

We are looking for donations of documents, images, stories, old home movies, or audio-visual recordings. And we always need financial donations, whether they are regular monthly, annual, or in-memorial donations from your estate.

Visit us, support us, and let us take care of your story. Leave your legacy with us. Thank you for supporting the Archives.

<https://ccarchives.ca/donations/>



Annual General Meeting

Please join us on June 9th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom to hear about our new Strategic Plan and to hear about our activities during the past year. Charlotte County Archives members will be invited to vote on our new slate of Board Members for 2022-2023, and non-members are certainly welcome to attend and listen. Your participation matters to us!

To join our meeting please enter the following at <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 862 3066 2219 Passcode: 887084

Our People

Our volunteers, staff and Board members have made this another busy and productive winter for the Charlotte County Archives. Our Archives Manager Heather Wilson has been assisted almost full time by Keith McKnight supported by grants from Young Canada Works, Canada Summer Jobs, and the GNB Community Museums Summer Employment Program. Our core volunteer groups like the photo ladies and Board members have worked right through the pandemic, working in small “bubbles” or resorting to Zoom when unable to meet in person.



But this year we are having to say sad farewells to two board stalwarts. Robin Burton relinquished her role as Treasurer and *de facto* Office Manager in March,

leaving a trail of accomplishments behind her. Without her four years of near full-time efforts under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, we could not have made the progress that we have and for this we and the community owe her a great deal of appreciation. We are deeply in her debt.

Shirley Brinkhurst will also be retiring from

the Board after six years of dedicated service. Shirley has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, helping sort and catalog numerous collections and will be remembered by many children for her “Dress Up” historic costume events with costumes she made beautifully herself. Almost single-handedly, she cleared out the scattered contents of the loft in the Old Jail, running up and down perilous twisty narrow stairs more reminiscent of a ship’s ladder than any building. She has been a tireless worker for the Archives over the years and we greatly appreciate her support.



Strategic Planning

Robin's last major contribution to the Board was promoting and arranging for the preparation of our strategic planning exercise, which was designed to guide us as we face the next several years. In March our Board Members and staff members met to review, discuss, challenge, and agree on a strategic plan to help guide the Charlotte County Archives' future, under the guidance of Michael McLean with funding from the GNB Museum Professional and Organizational Development Grant. Our new five-year Strategic Plan will move the Archives forward and propel growth in many areas. This will be released at the AGM on June 9th and will act as the basis for our annual work plans to help us reach our new goals by 2027.



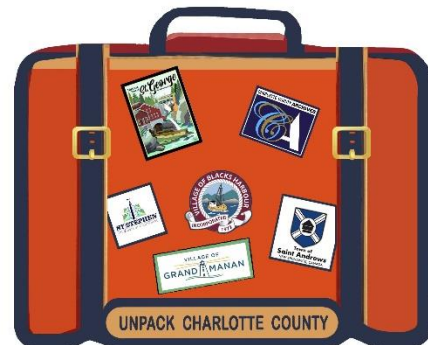
***Strategic Planning Session
March 21, 2022.***



Unpacking Charlotte County

The Education Committee at the Archives has been busy preparing two exciting projects for families, students, and teachers. This two-pronged initiative will include an online guide on our website that encourages participants to explore Charlotte County and reflect on what they see. The online guide will lead you to travel throughout the County to discover the history and people in it. Learn about historic homes and buildings; the ocean floor and tides; famous people; the natural world and more. As you travel, use your imagination to create art, build constructions, write about your trip, draw or paint pictures, and play games.

The second is a series of archival postcards depicting 10 locations across the County in an attractive folder (soon to be made available to schools and for purchase at the Old Jail), again with encouragement to check out the locations and mail the postcards to loved ones near and far or back to the Archives to make you part of the history of the County.



Help us record the County's stories.

We need your help creating Charlotte County oral histories Do you know someone with stories to tell? Will you help record them and preserve them? We have everything you need to carry out video interviews with willing friends or acquaintances, including equipment and self-help guidelines. Written guidelines are supported with a how-to video — all uploaded to a specially created interactive section on the CC Archives website. (<https://ccarchives.ca/oral-histories/>) From this site, you can download the guidelines and upload the results of your own interviewing efforts.

The launch of our Oral Histories program was a significant part of the \$25,000 grant we received from the Federal government for the “Seniors Preserving Memories in Charlotte County” project funded by the Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program March 2020 – 2022.

The Oral Histories component supported the preparation of ten “Archives Backpacks” with basic equipment and information needed to carry out well-documented interviews. These backpacks include video cameras, voice recorders, and ancillary equipment for seniors to undertake an oral histories collection program in our communities.

The backpacks are now available on loan and we welcome expressions of interest in carrying out oral history collection locally. Please contact Heather Wilson at the Archives if you would like to be a volunteer interviewer and help us record and preserve local social histories and individual memories.



Remembering Donna Muir, dedicated Charlotte County Archives Chair

It is with appreciation that we mark the recent death of Donna Muir, Chair of the Charlotte County Archives Board from 2011 to 2017. During her time as Chair, the Board made much progress laying the legal basis of the Corporation through the creation of by-laws and policies working with Archives Manager Janice Fairney. Donna also enrolled a County-wide team of volunteers to help with Archives activities. As our Curator of Photographs Irene Scarratt says, “Because of her rural connections, Donna was able to involve other interested individuals in the whole of Charlotte County and we valued her professionalism and contributions to the continuity of the CCA.”

Our retired Secretary Jane Garnett adds, “As a Board member, I was immediately impressed with Donna’s intelligence, knowledge of procedure, and organizational skills. As Board Chair, she was well prepared, and presided over meetings with authority, skill, and enthusiasm. I missed her when she retired from the Archives Board, and feel her contributions were inestimable.”

Past Board member Barry Murray continued, “Donna saw the great possibilities in the holdings at the Archives and recognized that they needed to be shared with everyone possible. And she knew that the way to accomplish these goals was through community engagement.” Donna — a “Baysider” — saw the rural needs that could be met by the Archives and worked diligently to make things inclusive. She completed her own family genealogy and it is fitting that her final resting spot is the Sandy Point Cemetery, just across the road from the Muir Family Farm.”

New Videos on our YouTube Channel 'Charlotte County Archives Videos'

The story of the Mallory Livery Stable Business



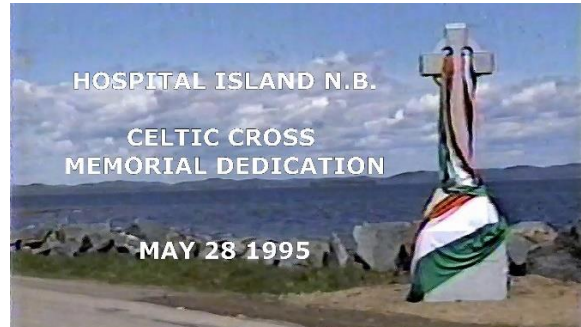
In this video interview from 1994, Harry (the grandson of W. E. Mallory) recounts the story of the Mallory enterprise.

100 Years of service: the HMS Service building 1918 -2018



Jeff Holmes tells the illustrated story of HMS Transportation, owned by Conleys Lobsters, Charlie Taylor, and himself in succession.

Hospital Island & Celtic Cross Memorial Dedication.



The 1995 CHCO TV recording of the dedication and unveiling of the Celtic Cross, and the retelling of the story of Quarantine Island, has been updated here.

Golf at the Algonquin Course in 1939



This video provides a unique view of the experience of playing the Algonquin golf course in the '30s.

WANTED! OLD FILMS FOR DIGITIZING

Do you have old 8 mm or Super 8 home movie films in your attic or basement? Did you find some when clearing out / downsizing or whatever? Would you like to know what is on them?



Please contact the Archives if you have any old films as they may contain valuable or interesting public and personal memories that we can help reveal by digitizing them so you can see them. In exchange, we would like to preserve any scenes of public historic interest that may be on them.

Volunteers Wanted!

We have many interesting projects for volunteers to engage in:

- Tour guides for the shoulder seasons (May 23 – June 24; September – October)
- Scanning documents
- Transcribing handwritten documents
- Newspaper indexing
- Collection inventories, providing short item level descriptions
- Researching and preparing subject guides to our collections
- Updating and creating new user guides for our reference library

We are also looking for at least one more volunteer to stand for our Board at the upcoming AGM. We are hoping to find someone who is experienced with and can advise us on digital networks and equipment, as this has become such an essential part of our business. We are always hoping to bring people from across the County onto our Board so that we can strengthen our reach. And if you have strength in Information Technology, please join us to help in that much-needed area. Expressions of volunteer interest can go to Heather Wilson (contact@ccarchives.ca) or to board member Donne Smith (donnewsmith@gmail.com)

Facilities/Tours/Summer Hours

We are pleased to report that the Town has agreed this year that we can make use of one of the side rooms in the Court House for summer students and other uses. This will enhance our tour services in the summer months when we hope to be back fully in operation with two summer students and Keith MacKnight our intern also available to help with visitors.

Our planned 2022-23 summer hours of operation are:

May/June	Monday – Friday (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.)
July/August/September	Wednesday to Sunday (10 a.m. until 5 p.m.)
October	Monday – Friday (10 a.m. until 4 p.m.)

Tours run from May 23 to October 7. If you wish to book a tour outside of these dates, please contact us to make arrangements!

Masks are required indoors until further notice

Come and enjoy the enhanced visitor experience in the Old Jail and Court House.