

The Library, Archives, Museum Collaboration

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Oshawa Community Archives

The Negative Impact of Not Collaborating

- Three institutions all acting as a repository of Oshawa's history
- Three institutions all actively collecting
- No collection agreement between these institutions

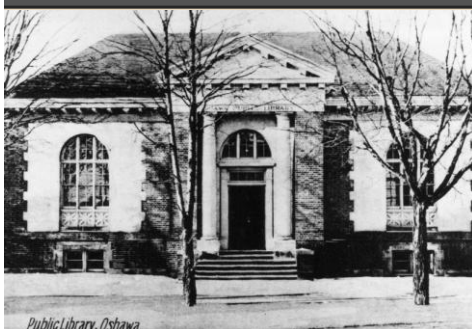
Oshawa Community Archives

**Oshawa Historical Society
Authorized By Council** TIMES
DEC. 10
1957

**New Historical Society
Makes Plans For Future**

**Display Items Sought
By Historical Society** OSHAWA TIMES
MAY 28 '59

Oshawa Community Archives



Public Library, Oshawa.

Oshawa Public Library -

Library service has been available in Oshawa in some form or another since 1864 when the first Mechanics Institute was formed.

Oshawa Historical Society -

Formed in 1957 with the mandate to maintain a community museum and archives as a repository for artifacts and written records of historical interest to Oshawa

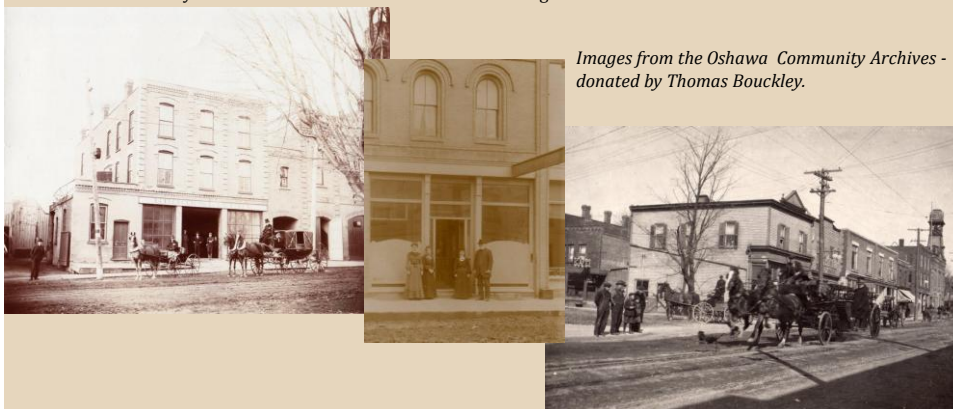


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RMG (Robert McLaughlin Gallery) -

founded in 1967 by artist Alexandra Luke and her husband Ewart McLaughlin. The collection focused on works of Canadian modern and contemporary art. In 1985, the collection expanded to include the large historical photograph collection collected by Thomas Bouckley.

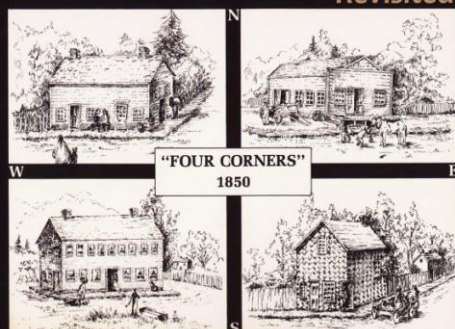
The Thomas Bouckley collection contains some of the earliest images of Oshawa.



Images from the Oshawa Community Archives - donated by Thomas Bouckley.

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Pictorial Oshawa Revisited



Volume One

Thomas Bouckley

In 2010, the Oshawa Historical Society, the Oshawa Public Library and the RMG worked together to republish the Volume One of Pictorial Oshawa. Originally published in 1975, the photographs showcased in the book form the basis of the Bouckley collections in both the RMG and the Oshawa Community Archives. They are also just a glimpse of the vast number of photographs that make up these collections.

Oshawa Community Archives



In 2012, DRAAG became the newest Chapter of the Archives Association of Ontario. The Oshawa Community Archives, the Oshawa Public Library and the RMG are all founding members of DRAAG.

Historical Happenings

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Oshawa Historical Society

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Ad requesting donations of photographs to the RMG that was published in the OHS newsletter. The OHS operates the Oshawa Community Archives.

Call for Image Donations

Thomas Bouckley's vision for the Thomas Bouckley Collection was for it to continue to grow and carry on his practice of documenting Oshawa's history. Throughout the years donations have added to the collection, however, there are still areas and periods that are not well represented in the collection. In the spirit of Thomas Bouckley's desire to visually document Oshawa's history, the RMG is interested in augmenting the collection and encourage anyone who would like to share scans or copies of historical photographs of Oshawa to contact Sonya Jones, Curator of the Collection by email at sjones@rmg.on.ca or by phone at 905.576.3000 x110. Everyone will benefit as the collection is a community resource that is available to search online, and in person.

Some periods/subjects that are needed:

1940s- WWII years
1950s
1960s

Oshawa Airport
Early photos of North Oshawa
Smith Potteries (located on King Street West near the Hollows)
Parkwood Estate
Lakeview Park 1940s onwards

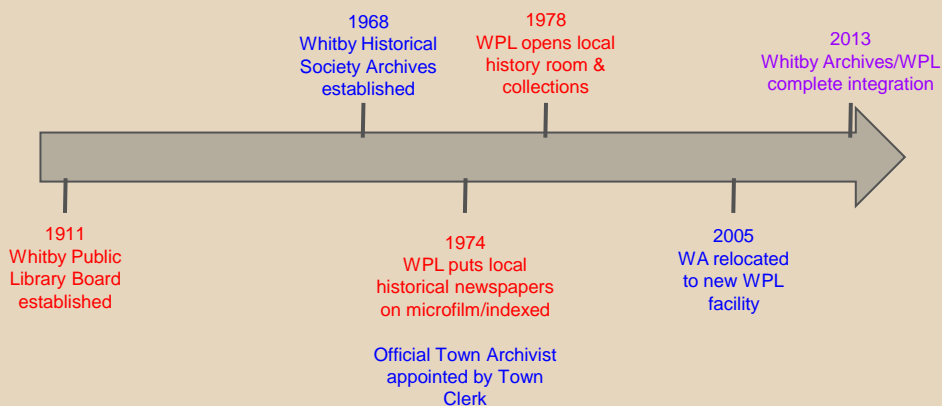
Whitby Public Library | Whitby Archives



VS.



Timeline of archival and local history collections in Whitby



The ideal...



The reality...



We're getting there...



What we've realized...

- Compromise
- Share knowledge
- Carve your niche
- Recognize the differences

Simcoe County Museum

- Established in 1928 by the Women's Institute
- Located on present site since 1962



Library, Archives, Museum at the County of Simcoe

- The County of Simcoe Library Co-operative is the only library co-operative in the Province.
- The Simcoe County Archives was the first County Archives in Ontario, established in 1966.
- Each of these departments are managed separately, but form part of the Statutory and Cultural Services Division for the County of Simcoe.

Past Challenges

- Limited Resources
- Similar collections mandates
- Geography



Current Activities

- Acquisitions process allows museum, archives and library to determine the best location for objects that have been collected.
- Archives staff provide historical research to support Museum education programs, exhibits and collections database.

Current Activities

- Library Co-operative offers staffing resources and expertise to catalogue and maintain the Museum Research Library.
- Library shares resources like Ancestry.ca for Museum and Archives staff to conduct research, which avoids the duplication of resources.

Current Activities

Cultural Places Pass

- collaboration between libraries in Simcoe County and Sumac, a network of 15 heritage sites, art galleries, archives and museums in the County.



www.sumac.info

Future of Libraries, Archives and Museums

- more collaboration possible with exhibition development, research, community programming, shared storage and collection resources.
- growth and success is possible through collaboration, not isolation.

Leeds and the Thousand Islands



Front of Leeds & Lansdowne
Historical Society



Rear of Leeds and
Lansdowne
LACAC



Escott LACAC

Creating the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Archives

- founded in June 2010 as a partnership of:
 - Township Municipal Heritage Committee
 - Leeds & 1000 Islands Historical Society
 - Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library Board



Continuation



- Ontario Trillium Foundation grant
- local lecture series on Archives

Role of each organization

library

- lends books and resources
- programming aimed towards learning, literacy, and frequently art
- local history collections

archives

- repository for records (for an organization, region, theme, etc)
- place for researching said records

museum

- collect artifacts that tell a story of a particular organization, region or theme
- programming aimed at telling that story through living history, tours, etc.

We need a plan! Setting a Mandate

- What do we want to do?
- What resources do we have?
- Follow established mandate



Leeds County Heritage Network

an initiative which creates opportunities for local history & heritage organizations in the historic county of Leeds to share news and useful information, hear about upcoming projects and events, learn about what resources are available across the County, request help and advice from other members, share funding opportunities and much more



www.leedsheritage.ca

Bringing the Archives into the Library

- formalize partnerships
- signed memorandums of understanding

