

# MEMBERS ONLY



## The wait is over!

Our annual "Junk and Disorderly" fundraising sale is finally happening! Visit us Saturday July 10th and Sunday July 11th, between 9 am and 3 pm.

We have an AMAZING array of items including books (lots of art books), ephemera, vintage items and household items.

COVID protocols will be in place. Limit of 8 shoppers inside at one time. Masks mandatory. Cash preferred.

### Don't miss this sale!



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Let us be reminded that the community in which we live, work, and play is situated on traditional, unceded Algonquin First Nation territory. We acknowledge and thank the Anishinaabe people and express our respect and support for their rich history and culture.

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# IT'S FINALLY SUMMER!

We'd like you to meet our two amazing summer students, Molly and Katie. Molly was hired with the assistance of Young Canada Works, and Katie was hired through the Canada Summer Jobs program. Welcome aboard!

We hope to open our doors to visitors on Tuesday, July 27th and can't wait to welcome you back!





myself further on our town's rich history and to help creatively engage with the community in keeping that history alive! We may be apart for now, but our shared stories and artefacts keep us together.



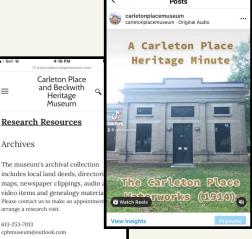
Carleton Place and Beckwith Heritage Museum

Molly and Kate are busy creating lots of video content for our social media channels. These include a series of short "Heritage Minutes", some virtual walking tours, and virtual lectures to air in the fall.

They are also digitizing portions of our reference materials for inclusion on our website.

Making these resources available online allows us to better serve our public.



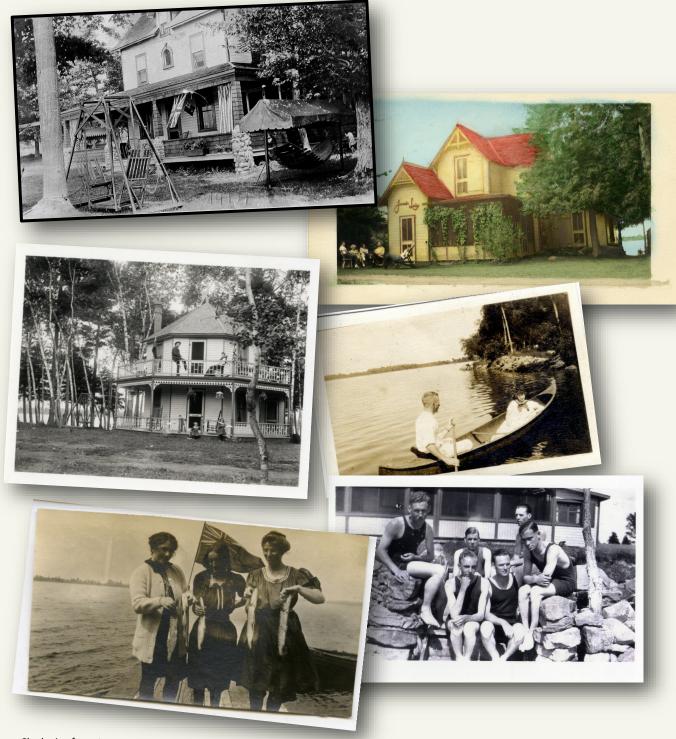


maps, newspaper clippings, audio video items and genealogy materia Please contact us to make an appointm arrange a research visit. pbmuseum@outlook.com

While not all files are extensive, we currently have holdings with information on the ollowing Surnames:

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# AHH .... COTTAGE DAYS ....



#### Clockwise from top:

Albert Cram cottage at Lower Mississippi Lake in 1914, Juanita Lodge at Lake Park in 1930, Horace Brown and friend at Lake Park in 1916, bathing at Boxmore Cottage on Mississippi Lake, fishing at the Brown cottage at Lake Park in 1915 and the Schwerdtfeger cottage "Tranquila Lodge" at Lake Park about 1905.

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## WE'RE GOING TO THE COTTAGE!

By Sandra Schappert

It was 1948 when my grandparents ventured forth to find a cottage for sale on the Mississippi. Judging from an early picture; by today's standards, we'd call it a shack. Nonetheless, Nana was determined and purchased a property on Ebb's Bay shore. I guess I'd have to have been a preschooler when memory kicked in about our earliest journeys to the lake.

In the late 40's the route from Ottawa took us through Stittsville, Ashton and Carleton Place. I recall my limited vision from the back seat of Grandpa's car. Even if the sights only included miles of treetops and telephone poles, I always looked forward to the stops along the way. In Ashton, there was the usual stop for gas at a frame service station that I remember for its weathered boards and unique bay window. Next, it was out onto Highway 7.

It was a short trip into Carleton Place, down Bridge Street past that magnificent castle, again, only seeing the turrets!

Nonetheless, I was impressed. Down a couple more blocks and we'd turn left onto High Street. At first disturbed by the long, dark Findlay's Factory, I pulled myself up to the edge of the window to catch a glimpse of the ritzy homes of its' founding fathers. Wow, what luxury! Of course, my sister and I would pick out our favourites and dream on.



In those days, kids were to be seen and not heard. Asking for things

was out of the question, but if Grandpa failed to stop at the Maple Leaf Dairy for some ice cream, we sure looked at each other in disappointment. Not to worry, there was a "Plan B". High Street led back out onto Highway 7 and just up the line was the infamous Falcon Restaurant. For sure, we'd stop there for some Rollo Ice Cream cones and perhaps a thing or two that Nana had asked Grandpa to bring up to her at the lake.

Nana lived at the cottage from Victoria Day in May to Thanksgiving Weekend in October. Grandpa worked in Ottawa, but he would come up every weekend. In May, my parents would bring us up for the Pickerel Run at Innisville but we couldn't stay with Nana until the summer holidays. We could hardly wait!

Back in the day, Ebb's Bay Road was nothing but a dirt road that meandered through the Lanark County countryside, broaching wide curves, steep hills and the occasional swamp as we got closer to the bay or Pretties Island. These weren't the

only obstacles along the way. We also had to keep our eye out for wildlife and cattle that had the right of way across local farmland. There were usually cattle crossings designed to deter their advancement to the shoreline and the cottages. On the other hand, we had to watch for 'cow pies' if we strayed from our designated property lines.

The great coming-together of the farmers and the cottagers was the annual summer corn roast. The farmers brought their fiddles and the corn. The cottagers brought the boilers and the food. What a memorable event that was! As years went by, other members of the family were introduced to Carleton Place and Mississippi Lake. Many of our relatives also built cottages and homes in the area and made a living for their growing families in nearby industries. To this day, our children and grandchildren still pursue the joys of living in the country or cottaging by the friendly shores.

It all started because we were going to the cottage!