



SOUTH CROSBY ARCHIVES COLLECTION

The South Crosby Archives Collection has been created to establish a collection of public and private documents representing the history of the township of South Crosby and its people.

Part of this collection involves the early township records. For example, some of our papers date back to 1814. Proper care of these fragile records in the present is required to preserve them for the future. Assessment records from 1851 on also need correct storage.

The collection at the same time also hopes to provide a home for personal or public papers belonging to interested local families. Over the years, many important documents have been destroyed. Paper records are often the only way to find local history. For example, an old wedding invitation can tell one a great deal about the people of that time.

We are interested in deeds, letters, photographs, diaries, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, store accounts, minute books, maps, drawings, invitations, family histories, school and church documents as long as it involves this township. We are also interested in copying this material if the owner wishes to keep the original record. We will provide advice on the best way to store it at home as well.

Please if you have any old documents, give us a phone call this summer. The project is sponsored through the Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society with the support of the Township of South Crosby. Contact phone number is: Sue Warren 359-5022 or 359-5118.

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SOUTH CROSBY HERITAGE EXHIBIT

Did you know that Morton once had one of the biggest plaster factories on the continent? Have you ever heard the story of the great Jones Falls barge disaster of July 1869? Elgin's first name was Nauvoo. Do you know why?

This summer we have the answer to these questions and many more at the Chaffey's Lockmaster's House. Thanks to the generosity of the Township of South Crosby, we are featuring an exhibit of township history in the upstairs of the museum. Colourful personalities and events of the area will be highlighted. Visitors will be able to see copies of old maps, early municipal records, school registers and store ledgers. As well, a local historian will be available several days a week to answer inquiries about family history, what to do with old family papers, where to go for information if you are interested in local heritage.

Don't miss this opportunity. South Crosby covers three lockstations as well as the villages of Elgin, Morton and Crosby. Rideau Canal buffs should also be interested to see what we have. The exhibit will be open July until September from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

ELGIN U.C.W.

For the last meeting before the Summer Break, members were joined by the ladies from the Fellowship Group. In all 41 ladies enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Willows at their summer cottage. A delightful supper was prepared and served by ladies from Philipsville Women's Institute, and with perfect weather conditions and beautiful surroundings, a very happy evening was enjoyed by all.

Offerings were taken and dedicated, and Eleanor Taylor gave information concerning "Elgin Day" which is to be held on July 9th.

Life Membership pins were presented to four very worthy members, namely - Ev Campbell, Eleanor Taylor, Loree Smith and Anna Smith, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Veita for her generous hospitality.

The next meeting will be on the 13th September, when we shall have, as usual for the first meeting after the summer break, a Pot Luck Supper, and for this meeting, Mrs. Evelyn Campbell has offered the use of her summer cottage. Something for us all to look forward to.

C.W.L.

A well attended meeting took place on June 14th with 24 members present. President Gen Bresee opened the meeting with prayer. Each member responded to the roll call with the name of their favourite flower or tree. Margaret Murray read the minutes of the last meeting and Sherri Murray gave the Treasurer's report.

It was noted the Communion Breakfast was well received and that Sister Pickett was a most interesting guest speaker. Awards for long standing members were given out. We are very proud of the many members we have with over twenty-five years.

A special thank you was extended to Marion Waenick, Anne Hoogendyk, Rose Kenney and Father Shea for the lovely and spiritual First Communion for our seven children last month.

The members agreed to participate in a bake sale again this year in conjunction with Elgin Day.

It was also voted that a committee be formed to organize welcoming into individual homes, anybody in need of shelter, especially any girl or woman who feels a choice is to be made concerning her unborn child.

With the conclusion of her term Gen welcomed Katherine Dumas as our new President to begin her term this September.

The meeting closed with a Plant Auction. Members took home some lovely plants after having enjoyed a pleasant social evening.

ABOUT OUR MUSEUM

The Lockmaster's House Museum is operated as a non-profit organization by the Chaffey's Lock and Area Heritage Society. Every year (since 1981) we have produced a new exhibit based on our local history. This year's theme is fishing and guiding on the Rideau. We have on display, an original 1920's Dowsett guide boat, an array of antique fishing rods, tackle, lures and reels as well as a realistic shore dinner complete with cooking gear and picnic basket. We also have a lovely aquarium housing a large mouth bass and a northern pike along with a short history of their lifestyle. Our sales counter will offer books, apparel and some crafts from the area. We will also be showing our popular video entitled "The Golden Years" which colourfully illustrates our history on the canal as well as local folklore of the 1930's and 1940's. Two summer students will be on hand to guide you through the display.

As the curator and granddaughter of a colourful local guide, I will be on hand as much as possible. Come in and browse; we will be open daily from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m., June till Sept. and evenings by appointment. Help support our community by attending; only \$1.50 for adults, .75¢ for children under 16 and heritage members free.

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