

Historically Speaking

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Triumph of the Will

Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26 at 2pm, at the Northumberland Theatres on the second floor of the Northumberland Mall (corner of Elgin and Williams in Cobourg). *Note the change of venue and time!* Ken Prue will lead a discussion of the famous film "Triumph of the Will". This film, written, produced and directed by Leni Riefenstahl, is a chronicle of the 1934 Nazi Party Congress in Nuremberg. Considered by many to be one of the greatest films in history Ms. Riefenstahl combined many new cinematic techniques such as moving cameras, aerial photography and effective music. Although filmed almost 80 years ago this movie continues to influence many of today's movies, documentaries and commercials.



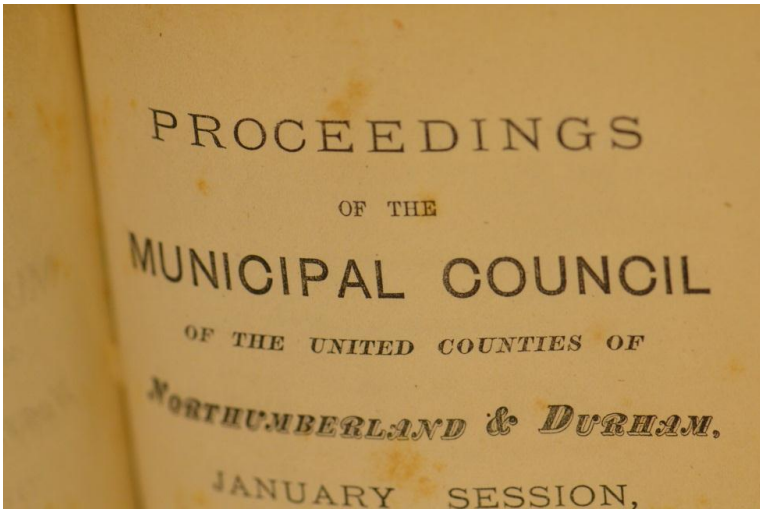
Admission is free, but seating is limited. Tickets are available at the counter at Meet Me at 66 King East in Cobourg or by contacting Ken Strauss at 905-377-9854.

Our Previous Meeting



Emily Cartlidge, Records Manager and Archivist for Northumberland County, provided glimpses into her work at the County Archives. Storage in the Archives was previously a hodgepodge of shelves and boxes purchased as funds were available. Over the last year the storage has been revamped with more efficient usage of containers together with a sophisticated new rolling storage system. By installing the rolling storage system, rearranging the shelving and moving some material to more appropriately sized boxes the available storage space has been almost doubled.





The additional storage space is essential due to the many important additions to the Archives over the last few months. The Archives now have



numerous copies of local newspapers from the period 1849 to 1980. These are the actual paper copies rather than often hard to read microfilm versions. Additional Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Northumberland and Durham were donated. Cobourg tax rolls from 1913 to 1955 have also been added. The property tax rolls are particularly valuable for geneological purposes since they cover a period for which census records are not yet publically accessible.

Their legal Addition,	Place of Residence,	Owners,
Counsellor	Fourth Street	owner
Gentleman	East Common	do.
Rail conductor	King Street	
Gentleman	Henry	
Printer	King	
Tailor	Queen	
Merchant	Albert	

Marion Hagen Honoured



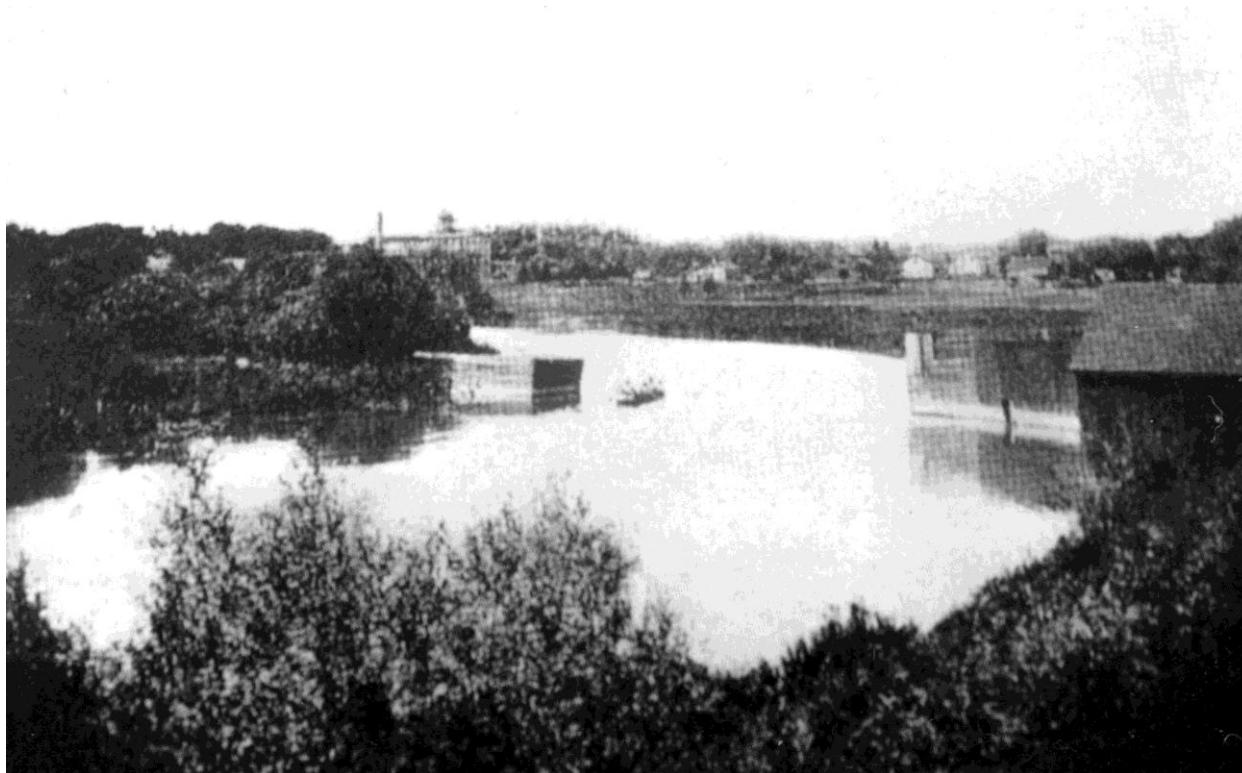
Long time CDHS member Marion Hagen recently received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. The medal, presented by Northumberland-Quinte West MP Rick Norlock, recognized Marion's untiring work in Cobourg's cultural development and heritage preservation. Still very active at 90, Marion was a founding member of the Cobourg and District Historical Society, the first president of the Victoria Hall Volunteers and a charter member of the Art Gallery of Northumberland.

In response to many requests Marion displayed her medal at our January meeting and briefly described the award procedures.



Burning Questions

Our older members recall the Cobourg of the past. In addition, many CDHS members have expert knowledge of various historical topics. To tap this wealth of expertise our newsletter will periodically include a "Burning Questions" section and solicit everyone's answers to the



questions posed. Later newsletters will include the best answers. If there is sufficient interest the topic will be discussed at a CDHS meeting.

Burning Question 1

The picture above, believed to be of Factory Creek, contains structures on both the left and the right banks of the creek. Is the picture actually of Factory Creek? What were the structures used for? What is the approximate date of the photograph?

Membership Matters

Meeting Changes

Meeting attendees will have noticed a number of changes. Most obviously, the meetings start 30 minutes earlier than previously – the doors open at 7:00pm and the meetings start at 7:30pm. To the delight of many there is decaffeinated coffee and muffins/cookies before the meeting. To help to get everyone acquainted there are name tags. Please leave your tag in the box as you leave the meeting.

Transportation to Meetings

We are trying to determine which members would appreciate a ride to our meetings. We have two volunteer drivers and I'm sure there are others who would be willing to drive. Anyone who would like a ride or is willing to drive others should call Judith Goulin at 905 372 7684. Judith is coordinating this transportation initiative.

Executive Changes

Martha Watson who has been responsible for Membership for a number of years has moved to Kingston. On behalf of all CDHS members I would like to thank Martha for a job well done!

If you would like to get more involved in CDHS activities and are interested in this position please contact any member of the Executive to discuss the opportunity. Marilyn Harris will be handling Membership in the interim.

Weeding Time

It is time to start weeding your bookshelves. If you have books of historical interest that you no longer want, perhaps another CDHS member would like to own them. These books will be sold at the March and April CDHS meetings. Please bring your books to the March meeting, so you will have room on your bookshelves for new purchases!

Proceeds from this book sale will be directed to high school history awards in memory of Cath Oberholtzer. Thank you in advance.

Announcements

Ontario Heritage Week

Ontario Heritage Week 2013 runs from Monday, February 18 to Sunday, February 24 and provides an opportunity for the people of Ontario to celebrate the province's rich and diverse history. Heritage Week also serves as a dedicated time to recognize the important work done by heritage organizations and volunteers each and every year.

For details on the many planned events visit the website at www.heritagetrust.on.ca

Brighton Happenings

The Brighton Heritage Advisory Committee is holding a History Open House on Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24 from 1 to 5pm at the King Edward Community Centre in Brighton. There will be historical displays and a Heritage Tea by the Women's Institute. Special activities include a display of the Latimer Photo Collection with stories by Dan Buchanan on Saturday at 2pm and a presentation on the Presqu'le Lighthouse on Sunday at 2pm. You can contact Dan at danbuchanan@cogeco.ca if you have questions about his talk.

Lakeshore Genealogical Society

The Lakeshore Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, February 14, from 6:30-9:30pm in the Rotary Room of the Cobourg Public Library. The meeting will feature a talk entitled "'Locked in @CPL: Genealogy with Google and Facebook", presented by Gabrielle Blaschuk. Her talk will be followed by a workshop in the Library hosted by staff. This meeting is open to the public however registration is required for workshop. To register for the workshop contact the Reference Desk, 2nd floor, 905-372-9271 x6210. Indicate whether you will bring your own computer or use Library equipment. Any genealogy topic may be explored, whether on computer, in books or microfilm.

Websites

There are many websites with great Cobourg-related historical material. Visit any of the following:

Cobourg Museum Foundation: northumberlandheritage.ca

Snippets of Cobourg history and current happenings: www.hardscrabble.ca

Cobourg History: www.cobourghistory.ca/

Ontario cemetery records: ocfa.islandnet.com/

History of Great Lakes travel: www.maritimehistoryofthegreatlakes.ca/

Cobourg and Peterborough Railway: www.harwoodmuseum.ca

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