



Historically Speaking

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History of Irish and European Bagpipes

On Tuesday September 24, we are pleased to present Steafan Hannigan who will be speaking on the history of Irish and European Bagpipes. Steafan is a renowned musician who has had an amazing career. He composed the music for a 24-episode, animated series which aired worldwide in 2015, worked with a diverse range of musicians such as Bjork, Depeche Mode, Loreena McKennitt and AfroCelts. He has appeared on MTV, BBC and CBC. Along with his wife Saskia Tomkins, he was hired to work on developing the hit theatre show, *Come From Away*.



Steafan was born and raised in Belfast, Northern Ireland and came to Canada 12 years ago with his wife and three children. He is also technical Director for Fourth Line Theatre. He has been involved and appeared in such television shows as *Friends*, the Canadian show *Coppers*, and been a session musician on *Black Harbour*, *Relic Hunter* and *Earth Final Conflict*.

Doors open at 7:00 PM for coffee and cookies. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM. Guests are always welcome. Admission, including refreshments, is free for members and \$5 for non-members. All are welcome so bring a friend or two! See you on Tuesday, September 24.

Cobourg Historical Society Program: 2019 — 2020

Date	Speaker	Topic
September 24, 2019	Steafan Hannigan	Bagpipes of Europe and N. America
October 22, 2019	Ronald Roberts	John Murray Oceanographer
November 26, 2019	Gail Corbett	Barnardo Children
January 28, 2020	Randy Barber	Trench Art
February 25, 2020	Michael Peterman	Delicious Mirth: The Life and Times of James McCarroll
March 24, 2020	Leigh Barnum	The Barnum Family History
April 28, 2020	Dave Patterson	The Extraordinary Number of Indian Gifts to the World
May 26, 2020	Randy Barber	Wine and Cheese social at the Loft Discussion of Churchill followed by screening of <i>The Darkest Hour</i>

Member Matters

Fee Changes

Membership fees have been unchanged for many years. An increase in membership fees was approved by CDHS members at our May Annual General Meeting. A single membership is now \$30, a family membership is \$50. The guest fee remains unchanged at \$5.

CDHS membership is from April to April so payments for member fees are now due. You can pay at the September CDHS meeting or cheques can be mailed to:

Cobourg and District Historical Society
Attention: Brian Murphy.
P.O. Box 911
Cobourg ON K9A 4W4

Request for Help

The CDHS has received the following request for assistance:

I am one of the many great-great-grandchildren of Hon. Andrew Jeffrey, one of Cobourg's early Mayors. *[Editor's note: Andrew Jeffrey operated a hardware store at the corner of First and King Streets. He was Mayor of Cobourg in 1852. Jeffrey also headed the committee planning the construction of the Cobourg and Peterborough railway.]*

I and several third cousins are planning a bi-centennial celebration of the 1820 arrival of the Jeffreys in Cobourg, Sept 18-20, 2020 in Cobourg.

We have many facts about the Jeffrey family that I intend to put on a new website. At our bi-centennial celebration gathering next year we will tell the family story through touring family sites in Cobourg. However we want to set the family's story in the context of life in mid-19th century in Cobourg.

We have various books and accounts of life in the period from roughly 1820 to 1880 but don't profess to be experts in local history. Might CDHS be able to identify a local historian who can eloquently tell a coherent story of Cobourg life to our assembled family next year?

Sincerely

John Cowan
74 Willowbank Blvd
Toronto
Cell: 416-322-6569

If you are able to help with this request please contact John directly.

Changes at the County Archives

Northumberland County Archives is changing its name to Northumberland County Archives and Museum (NCAM) in order to capture the full scope of their services. This name change also positions the operation for the enhanced programming and exhibitions that will be on-offer to the community once the collection moves to the new Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland County Archives and Museum facility, due to be completed in the fall of 2022.

“The collecting activities of the County Archives, from the very beginning, have involved the care and preservation of both documentary materials and artefacts,” states County Director of Corporate Services Lisa Ainsworth. “This name change signifies a heightened awareness of the opportunities created by embracing this dual identity, and the further recognition of the important role that cultural institutions play in engagement, education, and identity-building within our community.”

Services available today through NCAM:

- Research support
- Access to artefacts and documents representing lives from all over Northumberland County—historical and contemporary— including municipal records, family and genealogical records, property records, photographs, maps, and other items
- Programming—in-class ‘Intro to Primary Sources’ for young primaries, as well as a comprehensive lesson package for Grade 3 entitled ‘Life in the 1800’s in Northumberland County’
- Engaging tours to small groups, which can be customized by interest

The NCAM collection is built through the generous donation of materials by individuals and organizations. Staff seek to build a collection that represents the diverse experiences and histories of this area, and are available to answer questions about the primary sources NCAM is interested in collecting, and how to donate.

“Northumberland County recognizes that Archives exist to make historical investigation possible and promote accountability, transparency and diversity,” states County Warden John Logel. “Likewise, Museums, created in the public interest, engage visitors in developing a deeper understanding of authentic cultural and natural heritage. This name change is a natural realignment of the identity of this operation with the important functions it performs today for the community.”

Northumberland County Archives and Museum will continue to operate within the C. Gordon King Centre at 200 Ontario Street, Cobourg until the end of 2022, when the collection and staff will move into the new facility co-located with the new Golden Plough Lodge. Visit <https://www.northumberland.ca/en/living-here/gpl-redevelopment-project.aspx> for more information on the coming changes.

Announcements

Lakeshore Genealogical Society

The Lakeshore Genealogical Society has scheduled several meetings of particular interest. LGS meetings are on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the HTM Building, 1185 Elgin St. West, Cobourg.

Thursday, October 10, 2019 – *British Home Children*, Speaker: Cheryl Levy PLCGS: The British Home Children were part of a child emigration scheme meant to assist with a growing social situation in Britain, and hopefully, give them an opportunity to carve out better lives for themselves. Beginning in 1869, over 100,000 children were sent from the UK to Canada and other Commonwealth countries. This year, 2019, marks the 150th anniversary of the launch of this significant part of Canadian immigration.

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – *Researching Religious Records*, Speaker: Gabe Blaschuk PLCGS:

For more information on these events visit the Genealogical Society website at <http://www.lakeshoregenealogicalsociety.ca/>

Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre

The Sifton Cook Heritage Centre will be open during September and October on Saturdays and holidays from 10am – 5pm. and on Sundays from 1pm – 5pm. Visit their website at <https://www.cobourgmuseum.ca> or phone (905)-373-7222 for further information.

REUBEN JACKSON AND MARTIN JEX **Cobourg's Renowned House Builders**

Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 pm

Rotary Room, Cobourg Library

Presentation by Judith Goulin

Free to ACO Members, \$5:00 for guests

Refreshments at 7:00, Presentation at 7:30

CDHS Marches for Canada

We made our first appearance at the Canada Day Parade this year. Our entry consisted of two vintage automobiles with the rest of us walking, waving, holding a banner and wishing everyone a great Canada Day.

Ian Grieve, friend to CDHS, drove his beautiful vintage Ford and Board Member Randy Barber drove his gorgeous vehicle.

It was a beautiful, warm day. Both cars were starting to overheat, however, the Ford stalled when it stopped for a picture and then had to be pushed off the parade route. A fine group of parade-watching men helped push the vehicle off to the side of the road. We were a hit!

Thanks to Ian, Diane, Brian and Ann, Randy and Solveig, Alison and Nicolas. Leona wasn't able to walk with us however arranged for the great banner pictured below.





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