



The CABHC Patch

News from the Community Archives

October 2019

Home Child visitors from England

British Home Child Day is marked in Canada every September 28th, and last month the Community Archives welcomed Vivienne and Ross Middleton to Belleville. The couple were visiting from Nottingham, England, in search of information about the life of Vivienne's great uncle, William West.

William came to Canada on the SS *Minnedosa* in the summer of 1921, when he was fifteen years old. He was sent across the Atlantic by the Fulham Poor Law Union in London to the Marchmont Distributing Home in Belleville. He had been separated from his siblings when he was a small child and had lost contact with them.

From Marchmont, William West was placed on a farm in Thamesville, Ontario. When the Depression



Vivienne and Ross Middleton, looking at Marchmont Home materials in the Community Archives

hit Canada, William took passage back home to England, arriving in December 1930 on the SS *Duchess of Bedford*. Once back in England, he used birth records to discover his lost family, and was reunited with them in Nottingham, where he lived for the rest of his life, dying in 1973.

The Middletons took a sizable detour on their trip from Boston to the Maritimes to visit Belleville in memory of William, and we were delighted to have them here.



CABHC:HC03068 Children at the Marchmont Home, c.1905

Recent Additions to the Archives

2019-079 Postcard of Hastings County Museum, c.1965

2019-080 Notes on the organization of the Hastings County Historical Society's map collection by Gerry Boyce, 1969-1981

2019-081 Stephens-Adamson stock certificate books, 1927-1969

2019-082 City of Belleville financial records, 1887-2012

2019-085 Collection of items relating to the Yardmen Arena in Belleville, 1953-2019

2019-086 Collection of ephemera donated by Shirley Sutherland, 1882-1977

2019-087 Collection of materials relating to the family of Leonard LaBrash, 1917-1984

2019-089 Digital photographs of Climate Strike events in Belleville and Quinte West, 2019

2019-090 Digital copies of photographs relating to the lumber industry in Hastings County, c.1890-1915

What's in the Display Case?

On October 15th there will be a Hastings County Historical Society presentation on the Gilmour Company and the history of the lumber trade. Our display this month looks at lumber barons and their industry in Hastings.



CABHC: 2019-090 Log drivers in their camp, c.1900

Climate Crisis and archives

Archivists collect materials for the future, and there is increasing concern among members of the profession about the likely impact of the climate crisis on the future of our way of life. There are interesting discussions going on about the best way of continuing to safely look after archival materials

while reducing our detrimental impact on the environment, and an increasing awareness of energy-use problems around the creation of extensive digital collections.

This is a rapidly evolving area: watch this space for updates!



CABHC: 2019-089/14 Climate Strikers @ Quinte West City Hall