

FINDING AID
FOR STRATFORD-PERTH ARCHIVES
SCRAPBOOKS

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Introduction

The Stratford-Perth Archives Scrapbook Collection is mainly clippings and articles collected and organized by R. Thomas Orr, local historian. In most cases, the material is from local newspapers, especially the Stratford Beacon Herald; although the London Free Press featured articles about Stratford too, as there was a local bureau located in the city. As well as newspapers, special editions and publications are also included in the Scrapbooks.

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4y2.3 Clipping 1 Canada Company

Information about the people involved with the Canada Company is featured. Also included is the unveiling of historical cairns at points between Stratford and Goderich and material about the settlement of the Huron Tract.

4y2.3 Clipping 2 Stratford-History

Articles include unique events or historical happenings in the history of Stratford, such as the Dynamite Explosion at the Grand Trunk Railway Yards, 1879, and the Flooding of homes and streets.

4y2.3 Clipping 3 People: Stratford, Perth County Professionals

Articles include information about some of the founders of Stratford as well as material about prominent people in Stratford and Perth County.

4y2.3 Clipping 4 North Perth

Social events of prominent people in North Perth are the main focus of this scrapbook. However, some information about the early settlers of the area is included, as well as anecdotal accounts of some of the important historical happenings, i.e. the first brick house, the founding of Milverton.

4y3.45 Clipping 5 Stratford: Clubs, Music Societies, Lodges

Articles include the social clubs and lodges that involved the young and old throughout the city. Some of these were student choirs, bands, Orange Lodges, Masonic Lodges, Rotary Clubs, Scouts, etc.

4y3.45 Clipping 6 Education: Stratford and rural

Information about the Public, Separate and Secondary Schools, as well as the Teachers' College, the Normal School and Rural Schools are featured in this scrapbook. Background information about the teachers and principals of the Perth County School System is also found in this book.

4y3.45 Clipping 7 Stratford: Municipal

Municipal includes all types of events which were important to the history and development of Stratford. Information about political events, including campaigns and elections is mentioned. Much of the material discusses the technical decisions made for the progression and development of the city, by the City Council. There are stories on the history of the Stratford Waterworks, the formation of an Agricultural Section for farmers in the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a zoning by-law which outlined future city growth.

4y3.45 Clipping 8 South Perth and County Politicians

People and politicians of South Perth are the main focus of this scrapbook. Included are social events of the area as well as political issues which were of concern to the local politicians.

5y3.3 Clipping 9 Stratford: Churches

Stratford churches are featured in this scrapbook including material about the religious denominations, ministers, and people involved with the congregations. A special section on Knox Church is also included which discusses the fire of 1913.

5y3.3 Clipping 10 Industry, CNR, Library, Business, Arena, YMCA

This scrapbook contains articles about industry in Stratford; the CNR; details of the library, including architecture; businesses, such as the Furniture Companies, the Banks, Orr Insurance, etc.; information about the Arena; and general information about the YMCA.

5y3.3 Clipping 11 Stratford General Hospital, Stratford Fall Fairs, School Fairs

Issues concerning the Stratford General Hospital are included in this scrapbook. Articles include letters to the editor concerning replacement of the old hospital with a modern structure, as well as some of the changes to the building, such as additions. Hospital personnel are also featured in this section, including graduating nurses, staff and board members.

5y3.3 Clipping 12 Sports: Stratford and Perth County

Early sports teams are featured as well as teams from the 1950s. Pictures and articles about city, rural, industrial, and school sports clubs are highlighted.

4B2.45 Clipping 13 Military, 1866-1939

From the Fenian Raids to the beginning of World War I, the articles in this scrapbook concentrate on local soldiers, but general information about the Wars is also included.

4B2.45 Clipping 14 Military, 1940-1943

Soldiers from Perth County and Stratford, serving in World War II are featured in this scrapbook.

4B2.45 Clipping 15 Military, 1944

This scrapbook contains articles about Stratford and Perth County soldiers, including those wounded, missing, or killed in action.

4B2.45 Clipping 16 Military, 1944-45, (also Netherlands Troops)

Local soldiers from Stratford and Perth County are featured in this Scrapbook. News includes mention of soldiers on leave, casualties and other information about the men in the war effort. The next part of the book deals with the visit of the Dutch Princess, Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana, including her Royal visit to Stratford to see the battalion of Dutch soldiers living in a furniture factory which was made into barracks to accommodate them. The last part of this book contains stories of soldiers returning home after armistice was proclaimed.

4B3.45 Clipping 17 Military, 1945-1956, also Legion

Newspaper clippings following Perth County's soldiers during the end of the war effort are featured. After armistice, information about the return of local veterans, celebrations and casualties are reported. The final part of the scrapbook deals with the founding of the Legion, as well as some information about the Perth Regiment.

4B3.45 Clipping 18 Military, Victory Loans, General

The first part of this scrapbook deals with Victory Loans, the quota established for Stratford and Perth County, and information about some of the agents selling war bonds. The latter part of the scrapbook deals with the military in general and examines all wars in the past, up to World War II. Perth County soldiers are not the focus of this material.

4B3.45 Clipping 19 YMCA Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, as well as newsletters and planning documents of the board and staff of the YMCA.

4B3.45 Clipping 20 Indians, Ontario mostly, Fred Williams, (articles)

The articles include information about the original natives of Ontario.

5y1.3 Clipping 21 Schools: Not Perth, Good Roads, Ontario

Articles include historical information of schools, not found in Perth County. Accounts are given of the origin and architecture of the schools as well as information about the teachers. This book also includes general information about the planning and creation of Ontario's highways.

5y1.3 Clipping 22 Upper Thames Valley Conservation Authority,
also Reforestation

Clippings about flood control as well as flood damage in Stratford and the surrounding area are featured. Articles about the advantages of reforestation are also included.

5y1.3 Clipping 23 Grand River; Architecture

Articles about the Grand River include conservation and flood problems; prominent people, and historical information. The last part deals with architecture throughout Ontario. The material covers barn raising, city architecture, including Toronto and Guelph and uses of historic buildings in Ontario.

5y2.3 Clipping 24 Huron County (Less Goderich), Grey County
General historical information of areas in Huron and Grey County as well as anecdotes about the early settlers of these counties.

5y2.3 Clipping 25 Churches, Rural, Goderich, Perth
Clippings include articles about the churches found in the rural areas of Perth County. As well, the town of Goderich and some historical events are mentioned as well.

5y2.3 Clipping 26 Churches, General
The churches detailed in this scrapbook are not located in Perth County. General information about Presbyterian, Anglican and Baptist churches and religion is featured.

5y2.3 Clipping 27 Churches, General
Background information about Roman Catholic, Methodist, United and other religious denominations is the main component of this scrapbook. The articles are general and are not about churches in Perth County.

4y1.3 Clipping 28 Stratford Shakespearean Festival, 1952-1957
This scrapbook deals specifically with the founding of the Festival, the people involved, such as Tom Patterson, Tyrone Guthrie; sketches about the Festival Theatre Group and also material about the opening, the citizens of Stratford and letters to the editor regarding the erection of the building.

4y1.3 Clipping 29 Stratford Parks, War Memorial
The majority of this scrapbook deals with the Stratford Parks system as well as the Shakespearean Gardens and people who were involved in the Parks Board. The last part of the book contains articles detailing the citizens' campaign to erect a local War Memorial.

5B2.45 Clippings 30-32 Middlesex County
Stories, anecdotes and people important to the history and settlement of Middlesex and Essex Counties are featured in these scrapbooks. Essex County is primarily in Clipping 32.

6y1.3 Clipping 33 Newspapers, Stratford and General (indexed)
The Dingman family is featured as well as employees of the Beacon Herald, over the first fifty years of the paper's existence. Other articles concern newspapermen in Stratford and other Ontario cities.

6y1.3 Clipping 34 Waterloo/Bruce Counties
Articles include stories about the history, settlement and people of both Waterloo and Bruce Counties.

6y1.3 Clipping 35 Oxford County
Articles include anecdotes about the history, settlement, people, architecture and leisure activities in Oxford County.

5B2.45 Clipping 36 Pioneer Life
General material about pioneer conditions in Canada, especially Ontario, are discussed in this scrapbook.

5B1.45 Clipping 37 Railways, General Observations
Articles about the railroad and it's history are included in this book. The material is general and covers all of Ontario and part of Canada. General secondary information about social and historical issues are featured in the last part of this book.

4y2.50 Clipping 38 Beacon Semi-Centennial, 1855, 1903 (app. 96 pp)
The Maple Leaf Magazine, 1923 (app. 48 pp)

The Beacon Semi-Centennial featured articles and illustrations about the history of Stratford. Businesses, industries and prominent citizens were focused on as well as the concerns of Stratford, circa 1905.

The Maple Leaf Magazine, published in New Brunswick, featured different cities with reference to all aspects of that city's life. In April, 1923, an issue was dedicated to Stratford, the Classic City. It highlighted the history, people and industries of Stratford.

4y2.50 Clipping 39 Stratford Illustrated, 1902 (56 pp)
Album of Views of the Classic City (app. 35 pp)
The City of Stratford, Its Past, Present and
Future (10 pp)

All of the above publications detail the business industry, architecture and local people of Stratford, (circa 1902-1920). The history of the settlement of Stratford is also mentioned.

4y2.50 Clipping 40 1882, 1907, 1914

This scrapbook includes an information pamphlet about Stratford, published in 1882, which was sent to manufacturers in Great Britain and Ireland, with the hope of attracting potential developers to the area. Information about business, industries, architecture, education and other facilities of Stratford was included. The rest of the scrapbook contains two small pamphlets which featured different scenic views of Stratford, including architecture.

5y1.50 Clipping 42-46 The London Free Press Feb. 1951-June 1955
The first five years of clippings kept by the Stratford Bureau of the London Free Press, featuring local news, are contained in these scrapbooks.

6y2.3 Clipping 72 Old Boys, 1906

The "Old Boys" were a group of men who left Stratford to pursue careers in other cities. Major reunions were organized to welcome the successful "Sons of Stratford" home. The title later extended to include women or "Old Girls". This scrapbook contains an itinerary of celebrations and activities planned, sketches of the successful returning Stratford natives and also information about the current Stratford (circa 1906), as well as some of Stratford's history in general.

6y2.3 Clipping 73 Old Boys, 1914

This scrapbook contains articles about some of the individuals as well as information about Stratford and how it had changed since the last reunion.

6y2.3 Clipping 74 Huron Road, Special, 30 Aug. 1928
Old Boys' Special, 23 June, 1932
Centennial Special, 27 July, 1932

Articles featured include information about the settlement, development and history of the Huron Road. The Old Boys' section features articles about the homecoming activities planned as well as reminiscences from different locals about Stratford and the way it was. The Centennial Special features articles about Stratford's history as well as sketches of prominent citizens.

6y2.3 Clipping 75 Old Boys, 1953, Centennial, 1967

One of the last Old Boys reunions occurred in 1953. Articles featured in this scrapbook highlight events from the last homecoming as well as information about Stratford. The 1967 Centennial is recorded with the next series of clippings taken from the Beacon Herald.

6y3.3 Clipping 76 Sesquicentennial, Part A

The clippings in this scrapbook feature articles, pictures and historical trivia about Stratford, both past and at the time of publication. The material was published in the Beacon Herald as part of the celebration of Stratford's Sesquicentennial.

6y3.3 Clipping 77 Sesquicentennial, Part B

Published in the Beacon Herald, the articles in this scrapbook feature pictures, articles and other information about Stratford over the last one hundred and fifty years.

6y3.3 Clipping 78 Sesquicentennial, Special Edition, 1982

The Sesquicentennial Special Edition was published by the Beacon Herald on May 15, 1982. Information about Stratford's history, businesses, etc. are included as part of the celebration for Stratford's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary.

Two unnumbered scrapbooks:

Trade/Railway

Included in this scrapbook are the following publications: The Stratford and Perth County Trade Review, March 1898; The Herald Souvenir Trade Edition, Dec. 10, 14, 1898; Stratford, The Classic City, 1905 and The Beacon's Magazine of Industry, 1911. Also included is a section covering an exhibition which featured locally manufactured products. All of this material outlines the businesses, industries and proprietors of the same in Stratford.

The latter part of the scrapbook deals with the Canadian National Railway, the people employed by the CNR and the machinery. Some articles highlight the history of some of the engines, but most of the material deals with the CNR between the 1950s-1960s.

Business and Industry/People

Business and Industry concerns of the 1960s is featured in this scrapbook. The latter part of the scrapbook features material from the 1950s-1960s about local residents.