

Local History/Genealogical Resources

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Genealogy Books

Beginner's guide to Ontario genealogy	Dunford, Fraser. 2007
Debrett's family historian	Carrier-Briggs, M. 1981.
Everything online genealogy book	Richley, Pat. 2004
Genealogy in Ontario....	Merriman, Brenda L. 2002
Here be dragons!	Douglas, Althea. 1995.
How to do everything with your Genealogy	Morgan, George F. 2004
In search of your Canadian roots	Baxter, Angus. 1999
Ontario families	Chadwick, E. M.
Everything on-line genealogy book Scottish roots	Richley, Pat. 2000 James, Alwyn. 2002
Tools of the trade for Canadian Genealogy	Douglas, Anthea. 2004.
Tracing your Irish ancestors	Grenham, John. 2006
Using forms for Canadian genealogical Research	Smart, Susan. 2006
You can write your family history	Carmack, Sharon. 2003.

Local history books

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

General histories (Some of these are reference only)

Bluebloods and rednecks	Anderson, C. 1996
Community spotlight	Mika, H. 1974.

Edna's scrapbook.	Chant, Edna. 1988.
History of Leeds and Grenville.	Leavitt, Thaddeus. 1879 – reprint.
Items from the past: birth, marriage And death records from the Athens newspapers	
Leeds and Grenville: their first 200 Years.	McKenzie, Ruth. 1967.
Leeds and Grenville bicentennial	Clow, M. 1985
Leeds the lovely	Earle, Evelyn Purvis. 1951.
Linger in Leeds. Memory turns the dial	Earl, Evelyn Purvis. O'Connor, Madeleine.
Irish in Ontario	Akenson, Donald. 1984.
Summary of proceedings of the Council of the District of Johnstown	

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

NEWBORO AND NORTH CROSBY (FORMER MUNICIPALITIES)

History of the Township of North Crosby And Westport	Patterson, Neil. 2007
The Isthmus.	1967
Newboro Village history (compiled on a summer student project in 1970s)	
Newboro Tweedsmuir History (Newboro library on reference)	
Newboro house file (local history files compiled on a winter works project 1981)	

PORTLAND

Portland village history (compiled on a summer student project in 1970s)	
Rideau passages	Moore, D. Jane. 1982.

ELGIN

Copy of Elgin Tweedsmuir book in local history resources

BASTARD AND SOUTH BURGESS (FORMER TOWNSHIP)

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| “My own four walls” | Haskins, Diane. 1982 |
| Our Stevens story | Stuart, Elizabeth. 1992. |
| South Burgess Township | Gibson, B. 1996. |
| Land, surveyors and settlers | Fritz, Paul. 1994 |

Tweedsmuir histories of the Bastard and South Burgess Women’s Institute 1995.

Miscellaneous information in local history files.

SOUTH CROSBY (FORMER TOWNSHIP)

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| Hub of the Rideau | Warren, Susan. 1997. |
| Samuel Chaffey | Warren, Susan. 1989. |
| Little school in the pines
Chaffey’s Lock) | McIntyre, L. (Pine Grove School |
| Hearth and heritage | Fleming, Laurel. 1982. (Chaffey’s Lock) |
| Rideau Reflections
Falls, Morton) | Churchill, Clare. 1982. (Elgin, Jones |
| When the fish are rising | Fleming, Clint. 1982 ed. of 1947 book |

Scrapbooks of Clare Churchill

Scrapbooks of Ruby Ripley (Elgin area)

Copy of Elgin Tweedsmuir history in local history files

Elgin Women’s Institute records

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| My kind of people | Murphy, Mike (Elgin area) |
| Look to the lilacs
Lake/Elgin area) | Lavalee, Shirley Miller. 2000. (Clear |

Golden years (NFB video of Chaffey’s Lock 1982)

Miscellaneous information in local history files

REAR OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE (FORMER TOWNSHIP)

Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne. Lockwood, Glenn.

SOUTH ELMSLEY (FORMER TOWNSHIP)

South Elmsley in the making Kennedy, James L. 1983.

RIDEAU LAKES TOWNSHIP

Our best kept secret (LACAC video from 1999)

Architectural tours of Delta, Portland and Newboro

KITLEY (FORMER TOWNSHIP)

Kitley. Lockwood, Glenn.

SMITHS FALLS

Smiths Falls. Lockwood, Glenn. 1994
History of Smiths Falls. 1982

LANARK COUNTY

Matter of honour Code, Susan. 1996 (Perth)

Merchants, professionals and trades people
Of Perth Quattrocchi, Gus. 1998.

In search of Lanark Bennett, Carol. 1980.

Pioneer history of the County of Lanark. McGill, Jean. 1968.

Lanark County settlers Bennett, Carol. 1991.

When the sugar bird sings Smith, Claudia. 1996.

Lure of Lanark Andrew, David. 1974.

RIDEAU CANAL

Engineered landscapes Watson, Ken. 2006.

Fish tales: the lure and lore of the
Rideau. Bebee, Ed. 2007.

From Ireland they came	Patterson, Neil. 2002.
Gentleman of substance: life and Legacy of John Redpath	Feltoe, Richard. 2004
John By and the Rideau Canal	Purdy, Dwight. 1986.
Pathfinders: the guides of the Rideau	Bebee, Ed. 2004
The Rideau: a pictorial history.	Ten Cate, A. 1981.
Rideau route: exploring the precanal Waterway	Watson, Ken. 2007
Rideau Canal then and now	Corbett, Ron. 2007
Rideau waterway	Leggett, Robert. 1992 ed.
Colonel By's friends stood up	Moon, R. 1979.
Dr. Lake's chart of the Rideau Lakes.	Lake, Elmer. Reprint of 1901 chart.
John By.	Leggett, Robert. 1982.
Archaeological historical symposium...	1982.
On Sunday afternoon: classic boats of the Rideau.	1989.
From war to winterlude.	Peck, Mary. 1982.
Legacy in stone: the Rideau corridor.	Spalding-Smith, Fiona. 2000.
Building the Rideau Canal.	Passfield, Robert. 1982.
Rideau.	Turner, Larry. 1995.
History of the Rideau lock stations	Watson, Ken. 2000.
Diary of Peter Sweeney (Friends of the Rideau)	2008.

RIDEAU CANAL MANUSCRIPT REPORTS (ON REFERENCE)

Construction history of the Rideau Canal	Price, Karen. 1976.
Industrial development in the Rideau Corridor.	Snyder, M. H. 1976.

Builders of the Rideau Canal	Bush, E. 1976
Commercial navigation of the Rideau Canal.	Bush, E. 1977
The Rideau Canal, 1832-1914.	Tulloch, Judith. 1975.

OTHER REFERENCE MATERIALS INCLUDE (Mainly at Elgin Branch):

1. Local history vertical files (by community)
2. Newsletters of the Leeds and Grenville Genealogical Society
3. Cemetery recordings for most local cemeteries in North Crosby, Newboro, Bastard and S. Burgess, Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne and South Crosby)
4. Census materials including: 1851 Census of North Crosby, South Crosby and Bastard and South Burgess, early census material for Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne and Augusta, county index to 1871 Census
5. Ontario Registers
6. Births, deaths and marriages in the Brockville newspapers
7. Wesleyan Methodist Baptisms for Leeds and Grenville 1843-1900
8. Loyalist links for Leeds and Grenville
9. Upper Canada naturalization records 1828-1850
10. McCabe List of early Irish in the Ottawa Valley
11. Men of Upper Canada militia rolls 1828-29
12. Rideau Canal newsletters (Steam and Stone) 1980s
13. Back issues of North Leeds Lantern 1977-1992
14. Frontenac County family information
15. South Crosby index files (by family name) used to compile Hub of the Rideau index (includes Census information 1842, 1848, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, cemetery recording information, some newspaper information, index of Sweeney and Ripley diaries) (Please discuss this with Sue Warren – it is her personal file)
16. Various family histories including Burtch, Updegrave, Halladay, Singleton, Dwyer and other family history trees and information.

We also have local histories of Kingston and Ottawa as well as many other Ontario communities. Ask your librarian to help. As well, we can order many books through interlibrary loan although libraries do not tend to loan out local histories and family histories. General genealogical books are easily acquired for you through interlibrary loan.