

Elgin County Archives and Museum



Newspaper clippings relating to the London and Port Stanley Railway

<https://heritagecollections.elgin.ca/en/permalink/archives63805>

Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives
Part Of: Elgin County Vertical File Collection
Description Level: File
Accession Number: 2008-01
2017-39
Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 110
Storage Location: Box 171, File 10
R10 S3 Sh6 B3
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1951-2001
Physical Description: 0.2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:


St. Thomas Times-Journal articles relating to the London and Port Stanley Railway, 1951-2001.

A column: "What information do you have on the old London and Port Stanley Railroad?", London Free Press, October 10, 1987.

Also included is a sketch by Rickard, of the L & Ps Kains St. Station, St. Thomas, in 1910.

Name Access: St. Thomas Times-Journal
London and Port Stanley Railway
Subject Access: Newspapers
Railways

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Information regarding John James Porter, killed in a train crash on the London and Port Stanley Railway

<https://heritagecollections.elgin.ca/en/permalink/archives164635>

Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives
Part Of: Ken Verrell Collection
Description Level: File
File Number: W1 B4 F14
Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 105
Storage Location: W1 B4 F14

GMD: textual records
graphic material

Date Range: 1998

Series: Ken Verrell Collection - Personal records and memberships series

Physical Description: 0.1 cm of textual records
1 photograph : sep ; 9 x 15 cm

Scope and Content:

File contains correspondence addressed to Ken Verrell from Sheila Heasman, whose relative was John James Porter. Porter was killed in a train accident on the London and Port Stanley Railway and Heasman wrote Verrell to share more information about her relative. Included with the letter is a photographic print of Porter and copies of newspaper articles covering the crash.

Written on the reverse of the photograph is the following text handwritten in ink: "On reverse of original - Frank Cooper, Photographer, Richmond St., London, Ont / John James Porter, b. 26th April 1845. Killed in 'horrendous' train crash on the London & Port Stanley Railway on 12th July 1883."

Name Access: Verrell, Ken (1926-2016)
London and Port Stanley Railway

Subject Access: Railways

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London and Port Stanley Railway material and ephemera

<https://heritagecollections.elgin.ca/en/permalink/archives191166>


Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives
Part Of: Don Cosens Collection
Description Level: File
Accession Number: 2018-58
Storage Room: Archives 4th Floor Storage Room
Storage Location: M5 S1 Sh4 B7 F1
GMD: textual records
Date Range: 1937-2005
Series: Don Cosens Collection - Reference files series
Physical Description: 0.2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:

File maintained by Don Cosens for reference and research purposes. Includes blank letterhead for the London and Port Stanley Railway, a time table and tickets from the last day of passenger service on February 19, 1957, a ticket booklet issued to Francis Hume, a sign originally posted in a passenger car, and newspaper articles regarding the history of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Name Access: London and Port Stanley Railway

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Videocassette - "Memories of the L&PS"

<https://heritagecollections.elgin.ca/en/permalink/archives167522>

Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives
Part Of: Ken Verrell Collection
Creator: Elgin County Railway Museum
Description Level: Item
Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 105
Storage Location: W1 4
GMD: moving images
Date Range: 1997
Series: Ken Verrell Collection - Audio-Visual series
Physical Description: 1 videocassette : col : 50 min

History /


Biographical:

Viedocassette titled "Memories of the L&PS", featuring a brief photo shitroy, original colour movies and slides from the 1950s, and the London and Port Stanley Railway Moto Coach # 8 reinauguration at Halton County Radial Railway.

Name Access: London and Port Stanley Railway

Subject Access: Railways

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BX Tower in St. Thomas, Ontario

<https://heritagecollections.elgin.ca/en/permalink/archives160944>

Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives
Part Of: Ken Verrell Collection
Description Level: Item
File Number: R4 S5 Sh3 B7 F2
Accession Number: 2016-30
Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 107
Storage Location: R4 S5 Sh3 B7 F2 13
GMD: graphic material
Date Range: ca. 1990s
Series: Ken Verrell Collection - Photographs series
Physical Description: 1 photograph : col ; 10 x 15 cm

History /

Biographical:

The Canada Southern Railway constructed a route from Buffalo to Detroit, through St. Thomas, in 1872. By that time, the London and Port Stanley Railway had been operating in the area for over 15 years, so it was the responsibility of the Canada Southern Railway to protect the diamond where they crossed the London and Port Stanley Railway tracks. For this they built a mechanically interlocked system of signals and switches which were controlled from the BX Tower, located a few hundred feet east of the London and Port Stanley tracks. Levers in the tower allowed the operator to remotely operate switches and signals via a system of control rods that snaked along the ground near the tower.

Scope and Content:

BX Tower on Moore Street in St. Thomas, Ontario. This tower served as the interlocking tower for the London and Port Stanley Railway and the Michigan Central Railroad, as well as their subsidiaries and successors.


Name Access: Railways
 St. Thomas (Ont.)
 London and Port Stanley Railway
 Michigan Central Railway
 Michigan Central Railroad

Subject Access: Railways
 Transportation
 Train stations

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