

Lordly Ledger



C H E S T E R M U N I C I P A L H E R I T A G E S O C I E T Y

ON-GOING PROJECTS:

- Development of the American Connection Display
- Lordly Lectures
- Sorting and accessioning of the Rutherford Collection
- Outreach to community a priority
- Database updating

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LORDLY HOUSE OPENS

This has been an exciting and rewarding summer for our society.

Maple Cottage, the first municipal office was opened on July 28th with Chester council and members of the public in attendance.

On August 7th, with banners flying and the weather, for once cooperating, Lordly House was officially opened to the public. Senator Fred Dickson and Margaret Lordly (aka Fran Underwood) cut the ribbon .

Our hats off celebration, with costumed hosts and a multitude of hats was spectacular. It was an event not to be missed.

This event could not have occurred without the help and support of many supporters and donors. We cannot thank you enough.

Today we have two buildings that will serve the municipality



Lordly House all-dressed

in various ways in the years to come.

Lordly House will showcase the wealth of our local culture and history for visitors and residents.

Maple Cottage will provide free public internet access through the CAP site and another satellite site at Julien's Bakery.

Research materials, databases, news clippings , digitized photographs are stored here.

There is also a small programming area available for use by groups.

We are open through the winter months by appointment.

Call 275-3826



HOW CAN WE THANK YOU ENOUGH!
DO YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE ?

Thank you,

merci,

gratias,

tankje,

danke,

taku,

grazas,

mahalo

...no matter how you say it we couldn't have done this without your support and belief in our vision.

PHOTOGRAPHS / LUGGAGE TAGS / ETC .

If you happened to be observant, you might have seen a man swinging a metal detector, moving slowly across the lawn at the Chester Train Station. He was searching for artifacts in the area. He discovered two metal luggage tags with the name and place of origin at the station and further search of the land at Lordly Park has uncovered a musket ball.

Other accessions were an old shoe, half of an ox shoe, net knitting needle, and a shoe polish can cover discovered in the ceiling of an old house at Marriott's Cove.

We also received a bequest from the late Boyd Sphar III of Chester postcards he had collected through the years.

Photographs taken by the late Edward Rutherford, a life time member of the Heritage

Society, were presented to us. Currently we are sorting and beginning the job of cataloging these photos.

We also received a quilt made by a war bride in Blandford, with the provincial flowers on it as well as a number of research books to add to our collection.

Our thanks to those who donated these items and others not mentioned here.



Dr. M. Allen Gibson cutting the ribbon in 2000—we've come a long way since then.

OAK ISLAND DISPLAY SUMMER STUDENTS

"My cow was cow-napped," claims local resident.

Chester Train Station was the location of a new display, "Explore Oak Island" that opened in July.

The display showcases the story of the on-going search for treasure on Oak island.

Artifacts, maps, photographs, and original art portray the story. Open during Visitor Information Centre Hours.

A fare thee well to the students who worked during the summer for the society. They helped to make things run smoothly as we moved into the buildings and planned the official openings. (left to right Kate Dufresne, Tyler Peterson, Caleb Eisnor)

My thanks to Shelia Barrett for sewing the curtains for Maple Cottage.



PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY PLANNED FOR 2013

In 2013 the society plans to mount a photography display entitled "Main Street" which will focus on the main streets in our towns and villages within the Municipality of the District of Chester. We will feature heritage shots of those areas and ask local photographers to submit

their photographs depicting the main streets of our area.

The society will recognize the winner of the photography section of the display at that time and during the coming year.

This is open to all and we hope to see many entries.



The Plant Steam Ship Company, Halifax

Thomas W. Chisholm NSARM accession no. 1981-457No. 1 www.govns.ca/nsarm/ © 2011

W O M A N D I S R U P T S C O U N C I L

A local woman, disrupted council this morning, despite the fact that women are not permitted to participate. She was irate over the fact that council was wasting money paying a man to capture cows that had broken out of their pastures, putting them in a village corral until the fine of a shilling was paid and the fence fixed.

“My cow got out and was put in that village corral and it took me three days to get my fence fixed and to get a shilling for the fine. When I went to

the corral to get my cow, it wasn't there, it had disappeared. I tell you my cow was cow-napped and I demand that you do something about it!”

Councillors were so taken aback by the verbal attack that they at first didn't have an answer. Finally the clerk roared, “Woman if you don't leave here this minute you will find yourself in that pen.”

The woman left but not before admonishing the clerk to write it in the minutes so that a record would be kept.



Warden Webber, Councillors Armstrong & Myra

Historic Gold Mines Tours in November

Four tours available, November 5, 12, 19 and 26th 1:30 - 3:30 each day

Adults \$10 Family \$25

Children ten and under \$5

All proceeds for the Chester Municipal Heritage Society

Two hour guided walking tour of the west side of Gold River

gold mines, part of the Nova Scotia gold rush of the 1860s. See intact old gold mine shafts, trenches, site of a dam and electrical power generation and locations of old stamping/processing mills.

This is a pleasant, moderate hike, some wet spots, all on a gated woods road on private property. At the mid way point,

enjoy hot chocolate and cookies in a warm heritage log cabin. Wear bright colours, hunters orange if you have it. All participants must sign an indemnity form.

Call 275-3718 for more information and reservations (a must)



All that glitters is not gold but...

We do have gold mines...

find out about them

S U M M E R C A M P S / E D U C A T I O N A L P R O G R A M S V I C T O R I A N C R A F T S A L E

This year we offered two summer camps, The Village People Drama Camp led by Cynthia Meyers and Astronomy Camp led by Paul Heath. Both camps were well received, but we did not experience the response that we had expected. Due to this we will be re-evaluating the sign-up procedure and the minimum number to make the

camps viable in 2012.

Victorian Craft Sale

Changes location

November 24–27

10 AM–5PM at Lordly House, 133 Central Street

Chester, NS*

* NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Pre-register for an Educational Program, “Trade in Time” at 275-3826 for children 9 – 11 at Maple Cottage Saturday mornings from 10 AM–12 noon, January 14 and 28, 2012

Learn about trade beginning with our native peoples and including today's global trade. Games, activities and artifacts



N B Half penny found in the Lordly wall

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Lordly Estate Municipal Museum

The mission of the Chester Municipal Heritage Society is:
To cultivate awareness of the unique heritage of the Municipality of Chester for the enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations through the preservation of historically significant properties and the delivery of educational programming.

Mandate
The mandate of the Chester Municipal Historical Society encompasses the natural and cultural history of the communities that make up the Municipality of Chester, both tangible (such as artifacts, buildings, and archival records) and intangible (such as oral history and customs).

Join us—become a member. Membership forms are available on line or by calling 275-3826

**S E C O N D L U G G A G E F O U N D A T S T A T I O N -
M U S K E T B A L L A T P A R K**

A Plant Line luggage tag found at the Station in July 2011 was marked, The Plant Steam Ship Company The company was

located at the foot of Sackville Street, on the water-side of one of the numerous downtown

'arches' leading from street to wharf, all of them now long gone from the urban landscape. The firm of Thomas J. Egan sold guns, fishing tackle and sporting goods, and

it was in that building that the fire began.

The Plant Line, established in the

majority of business traffic along this important sea route. The firm advertised its service as

the most desirable way to travel, only one night is spent at sea. There are no changes to make, no dust or dirt, no scurrying for meals, a comfortable trip on a floating hotel. The line in summertime also operates from Halifax to Port Hawkesbury and Charlottetown. The company also acts as

agents for the coastal steamer Dufferin which runs along the Eastern Coast terminating at Sherbrooke.

L O R D L Y L E C T U R E S

The Society is currently planning a series of lectures and presentation to be delivered during the coming fall and winter months.

January 9—Oak Island

February 13—Videos of Local Residents

March 12—Restoration and Lordly House

April 6—Annual Meeting

May 14 - New Ross Freighters video presentation

May 12 - Key of D - drawing for guitar

city since 1889, offered the only direct (i.e. non-stop) shipping and passenger service between Halifax and Boston, and thus captured the