

About the Archives - Interested in conducting research in our archives room?

Our archives hold a diverse and significant collection of materials that capture the history and essence of the Bruce Peninsula.

Collection Highlights:

1. Historic Images and Photo Archive

- **Ruth Bainbridge & Rob Cotton Collections:** Historical photos stored on discs.
- **Flora and Fauna:** Photos of the unique biosphere including rare wild orchids.
- **Old Photo Albums:** Preserved albums that offer a window into past local life.

2. Surveys and Marine Charts

- **Original Documents:** Access detailed surveys and marine navigational charts crucial for historical and maritime research.

3. Treaties and Land Ownership Documents

- **As Donated:** Important documents relating to the land and its changes over time.

4. Literary Collections

- **Poetry and Stories:** Featuring local poets like Warren Adams and archives of oral histories.
- **Personal Journals and Letters:** Personal narratives that offer insights into everyday life and significant historical events.

5. Research Collections

- **Family History/Genealogy:** Includes research binders of individuals who have traced their lineage.
- **Local History Books:** A variety of books written about the area's past by local historians.
- **Maritime History:** Encompassing shipwreck accounts, fisheries records, and other maritime-related documents.

6. Natural History of the Bruce Peninsula

- **Documentation:** Collections on local flora and fauna, reflecting the area's natural diversity.

7. Archival Newspapers and Periodicals

- **Newspaper Collections:** Archived newspapers that document local historical events.

8. Posters and Pamphlets

- **Tourism and Park History:** Vintage materials that showcase the region's appeal to visitors over the decades.

Support Our Efforts: Donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. They support the maintenance and expansion of our collections. Interested parties may also consider donating items of historical value, which will be preserved and may be included in our archives upon evaluation.