A Selected Bibliography of Sources Related to Cobourg, Muskoka, and Lake of the Woods, Ontario, and Their U.S. Visitors

Cobourg, Ontario (Photo by Marsha Ann Tate)

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Introduction

The following is a selected bibliography of sources related to Cobourg, Rice Lake, Lake Muskoka, and the Lake of the Woods regions of Ontario, in addition to U.S. visitors to the respective areas. The time period covered by the sources ranges from the late eighteenth century through the first half of the twentieth century.

Arrangement of Entries

The bibliography is arranged into the following sections: (a) Archives, Libraries, and museums; (b) Maps and Atlases; (c) Photographs; (d) Population and Other Demographic Statistics; (e) Government Publications; (f) Theses; (g) Books and Book Chapters; (h) Maps and Atlases; (i) Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles; (j) Conference and Working Papers; (k) Speech and Interview Transcripts; (l) Newspaper Articles; (m) Pamphlets, Brochures, and Advertisements; and (n) Web-based Resources.

All entries are listed alphabetically, using a word-by-word scheme, according to the author’s last name or title, if the author(s) are unknown. Canadian or British spellings of English words are retained, as are French spellings of words.
Archives, Libraries and Museums

Canada

Archives of Ontario
134 Ian Macdonald Boulevard
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C5

Cobourg Public Library
Local History Room
http://www.cobourg.library.on.ca/history.html
Cobourg Branch–C. Gordon King Centre
200 Ontario Street
Cobourg, Ontario K9A 5P4
Phone: (905) 372-9271

The Cobourg Library’s Local History Room includes a wide variety of historical resources related to Cobourg and the surrounding region, including family histories, guides, newspapers, photographs, and much more.

Lake of the Woods Museum
http://www.lakeofthewoodsmuseum.ca/
300 Main Street South
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X5

Library and Archives Canada
http://www.collectionscanada.ca/index-e.html
395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N4

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston
www.marmuseum.ca
55 Ontario St.
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2Y2
Phone: (613) 542-2261
Email: marmus@marmuseum.ca

The Marine Museum of the Great Lakes’ collections include artifacts, bibliographic titles, ship plans, and archival materials (“Research Resources—Guides and Links”).
Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre
275 Steamboat Bay Road
Gravenhurst, Ontario, P1P 1Z9
Phone: (705) 687-2115

Opened in 2006, the Muskoka Boat and Heritage Center provides visitors with a glimpse into Muskoka life. The Centre also features an in-water boat display.

Muskoka Lakes Museum
http://mlmuseum.com/
Box 432
Port Carling, Ontario P0B 1J0
Phone: (705) 765-5367
Email: info@mlmuseum.com

“The museum represents the history of the Muskoka Lakes...The Muskoka Lakes Township heritage is presented through permanent and seasonal exhibits and programs, workshops, the adult lecture series, and special events” (Muskoka Lakes Museum homepage).

Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives
http://www.pcma.ca/
Museum Drive at Hunter Street East (Armour Hill)
P.O. Box 143
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5
Telephone: (705) 743-5180
Note: Due to space restrictions, research appointments are mandatory.

“The Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives’ (PCMA’s) collection is the second oldest in Ontario. Currently there are 25 000 artifacts and thousands of linear feet of archival material” (“About the Museum”).

Trent University Archives
1600 West Bank Drive
Peterborough, Ontario, Canada K9J 7B8
Telephone: (705) 748-1011 ext. 7413

“Trent University Archives is a regional repository for historical papers and records relating to the Trent Valley area and beyond, with special emphasis of those subject areas which complement undergraduate and graduate teaching at Trent” (“About the Archives”).
Archives, Libraries and Museums

United States

**Anthracite Heritage Museum & Iron Furnaces**


McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504

Phone: (570) 963-4804.

“The collections of the Anthracite Heritage Museum include a non-circulating archives and library. The library collections contain books, periodicals, and vertical file items. The archival collections contain documents, maps, images and ephemera.”

**The Buffalo History Museum (formerly known as the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society)**

[http://www.buffalohistory.org](http://www.buffalohistory.org)

One Museum Court

Buffalo, New York 14216

Phone: (716) 873-9644

The Buffalo History Museum’s “collections include more than 100,000 artifacts, 200,000 photographs, and 20,000 books” related to the history of Buffalo and western New York (“About the Museum”).

**Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Department**


4400 Forbes Ave.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Phone: (412) 622-3154

The Pennsylvania Department houses materials “on Pennsylvania history, biography, law, economics, sociology, and demographics with an emphasis on Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. Resources include books, photographs, maps, atlases, newspapers, periodicals, manuscripts, clipping files, electronic databases and other memorabilia.” Also, the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society’s collection is “available for reference use in the Pennsylvania Department” (“About Us”).

**Cultural Resources Geographic Information System**

Co-venture between the PA Historical & Museum Commission and the PA Dept. of Transportation

[https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/ce/SelectWelcome.asp](https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/ce/SelectWelcome.asp)
The “Cultural Resources Geographic Information System (CRGIS) is a map-based inventory of the historic and archaeological sites and surveys stored in the files of the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP). The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) has been collecting information concerning archaeological sites and historic resources for the greater part of a century. Currently there are 20,280 archaeological sites and 125,205 historic properties in these files. Access to these paper records is free and open to the public by appointment at the BHP office in Harrisburg. CRGIS is a means of accessing some of these data without a trip to Harrisburg” (CRGIS home page).

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), IUP Libraries, Special Collections & Archives**
Stapleton Library
431 South Eleventh Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania 15705
Phone: (724) 357-3039

**The New York State Archives**
New York State Education Department
Cultural Education Center
Albany, New York 12230
Phone: (518) 474-8955

**The Pennsylvania State Archives**
[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_archives/2887](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/state_archives/2887)
350 North St. at Forster St.
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0090
Phone: (717) 783-3281

**Senator John Heinz History Center Library & Archives**
1212 Smallman Street (6th floor)
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
Telephone: (412) 454-6000

“The Library & Archives at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center preserves books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, atlases, newspapers, films, recordings and memorabilia documenting over 250 years of life in the region” ("Library Archives at The History Center").
Maps and Atlases


Photographs

The database includes historical images of Cobourg, Lake Muskoka, and Kenora (formerly Rat Portage), Ontario.

Cobourg Public Library and the Cobourg and District Historical Society Archives. *Cobourg and District Images*. Cobourg, Ont.: Cobourg Public Library and the Cobourg and District Historical Society Archives, n.d.  

The book is housed in the Special Collections department of the Toronto Public Library.

“Historic Pittsburgh Image Collections.” http://images.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin//image/image-idx?xc=1;page=index;g=imls;tpl=collections.tpl (accessed July 5, 2014).  
“The Historic Pittsburgh Image Collections provide online access to over 14,000 images from 44 photographic collections,” including the Archives Service Center, University of Pittsburgh, Library & Archives at the Heinz History Center, the Carnegie Museum of Art, and many more (“Historic Pittsburgh Image Collections: Collection Information.”)


Library and Archives Canada (host). *Images Canada*.  
“[P]rovides central search access to the thousands of images held on the websites of participating Canadian cultural institutions” (“About – Picturing Canadian Culture—Images Canada”).

A research portal that provides access to “hundreds of digital collections about New York State’s people, places, and institutions” (“New York Heritage Home Page.”)
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Demographic Statistics
Canada


Demographic Statistics
United States


Government Documents
(Canadian and U.S.)


United States. Department of State. “Despatches from U.S. Consuls in Peterborough, Canada, 1905-1906,” Publication Number T649; (microfilm, 35 mm); General Records of the Department of State; Record Group 59; National Archives at College Park—Archives II, College Park, Md.
Theses


Wattie, Dora Emily. Cobourg 1784–1867 (v. 1). [Two-volume M.A. thesis housed in the rare book section of the University of Toronto Library].

Books and Book Chapters

A–C


History of Earnscliffe, home of Canada's first prime minister. The home was once owned by the former Ella Shoenberger.


**Books and Book Chapters**

**D–F**


Includes information about iron furnaces and other related industry sites owned by the Shoenberger Family.


**Books and Book Chapters**

**G–I**


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**J–L**

Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee of Cobourg (LACAC).


**Books and Book Chapters**

**M–O**


"Portraying the fishing and hunting grounds, islands, and summer resorts, with scenic views and descriptions." "Valuable to the tourist, visitor, pleasure-seeker, or investor."


Volume 1. The Actors’ Colony story, 1934–42.


Mercer, Adam G. *Muskoka Illustrated, with Descriptive Narrative of this Picturesque Region*. Toronto, Ont.: Wm. Bryce, 1888.

Book includes brief descriptions of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania residences/estates owned by the Shoenberger, Denny, Schenley, and various other families who also maintained summer residences in Cobourg or Lake Muskoka, Ontario.


Books and Book Chapters

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Books and Book Chapters
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Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles

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“Benefactions and Endowments.” *Church Review*, April 1890, 313. Includes a section regarding the estate of John H. Shoenberger.


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“Canadian Affairs.” Niles’ National Register, December 1, 1838, 217. Article reprinted from the November 22, 1838 issue of the N.Y. Commercial Advertiser.

“Canadian Cities and Towns: Cobourg, Ont.” Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada 25, no. 5 (May 1943): 70ff.


Coates, Foster. “The Sons of Recent Presidents of the United States.” The Chautauquan: A Weekly Newsmagazine, September 1897, 617. Article includes a discussion about Ulysses S. Grant’s family.


Culhane, Phil. Saratogas of the North. Bottles and Extras, Fall 2004, 70–73.

“Current Memoranda.” Potter’s American Monthly, June 1875, 470. Status of Pittsburgh’s blast furnaces, including Shoenberger’s.

Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles
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“Editor’s Table.” *Peterson’s Magazine*, August 1886, 174.
Article includes a discussion about Nellie Grant’s 1874 marriage to Algernon Sartoris of England, a nephew of Fanny Kemble.


Article discusses the Canadian National Railways and its president, Major-General Sir Henry Thornton.

“Experiments with Ordnance: Effects of Projectiles on Iron Plates.” *Scientific American* 4, no. 26 (June 29, 1861), 403.
Article describes some experiments with ordnance conducted by the Shoenberger Company during the Civil War era.


**Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles**

**G–I**


Profiles Mrs. U.S. Grant and other wives of prominent U.S. generals. The article also notes Nellie Grant Sartoris’ reapplication for U.S. citizenship.


“An Internal Waterway System.” *The Independent...Devoted to the Consideration of Politics, Social and Econ...*, November 21, 2007, 1265.


**Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles**

**J–L**


“Laissez Faire.” *Christian Union*, August 28, 1878, 162.


**Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles**

**M–O**


Munro, J. "Electricity from Niagara." Littell’s Living Age, May 27, 1893, 567.

"Nellie Grant’s Silver." Saturday Evening Post, July 22, 1876, 8. A private exhibition of Nellie Grant’s wedding presents held in London, England.

"New Bridge at Pittsburg, PA," Scientific American, September 22, 1883, 180. Article describing the construction of a new bridge over the Monongahela River at Pittsburgh, PA. Among the companies involved in the bridge’s construction were Shoenberger & Co. and Kellogg & Maurice of Athens, PA.


"Niagara and the Great Lakes." Scientific American 71, no. 9 (September 1, 1894): 131. APS Online.

"Notes from the Worlds Columbian Exposition Chicago 1893." Scientific American, August 19, 1893, 115.

Noxon, J. D. "Rates to Genesee Yearly Meeting." Friends’ Intelligencer, May 26, 1888, 334. Travel accommodations for the Genesee Yearly meeting which includes the Steamer Norseman and passage through Cobourg.

"The Ore From Which the Iron of Our Great Guns is Made." Scientific American 6, no. 14 (April 5, 1862): 211. Sources of iron ore for Pittsburgh’s furnaces, including Shoenberger & Co.
Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles

**P–R**


“Pittsburgh Canoe Club.” *Forest and Stream: A Journal of Outdoor Life, Travel, Nature Study, Shooting...* 21, no. 21 (December 20, 1883). Article lists the officers and charter members of the Pittsburgh Canoe Club. A number of the Club’s members were summer residents of Cobourg.


**S–U**


Notes the February 7th death of Algernon Sartoris, “... the husband of Nellie Grant Sartoris.”


Turner, W. B. “A Remarkable Reminiscence.” *Californian* 3, no. 13 (January 1881), 100.
Unfounded rumors of Nellie Grant Sartoris’ death; Reminiscence of similar incidents that happened to other individuals.

Article includes discussion of Lake Ontario navigation.

**Journal, Magazine, and Newsletter Articles**

**V–Z**


*Magazine of History with Notes and Queries* 6, no. 4 (October 1907): 225ff.


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Conference and Working Papers

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During the mid-to-late 1800s and early 1900s, a multitude of spas, springs, and resorts throughout North America catered to an eclectic clientele, ranging from individuals looking for relief from varied ailments to families seeking sanctuary from the summertime heat and humidity of their hometowns. Using period photographs and promotional materials, this presentation provides an overview of the historical development of spas,
springs, and resorts within the province of Ontario (i.e., within Ontario's boundaries as defined by the Canada (Ontario Boundary Act), 1889) during the latter half of the nineteenth century. The presentation is an outgrowth of an ongoing research project that examines: (1) the individuals and businesses who developed and promoted Ontario's spas, springs, and resorts; (2) the demographic characteristics of the sites' visitors; and (3) the social and economic relationships that emerged among the sites' promoters, visitors, and permanent inhabitants.


This paper analyses the activities of U.S. consular offices in two Ontario towns, namely, Peterborough and Rat Portage (later renamed Kenora), during the first decade of the twentieth century. The paper is divided into two sections. The first section presents brief historical sketches of Peterborough and Rat Portage, together with a discussion of the United States' rationale for establishing consular offices in the respective communities. Drawing upon U.S. Department of State records, along with a variety of other archival sources, the second section of the paper analyzes the consular offices' activities between the years 1900 and 1910. The analysis specifically addresses the following questions: (1) What precise activities did the consular agents perform in their official capacity? (2) How much freedom were the agents given by their superiors in Washington, DC, to make decisions on their own? (3) What types of formal and informal interactions did the agents have with their superiors in Washington, DC? (4) What types of formal and informal interactions did the agents have with their Canadian hosts (e.g., local residents, government officials)? and finally, (5) What impact, if any, did national and international events have upon the day-to-day activities of the consul offices? This in-depth examination of the Peterborough and Rat Portage consular offices will provide new insights into the significant yet often overlooked historical contributions these offices have made to the overall United States-Canadian relationship.

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Speech and Interview Transcripts

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Newspaper Articles

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"Another Outrage at Cobourg!" *Daily Herald and Gazette*, August 3, 1839.


"Big Fire at Rat Portage." *Milwaukee Sentinel*, November 28, 1883, p. 3.


Reports on the Prince of Wales visit to Cobourg, Ontario during his tour of Canada.

"Canadians Fear an Indian Uprising: Citizens Hold a Mass Meeting at Rat Portage, Ontario." *Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 1, 1900, p. 9.


"Cobourg as a Summer Resort." *Cobourg World*, April 28, 1899.


**Newspaper Articles**

**D–F**


“Dr. M'Cormick’s Suit: He Wants a Large Sum with Thirty-one Years’ Interest.” *New York Times*, February 6, 1891, p. 5.

Dr. George T. McCormick, a cousin of John H. Shoenberger brings suit brought against the executors of John H. Shoenberger to recover $160,000, with interest for thirty-one years. The article also provides information about the Shoenberger family’s various assets.


"Fires at Rat Portage, Manitoba." *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, October 15, 1883.

**Newspaper Articles**

**G–I**

G. C. "Trip to the Belmont Iron Ore Beds." *Cobourg Sentinel*, July 6, 1867.

"The Good People of That Delightful Village Cobourg, (Hamilton Township) in Upper Canada, Held a Meeting to See What They Could Do to Aid the New York Sufferers." *New-York Spectator*, February 4, 1836.

"Gov. Head Arrived at Chippewa Yesterday, with 400 Volunteers from Cobourg, Brought in Two Steamboats from Toronto." *Daily Herald and Gazette*, January 2, 1838.
“[Grand Trunk Officials State that an Attempt to Wreck the Company’s Muskoka-Buffalo Express was Made Here Early Today.]” *New York Times*, July 22, 1910, p. 2.


“‘Hide-out’ of Labatt is Found in Ontario.” *New York Times*, September 7, 1934, p. 46. Article reports that kidnapped London Ontario brewer John S. Labatt was held captive for three days on the shores of Lake Muskoka.

"Information Has Been Received in Town, That a Few Days Ago, Preparations Were Made in the Town of Cobourg to Hold a Public Meeting, to Take into Consideration the Report of the Earl of Durham." *New-York Spectator*, July 18, 1839.

**Newspaper Articles**

**J–L**


**Newspaper Articles**

**M–O**


"The Manitoba and Ontario Officials at Rat Portage Continue to Lock One Another up as They Have Opportunity, and Apparently Take a Good Deal of Comfort in the Performance." *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, November 22, 1883.
"Married." *Workingman’s Advocate*, December 22, 1832, p. 3. Announcement of George Shoenberger’s (December 11?) 1832 marriage to Mary Van Zant, formerly of Pittsburgh.


"A Notable Canoeing Trip." *Springfield Republican*, September 28 1891, p. 3.


"One of the Recent Leading Topics of Editorial Discussion in the Canadian Papers Has Been the Presence of a Winnipeg Battery at Rat Portage on Election Day." *Boston Daily Advertiser*, October 18, 1883, p. 4.


"The Oswego Herald States That the Collector of That Port Has Seized the Schooner Guernsey, on the Charge of Carrying over Hart and Others Arrested at Cobourg." *Daily Cleveland Herald*, August 12, 1839.


**Newspaper Articles**
P–R

"Peterborough Papers State That from an Estimate Made from the Very Best Information, There Will Leave Peterborough, During the Present Season, 25,000,000 Feet of Sawed Lumber; About 3,000,000 of This Will Be Deals, Which Will Be Rafted and Sent to Quebec; the Remaining 22,000,000 Will Have to Pass over the Cobourg and Peterborough Railroad, and Is Intended for the United...". *Daily Cleveland Herald*, May 4, 1855.


"Power from Rat Portage: It Will Be Conveyed to Winnipeg by Wire—Cattle Feeding Scheme." *Bismarck Daily Tribune*, December 1, 1896.

"The Prince Refused to Enter the Ballroom at Cobourg Last Evening, until the Floor Had Been Strengthened by Fir Trees Placed Underneath." *New York Herald*, September 8, 1860, p. 3.

“Public Baths and Parks.” *New York Times*, April 23, 1874, p. 4. Article mentions the importance of ozone to health and illustrates the American public’s interest in ozone during the post Civil War era.


"Rat Portage Gold Mine: It Is Declared That $1,000,000 Worth of Ore Is in Sight ". *Milwaukee Sentinel*, September 13, 1896.

"Rat Portage Indians: They Receive Money from the Indian Agent." *Duluth Daily Tribune*, November 22, 1890, p. 2.


Newspaper Articles
S–U
"Schooner Picton Missing: No Tidings Received from the Boat since Wednesday Morning." *Milwaukee Journal*, December 6, 1896.


Tragic incident in Cobourg that also received newspaper coverage in the United States.


Willis McCook’s Pittsburgh mansion placed on the market. McCook was a prominent member of Cobourg’s American summer colony.

"The Straggling but Well Built City of Coburg Is Situated Upon the Shores of Lake Ontario, About Fifty Miles above Kingston, and Has 6,000 Inhabitants." *New York Herald*, September 7, 1860.
An interesting depiction of Cobourg circa 1860.


Announcement of the wedding of Anna Bowman Duncan, daughter of Mrs. Peter Shoenberger Duncan, to Dr. Emil Von Arx 3rd. The bride’s late great grandfather was Dr. Peter Shoenberger.

Newspaper Articles
V–Z

"War Talk from Grant; S Grandson. Captain Algernon Sartoris Thinks United States Should Seize Canada." Philadelphia Inquirer, October 28, 1903, p. 6.


“Wawa Hotel Deaths Estimated at 11: Twenty-five were Injured in Fire that Destroyed Canadian Lake Resort." New York Times, August 21, 1923, p. 7.


Pamphlets, Brochures, and Advertisements

A–C


Cobourg, Peterborough and Marmora Railway and Mining Company. Prospectus, Cobourg & Peterborough Railway and Mining Company. [Cobourg, ON?: s.n.], 1865.

D–F

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J–L

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P–R
"A Paradise for Anglers and Hunters: Grand Trunk Railway and Muskoka Navigation Cos. to the Picturesque Muskoka Lakes. [S.l.: s.n.], 1895.


Pamphlets, Brochures, and Advertisements
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Pamphlets, Brochures, and Advertisements
V–Z
Why Cobourg is the Favorite Resort. S.l.: S.n. n.d.
Web-based Resources

Web-based Resources
A–C
Brief history of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company.

Cobourg Internet. Cobourg History [Website]. http://www.cobourghistory.ca/
(accessed July 5, 2014).
“Information about the History of Cobourg with photos, stories about key
people and articles about architecture. Some articles are new and some have
been collected from existing sources” (Cobourg History home page).

Web-based Resources
D–F
Ferrandiz, Susan. “Brief History of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron
Company.” In McIntyre, Pennsylvania: The Everyday Life of a Coal Mining

Web-based Resources
G–I
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), IUP Libraries, Special Collections &
Archives. Coal Dust: The Early Mining Industry of Indiana County
(accessed July 5, 2014).
The digital collection includes information about the Iselin family and Lucius
Waterman Robinson, key individuals in the Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal &
Iron Company.

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