

Rollin' on the River with Captain Dan



The 400th anniversary in 2013 of Samuel de Champlain's voyage up the Ottawa River prompted Christine Jackson's research into a pioneering Canadian family with deep roots in England, who gave their name to the Champlain Park (Ottawa) street on which she has lived for nearly 30 years—Cowley Avenue.

Christine is a long-time family historian and an active member of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa. This coming Monday, February 22, she will be speaking to Patrick's Family History Group in Arnprior about the results of her three years of research on the Cowleys.

In her talk, entitled ***Rollin' on the River with Captain Dan: The***

Ottawa Valley's Pioneering Cowley Family, Christine will trace the early Ottawa Valley history of the entrepreneurial and pioneering riverboat captain, Captain Daniel Keyworth Cowley—or “Captain Dan” as he was to become known—and his connection with Champlain’s iconic lost astrolabe. She will reveal his family’s role in the Valley’s history and economic development, as well as their surprising and great contribution to Canada’s national winter game.

Patrick's Family History Group will meet on Monday at 7pm at the Arnprior Library, 21 Madawaska St., Arnprior, Ont.

A graphic for Patrick's Family History Group. It features a yellow background with a blue header bar. On the left, there are two oval-shaped images: one showing a portrait of a young man and another showing a man playing a guitar. Below these is a larger oval showing a group of people in historical attire. The text "PATRICK'S FAMILY HISTORY GROUP" is in the center of the blue bar. To the right of the text is a circular logo with the text "AMERICAN HERITAGE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP" around the border and "AMERICA" in the center. At the bottom, the text "PFHG meets once a month at the Arnprior Public Library. For more details contact the Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives at 613-623-0001 or www.adarchives.org" is displayed.