

## 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 rectangular advertisement with a tan background and a dark border. On the left, there are three historical photographs: a circular portrait of a woman in a large hat, a photo of a man playing a guitar, and a group photo of a family. To the right of the photos is a white banner with the text "PATRICK'S FAMILY HISTORY GROUP" in blue capital letters. To the right of the banner is a small circular logo with the letters "AMBA". Below the banner, the text reads: "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](http://www.adarchives.org)".

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