**AMBA CELEBRATES: 25 YEARS OF OPEN DOORS & DOCUMENTS**

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| **YEAR** | **MILESTONE** | **MOVERS & SHAKERS** |
| 1986 | * Joint Coordinating Committee
 | Arnprior & District Museum,  Arnprior & District Historical Society |
| 1991 | * Incorporation of Arnprior and District Archives
 | Board of Management: 3 municipalities, Museum, WI, community members |
| **1993**  | * Construction, Equipping**;**
* **Doors Open to Public** – 17 fonds/collections
 | Arnprior Public Library Archives volunteers |
| 1994 | * Microfilming of Arnprior newspapers
 | Runge Newspapers Inc. covers costs |
| 1995  | * Part-time archivist hired;
* 62 fonds/collections
 | Anne Wimmi |
| 1998 | * Volunteer becomes part-time archivist
* 3,000 volunteer hours: organize, serve
* Almost 100 fonds/collections
 | Laurie Dougherty15-20 volunteers |
| 1999 | * Website launched.
 | Millennium Grant |
| 2000 | * Storage capacity expansion;
* Renfrew county Land Records received.
* Lumber History outreach kit for schools
 | Ontario Trillium Grant, Renovation Committee, Laurie Dougherty & community volunteers |
| 2003  | * Virtual exhibit: Charles Macnamara – A Retrospective View
 | Department of Heritage grant, Laurie Dougherty  |
| 2005  | * Expansion of Outreach Program with growth of community displays.
 | John Smith |
| 2006  | * Inhouse database installed, providing searchable collection descriptions.
* Research project for Arnprior Municipal Heritage Committee.
 | Ontario Trillium GrantBarclay Craig & Laurie Dougherty |
| 2007  | * First Strategic Plan 2007-2012
* Name change to Arnprior & McNab/Braeside Archives
 | Executive and other Board volunteers |
| 2008  | * Handford Studio Collection obtained – launched in 2010 after many, many hours to process.
 | Archivists and volunteers |
| 2009 | * 200 fonds: 1 item to thousands of items each; 30,000 photos, 450 maps
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| 2010 | * Database now available online for optimal updating and access.
 | Ontario Museums and Technology Fund |
| 2012 | * Receipt of Moir legacy significantly advances processing of fonds, among other impacts.
* Archives on Facebook!
* 1998-2012: over 5000 requests for information answered.
 | Archivist time increased to 4 days/wk by Moir Legacy.  |
| 2014  | * AMBA launches Patrick’s Family History Group (now Arnprior Family History Group)
 | Administrative Support from AMBA |
| 2016 | * Website and Online Search Facility upgraded
* Online platform ready for future digitization
 | Library and Archives Canada Documentary Heritage Communities Program |
| 2017  | * Virtual Exhibit: “150 Years of Living Off the Land”
 | Ontario 150 Community Celebration Fund; Laurie Dougherty, Dianne Brearley, and Community Volunteers |
| 2017 | * December - Start of Newspaper Digitization
 | Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch |
| **2018** | **AMBA celebrates 25 years of ‘open doors & documents’*** 370 fonds/collections; over 200,000 pages
* 4800 online database records with 3,000 images attached
 | Guest speaker: Archivist of Ontario, John Roberts30 volunteers – about 3,000 volunteer hrs. |

**Board Members at Time of Incorporation**

Peter Hessell (Chair)

Gail Cameron

Ann Carmichael

Maggie Leitch

Arthur McLean

Arnold Muirhead

Jean Sadler

R.A. Stewart

Hessel Vandervelde

Norma Hall

Enid Hinchley

Mark Willmer

**Archivists**

Anne Wimmi – 1995-1998

Laurie Dougherty – 1998-2008

Elizabeth & Carl Vincent – 2008-2012

Laurie Dougherty – 2012-present

**Administrative Assistants**

Julie Hartwick – 2010

Ginette Groulx - 2011-2013

Diane Bresson – 2013-present

**Presidents**

Peter Hessel – start to 1996

Enid Blackwell – 1996-1998

Janet Clancy – 1999

Norm Hazelwood – 2000–2004

John Smith – 2005-2014

Julie Hartwick – 2015-2017

Irene Robillard – 2018