As the weeks roll on, we are really starting to miss our members and volunteers! We have been working on outreach calls to some of our regular volunteers to make sure everyone is doing ok in isolation. If you are feeling lonely and miss us too, feel free to give us a call at the Museum! There is one person there each day and we would love to chat with you! If you don't get an answer right away, leave a message and we will call you back. 905-468-3912

We also realize that some of our members may not use social media and email regularly and we are looking at ways to reach out to those members. We are currently putting together a little package of material to deliver to some select people. If you know of an NHS member who might need this, please reach out to us and we will get it to them!
IT’S IN THE CARDS

St. Mark’s Cemetery

There’s a lot of images of St. Mark’s Church out there, but this is the only one that focuses solely on the Cemetery! Who would ever buy and send a card like this? Well, there is a message and it is fascinating.

Writing in Toronto in November 1913 to Mrs. John Nuhn in Flesherton, Ontario, the writer says, “Dear Mother, just a line to let you know I have not forgotten your birthday.”

How many people send a birthday greeting with a picture of a cemetery? And how would you feel as the recipient? We can deduce that either the son had a twisted sense of humour or there is friction between them.

The card was published by Randall and Connolly, Niagara Falls, and we can assume that it was purchased here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. So how did it get to Toronto? It was probably picked up by the sender (whose name we do not know) during a summer assignment at Niagara Camp, or perhaps while visiting as a tourist (yes, there were visitors in 1913!).

Purely coincidental is the postal cancellation which encourages users to “Help the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives”. We don’t know the state of the recipient’s health at the time, nor how long they survived on this earth, but this picture of the postcard of St. Mark’s Cemetery would not have done much toward having a robust health nor to maintaining a positive state of mind!

Judith Sayers (jasayers@saybuck.com) has a large collection of postcards of Niagara Camp and Niagara-on-the-Lake which will be shared with you in this series.

VIRTUAL LECTURES

The responses to our survey so far have indicated that members are interested in seeing our lectures online during our closure. Please click the link to the right to give you input if you haven’t already. We are exploring options for both the lecture series and F&I. We will announce this in the coming weeks.

SURVEY

The first two lectures of our annual series have been cancelled due to closures. Would you consider watching these lectures in an online format? Take the 3-question survey below to let us know your preference for this and for other Museum communications:

SURVEY LINK
WAR OF 1812 CROSSWORD

Across
3 French general responsible for wars in Europe
4 British Central Division headquarters in Upper Canada
6 Early battle victory for the British
10 Naval action that stopped trade between nations
12 American landmark burned by the British
14 Living quarters for soldiers at a British fort
16 The village where Laura Secord lived
17 They helped Laura find Lt. Fitzgibbon
18 Accompanied Laura Secord on her famous walk, maybe?
19 Soldiers’ gun with a long barrel

Down
1 British flag
2 Legendary villain and Canadian Volunteer who burned Niagara
3 Regarded as the heart of the battleground
5 Belgian town where peace treaty signed
7 Popular name for British soldiers in 1812
8 A city, university and many landmarks are named after this general
9 Powerful Shawnee War Chief
11 Mrs Henry lived here
13 Dug outs used in warfare
15 Super successful person, or what the enemy fired on Niagara