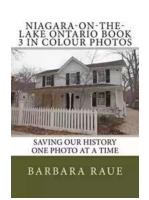
Saving Our History One Photo At Time Cruising Ontario Continued 104

Capturing and preserving our history is essential for future generations to understand and appreciate the past. In the province of Ontario, Canada, there is a rich tapestry of historical sites, landmarks, and cultural heritage that deserves to be saved and celebrated. From small towns to bustling cities, every corner of Ontario has its unique story to tell.

This article explores the importance of saving our history, particularly through the power of photography. By capturing moments in time and documenting our surroundings, we can create a visual legacy that will stand the test of time. Join us as we embark on a journey through Ontario, discovering hidden gems and uncovering the untold stories of our ancestors.

The Power of Photography

Photography is an incredible tool for preserving history. A single photograph has the power to transport us back in time, allowing us to see the world through the eyes of those who came before us. From black and white snapshots of bustling city streets to vivid color images of natural landscapes, each photograph tells a unique story.



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By capturing and documenting historical sites, architecture, and everyday life, we can preserve our heritage for future generations. Photography allows us to freeze moments in time, creating a visual archive that can be accessed and appreciated by everyone.

Cruising Ontario

One of the best ways to discover and document Ontario's history is through a road trip across the province. Ontario offers a diverse range of landscapes, attractions, and historical landmarks that are waiting to be explored.

Our journey starts in Toronto, the bustling metropolis and cultural hub of Ontario. With its iconic landmarks such as the CN Tower and Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto is a treasure trove of history and architecture. Venture out to the Distillery District, filled with preserved Victorian industrial architecture dating back to the 19th century. Capture the intricate details of the buildings, the cobblestone walkways, and the vibrant street art.

As we leave Toronto behind, we head north to explore the beauty of Muskoka. Known as Ontario's cottage country, this region is famous for its pristine lakes, charming cottages, and picturesque landscapes. Be sure to visit the historic

steamships on Lake Muskoka, such as the RMS Segwun, which has been cruising the lake since 1887. Capture the elegance of these vintage vessels against the backdrop of the stunning sunsets.

Continuing our journey, we reach Niagara Falls, one of the most iconic natural wonders in the world. While it may be a popular tourist destination, there's more to discover beyond the falls. Take a stroll through the picturesque town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, known for its well-preserved 19th-century buildings and charming main street. Don't forget to capture the beauty of the Niagara River Parkway, lined with stunning views and historical sites.

Preserving Small Town Charm

While cities often take the spotlight, it's the small towns of Ontario that truly encapsulate the province's history and charm. From Stratford, known for its world-renowned theater festival, to Niagara-on-the-Lake, with its rich War of 1812 history, these towns offer a glimpse into a bygone era.

As we continue our journey, make a stop in Collingwood, a town nestled on the shores of Georgian Bay. With its beautifully preserved Victorian architecture, this town showcases a blend of history and natural beauty. Stroll through its charming downtown and capture the unique character of Collingwood's historic buildings.

Another hidden gem worth exploring is Port Hope, a town with a rich maritime history. Walk along the waterfront and admire the beautifully preserved heritage homes. Capture the sunset over Lake Ontario and imagine the stories these shores hold.

From Gananoque, the gateway to the Thousand Islands, to the charming village of Elora with its stunning gorge, there are countless picturesque locations waiting to be discovered and documented.

Preserving Cultural Heritage

In addition to natural and architectural wonders, Ontario is home to diverse cultural heritage. From Indigenous history to immigrant stories, these cultural landmarks play a vital role in shaping our province.

Experience the rich Indigenous history of Ontario by visiting sites such as the Petroglyphs Provincial Park, showcasing ancient rock carvings dating back thousands of years. Capture the intricacies of these carvings, etched into stone by generations past.

Step back in time in Black Creek Pioneer Village, a living history museum in Toronto. Immerse yourself in the 19th-century rural life and capture the essence of early Ontario settlements.

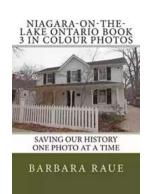
Finally, visit the Bata Shoe Museum, located in downtown Toronto, where the history of footwear is showcased. From ancient Egyptian sandals to modern high heels, this museum offers a fascinating perspective on our ever-changing fashion trends.

Preserving Our Future

Preserving our history is not just about looking back; it's also about safeguarding our future. By capturing and documenting our history, we ensure that future generations have the opportunity to understand and appreciate the sacrifices, achievements, and stories of those who came before us.

Whether you're an experienced photographer or simply armed with a smartphone, you have the power to contribute to preserving our history. Each photo you take becomes a piece of the puzzle, building a comprehensive visual narrative that enriches our collective memory.

As we conclude our journey through Ontario, we see how photography plays a crucial role in saving our history. By capturing moments in time, we create a visual legacy that spans generations. From the bustling streets of Toronto to the quiet corners of small towns, Ontario's rich history is waiting to be documented and celebrated. So, grab your camera or smartphone, hit the road, and be a part of saving our history one photo at a time on your own Ontario adventure.



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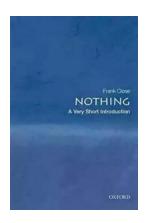


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The St. Lawrence and Great Lakes system was the most efficient route to the interior of the continent of North America. Large waterways allowed for substantial sailing vessels to trade and maintain contact with Native allies from Montreal to the Mississippi with minimal portages and transshipment in smaller boats. The one great obstacle along the chain of waterways was Niagara Falls whose dramatic height required some control of the land to allow for a portage

around the escarpment and the falls to the lakes beyond. The strategic importance of this area led to the construction of several forts at the mouth of the river in an attempt to control this critical water route. Fort Niagara is a fortification originally built to protect the interests of New France in North America. It is located near Youngstown, New York, on the eastern bank of the Niagara River at its mouth, on Lake Ontario. René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle built the first French structure, called Fort Conti, in 1678. In 1687, the Governor of New France, the Marquis de Denonville, constructed a new fort, a small wooden complex, at the former site of Fort Conti. He named it Fort Denonville and posted a hundred men there. In 1726, the first stone structure, a two storey building was constructed on the same site. It was a critical post for fur trade and defensive works against the Iroquois. The fort played a significant part in the French and Indian War, and suffered the only European-style siege in North America in 1759. It fell to the British in a nineteen day siege in July 1759, called the Battle of Fort Niagara. Fort George was built by the British Army after Jay's Treaty (1796) required Britain to withdraw from Fort Niagara. The new fort was completed in 1802, and consisted of earthworks and palisades, along with internal structures, including an officer's guarters, blockhouses to accommodate other ranks and their families, and a stone powder magazine, which is the only original building on the site. Fort George served as the headquarters for Major-General Brock in 1812. In May 1813 it was bombarded for two days by the American fleet and the batteries at Fort Niagara across the river. The British and Canadians, together with Aboriginal peoples allied with them, fought to oppose an American landing on Lake Ontario. A large American force was landed near Two Mile Creek and after a brief engagement at Fort George in which the Canadian garrison was outnumbered and sustained heavy casualties, Brigadier-General John Vincent made an orderly withdrawal towards Burlington Heights. The Americans constructed fortifications of their own on the site. The American Army used the fort as a base to invade Upper Canada. The capture of Fort George left the

Americans in control of the Niagara frontier, but Vincent's troops a week later repelled the Americans at the Battles of Stoney Creek and Beaver Dams, preventing the Americans from gaining the whole peninsula. Mississauga Point is located where the Niagara River flows into Lake Ontario. Lakes and rivers were military supply and transportation routes and forts were built to protect them. After the British captured Fort Niagara on December 19, 1813, a new fort was constructed on the Canadian shore, called Fort Mississauga. Materials for it were obtained from the ruins of the nearby town of Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake). With the American navy now controlling Lake Ontario, this work was crucial to the security of British forces in the Niagara Peninsula.



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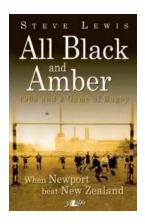
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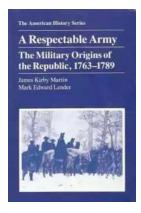
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