

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL
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MUSEUM CONFIDENTIAL - DAY 1

This week we will be having
our own game of L&A County
Clue.

While solving the clues to the
top secret message we will
be learning about historic
homes and important
individuals from Lennox and
Addington County. Everyday
we will learn about a historic
individual and on Friday you
will have to figure out who
did what, where and when.



For more information on the
Babcock Mill you can visit their
website:

<https://www.loyalisttownship.ca/index.cfm/discover-loyalist/tourism/culture-and-heritage/babcock-mill/>

Babcock Mill - Odessa

The Babcock Mill was built in **1856**, and in the beginning was made up of a **woollen, grist and sawmill operations**. The last standing building is The Babcock Mill which has since been restored to a fully functional water-powered mill.

At the end of the 19th century, business owner **John Babcock**, created a design for a machine that made baskets. He patented this design for **basket-making machinery** and from then on the Babcock Basket was made.

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MUSEUM CONFIDENTIAL – DAY 2



To find your clue visit
<http://www.fairfieldhomestead.ca/home.html>.

When did Loyalist Settlement start
in Ontario?

Fairfield Homestead - Amherstview

This Homestead, which included the **Fairfield House** was built by **William Fairfield** in **1793**.

Fairfield was one of many civilians who identified as **United Empire Loyalists**. In the **late 1700's**, as the American Revolution was causing unrest, the individuals who were loyal to the British crown fled their American homesteads to **settle in the area of Picton/Bath/Amherstview**.

Fairfield built this homestead in a Colonial style which would have been the same design as his New England roots where he came from.

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MUSEUM CONFIDENTIAL - DAY 3



To find your clue visit
<http://www.OLDHAYBAYCHURCH.ca/>

In 1835 what was Old Hay Bay Church used for?

Old Hay Bay Church - Hay Bay

This beautiful Church is **Canada's oldest Methodist building** and the **second oldest church in all of Ontario**. The beautiful building was first built in **1792** and is an example of late 18th Century construction. The Church was the **first public meeting space for Ontario's Loyalist community**.

The Old Hay Bay Church is a large building that would have been **built by hand** by those who came to make a better life for their family and continue to develop their new country.

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MUSEUM CONFIDENTIAL - DAY 4

To find your clue visit
<https://lennox-addington.on.ca/museum-archives/macpherson-house>

What Museum now operates the
Allan Macpherson House?

Allan Macpherson House, Napanee

This beautiful house can be found along the Napanee River, right in the heart of present day Napanee. **Allan Macpherson** arrived in Napanee in the early 1800's from Scotland. built this home with wife Mary. Allan was one of the most influential **businessmen and founding members of early Napanee**. At first he made his mark owning the **Grist Mill**, but also became the postmaster, justice of the piece, general store owner and much more. He was known as the "**Laird (or King) of Napanee for his generosity and business skills**."



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MUSEUM CONFIDENTIAL - DAY 5

To find your clue visit
<http://neilsonstoremuseum.ca/>

Who was the original owner of the
Neilson Store?

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Using the answers you found
from your clues figure out
about the hiding spot...

What year are they hiding?

What are they hiding?

Where are they hiding?

Who is hiding?

Congratulations, you did it!

Neilson Store Museum - Amherst Island

Amherst Island can be reached by ferry, across from Bath. The **Neilson Store Museum** can be found in the small village of Stella. Originally **owned by a grain merchant** - the store is now a Museum and displays many **artifacts from the store's original owner as well as historic boats and local maritime history.**

Amherst Island was inhabited with **United Empire Loyalists** by the end of the 1700's, but was also a place where **Irish immigrants** were brought. The lush farmland, access to fishing, and beautiful landscapes were very appealing for newcomers.