



# This is your museum

In 1894, a young widow with three small stepchildren became Mrs. Clara Cameron, wife to Vernon's first shopkeeper, William Cameron. With her social influence and position as Vice-President of the National Council of Women, Clara fought for the establishment of a hospital in Vernon, which finally came to fruition in 1897. Three years later, Clara lost her battle to cancer, but her legacy lives on from atop Hospital Hill.



in our archives. Or cross our boardwalk to see meticulously-recreated Vernon shops, and then stroll past a number of preserved heritage properties on 30th Avenue and East Hill.

We also boast a comprehensive research facility, where trained archival staff are happy to assist researchers of any age or interest. Peruse our Vernon Daily News collection to access

Clara's life is just one of several that is shared at the Greater Vernon Museum and Archives. From Thomas Shorts, who operated the first steam engine on Okanagan Lake, to Luc Girouard, who sorted mail on the floor of his creek-side cabin, Vernon has an array of colourful founding figures and we are pleased to keep their stories alive.

the vital records of a family member, or frame a print of one of over 31,000 historical images to create a unique gift for a friend.

With a convenient location just blocks from 30th Avenue, the Museum is an ideal place to begin your discovery of Vernon's past and present. Explore local flora and fauna in our Natural History section, before taking a swim or hike in the Okanagan's beautiful outdoors. Tour Vernon's 28 full-sized murals, after learning the stories behind the faces

In addition to providing education programs and public events, the Museum proudly supports several satellite museums, including the SilverStar Mountain Museum, the Vernon Cadet Camp Museum, and the Okanagan Landing Stationhouse Museum. The facility is also available for private function rental, with a special priority placed on providing a safe space for diverse cultural groups and clubs, artists, writers, and historians.

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**Open Tuesday - Saturday**  
**10:00am - 4:30pm**

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