

Percy L. Climo

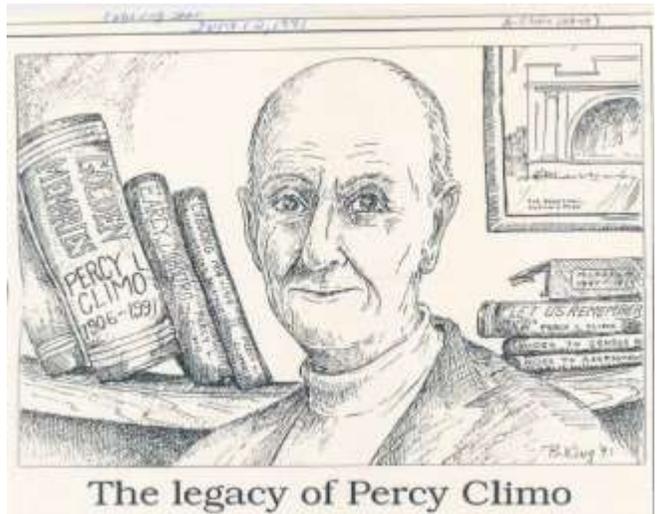
Percy L. Climo was a prominent figure in the Cobourg community, known for his contributions to local history and genealogy. In addition to his engineering career, Percy was passionate about history and shared his knowledge through writing.

He authored several books on the history of Cobourg, including *Let Us Remember: Lively Letters from WWI, Early Cobourg*, and *Cobourg 1914-1919*, which provides insight into life during the war and the early years of Cobourg. Percy was also involved in compiling census indices for Northumberland and the Cobourg Daily Star newspapers.

Percy's impact on the community extended beyond his writing and research. He was actively involved in the construction of the Cobourg Bandshell in Victoria Park and had a vision for the development of Cobourg Harbour. Despite retiring, he continued to work tirelessly on his passion for history and left a legacy of over 30 publications on local history.

Percy's dedication to local history and genealogy has had a lasting impact on the community. Researchers and historians alike owe a great deal of gratitude to Percy Climo for his contributions to the preservation of local history.

If you are interested in reading Percy's recorded history of Cobourg please visit our Local History Room.



Book launching of "Let us remember" by Percy Climo, December 1, 1990 in Victoria Hall foyer, Cobourg, Ontario.

Standing L to R: Tom McMillan, Town Crier; Gloria Ashcroft, Co-chairperson of Cobourg Public Library Board; Valerie Scott, Chief Librarian; Angus Read, Mayor of Cobourg. Seated L to R: Percy Climo, author; Mrs. Climo.

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Percy Climo and Mayor Angus Read New Year's Day

Cobourg loses treasured historian

By Cecilia Namith

Cobourg historian Percy Climo died last Thursday, aged 84.

Born in Cobourg on Oct. 17, 1906, he grew up in an age that his writings have preserved for a new generation, said Shirley Climo, wife of a nephew, in an interview today.

In a letter to her son Dan, Percy related the time his older brothers, Victor and Cecil, played bows and arrows, shooting at unfortunate pedestrians on Orange Street in Cobourg.

Another letter to Dan captured the joy of the armistice

on Nov. 11, 1918.

The end of the First World War, in which both Victor and Cecil served, produced crowds which packed King Street "day and night," Percy wrote.

A bonfire burned for two days, whistles shrieked, and

"bells rang till the steeples rocked," Mrs. Climo read from the letter.

Climo was educated at Queen's University and worked as an engineer in Temiskaming, Smiths Falls, St. Catharines and Quebec.

He served town council

terms in Smith's Falls and St. Catharines.

His first wife was the late Lenore Harper, with whom he had a son, Reg, and two daughters, Linda and Doris, all of whom still reside in St. Catharines.

Following his retirement he stayed on a few years in St. Catharines and then moved to Colborne, his only surviving brother Cecil said today in an interview.

During his retirement years, he was married to Elizabeth I. Leith of Colborne, who survives him.

He spent those years pur-

Climo devised harbor plan

By Robert Washburn

Percy Climo was praised today by town officials for his vision for the development of Cobourg harbor.

A retired engineer, Climo was tireless in his efforts to

improve the harbor. His grand plan was to fill the west side of the west breakwater — the Langvén Pier — to create an eight-hectare (20-acre) park.

Only two weeks ago, Climo

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To read more about Percy Climo and his family, there is a "Climo Family" file available in our Archival Folders in the Local History Room. These files have also been scanned and uploaded to our Cobourg and District Images Site and/or our Newspaper Index Site, along with some photos and indexes to our local newspaper:

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