



# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2012 ARCHIVAL REPORT

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### ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

The Wellington County Archives continue to be the storage place for the Esquesing Historical Society Archives. Nevertheless, the Society received a large number of donations. These donations included a single 1931 calendar issued by the Stone School (SS#18) to three boxes of files related to the Canadian Federation of University Women. The Halton Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company records were also transferred to us by a successor firm in Guelph.

We completed the microfilming of never-before copied newspapers which include an 1859 *Halton New Era*, *Canadian Champion* from 1861 and 1867, *Halton Herald* for 1868 and 1869 and *Georgetown Herald* newspapers from 1880 to 1921. All these copies of the *Herald* are missing from previous microfilming projects.

The Society executive voted to offer support to Reinhard Filter of Georgetown in the publication of his up-dated edition of *The Barber Dynamo: A Perspective*. His publication has been selling well.

We were fortunate to secure the services of Brittany Price-Cox as our summer student again this year. She worked on transcribing the photograph collection shelf list up to 8000 and also worked on side projects such as generating topics for the school local history project, and collecting and printing off photos of downtown Georgetown shops for the Chamber of Commerce centennial.

We have received a couple offers of help to move the Archives back to Georgetown and we hope to be able to accomplish this within the next two months.

### 2012 ACCESSIONS

Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Gord Preston, Glen Williams; Ashgrove Women's Institute; Joan Harris, Georgetown; Janice Gittings, Glen Williams; Katrina Walton, Milton; CFUW, Georgetown; Elizabeth Wood McDonald; Jean King, Georgetown; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Mary Gilbert, Georgetown; Roy Thompson, Caledon; Mel Taylor, Kitchener; Emery Thompson, Georgetown; Bonnie Mavael, Georgetown; Reinhard Filter, Georgetown; St. John's United, Georgetown; W. M. (Bill) Sykes, Georgetown; Cathy Munday, Acton; Halwell Insurance Mutual Insurance, Guelph; Noreen Atkinson, email; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Hugh Goebelle, London, Ontario; Robin Jones, Barrie; Bernice Whaley, Milton; Margaret Brown, RR3 Georgetown.

### EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

Textual – General Collection:	46 linear metres*
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.64 linear metres*
Textual - Newspaper Collections:	14 linear metres*
Cartographic Collection:	241 items*
Architectural Drawings:	136 sets
Photograph Collection:	20 314 images (processed)
Digital Images Collection:	10 904 records (processed) *
Audio-Visual Collection:	1 linear metre *

Negatives Collection:

23 linear metres (mostly un-processed) \*

- Starred items have not been re-evaluated this year because the Archives have been closed.



EHS photo#20 309

**ACTON** – A wartime (victory) house, probably on McDonald Blvd in the Warren Grove subdivision. It was taken in the early 1960s and was donated by Cathy Munday of Acton. #12.19

### **WEBSITE USE – [esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca](http://esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca)**

Our website had 21 000 visits over the past year, an increase of 6223 visits over last year! This averages out to 57.38 visits a day. These visits originated from the United States, Canada, Congo, The Ukraine, Russia, Germany, China and Great Britain. The new countries on this list, compared to the previous two years, are the Congo and China – both rather surprising! The unique visitors to the site (once only) were 76%, similar to last years 78%.

Besides searching for EHS directly, the most popular search phrases were newspaper articles, Esquesing, Glen Williams, Speyside, Ballinafad, Terra Cotta, Georgetown and Limehouse.

Web pages accessed on our website in order of popularity were the newspaper articles, About Us, EHS meetings, EHS executive, Links, Communities – Speyside, News, Heritage Halton Hills, Archives and Index.

There were 683 (4747) downloads from the site, for our book list. Next in popularity was the Kennedy Family files, the Archival Table of Contents, The 1913 *Georgetown Herald*, the 1893 *Toronto Daily Mail*, and then the various newsletters. Except for a change in order, these were the same items of interest as last year.

The most popular month to visit was October. Daily visits averaged about 3000 visits for each of the seven days of the week. Thursday won by a slight margin.

## **ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2012 LOG OF INQUIRIES**

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
Jan. 04	Alan Scott	Glendon “Spike” Scott photo
Jan. 05	Judith Woodard	Newton family
Feb. 22	Alan Scott	Acton Firefighters Cert.
Mar. 02	Noreen Atkinson	Postcard of G’town Ball park
Mar. 05	Jack Robertson	Robertson Family of Lot 13, Con. 3 Esquesing
Mar. 10	Geo. Matheson	Wm. A. Stephens
Mar. 19	Nancy Surette	Property history in Speyside
Apr. 04	Erin Craft	Division Street, Acton

Apr. 04	Helen Petersen	Barber Paper Mill photo
Apr. 19	Kathy Dills	Big Daddy Scavenger Hunt Clues
Apr. 22	Drew Leverette	Coronation Photos for St. John's United Church
Apr. 26	Linda Smith	Beardmore Family
Apr. 28	Betty Ann Kidd	Heritage Acton Memorabilia
May 01	Larry Stuck	Elizabeth Meredith
May 01	Sarah Collard	Images for Legion Mural
May 05	Cynthia O'Keefe	Elizabeth Appelbe
May 10	Christa Ran	Ran family at RR#2 G'town
23 May	Julia Ott	Early Catholic Registers
23 May	Tony Groves	Shorncliff Hospital quilt
25 May	Brian Romagnoli	Images for Legion Mural
24 July	Jim Devin	Ruth Sarah Pearson
03 Aug	Kelly Kornet	DSH image for Museum
08 Aug	Geo. Henderson	Acton Fall Fair Centenary
20 Aug	Sarah Fernandes	TD Bank Photos
10 Aug	Dave Kentner	Past uses of TD Bank site
22 Aug	Ed Tellier	Barbara (Cousens) Duncan
20 Sept.	Mimi Burdett	9 Prince Street, Glen
27 Sept.	Alexandra Lent	Esquesing Rangers at T.C.
02 Oct.	Joe Ann Lewis	William and Ann (Noble) Morrison
11 Oct.	Jenny Allen-Ruttiman	16 George Street history
12 Oct.	Kathy Kerr	Stewarttown School Photo
12 Oct.	Daniel Ohanian	Dating Armenian Reunion photos
15 Oct.	Darren Williams	75 Main Street North, G
October	Diane(Westwood)Fallow	Exchange Hotel
01 Nov.	Lisa Tallyn	Lena Emmerson
04 Nov.	D. John Shultz	Leonard Howson, died 1846, burial site.
05 Nov.	Eva Leon	Graves of War of 1812 Vets
10 Dec.	Charles Davidson	Speakers for Oakville HS
21 Dec.	Lesley Thurston-Brown	May Family
25 Dec.		Halton Images comments

The EHS keeps a record of inquiries made and the name and address of the interested party. If any of the above mentioned topics are of interest to you, we will attempt to contact the person and ask for permission to share their address with you. Please note that most inquiries are by e-mail and addresses do expire.

The Esquesing Historical Society Archives are usually housed within the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Libraries. Since the closure of the Cultural Centre, we would like to thank Karen Wagner of the Wellington County Archives who has graciously stored our materials in their new Archive building. We continue to thank Geoff Cannon and Beverley King of Halton Hills Public Libraries for their support and hard work on our behalf. We anticipate the Archives will reopen within the next two months.

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Archivist