



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013 ARCHIVAL REPORT

John Mark Rowe, Archivist

ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

We cannot thank the Wellington County Archives enough for their generosity and patience in allowing the Esquesing Historical Society Archives to be stored in their excellent facilities for the duration of the construction. We were ensconced in our new facilities by May. The move was made by Society volunteers Karen & Rick Hunter, Ray Denny, Rob Burnett, Mark Rowe, Walter Lewis and Mike Harley.

We did not employ a summer student in 2013 as we needed to get the Archives organized and we needed to catch up with the processing of the many wonderful donations we received last year and this year. Some of the highlights include an oil painting of Col. John R. Barber and numerous photographs from all parts of the township. The *Independent Free Press* brought over about 60 bound copies of their past issues after they moved to smaller premises, as well as the last of their printed photographs.

The expanded shelving space in the Archives has been put to very good use. The best publicized highlight was the acquisition of a well-preserved quilt sent to the Shornecliffe Military Hospital in England in 1915 by the Women's Institute of Georgetown. The display in the Library in November attracted quite a lot of attention.

2013 ACCESSIONS

Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Pat & Allan Barber, Georgetown; Joyce Beaton, Baysville, Ontario; Ken Grant, Georgetown; Pat Farley, Georgetown; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Robert Law, Georgetown; Guelph Museum, Guelph; David F. Bowman, Georgetown; Gord Preston, Glen Williams; Mary Finley, Mississauga; Doris Woods, Georgetown; Rob Burnett, RR#3 Georgetown; Emery Thompson, Georgetown; Mrs. June Gilson, Georgetown; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Glenda Benton, Limehouse; John McDonald, Milton; Annemarie McDonald, Georgetown; Ted Brown, Independent-FreePress; Ed Broadus, Disciples Church; Philip Rau, Warton; 2007 Homecoming Committee, Georgetown; Randall Keast, GDHS; Ted Wilson, London, Ontario; Terry Alyman, Town of Halton Hills; Denise Harris, Etobicoke; Marna Brearley, Georgetown; Edward Tooke, Acton; Georgetown District High School; Jane Watt, Mississauga; Mary Land, Halton Hills Public Library; Judy Daley, Town of Halton Hills

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

Textual – General Collection:	5.84 m ³
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.060 m ³
Textual - Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres -5.945m ³
Cartographic Collection:	241 items
Architectural Drawings:	136 sets
Photograph Collection:	21 433 images (processed)
Digital Records –Our Ontario:	10 890 records
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.072 m ³
Negatives Collection:	2.198 m ³



EHS photo#20 868

GEORGETOWN: Shorncliffe Hospital Quilt, made in 1915 by the Georgetown Women's Institute, on display at the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Libraries. PHOTOGRAPHER: Karen Hunter

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca

Our website had 18 644 visits over the past year, a decrease of 2356 visits over last year. This averages out to 51.08 visits a day. These visits originated from Canada, the United States, Ukraine, China, Germany, Congo, Japan, Russia, France and Great Britain. The unique visitors to the site (once only) were 46%, compared to last year's 76% suggesting more extensive use of the site.

Besides searching for EHS directly, the most popular search phrases were Speyside, Glen Williams, Esquesing, Ballinafad, EHS archives, Halton Hills HS, Limehouse, newspaper articles, Acton and Georgetown. Web pages accessed on our website in order of popularity were Communities – Speyside, the newspaper articles, About Us, Archives, Heritage Halton Hills, EHS executive, EHS meetings and Links.

There were 308 downloads from the site, for our book list. Next in popularity was the May 2010 newsletter, Kennedy Family files, the Archival Table of Contents, The 1913 *Georgetown Herald*, newsletters for Sept. 2012, Sept. 2009, and Jan. 2012 and the 1893 *Toronto Daily Mail*. These were the same items of interest as last year, except for the newsletters.

The most popular month to visit was December (October), while March was the slowest. Daily visits averaged about 2600 visits for each of the seven days of the week. Tuesday won by a slight margin (2818).

**ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2013 LOG OF INQUIRIES**

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
Jan. 10	Peter Roe	Norval School Registers
Jan. 10	Sports Museum	Raider Rooster photos
Jan. 19	Sharon Cuillerier (nee Sykes)	Alma Sykes
Jan. 22	John Cooper	Royal Bank 1985 robbery
Jan. 31	Dave Kentner	Dick Riddall
Feb. 02	Janet Marquez	Crops in Halton (HRM)
Feb. 04	Grace Ure	Settler Peter Lee
Feb. 07	Bethel Church	1962 Construction photos
Feb. 12	Sandy Gillians	Scotsdale Map inquiry
Feb. 25	Sharon Harrison	Syndicate Houses / Bannockburn School

Feb. 28	Chuck Gadbois	Stewarttown
Feb.	Ted Wilson	Limehouse
Mar 09	Susan Robertson	Silver Creek history
Mar 10	Bill McBride	Violin makers
Mar 11	Ian Brewer	Brewer birth records
Mar 13	Kayren Hill	Membership Information
Mar 19	Dr. Ross Fair	Pictures for OHT plaque
Mar 25	Debbie Smart	Casserole Dish manfr.
Mar 26	Don Fendley	Memorial Arena
Apr. 02	Glenna Cooke	Meaning of SS#AE
Apr. 03	Jeffry Rottluff	#12 Chapel Street
Apr. 26	Teresa Myers	Former black slaves
Apr. 28	Paul Sigmundson	McNabb family papers
May 13	Don Fendley	Photos for Homecoming
May 24	Russell Sharp	Thomas Young family
May 29	Peter Roe	Farmers Bank Image
June 12	Judy Daley	Photos for display
June 14	Belva Crabtree	Anderson family
June 18	Shannon Furzer	Prospect Park Bandstand
June 19	Marquez, Janet	Halton recipes
June 24	Judy Humphries	Lorne Scots uniforms
June 25	Rudy Vandenberg	Limehouse School photos
June 26	Don Fendley	Post Office & blacksmiths
June 28	Katie Downes	Photos for Homecoming
July 3	Lee Templeton, Archeoworks, Inc.	Esquising Assessment Rolls
July 4	Anne Marie Hayes	Townsend Family
July 4	Diana Beaumont	Beaumont Family
July 04	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
July 04	Darlene Green, HHPL	Crawford Family
July 5	Brynly Hawkins, HHH	Photos for use in IND
July 5	Peter Stevenson	William Fergusson, photographer
July 8	D. John Shultz	Howson Family
July 18	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
July 18	Annemarie McDonald	Halton District WI
July 19	The Independent	Memorial Arena photos
July 21	Don Fendley	Arletta Street
July 30	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Aug. 01	Judy Daley	Photos for Display
Aug. 12	Dave Carney	Home owners research
July 31	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Aug. 19	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Aug. 21	Alan McCord	Use of EHS8663 Go-Kart Klubbers 1962
Sept.03	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Sept.09	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Sept.24	Meghan Casey HHPL	John Elliott Theatre

Sept.25	Ann Lawlor	John Elliott Theatre History
Sept 30	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Oct. 01	Joanne Wood	Casson –Glen Wms
Oct. 07	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Oct. 16	Kris Brannan	Coulson cairn –Hornby
Oct. 17	Chris Holiday	Brain Brewery
Oct. 18	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Oct. 23	Peter Atkinson	Theatre seats at Memorial Arena
Nov. 11	Michelle Knoll	Palermo school records
Nov. 11	Kirsten Mogg	Arrowheads
Nov. 14	Dawn Hunter Clark	Hollywood Hotel
Nov. 17	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Dec. 02	Sue Anderson	acid-free framing
Dec. 04	Judy Daley	Photo Orders
Dec. 06	Susan Daubaras	Duff House pictures
Dec. 07	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Dec. 18	Dick Nixon	Nixon Family, Ashgrove
Dec. 18	Paula Sawadsky	Cost of Photos for exhibition
Dec. 19	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Dec. 19	Peter Adsten	Cost of photos

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 housed within the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Libraries. We also now enjoy a History reading room where many publications and microfilms are available for viewing. We continue to thank Geoff Cannon and Beverley King of Halton Hills Public Libraries for their support and hard work on our behalf.

J. M. Rowe,
Archivist

21 351 **GEORGETOWN:** Joan Augustine and Helen Tazzman sport beautiful hats at the Esquesing Historical Society meeting in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Knox Presbyterian Church.
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