



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2015 ARCHIVAL REPORT

John Mark Rowe, Archivist

ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

No student was employed this year so progress was slow on improving the Archives. Nevertheless, donations continued to be received during the year. The most unusual donation was three grocery bags of very old land records, deeds, mortgages and such, rescued from attic storage in Stewarttown. The processing of archival items by Karen Hunter has been invaluable this year.

Photos were the most frequent item donated. The bulk of spare time was spent adding photograph descriptions to our Finding Aid. Several new additions were made to the Halton Images website and several descriptions improved. An in-depth inspection of the collection, to ensure the descriptions are correct and that the images have been successfully copied onto CDs, is continuing. The photo CDs are being upgraded to DVDs.

Photographs of mailboxes were added to the Archives after the February Heritage Week photo contest entitled *Disappearing Mailboxes*. Archive resources were used to suggest street names for the Vision Georgetown lands, being Lots 11-15, Concession 8, Esquesing.

Executive members met with John Summers and staff to discuss the new vision for the Halton Region Museum.

Library staff was trained on accessing the Archives for patrons and it has been well-used this year. We also provided photographs from our collection for "The Way We Were" feature in the *Independent Free Press*, organized by Heritage Halton Hills.

2015 ACCESSIONS

Pat Farley, Georgetown; Patricia King, Cambridge; Flo Bellman, Georgetown; EHS; Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Doug Brock, Georgetown; Rob Burnett, RR3 Georgetown; Ray Denny, RR4 Acton; Barry Timleck, Georgetown; HHPL, Beverley King; Brampton Hist. Soc., Ron Raffan; Mary Finley, Guelph; Doug Wrigglesworth, Holland Landing; Bill Nelles, Acton; Dave Cox, Glen Williams; Elaine Matthews, Georgetown; Wm. D. McIlveen, RR 1 Acton; Jill Kiehn, Stewarttown; Gord Hunt, Georgetown; EHS – purchase; John Sommer, Georgetown; Ted Brown, Chairman, Heritage Halton Hills; Tom Reynolds, Georgetown; Margaret Dorzensky, Haliburton; Anonymous Donor; Marlene Pearson, Ashgrove Women's Institute; Glenda Benton, Limehouse; Dorothy Hastings, Guelph; Barbara Jennings, Georgetown; Marinus Pater, Georgetown; Robert Law, Georgetown; Holy Cross Elementary School, K. Carter; Gord Preston, Glen Williams; Graeme Goebelle, Georgetown; Duncan Robinson, RR#2 Georgetown; Dan Penney, Georgetown

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:	22 339 images (processed)
Digital Records –Our Ontario:	11 181 records (4716 images available)
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.072 m ³
Negatives Collection:	2.198 m ³

ARCHIVE USE

We had five requests to access many of the resources in our Archives this year.

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca

We have been able to track the number of visits since August 9th 2015, being 2972. This translates to roughly 594 visits a month or 7133 visits for 2015. This is far below our 2013 number (the last year of reliable statistics), so we take it with a grain of salt. The top countries visiting our site after Canada (64%) were the USA, Russia, Brazil, United Kingdom and China.

2014-unavailable; 2013 - 18 644 visits; 2012 – 21 000 visits; 2011 - 14 777 visits; 2010 – 9977 visits; 2009 – 8881 visits; 2008 – 7989 visits; 2007 – 7131 visits.

ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 LOG OF INQUIRIES

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
Jan. 2	Edith George	Wright sisters of Terra Cotta
Jan. 2	Patricia King	Chisholm Family Photos
Jan. 2	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
Jan. 12	Connie Karlsson	Herald donation
Feb. 04	Marlena Rivett	Rivett family
Feb. 05	Jan Vos (Netherlands)	Franklin Near, Acton
Feb. 21	Caryn Douglas	Jessie Oliver, deaconess
Feb. 25	Judy Daley	EHS photos
Feb. 26	Chris Vernon	Photos for Sideroads
Mar. 03	Marsha Waldie	Burials for UELs
Mar. 08	Debbi Piech	Paul Kennedy
Mar. 10	Pam Niesiobedzki	Ghosts
Mar. 13	Alison CrawleyHHPL	Tremaine Map
Mar. 17	William McIlveen	Trees in Acton
Mar. 18	Don Fendley	Georgetown dairy
Mar. 20	Pat Farley	Glen Picture
Mar. 30	Chelsey Fedchenko	HHH photos
Mar. 31	Mark Watson	Grey Vernon
Apr. 02	Karen Capelazo	Israel Williams
Apr. 10	Hilda Hinojosa	St. Joseph School
Apr. 13	S. Morrison	Photographer's negatives
Apr. 17	Margaret Taylor	Acton Band stand pics
Apr. 22	Chelsey Fedchenko	HHH photos
Apr. 22	Judy Daley	EHS photos
Apr. 26	Kathy Sanford	EHS photo for calendar

May 06	Rebecca Yaffa	AAO membership
May 07	Sean Graham PhD	EHS Archives
May 09	Vicki Firth	Walking Backwards book
May 12	Vicki Firth	1978 Independent Photo
May 24	Gloria Beek	BEEK family photos
June 30	Jasper Martin	Wheeler store photos
June 30	Sherry Farago	Gibraltar school pics
July 08	Barb Alcott	Pipe band Photos
July 16	Meghan Casey	Independent photos 1992
July 20	Velda Olding	Book Order
July 22	Ursula Roman	Sam Dyczok, Norval
July 25	Kelly Rodrigues	Acton land records
Aug 01	Mark Kowall	AFP photo 1963
Aug 08	Terry Cockerell (Aust)	Acton calendar
Aug 13	Lisa Hunziger	Acton student book
Aug 21	Jon Clayton	Waterfalls Playground
Sept 14	Sherrie Van Dyk	HHTW issue -1993
Sept 22	James McKane	G'town lawn bowling
Sept 22	Mr. McDonald	Family history
Sept 22	Paul Sigmundson	McNab family
Oct 14	Denise Cheer	Reed family
Oct 16	Darlene Green	Neville's Tea Room G
Oct 16	Ralph Vlitstra	Beardmore picture
Nov. 14	Murray Binsted	Eliza Armstrong Jelley
Nov. 17	Laurent Thibault	McGibbon Hotel pics
Nov. 17	Dr. John Carter	John Stewart Jr.
Nov. 18	Joan H.	Glen Pictures
Dec. 08	Angela Meyer	13057 Fall Brook Trail
Dec. 13	Melanie Franke	History of 70-72 Main St. G'town
Dec. 27	MJ Mahala	UP Church location

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.



21 523 **GEORGETOWN**: A colourized postcard of Main Street looking north. The original is located at EHS10352. This photograph has been “cleaned up” as has EHS00444, but the moving horse and buggy in front of the Bennett House and hydro poles have been removed with a slightly different colourization. The inscription reads: Main Street, Georgetown, Ont.

DATE: c.1900 PROVENANCE: John McDonald Acc. #13.20

FORMAT: Colour postcard; digital

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.

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