



# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2019 ARCHIVAL REPORT

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### ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

Dedicated volunteers have made a significant difference in the EHS Archives during 2019. We have processed and catalogued hundreds of photographs taken by freelance photographer Peter Jones for The Georgetown Herald in the 1960s. The Georgetown Kinsmen Club and The Town of Halton Hills made large donations. The large Dills Family collection has been listed. Finally, a significant addition is a searchable index to the digital photographs on the DVDs received from the Independent Free Press. They cover digital images taken by the reporters beginning with the switch from film to digital about 1997 up to 2007.

Not everything we receive is related to Esquesing Township. Consequently, we transferred items from our collection to the Burlington Historical Society, Milton Historical Society and to the Archives of Canada. Other Archives do the same thing, so we received negatives taken at Smith and Stone in 1952, from the City of Toronto Archives and a series of 1955 street images of Acton, donated by the Bruce County Museum.

Thanks to Library staff, the finding aid for the Esquesing Historical Society can now be searched through the Archives Association of Ontario website, Archeion at [www.archeion.ca/esquesinghistorical-society](http://www.archeion.ca/esquesinghistorical-society)

The Archives and Library were fortunate some time ago to receive an 1856 map of Esquesing School Sections. It has been sent for restoration. The restored map will hang in the History Room of the Georgetown Library.

### 2019 ACCESSIONS

Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Rose Anna Helson, Georgetown; Gloria Sinclair, Georgetown; Kathy Gastle, Norval; Mark Rowe, Glen Williams ; Bernie Bradner, Georgetown; Robert Law, Georgetown; David Stickley, Georgetown Choral Society; Don Puckering, Terra Cotta; Bob Hooper, Georgetown; Beverley King, HHPL; 2- Anonymous Donors; James Young, Ottawa; Bruce County Museum; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Séanin Steele, HHPL; Jill Lawford, Markdale; Hugh Hunter, Estate of Ruth McBride; Janet Duval, Georgetown; Judy Daley, Art Curator Helson Gallery

### EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

Textual – General Collection:	6.29 m <sup>3</sup>	
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.060 m <sup>3</sup>	
Textual - Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres	-5.945m <sup>3</sup>
Cartographic Collection:	241 items	
Architectural Drawings:	143 sets	
Photograph Collection:	25 688 images (processed)	+1112
Digital Records –Our Ontario:	12 973 files (4874 images available)	+193 (+23)
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.072 m <sup>3</sup>	

Negatives Collection: 2.198 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Digital on DVD / ZIP 846 items

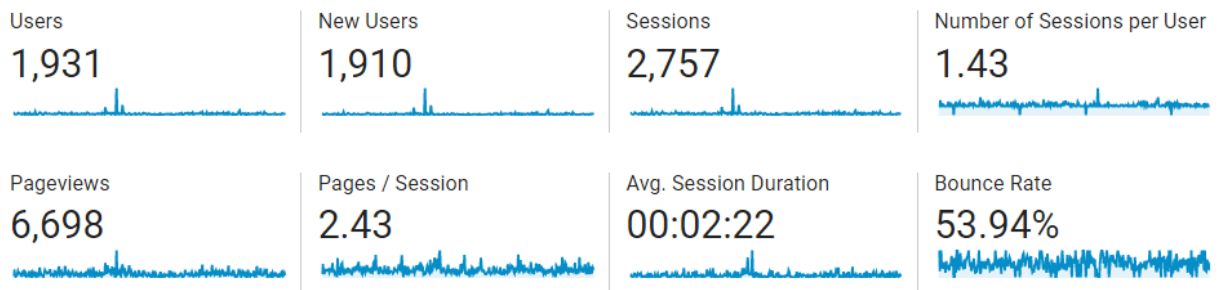
**ARCHIVE USE**

Library staff handled several inquiries with patrons this year, often following up via email with the EHS executive.

**WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.com**

This year we had 1 931 users, down 191 users from last year. We had 2 757 sessions during the year. The most popular pages were the home page, Halton Images, about us, meetings & events, contact us, newsletters, communities, publications and specifically the historical article, “Origin of Georgetown Street Names.”

Users were from Canada 76%, U.S. 19%, United Kingdom 1% followed by China, Poland, Australia, South Korea, France, Japan and Germany.



**ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 2019 LOG OF INQUIRIES**

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
08 Jan	Carol Ann Currie	St. George’s Cemetery
11 Jan	Robert Benoit	Dairy Photos
13 Jan	James Young	James Young
15 Jan	Brian Daigle	37 Young Street, Acton
17 Jan	Debbie McNeil	8 St. Michael St., Geo
23 Jan	Brian Arsenault	Geo. Choral Society
01 Feb	Rita Villani	Yvonne Mountain
02 Feb	Bruce Carlin -Milton HS	Archives software
07 Feb	David J Forsyth	H.T. Arnold & Sons
07 Feb	Stephen Hunter	Ken Hunter
12 Feb	Vicki Firth HHPL	Hockey photos
21 Feb	E. Peter Rowe	Naming of Acton
16 Mar	David Steckley GCS	Choral Society Archives
20 Mar	Meghan Warnock	Archive volunteer
21 Mar	Alison Crawley	Guide tour of G’town
22 Mar	Clarissa Keane	Local Indigenous peoples
26 Mar	Kay d’Entremont	Beaver Lumber

29 Mar	Sherry Fargo HHPL	Glen magazine
29 Mar	Wayne Scott GWTH	Glen Town Hall photos
01 Apr	Diane Schillaci	Georgetown Schools in 1914
04 Apr	Loretta Balanzin	Haunted Brampton
05 Apr	Kevin Joynt	Georgetown photographers
09 Apr	Jamie Marchant	Searching Halton Hills newspapers
15 Apr	Jim Bray	Archival Donation
15 Apr	Joseph Petric	Books of M.Z. Bennett
21 Apr	Ruth Jaynes	Ashgrove
29 Apr	John Van Egmond	Map donation
29 Apr	Chris Golden	Aerial photos
04 May	Sue Nimegeers, SK	Lorne Mitchell
09 May	Don Fendley	Hungry Hollow
11 May	Ron	G'town dairy
11 May	Sue Nimegeers	Lorne Mitchell
16 May	John McDonald	Sam McGibbon
30 May	Carol Ann Currie	Glenn Miller
04 June	Anne McIntyre	Acton photos
05 June	Heather Kaufmann	Little NHL pictures
10 June	Bennett, Claire	Dorothy Stone obit
13 June	John Grant	Thomas Chisholm
06 July	Stephen Perry	Nathaniel W. Perry II
06 July	Gloria Millar	Excelsior Repair Shop, O
15 July	Diane Schillaci	Clare Speight Mackellar
19 July	Bennett, Claire	Cycling photo #377
22 July	Brandi Gillett HHPL	Acton maps
31 July	Ann French	Movies in Georgetown
5 Aug.	Brenda Bousfield	Jim Ridley photos
6 Aug.	Mark Grondinger	Acton family from 1965
7 Aug	Mike Haines	Forster Family
23 Aug.	Camille Turner	Blackface Herald article
28 Aug.	Brenda Bousfield	35 Edith Street
4 Sept.	Gordon Rugg	Acton Photos
19 Sept	Dave Kentner	Garbutt family hotel
22 Sept	Marlene Madole	Williams Mill photos
26 Sept	Harry Rudolfs	Acton Band & Hockey
26 Sept	Beverly Tyhurst	Street name: Nixon
26 Sept	Gabriela Navarro	Street name: Webster
29 Sept	John McDonald	Rev. J. Ryan, Acton
04 Oct	Denise Jones	Chair for Knox
06 Oct	Phil Lewin	Glen Baseball park
14 Oct	Danielle G	Twin Lakes Resort
15 Oct	Emily Martin	Norrish Family
17 Oct	Tina MacPhail	Priceville Cemetery
23 Oct	Ron Chernysh	AFP typeface
28 Oct	Carol Ann Currie	Henry Fielding

06 Nov	Louise Stitt	1945 Stewarttown class photo
16 Nov	Rose Duffin	Aisthorpe photo
17 Nov	James Young	James Young
18 Nov	Heather Francey	History of Schools
26 Nov	David Steckley	Poetry in Archives
02 Dec	Bill McIlveen	Stewarttown poorhouse
04 Dec	Debbie de Chastelain	35 Edith Street

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.

E-mail address for inquiries: [esquesinghs@gmail.com](mailto:esquesinghs@gmail.com)

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

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GEORGETOWN – The teaching staff at Chapel Street Public School for 1965-1966. They are (L to R) BACK: unknown, Ruth McBride, Anne Lough, Fran Hunter, Wilma Stull, Shirley Borland, Doug Magwood; FRONT: June Evans, Marilyn Ferguson, Val Stein, unknown, Miss Elliott. PHOTOGRAPHER: Don McIndoe, Hamilton  
DATE: Spring 1966 PROVENANCE: Ruth McBride Acc.#19.20