



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2014 ARCHIVAL REPORT

John Mark Rowe, Archivist

ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

This was a busy year in the life of our Archives. Karen Hunter and I have been diligently working away at processing files and photographs that have been backlogged from the days of the Georgetown Library renovations. We were pleased to receive all the digital photographs that *Independent Free Press* photographer Ted Brown had taken in his career. The newspaper had donated all the negatives from their files after they moved to digital only photography, making our collection quite up-to-date.

The Society once again was able to hire a summer student with our Canada Works grant and we were pleased to have Shelagh Quaile with us this past summer. She continued the transfer of our scanned photo collection to DVDs, while updating our digital shelf list. She scanned a large number of negatives from John Sommer that were already numbered but no image was available. The Esquesing (Stewarttown) Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History was scanned in its entirety and she worked on improving descriptions of photos from the *Herald* collection.

Shelagh expanded her digital skills by learning to “stitch” together oversized photograph scans. She also helped to design the cover for John Mark Rowe's Glen Williams book.

The Library made use of her presence as well by having her scan, print and organize local history material for inclusion in school kits. Photograph conservation work also gave some variety to her many tasks. We were so pleased with her progress that we extended her period of employment, using our own resources.

2014 ACCESSIONS

Robert Law, Georgetown; Elaine Robinson and Luc Bertrand, Georgetown; Tim Chadder, Ottawa; Gord Preston, Glen Williams; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Doug Wigglesworth, Holland Landing; Doug Ford, Acton; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Mike Harley, Georgetown; Steve Foreman, General manager, *Independent Free Press*, Georgetown; Pauline Greenslade, Georgetown; John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Janet Duval, Georgetown; Beverley King, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown; Anonymous; Dublin Women's Institute, Acton; Mac Sprowl estate, Acton; Lynn (Waldie) Medland, Acton; Margaret E. McFarlane, Red Deer, Alberta; Pat Farley, Georgetown; Geoff Cannon, Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown; Deborah Quaile, Rockwood; Margaret Brown, Ashgrove; Patricia King, Cambridge.

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:	22 010 images (processed)
Digital Records –Our Ontario:	10 993 records (4674 images available)

Audio-Visual Collection: 0.072 m³
Negatives Collection: 2.198 m³

ARCHIVE USE

We had three requests to access many of the resources in our Archives this year, one gentleman visiting from England, after inquiring about items found on the internet, in our Archive listings. These listings can be found within Halton Images.

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca

Unfortunately, our website did not keep track of users this year, so statistics are not available. However, the following numbers illustrate a steady increase year over year with the exception of the spike when the Georgetown Library was under renovation and the Archives were closed.

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

ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2014 LOG OF INQUIRIES

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
Jan. 3	Dave Sands	Brain's Brewery
Jan. 8	Shawn Brown	Acton Tweedsmuir
Jan. 16	Phil Gravelle	William Trout
Jan. 26	Don Fendley	Cleave Farm school
Jan. 27	Anita Bergsma	EHS membership
Jan. 27	Dawn Livingstone	Joyce family
Jan. 27	Ted Brown	Photo donation
Feb. 02	Andrew Hind	Sideroads photos
Feb. 07	Rachel Voisin	Dr. Frank Watson
Feb. 09	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
Feb. 11	Jim Trautman	Seed House Images
Feb. 12	Stephanie MacLellan	Underground Railway
Mar 02	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
Mar 10	Aamna Arora	Georgetown maps
Mar 19	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
Apr. 04	Peter Roe	Georgetown Boys
May 04	Gordon Smith	Photos for HHH
May 09	Susan Maggi	Lois Knight collection
May 09	Jim Trautman	Sports Images
May 11	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
May 26	Norman Rogers	Scott family
May 27	Denise Cheer	John Reed family
June 05	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
June 19	Pamela	Sargent family
June 20	Robert Leslie	Lairds of Esquesing
June 23	Wm. Snider	Grave of F.W. Warne
June 24	Beaudry, Julie	Photo request

June 25	Ian Meldrum	Photo request
June 30	Paul Sigmundson	McNab family
July 04	Al Darby	Colourized photos
July 05	Trish King	Hornby School photo
July 08	Hugh Laing	Laing Family
July 11	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
July 17	Angie Lamoureux	Glen Photo request
July 21	Sophie Vandenberg	Gibraltar School photos
July 25	Lauren Archer	Norval Tweedsmuir
July 28	Andrew Hind	Photos for Sideroads
July 28	Beverley King	Trafalgar Twp map
July 31	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
Aug. 01	William Smith	Frank Pollock collection
Aug. 05	Nick Bruce	Arbour Glen property
Aug. 13	Doug Cox	Campbell family
Aug. 18	Jessica Lapp	John B Watkins
Aug. 27	Judy Daley	WWI pics for Gallery
Aug. 29	Pat Dunwoody	Berwick family
Sept. 2	Tammy Sloan	68 Ewing Street, GTN
Sept. 5	Deb Schramm	Meredith family
Sept. 8	Peter Adema	Paintings at St. Alban's
Sept 11	Gordon Smith	HHH Photo request
Sept 15	Jennifer Adams	#4 Park St., Acton
Sept 18	Elise Cole	Fuller's 1866 directory
Sept 19	Joy Thompson	Womens Flag Football
Sept 30	Gwen Miron	34 John Street, GTN
Oct. 01	Caroline Cutler	Photos of 6 Prince St
Oct. 02	Ray Denny	Churchill Rd. reservoir
Oct. 05	Scott McColl	McColl family
Oct. 27	Jane Dougan	Acton scary stories
Oct. 28	Andrew Hind	Photos for Sideroads
Oct. 28	Gordon Smith	HHH photo request
Nov. 10	William Snider	Ballinafad cemetery
Nov. 19	Heather Harris	Thomas Phillips family
Dec. 07	John Desramaux	Georgetown monastery
Dec. 07	Phyllis Grimsditch	Photo order
Dec. 09	Bill Livingstone	Photo Order
Dec. 22	Rose Tolley	Hall-Godfrey marriage
Dec. 15	Gordon Smith	HHH photo request
Dec. 29	Edith George	Wright sisters

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.



21972 **ASHGROVE:** The very large class of Miss Minerva Howson (1857-1955) gathers outside the Ashgrove school house, built in 1870. She taught at Ashgrove from 1878 until 1880, when she married Samuel Ruddell.

DATE: c. 1879

PROVENANCE: Betty Brownridge Acc. #12.26

FORMAT: Tynype 5'x6"; 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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