



# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2018 ARCHIVAL REPORT

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### ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

The Archives of the Esquesing Historical Society, located in the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library, has had several very interesting donations this year. The oldest was the ledger for Richard Tracy's post office store in Stewarttown covering transactions in 1846 and 1847! A second Stewarttown treasure was the minute book for the Stewarttown Orange Lodge.

Acton received a boost with the Dills Family Collection and the blueprints of Acton's 1913 Post Office from Frontenac County Schools Museum.

A rare 1856 map of Esquesing Township School Sections was added along with a donation of items from Ligny (S.S.#1) School from the Milton Historical Society.

City of Toronto Archives transferred negatives by professional photographer Gilbert Milne taken in the Smith and Stone factory in Georgetown in 1952 and 1953.

The Town of Halton Hills transferred Acton and Georgetown Council minutes and by-laws to our collection this summer.

The EHS received funding for a summer student. Zach Cunningham was employed by the EHS, while Anthony Borges was hired by Heritage Halton Hills to work in the Archives. A Canada Students grant funded both positions. Over 900 photos were scanned into our collection which included photos from the Halton Hills Sports Museum to the EHS Archives. The students also started entering items into our on-line archival finding aid hosted by the Archives Association of Ontario. The Halton Hills Library staff are continuing this input as time allows.

The commitment of the Library (HHPL) to our work was reinforced when the Board inked a new agreement with the EHS ensuring the Archives collection remains in Halton Hills if the EHS should ever fold. It replaced a similar 1982 agreement.

Inquiries continue to arrive on a regular basis and are enumerated on the next page, in case someone is researching something you might be interested in.

### 2018 ACCESSIONS

Rob & Laura Fagnou, Saskatchewan; Robert Law, Georgetown; Mary Land, Halton Hills Public Library; Frontenac County Schools Museum, Kingston; Anne Whitham, Ayr; Michelle Douglas, Georgetown Christian School; Pat Farley, Georgetown; Rick Ruggle, Georgetown; Kathleen Dills, Acton; Mike Harley, Georgetown; Arno Weststeyn, Georgetown; Beverley King, Halton Hills Public Library; Michele Dale, Toronto City Archives; Linda Huffman, South Bruce Peninsula; Mike Harley, Georgetown; Jane Watt, Mississauga; Vera fader, Surrey, British Columbia; Connie Van Goch, Georgetown; Jack Thompson, Georgetown; Elaine Robinson-Bertrand, Georgetown; John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Tammy Kitchener, Glen Williams Public School; Marnie Hughes, Georgetown; Will Ross, Georgetown; Suzanne Jones, Town of Halton Hills; Doris Burfind, Georgetown; Heidi Steinback, Georgetown; Ray Denny,

Limehouse; Mary Land, Halton Hills Public Library; Gloria Brown, Milton Historical Society; Rick Armstrong, Kinsmen Club of Georgetown; Marion Burns, Georgetown; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Glenda Nixdorf, Halton Hills Sports Museum; Jim Boulanger, Glen Williams.

### EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

Textual – General Collection:	6.29 m <sup>3</sup>	+0.27
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	+2
Photograph Collection:	24 576 images (processed)	+540
Digital Records –Our Ontario:	12 780 records (4851 images available)	+55
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.072 m <sup>3</sup>	
Negatives Collection:	2.198 m <sup>3</sup>	
Digital on DVD / ZIP	846 items (in process)	

### ARCHIVE USE

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

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

Last year our website statistics only began in April due to a change in our URL. This year we had 2 122 users, up 129% from last year. We had 3 004 sessions during the year. The most popular pages were the home page, Halton Images, newsletters and meetings & events.

Users were from Canada 55%, U.S. 16%, France 10%, Brazil 4% and several other countries at 1-2%.

## ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2018 LOG OF INQUIRIES

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
5 Jan.	Peter Lyons	Reid family couch
8 Jan.	Kara Woolley	88 Main St. S photo
11 Jan.	Frank Van de Valk	Humberstone graves
18 Jan.	Bennett, Claire	Henry Davis Wood Products Ltd.
18 Jan.	Marie Cook - Kirkfield Hist. Soc.	Victorian medicine speaker
25 Jan.	Margot Lafrance HHPL	Archives Inquiry MG1 A3
26 Jan.	Joseph Frazer	McNab, Fraser, Stirrat
27 Jan.	Louann Nicholson	HHH photo feature
29 Jan.	Anne Whitham	Methodist Pastor photos
30 Jan.	Kathy Baker OGS	Scott, Hood & Hunter
01 Feb.	Jen Penman	World Atlas donation
06 Feb.	OHS N. Tanashian	Records update

07 Feb.	Joanne Doernbach	Domtar Pictures
08 Feb.	Anne Fisher	Grey Vernon, 5 Albert St.
09 Feb.	J. Christison - Norfolk Museum	Shornecliffe Quilt loan
18 Feb.	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
22 Feb	Paul Sigmundson	McNab Family History
23 Feb.	JAMES HARRISON	Peel Land records
24 Feb.	Amanda Reid	1938 news
27 Feb.	Amy Douglas	HHH Photos
03 Mar	Sharie Lomas	Townsend Family
04 Mar	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
09 Mar.	Gary Long	Reinhard Filter
09 Mar.	William McEnery	McCullough Cemetery
17 Mar	Dorothy Kew	Barnes Cemetery
27 Mar	Robert Law	Wonderland Theatre
6 Apr	Claire Bennett HRM	Bicycles
6 Apr	Graham Lane	Hamilton & NW RR
9 Apr	Vera Fader, BC	Herald donation
12 Apr	Scott Leslie	House histories
18 Apr	Cathleen Burton	Family history
19 Apr	Ian Easterbrook	Jean Johnston, artist
30 Apr	Roger Harris	Archival Access
03 May	Elsie Houghton	Norval Anecdotes
07 May	Joy Woodward	Neighbours back copies
14 May	Claire Bennett HRM	Norton Quarry
15 May	Margaret Ostrowski	Norton Quarry
24 May	Natalie Vander Burgt	Local history interview
28 May	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
28 May	Alison Walker	HHH Photo feature
9 June	J. St. Pierre	Neighbours back copies
9 June	Al Gauthier	Neighbours back copies
15 June	Blaine Nicholson	Native axe head find
18 June	John Churchill	Map of Acton
20 June	Sharon O'Shaughnessy	Wm Reid, Trafalgar
21 June	Glenn Veary	Brain Brewery
23 June	Matthew Ross	Gooderham House, Norval
24 June	Kathy Sanford	Acton calendar pictures
25 June	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
29 June	Steve Manders	Grand Trunk
07 July	Kathy Sanford	McKeon & Powell tailoring, Acton
16 July	Jay Sydoruk	Cruickshank family
20 July	Cathleen Burton	Brickworks
26 July	Jeannette Ennis	Meredith Family
28 July	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
03 Aug	Roy Gardiner	James & Jane Henderson
12 Aug	Bob Law	173 Perth St., Acton

17 Aug	Carol Ann Currie	Robert Price
19 Aug	Marilyn Serjeantson	Kennedy family
22 Aug	Doris Burfind	Quilt photo donation
24 Aug	Heidy Steinbeck	Abitibi poster donation
27 Aug	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
07 Sept	Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst	Membership
10 Sept	Kevin Joynt	William John Walker
21 Sept	Gillian Wagenaar	Isaac Hornby
05 Oct	Maggie Wilson, Cobalt, ON	Horatio Claude Barber
07 Oct	Aneesh Rangaraj	Creation of Halton Hills
13 Oct	Alison Walker	HHH Then & Now
14 Oct	Louann Nicholson	HHH Photo feature
17 Oct	Claire Bennett HRM	Apple Products
17 Oct	Kathy Gastle	Norval pamphlets
03 Nov	Jim Dobie, Port Hope	Thomas Moffatt Dobie
05 Dec	Corrie Wigmans, Belgium	Sapper Frank Everson
07 Dec.	Viola Lyons	Mustard Family
12 Dec.	Alison Walker	HHH Then & Now
13 Dec.	Denise Fashina	Milburn Family
14 Dec.	C. Bird	Farmers Bank, Norval
20 Dec.	Carol Ann Currie	St. George's Cemetery

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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Judges looking for the Most Valuable Player at the Bantam International Hockey Tournament are (LtoR) Blake Inglis, Gerry Inglis, Del Beaumont and Bungy Ward. April 1965.

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