



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2020 ARCHIVAL REPORT

John Mark Rowe, Archivist

ACCESS

IN-PERSON: Georgetown Branch of Halton Hills Public Library, 9

Church Street, Georgetown – during regular Library hours.

ARCHIVES FINDING AID: <https://www.archeion.ca/esquesing-historical-society>

PHOTO COLLECTION: <https://images.halinet.on.ca/search> This represents 20% of the collection. Searches can be requested at esquesinghs@gmail.com

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS: <https://news.haltonhills.halinet.on.ca/search>

EHS WEBSITE: <http://esquesinghistoricalsociety.com/>

ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

The EHS Archives were able to add over 500 new photographs to the collection in 2020. With the help of student intern Mary Baxter, we added exactly 500 photographs to Halton Images. This group of images were strictly taken from our collections for Crewson's Corners, Churchill, Speyside, Mansewood, Scotch Block, Milton Heights, Ashgrove and Acton, thereby increasing the representation of smaller centres in the township. The idea of an intern working remotely because of the pandemic worked well enough that applications have been received to allow new interns for 2021.

We are pleased to have students from the University of Guelph using our Archives for their course on Lucy Maud Montgomery, which ran in the winter semester. The Archives were also used over the summer and autumn by Chirag Patney, a student hired by Heritage Halton Hills. He was focusing on inventorying the barns of Halton Hills and his work will soon be available on-line. In an amazing coincidence, Joan Banks of Ottawa sent the Archives a series of sketches and photographs made by her late brother Keith Strike of barns he visited in this area in 1992.

In the autumn we were also approached by Amelia Harkins who volunteered to help in the preservation and storage of over-sized photographs. Karen Hunter got her started on the task. Karen has also completed the index for digital photographs taken by the Georgetown Independent, donated a few years ago. She also maintains the finding aid for the archival collection. That can be searched on-line as noted above.

The Halton Hills Public Library has reopened a second time, allowing access to the EHS Archives. Be sure to do your homework on-line before going to the Archives. Staff need the numbers from the finding aid to locate the items you'd like to see. If you photograph any items from our Archives please consider sending them to me to add to our small collection of digital images of items in the Archives. One day we will be able to post this collection on-line.

2020 ACCESSIONS

Donations were made to the EHS Archives this year from John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Estate of Ruth Hunter by James Hunter; Greg Denny, Georgetown; Kathy Burt, Georgetown, Ray Denny, Limehouse; Katrina Walton, Milton; Joan Banks, Ottawa; Steve McNamara, Rockwood; Beverley King, HHPL; Estate of Ken Grant, Stewarttown; Pauline Ferenci, Oakville; Rob Burnett, Stewarttown; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Mike Harley, Georgetown; Linda Derose, Gales Ferry CT, USA; Rose Anna Helson, Stewarttown; Georgetown BIA; Doug Brock, Georgetown; Marion Burns, Georgetown; Karen Hunter, Georgetown.

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

		<u>Since 2019</u>
Textual – General Collection:	6.29 m ³	-
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.060 m ³	-
Textual – Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres or 5.945 m ³	-
Textual – TOTAL	= 12.295 m ³	-
Cartographic Collection:	242 items	+1
Architectural Drawings:	143 sets	-
Photographic Collection:	26 213 images (processed)	+525 images
On-line records -Our Ontario:	5374 images uploaded	+500 images
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.072 m ³	-
-Cassette tapes	104	-
-VHS cassettes	5	-
-Films (8 & 16 mm)	4	-
-Digital Files CD/ DVD/ Files	28	-
Negatives Collection (indexed):	2.198 m ³	-
DVD / ZIP photo files (indexed):	846 items	-

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.com

This year we had almost 3000 users of our site, about 1000 more than last year. The most popular website pages visited were Halton Images, Meetings & Events, Georgetown Street Names, About Us, Newsletters, Publications, Contact Us, Communities and 1967 Century Farms. Similar to last year 75% of visitors were from Canada, followed by 8% from the USA. The USA numbers were down 11% and surprise #3 was France at 4% with the United Kingdom polling at 4th with only 2.26%.

The average number of visits was 200 per month with January being most popular and December the least popular.

DIGITAL INQUIRES

Unfortunately, some records for the first half of the year were lost.

DATE	NAME	TOPIC
16 Jan	Karen Thompson	Luena Campbell

21 Jan	Alice Carter	Ralph Cook family
20 Feb	Rachel Redshaw, MHBC Planning	1854 Georgetown map
24 Feb	Linda Courape	Bedford Family
28 Feb	Kristyn Allam, ASI Heritage	Limehouse railway bridge
6 Mar	Helen Callaway, Kilbride HS	W.P. Montgomery
12 Mar	Denise Fashina	Milburn family
14 Mar	Sacha Stotyn	Toronto Suburban RW
16 Mar	Paul Sproat	Sproat family
29 Mar	Jill Johnson	Ira Johnson, Jr. 164 th Batt.
14 Apr	Lea Black	Gellert "sluice gate"
22 Apr	Jason Truelove, ATA Architects	Cedarvale Park photos
23 May	Brendan Dixon	Chas & Annie McNally
23 May	Byron Rexworthy	43 Frederick St., Acton
16 Jun	Catherine Ackert	Ackert family
29 June	Angela Mourao Town of HH	Hillcrest Cemetery
09 July	Joan Banks	Barn sketches donation
13 July	Brandi Gillett HHPL	Francophone Georgetown
14 July	Lee Templeton, Archeoworks Inc.	Ashgrove cemetery picture
20 July	Kathy Gastle	Norval pottery
23 July	Vicki Firth HHPL	Maps of Native trails
27 July	Steve McCallum	Fire Department photo EHS03037
30 July	Louisa Mazzucco	Riviera Club Photos
23 Aug	John	82 Guelph Street
23 Aug	Ben Vandenberg	10570 6 th Line
24 Aug	Paul Sproat	Quatre Bras School
24 Aug	George Wilson	Barber Dynamo
10 Sep	Megan Gillberry	38 Bower, Acton
17 Sep	Jamie Marchant	1877 Atlas
21 Sep	James Ripley	Photos of Glen Mill
30 Sep	David Robb	Price family of Acton
15 Oct	Jamie Marchant	Historical Maps
19 Oct	Tracey Bastedo	Historical Pictures
22 Oct	Glenna Cooke	Brigden Family of Hornby
27 Oct	Joy Cohnstaedt	Sir Wm P. Howland
2 Nov	Linda Derosé	Stewarttown letter 1892
3 Nov	Jamie Marchant	Tunnels
4 Nov	Paul Dilse	Archive Access
5 Nov	Amelia Harkins	Archive volunteering
6 Nov	Robert Cook	Trafalgar HS website
8 Nov	Rick Ruggle	1942 Herald
12 Nov	Susan Di Tomaso	History of Halton book

16 Nov	John Desramaux	F/S L.H. Beaumont
18 Nov	Leslie Malloy-Weir	Mary Elizabeth Lane
19 Nov	Laura Wickett	Hornby properties
20 Nov	Jacqueline Cahill	Betty Kilgore
24 Nov	Sharron Martin	Wm & Thos. Robson
26 Nov	Megan Hobson	York House
28 Nov	Daniel Parry	4 Park St., Acton
28 Nov	Lauren Archer	Hornby Rink
01 Dec	Frans Compeer	Kennedy & Bedford
05 Dec	Cam McNaughton	Asa Hall picture
11 Dec	Paul Dilse	Oldest brick house??
17 Dec	Tony Lee	Riviera, Norval
19 Dec	Kathy Baker	Permission to reprint
30 Dec	Dave Bennett	Items to donate

The EHS keeps a record of inquiries made along with 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 permission to share their address with you. Note that most inquiries are by e-mail and addresses do expire. EHS e-mail for inquiries: esquesinghs@gmail.com

The Esquesing Historical Society Archives are housed within the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library. We are adjacent to the Local History reading room where many publications, maps and microfilm are available for viewing. We thank the staff of the Halton Hills Public Library under the leadership of Melanie Southern and Beverley King for their support and hard work on our behalf.

J.M. Rowe
Archivist

The final page has an image of the 1856 School Sections map showing property owners and Section boundaries. It was donated by EHS member Rob Burnett to the Halton Hills Public Library. Beverley King had some funds and a donation was made to cover the cost of having the map restored. It has since been scanned and is being framed. The large map will hang in the History Room of the Georgetown Branch Library.

Members who know their School Sections will see that Georgetown is still SS#10 and Acton is SS#12. When they became incorporated municipalities, their number was reassigned - #10 to Dufferin and #12 to Lorne. SS#17 – Milton Heights, was not opened until 1917.

