



# ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2021 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](mailto:esquesinghs@gmail.com)

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

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

### ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

The first three newsletters in 2021, for the EHS mentioned the library lockdown. As expected, we had little use of the facilities this year. However, behind the scenes, work carried on. Last year, Mohawk College approached the EHS about using their Library Technician Diploma students to work remotely for the EHS. This would qualify as a *bona fide* placement, towards completing their diploma. Mary Baxter was the first student and the program was deemed a success. She was followed by Sarah Hughes, Krista Harkins, Kate Sims and Christine McLean. Currently Darlene Anson is working remotely for the EHS. The vast majority of their work has been adding images from our collection to Halton Hills Images. As the statistics below show, they have added 1103 new images to our on-line collection.

Heritage Halton Hills continued their partnership with the EHS this summer, using the Archives as a base for student Kylie Robin. She added an on-line presentation on The Williams Mill, Glen Williams to the “Let’s Talk Halton Hills” page of the Town Website. The EHS is pleased to continue our partnership in providing images for use by Heritage Halton Hills in the *Independent Free Press*.

The Halton Hills Public Library graciously allowed two films related to the Archives, to be made in the History Room. Humber College film students Parker Weames and Nick Mongillo brought an entire crew to interview Archivist John Mark Rowe on the Barber Paper Mills for their school assignment. The second film was an interview on the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Acton Royal Canadian Legion. Melissa Candelaria of YourTV Halton, the local channel for Cogeco Cable, interviewed Archivist Rowe about the history and the resources contained in the Archives. Both interviews included shots in the Archives. The Legion piece aired on Cogeco in November. We haven’t heard how the Humber College assignment went.

The EHS Archives is pleased to once again have the support of Halton Hills Public Library in offering the scan the latest donation of 14 Tweedsmuir Histories by the Ashgrove Women’s Institute. As these books are scanned, they will be posted to Halton Hills Images, providing an invaluable source of history to the public, while preserving the originals in our Archives. Ashgrove joins books from Georgetown, Acton, Dublin, Esquesing, Terra Cotta and Limehouse on the internet. The Archives also holds records from Halton, Bannockburn, Norval, Silver-Wood and Hornby.

## 2021 ACCESSIONS

Donations were made to the EHS Archives this year from John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Mary Land, HHPL Acton; Beverley King, HHPL Georgetown; Catherine Siba, Courtney Museum, Cortney, British Columbia; Peter Tomlinson, Toronto; Jeff McKinnon, Georgetown; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Mary Shier, Limehouse Kiln Society; Sherry Farago, HHPL Georgetown; Anthony Usher, Toronto; Norm Fraser, Toronto; Shelley Bone, St. Catharines; Robert Dahlke, Mississauga; Daniel Edwards; Joseph Petric, Pickering; Jayne Salisbury; Robert McLanson, Georgetown District High School; Barbara & Lloyd Cook; Kathy Gastle, Norval; Verna Bird, Ashgrove Women's Institute; Graham Burt, St. Thomas; Lisa deVries, Whitby.

## EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

		<u>Since 2020</u>
Textual – General Collection:	70.67 m <sup>3</sup>	+7.77m <sup>3</sup>
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.6 m <sup>3</sup>	-
Textual – Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres or 59.45 m <sup>3</sup>	-
Textual – TOTAL	= 130.72 m <sup>3</sup>	-
Cartographic Collection:	242 items	-
Architectural Drawings:	143 sets	-
Photographic Collection:	27 855 images (processed)	+1642 images
On-line records -Our Ontario:	6477 images uploaded	+1103 images
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.72 m <sup>3</sup>	-
-Cassette tapes	104	-
-VHS cassettes	6	+1
-Films (8 & 16 mm)	5	+1
-Digital Files CD/ DVD/ Files	28	-
-Digital Files USB/ Scandisk	4	+4
Negatives Collection (indexed):	21.98 m <sup>3</sup>	-
DVD / ZIP photo files (indexed):	846 items	-

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

This year we had about 1200 users compared to almost 3000 last year. The most popular website pages visited were Halton Images, Contact Us, Meetings & Events, Publications, Newsletters, Georgetown Street Names, Communities. Down 10% from last year, 65% of visitors were from Canada, followed by 15% from China, 11% from the USA and 4% from the United Kingdom.

The average number of visits was 100 per month with October and November being most popular but there was no traffic from January to April. This could be a problem with the Google Analytics program or because of COVID 19 lock downs, users were not checking the site. We were still in the "blurr days" of the pandemic.

The Website offers a group email [esquesinghs@gmail.com](mailto:esquesinghs@gmail.com) which has been well utilized with most inquiries directed to this address.

## DIGITAL INQUIRES

DATE	NAME	TOPIC
Jan. 01	Beverly Stewart	Stewart Family
Jan. 05	Frans Compeer	Kennedy & Bedford

Jan 06	Claire Bennett HRM	Pandemics
Jan. 10	Dave Bennett	Sargent Rd; GVAS items
Jan. 11	Bobbi Venters	Photos of 22 Erin St. GW
Jan. 12	Dennis Roberts	Black citizens
Jan. 19	Susan Beaumont	Glen School photos
Jan. 20	Paul Dilse	Austin Corner
Jan. 21	Diane McDermott	Women of HH for CFUW
Feb 09	Lynda Van De Waal	Limehouse Quilt
Feb.12	Janice Giles	Ward 5 boundaries
Feb. 12	Catherine, Courtenay Museum	Photo donations
Feb. 12	Melissa Somerville- Fletcher ADHS	History of Acton
Feb 25	Ken Del Piero	Slides from 1978
Feb. 25	Cheryl Sim	King St. House history
Mar 04	Golder Associates	10332 Eighth Line & 10445 Trafalgar Rd
Mar. 11	Louise Stitt	Murray family, Stewarttown
Mar. 23	Mary Shier	Limehouse Kiln Society
Mar. 30	Jeff McKinnon	Milton Heights School
Apr 11	Peter Tomlinson	Georgetown Girls Pipe Band
Apr 14	John Goddard	Speyside
Apr 17	Dave Bittorf	Robert Little School 1967 photo
Apr 19	Laura Loney	Cedarvale pictures
Apr 23	Parker Weames	Barber Paper Mill
May 11	Bill McIlveen	SS#2 & SS#17
May 15	Parker Weames	Barber Mill for Humber Film students
May 19	Brenda Heartwell	Bedford Family
May 26	Lee Templeton	John St. Park history
May 26	Scot Denton	Galbraith Family
Jun 03	Lisa de Vries	deeds for Con 6&7; L 17
Jun 07	Paul Sproat	Sproat Family
Jun 22	Claire Bennett	Volunteer numbers
Jun 25	Rev. Steve Boose	Hugh McKay store
Jun 29	HH Chamber of Commerce	EHS publications
July 08	Carolyn Coles	Farm at Lot 28, Con 5
July 10	Donna McClurg	4 Stewarttown Road
July 12	Burke Metcalfe	1860s clothing
July 13	Doug Penrice	Royal portrait donation
July 13	Jamie Glasspool	Archive Tour
Aug. 03	Scott Brooks	Spanish Flu
Aug. 06	Shelley Bone	Culverwell family, Donation
Aug 13	Allison Graham TOHH	Info for historic colouring book
Aug 18	David Szurley	Paper Mills
Aug. 18	Tasha Longtin HHPL	Georgetown Tweedsmuir
Aug. 24	Graham Burt	Photo Donation

Sept 01	Martin Jansen	Twin Lakes
Sept 15	Bill McIlveen	Speyside Royal Oak
Sept 21	Judy Daley	Photo donation
Sept 25	Jayne Salisbury	John Agg, Terra Cotta
Oct. 05	Lee Templeton	Probate Records
Oct. 14	Cassandra Jasinski Town of Caledon	John Miller Rutledge
Oct. 18	Kevin Morris	51 Market Street
Oct. 19	Kyle Kay	12438 Wolseley St., Limehouse
Oct. 28	Andrew Wilson	Radial trail
Oct. 31	Melanie Cummings	General Stores
Nov. 09	Verna Bird	Ashgrove Tweedsmuir
Nov. 06	Charles Veale	A.J. Blackburn. Tailor
Nov. 12	Melissa Candelaria Cogeco TV	Acton Legion
Nov. 17	Les Huber	Guthrie Family
Nov. 22	Jamie Marchant	Library Photos
Nov. 30	Gary Roberts	Maynard Family
Dec. 06	Nathan Hillier	Acton Post Office
Dec. 09	Jamie Marchant	Fire Insurance Maps
Dec. 11	Parker Weames	Barber Family
Dec. 19	Anthony Usher	Barber Paper Mill image
Dec. 31	Susannah Sinclair	Sinclair Threshing Machine

The EHS keeps a record of inquiries made along with the name and address of the interested party, but do not publish it. If any of the above-mentioned topics are of interest to you, request contact information from the Archivist.

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, Beverley King and Brandi Gillett for their support and hard work on our behalf.

J.M. Rowe  
Archivist

Halton Hills employee Dave Allen holds the old bell while Mayor Russ Miller gives it a shine in preparations for New Year's celebrations. c.1993 EHS27159