



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2022 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 24% 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 Archives in the Halton Hills Public Library were open during regular library hours all year long. Some negatives from the Dills Collection were added to the Acton Free Press negative collection and a box of glass slides were added to the collection. The photographs used by Kay Dills in her book *The History of the United Church at Acton* were added to the collection. A forgotten box of photographs received from the *Independent Free Press* were also processed and added to the photo collection. These 853 photos ranged from about 1987 to 1994.

We had one Mohawk College Library Technician intern, Darlene Anson, complete her work on 12 April. She was working remotely to add to Halton Hills Images. She had been adding photos from the 3-4000 collection, all from the 1971 *Georgetown Herald*.

The Archives were a beneficiary of Heritage Halton Hills student Dawn Chan this summer. Part of her duties, once a week, was to scan selected items from the EHS archives. The digitized files include Police services, Ambulance and Fire services. Business files were added from Wm. D. Johnston Lumber, William Watson, Apple Products and North Halton Golf & Country Club.

Heritage Halton Hills continued their partnership with the EHS this summer, using the Archives as a base for student Dawn Chan. She added an on-line presentation on Lilac lawns, Norval to the “Let’s Talk Halton Hills” page of the Town Website. Earlier, HHH member Lawrence Quinlan completed his presentation on Craiglea, Scotch Block. All four shows are narrated by HHH member Alison Walker. The EHS is pleased to continue our partnership in providing images for use by Heritage Halton Hills in the *Independent Free Press*.

Halton Hills Public Library Associate Kaitlin Sonneveld completed the scanning and stitching of an 1868 *Halton Herald* over the course of two weeks. The full process took 10 hours (2-3 hours per page). The physical copy obtained by the Esquesing Historical Society consisted of 32 photocopied pages that did not seamlessly align or connect. To correct this and stitch the document together into something that was legible Kaitlin scanned the pages separately and then edited the pages, column by column, using a photo editing software to properly align the pages making them readable. We can now share the 2 April 1868 edition of the *Halton Herald*.

The EHS Archives with the support of Halton Hills Public Library continues the efforts to scan the 2021 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. The History Room at the library has microfilm of Tweedsmuir Histories.

2022 ACCESSIONS

Donations were made to the EHS Archives this year from John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Margaret Teasdale (CFUW), Georgetown; A. Schiller, HHPL Georgetown; Dawn Livingstone, Georgetown; Roy McDonald, Georgetown; Dave Borrett, Georgetown; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Wendy Herder-Moan, Burlington; Dave & Dale Cox, Glen Williams; Stuart M. Quick, Toronto; Barry Timleck, Georgetown; Friends of Halton Hills Public Library; Beverley King, HHPL Georgetown; Karl Thurston-Brown for May Family, Pinegrove; Rose Anna Helson, Georgetown; Carol McCartney, Georgetown; Janet Reid, Markham Museum; Edward -unknown; HHPL, Georgetown.

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

		Since 2021
Textual – General Collection:	84.44 linear metres	+0.98 linear metres
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.02 linear metres	
Textual – Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres	
Photographs and Negatives	27.88 linear metres	+0.98 linear metres
TOTAL	= 153.34 linear metres	
Cartographic Collection:	243 items	+ 1 map
Architectural Drawings:	143 sets	-
Photographic Collection:	28 359 images (processed)	+ 504 images
On-line records -Our Ontario:	6817 images uploaded	+ 467 images
Audio-Visual Collection:	0.72 m ³	-
-Cassette tapes	104	-
-VHS cassettes	6	-
-Films (8 & 16 mm)	5	-
-Digital Files CD/ DVD/ Files	28	-
-Digital Files USB/ Scandisk	4	-
Negatives Collection (indexed):	21.98 m ³	-
DVD / ZIP photo files (indexed):	846 items	-
Portable Hard Drives	3	+2
Framed photographs / paintings	28 -included in photo collection	

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.com

This year we had about 2400 users compared to only 1200 last year. The most popular website pages visited were Halton Images, Meetings & Events, About Us, Contact Us, Publications. Our website showed 70% of visitors were from Canada, followed by 15% from the USA, 10% from China, and 2% from the United Kingdom.

The average number of visits was 20 per day with Spring showing the highest traffic.

The organization email esquesinghs@gmail.com continues to be a main source of communication for inquiries, requests for publications, donations to the archives, digital copies of photos and specific historic data.

INQUIRES

DATE	NAME	TOPIC
04 Jan.	Kevin Reid-Morris	36 Edith ST. G
04 Jan.	Edward Flanagan	Photo request
05 Jan.	William McEnery	Lot 32, Con. 8 Esquesing
06 Jan.	Rev. Steve Boose	“Brickyard” term
15 Jan.	David Steckley GCS	Digitizing Choral Society Collection
11 Jan.	Judy McKinnon	Boston Church
18 Jan.	Ian Jarvie	US navy button in GW
19 Jan.	Keith Hamilton HH	Stewarttown Info link
21 Jan.	Kaitlin Sonneveld HHPL	Bi-centennial of Georgetown
21 Jan.	Chrissy Myers	Gibraltar School
25 Jan.	Andrea Dubravsky	Town Coat of Arms
26 Jan	Dr. Laurie Ferreiro	Brig.-Gen. F.C. Wallace
22 Feb.	Jacque Newman	Marie Lindsay Diary
01 Mar	Kendrie Richardson	Downs Family Bible
02 Mar	Aaron Bentley	Berwick Hall heating
02 Mar	Deborah Babcock	Genealogy workshop
05 Mar	Ross Marks	Purchase of EHS00619
06 Mar	Laura McLean	History of 6 George St.
07 Mar	Linda Vervoon, ADS	History Award
08 Mar	Shirley Mulholland	Mulholland Family-Acton
08 Mar	Laura Walter	Hornby Orange Lodge
09 Mar	Wendy Hearder-Moan	Bill Chaplin WWII photos
10 Mar	Scott Brooks	Dean Gibbons photo
17 Mar	Katherine Nazarian	Info on EHS08787
20 Mar	Trevor Parkins-Sciberras	Use of EHS24653 for TSR Museum
01 April	Lynanne	Marriage Records
14 April	Liam Ryan IAP	Robert May Farm
17 April	Marc Beaulieu	Esme Nicholson
29 April	Deb Quaile	North Halton Compass
29 April	Liam Ryan IAP	Burton Family Farm
29 April	Liam Ryan IAP	Kyle Family Farm
03 May	Judy Daley	Photo for Black Awareness Exhibit
05 May	Mansoor Tanveer	Congregational Church
06 May	Kaitlin Sonneveld	Photo Shelf List
09 May	Don Brown	Scotch Block
10 May	Daniel Ohanian	Cedarvale Park
23 May	Dave Bennett	Donations to Archives
10 June	Jeff Markowiak	GDHS reunion walking tour
12 June	Tiffany Henry	Crown Lands
18 June	Scott Brooks	Rural Schools

18 June	Michael Garbutt	Speyside School
23 June	Peter Beechey	Barragers Cleaners
26 June	Lin Snow	Notre Dame de Beauregard
01 July	Charles Veale	Native peoples
02 July	Jamie Marchant	Inventions
05 July	Mansoor Tanweer	Glen Native ossuary
06 July	Taylor Carpenter	Greenoch farms
17 July	Joseph Radcinsky	Town records
03 Aug	Chelsey Tyers	Bell Family
11 Aug	Andreas Thiel	Household directory
30 Aug	Arden Phair	Ernie Alcott
01 Sept	Kristin Heywood	EHS Photographs
01 Sept	Lee Templeton	Howson Family
05 Sept	Judy Payne	Windsor Rd apple trees
08 Sept	Alice Cui	Berwick Hall
13 Sept	Gary Scott	Earl Scott, Limehouse
22 Sept.	Wendy Rinella OCF	Esquesing Name
28 Sept.	Margaret Harpell	Scotch Block items
25 Oct.	Alan McLaughlin	Rev. W.G.O. Thompson
06 Nov.	Jane Watt	Newspaper donation
11 Nov.	George Wilson	Dynamo
17 Nov.	Lynden Cowan	55 Mill St. E, Acton
22 Nov.	James Young	Reminiscences
24 Nov.	Sandra Cranston	Georgetown Marketplace
25 Nov.	Lora Whyte	Blue Mountain School
02 Dec.	Sandra Ballum	S.S. #5 donation
15 Dec.	Samantha Palmer	John McDonald books

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

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Archivist
1 February 2023