



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2023 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://vitacollections.ca/HaltonHillsImages/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. More photographs were added to our collection this year and a steady stream of small donations were processed.

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

The EHS Archives has been supporting Heritage Acton in their requests for photographs to use in their 2024 calendar.

The Acton Monthly is a small paper put out by Scott Brooks. The booklet-style paper is also available digitally. Started in November 2022, Brooks plans on depositing copies in the EHS Archives and all 2022-2023 issues have been added to the Halton Hills Newspapers website.

Heritage Halton Hills continued their partnership with the EHS this summer, using the Archives as a base for student Madison Hendricks. The HHPL used our archives to compile local history kits available for use by library patrons.

2023 ACCESSIONS

Donations were made to the EHS Archives this year from Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Rob Burnett, Callandar, ON; Sandra Ballum, Red Deer, AB; Karen McNamara, Rockwood, ON; John Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; J. David Steckley for Georgetown Choral Society; Brenda Bell Jones, Tucson, AZ, USA; John McDonald, Milton, ON; Art Patton, Waterloo, ON; Rick Hunter, Georgetown; Edna Laird for Milton Historical Society; Graham Brown, Calgary, AB; Beverley King, HHPL Georgetown; Mark Verlinden for Oakville Historical Society; Marion Burns, Georgetown; G. Stevens for Lydia Snow Branch of RWTO; Rose Anna Helson, Georgetown; Pauline Robinson, Glen Williams; Marna Bearley, Georgetown; John Finlay, Little Current, SK; Dave & Dale Cox, Glen Williams; Barb Rothwell, Georgetown.

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

		Since 2021
Textual – General Collection:	84.75 linear metres	+0.305 linear metres
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.02 linear metres	-
Textual – Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres	-
Photographs and Negatives	28.03 linear metres	+0.15 linear metres
TOTAL =	153.38 linear metres	
Cartographic Collection:	243 items	-
Architectural Drawings:	143 sets	-
Photographic Collection:	28 763 images (processed)	+ 404 images
On-line records -Our Ontario:	7009 images uploaded	+ 192 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	-
Framed photographs / paintings	28 -included in photo collection	

WEBSITE USE - esquesinghistoricalsociety.com

This past year we had about 3328 visits to the website compared to 2400 visits last year. The most popular website pages visited were Halton Images, Meetings and Events, Contact Us, About Us and Publications. In addition, there was increased interest in the sub menus: Street Names, Century Farms and Photo Gallery #2: Mills.

The visitors to our site were 65% from Canada, 13% from USA, 11% from China followed by the UK and others. The EHS email esquesinghs@gmail.com continues to be an important source of communication for inquiries (e.g. genealogy), requests for publications, donations to the archives, digital copies of photos and the sharing of specific historic data.

INQUIRES

DATE	NAME	TOPIC
Jan. 03	Jill McFarland	Nixon family
Jan. 10	Jake Harper	Humphrey family, Norval
Jan.13	Kara Bruce	Boy Scout items
Jan. 14	Marina Huissoon	Photo #EHS00026
Jan. 20	Karen Howard	Glen Textiles Ltd.
Jan. 20	Dolores Black	Roller Skating Photos
Jan. 22	Fred Hayward	Limehouse School
Feb. 14	Mansoor Tanweer	Georgetown Boys
Feb. 17	Lynne Fitzgerald	77 Market Street
Feb. 22	Dorothy Kew	Brownridge & Brown Cemeteries
Feb. 28	Gwen Miron	34 John St., Georgetown
Mar. 01	Halton Info	EHS info update
Mar. 01	Lora Whyte	Blue Mtn School

Mar. 03	Denis Gibbons	Rocket Richard in Acton
Mar. 10	Kevin Reid-Morris	Pictures of 34 Edith St.
Apr. 13	Paul Sproat	Sproat Family Letters
Apr. 15	Ryan Massi	Paper Mill plaque
Apr. 20	Hilary Rosen	573 Main St. history
Apr. 20	Ann Marie Schurman	Pictures for The Sands
Apr. 21	William Craine	Sarah Brown Craine
May 4	Justine Lyn	Archives
May 4	Merissa Lompart	J.B. Mackenzie
May 4	Adam Howell	1850 Store Ledger
May 29	Tess Wortley, ToHH	Town History website
June 05	Chelsea Dickinson, WSP E&I Canada	Maps of Georgetown
June 06	Graham Brown	Photo donations
June 06	Bonnie Rulli	Hornby Presby. Cemetery
June 07	Tracie Seedhouse	95 Guelph, Georgetown
June 17	Glenn Wright	Hungry Hollow
June 19	Jessica Howard	Steinway piano
June 20	Anne McIntyre	Beardmore Tannery
June 30	Matthew Gibson -Detritus Consulting	Menary family, Whaley's Corners
July 10	Sarah Dashkevich	41 Market ST., G'town
July 10	Richard E. Ruggle	Gunner W. J. Moore -1900
July 11	Jamie Marchant	Civic Centre time capsule
July 15	Carol Matthies	Smith/Clapperton families
July 18	Andrea Dubravsky	Where to purchase books
July 18	Tharushe Jayaveer	EHS21550
July 24	Kathy Baker	Hornby Churches
July 25	Fern Bruce	Possible donation
July 31	Philippa McCormick	George Higgins stone
Aug. 2	Paul Sigmundson	Norval settlers
Aug. 29	Gill Stevens	RWTO Archive donation
Aug. 30	Mansoor Tanweer	Guns in Acton
Sept. 4	Lynne Brown	Acton Salvation Army
Sept. 10	Jamie Marchant	EHS Tours
Sept. 10	John McDonald	Web Amusements
Sept. 28	Gary Douglas	Creelman
Sept. 30	Dave & Dale Cox	1936-37 GHS photo
Oct. 05	Steve Boose	Crofton Songer
Oct. 08	Jennifer Palfi	Speyside Store
Oct. 19	Catharine	Trees in the Park
Oct. 23	Bryan McClure AECOM	Early Family Lot 5 Con 11
Oct.23	Mike Wilcox - ASI	52 Peru Road
Oct. 26	Mansoor Tanweer	Wm. A. Fraser
Oct. 25	Arens Preston AECOM	15145 Steeles Ave -Brain family
Oct. 27	Barb Rothwell	Street Names in Delrex
Oct. 31	Matthew Wilkinson	Peel pet cemetery

Oct. 31	Elaine Eigl	Farmer family of Acton
Nov. 03	Evan Sugden	9259 Fifth Line (Hardy)
Nov. 08	Fadi Mikhael -Rexall	Photos of Acton
Nov. 12	Mary Shier	Dufferin School SS#10
Nov. 17	Cal Unterleiter	99 Sinclair Ave.
Nov. 17	Susan Quirk	Rug Hooking Guild records
Dec. 06	Glenn Fryer	Thompson Family
Dec. 10	Sandy Wilson	Wilson's of Mono Mills
Dec. 11	Robbie Quilan, The Biglieri Group	129, 133 & 135 Tremaine Road
Dec. 12	Kyle Deforest	Property Research

The EHS keeps a record of inquiries made along with the name and digital 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 Kaitlin Sonneveld and Danielle Dawe of the Halton Hills Public Library under the leadership of Beverley King for their support and hard work on our behalf.

J.M. Rowe
Archivist
1 February 2024



28599 **ASHGROVE**: Looking north on Trafalgar Road with Ashgrove United Church, 9811 Trafalgar Road on the right and the cemetery on the left. The County offered the Church \$10,000 to move the building back on the lot in September 1968. DATE: Summer 1967 PROVENANCE: Rob Burnett Acc. #23.02



28598 **ASHGROVE**: A view of Trafalgar Road, before it was widened. DATE: Summer 1967 PROVENANCE: Rob Burnett Acc. #23.02