



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2024 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 local history kits prepared last year by the library were on display at the January Mayor's Levee.

All Halton Hills newspapers and the photo collection was off-line from 26th February, as a precaution when the City of Hamilton suffered a cyberattack. Service was restored after three months. The reduced website use is reflected in our statistics shown below.

A 1947 detailed map of the Georgetown Train yard was donated to the Archives, as well as a large classroom map of Ontario (c.1950s) showing all the counties.

Silver-Wood Women's Institute donated 16 volumes of Tweedsmuir histories and they were all digitized too! The library continues to work on the Ashgrove Tweedsmuir's digitization.

The Acton Monthly is a small paper put out by Scott Brooks. He has deposited copies in the EHS Archives and all 2023-2024 issues have been added to the Halton Hills Newspapers website.

Heritage Halton Hills continued their partnership with the EHS this summer. Austin Foster added hundreds of digitized files from the Archives over the summer.

The growing digital file of archival material and photographs has been uploaded to Google Drive this year and has been made accessible to Heritage Halton Hills. The files are also backed up on three stand-alone hard drives. The Archival Listing was updated as of 31 December 2024.

2024 ACCESSIONS

Donations were made to the EHS Archives this year from Halton Hills Public Library; Karen Hunter, Georgetown; Ray Denny, Limehouse; Ann French, Georgetown; Karl T. Cowan, Toronto; Michael Spitzer, Blue Mountain; Halton Hills Public Library; Bob Hooper, Glen Williams; Ray Denny, Limehouse; Dana Flemming, Silverwood Women's Institute; Ashley Mancuso, Town of Halton Hills; Nathan Hillier, Caledon East; Ralph Culp, Georgetown; Anon.; Rick Hunter, Georgetown, Diane McDermott, Canadian Federation of University Women; Anon.; Wellington County Museum & Archives; Mark Rowe, Glen Williams; Dave & Dale Cox, Glen Williams; Kaitlin Sonneveld, Halton Hills Public Library; Ann Whaley, Georgetown; Mike Harley, Acton; D'Arcy Keene, Georgetown; Barry Timleck, Georgetown; Barbara Alcott Yowart, Fergus; Stephen Foster, Georgetown; Rob Burnett, Callandar, ON.

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

		Since 2023
Textual – General Collection:	85.00 linear metres	+0.25 linear metres
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.02 linear metres	-
Textual – Newspaper Collections:	41 linear metres	-
Photographs and Negatives	28.18 linear metres	+ 0.15 linear metres
TOTAL =	153.38 linear metres	
Cartographic Collection:	243 items	-
Architectural Drawings:	162 sets	+ 19 sets
Photographic Collection:	29 425 images (processed)	+ 662 images
On-line records -Our Ontario:	7008 images uploaded	- 1 image
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 2010 visits to the website compared to 3328 visits last year. The most popular website pages visited were Halton Images, Meetings and Events, About Us, Origin of Georgetown Streets, Newsletters and Publications. This is similar to last year's results. The visitors to our site were 83% from Canada, 10% from USA, 2% from the UK and a few from other countries. The EHS email esquesinghs@gmail.com continues to be an important source of communication for inquiries (e.g. genealogy), requests to buy publications, donations to the archives, digital copies of photos and the sharing of specific historic data. About 63% of the visits to the web site are organic. This happens when an inquiry is typed into a search engine on the Internet which directs the user to the EHS web site. About 36% of the visits are direct inquiries to the EHS web site. -Ray Denny

INQUIRES

DATE	NAME	TOPIC
Jan. 02	Cathy Rowles	William Perdue 1797-1870
Jan. 17	Dean Wilkes	Copy of The Georgetown Boys
Jan. 25	McDuff Smith	Acton Abduction case
Feb. 01	Al Fraser	War Memorials in local churches
Feb 10	Lynton Smith	Crawford Lake
Feb. 26	Jay Trout	Sunderland Villa
Mar 04	Michael Spitzer	Map of TSR (radial)
Mar 15	Jeanne Gray	Harrison School
Apr. 11	Janice McClelland	Barn painting by Mr. Anthony
Apr. 20	Denis Gibbons	Picture for Acton calendar
Apr. 22	Scott Brooks	Picture for Acton calendar
Apr. 28	Ethan Liu	Oldest tree in Oakville

May 01	Scott Brooks	Picture for Acton calendar
May 14	Wellington Archives	Ration Books donation
May 23	Debbie Campbell	Cdn Women's Senior Golf
May 27	Elizabeth Edwards	Forster Bridge, Glen Williams
June 1	Kostantinos Mavromatis	Land Records Con 3 Lot 17
June 7	Kathy Baker	Mount Zion Wesleyan Methodist Church
June 17	Pat Stephenson	Prince Albert Hotel
June 21	Tom Murison	Fallbrook Farm
June 22	Greg Connor	Josephine Whitham painting for sale.
July 03	Sharon Richardson	Dublin Tweedsmuir
July 06	Janet Swim	Stewarttown families in 1953
July 10	Scott Brooks	Photo request
Aug. 12	Sherrill MacPherson	Acton West train station
Sept 20	Lyndon McLean	Williams Mill photos (CofC)
Sept 23	Josh Gordon	Dr. Webster notes on Maxted children.
Sept 26	Eileen Hendrie	Photo of William Murphy
Oct. 01	Malcolm Black	Doug Penrice presentation
Oct. 07	Douglas Gowland	Randall's Tree Farm, Acton
Oct. 10	Bill McIlveen	Storms in Acton
Oct. 10	Mansoor Tanweer	Georgetown Armoury
Oct. 22	Nicole Pettenuzzo	Coulson Tract relations
Oct. 23	Farmerjay	Sarah Livingstone, WWI nurse
Oct. 28	Sherrie VanDyk	12429 Kirkpatrick Lane
Nov. 19	Linnéa Caproni	McBain's Con. 2 & 3, Lot 21
Nov. 24	Don Fendley	T-On Restaurant, Georgetown
Nov. 26	Jaritt Wight	33 Victoria St.
Dec. 08	Tania Jones	Toronto Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Company.

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.

DISPLAYS OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Use of the display case in the Local History Room of the Georgetown branch began in August 2023. Displays were mounted by Karen Hunter on Aerial photos of Esquesing; Rural Schools; 2013 Ice Storm; Changing School Life; Bands; Calendars; Remembrance Day - Shorncliffe Quilt and Portraits.

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. We welcome Andrea Arsenault and Cheryl Cousins-Reid as our new library support team.

J.M. Rowe
Archivist
1 February 2025



29409 **CHURCHILL**: The Churchill orchestra played regularly at Sunday services. Members: Front row L to R. Keith Barber (cello), Marie Anderson (Kerr) (organ), Alida Martin (violin). Back row L to R Philip Levy (violin), Elizabeth Stokov (keyboard), Vern Denny (mandolin), John Duenk (trumpet). Missing: Donald Anderson, Peter Zions, Nino Braida.

DATE: 1988

PROVENANCE: Churchill Community Church Acc. # 24.03

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