



ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2009 ARCHIVAL REPORT

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ARCHIVAL ACTIVITIES

The sad demise of the Limehouse Women's Institute resulted in the donation of their Tweedsmuir histories to the EHS Archives.

Tracy Richardson was our summer student this summer working at the Library, where she scanned the Limehouse Tweedsmuir histories, making them searchable on the internet. Their books will join the Tweedsmuir histories of Halton District, Acton, Bannockburn, Dublin, Stewarttown, Georgetown, Terra Cotta. The library also has microfilm copies of several Tweedsmuir histories.

Ms. Richardson also scanned all our back issues of the EHS Newsletter. That will make them scanable on the computer.

Years of web page gunk has been cleaned out in the past few years by our new volunteer webmaster – Ron Raffan. Our webpage has been rearranged to provide easier access to more items.

The Georgetown Leader, a newspaper from the 1960s was microfilmed and is available at the Georgetown Library. Steve Blake coordinated the project.

Karen Hunter has now completed descriptions of 21 400 negatives from the Acton Free Press files in the Archives.

The John Sommer collection relating to the Arts community in Georgetown had further additions made to it this year.

Our EHS volunteers spent quite some time helping people with genealogical inquiries this year. We thank all our volunteers. Perhaps you can offer a helping hand this year. We appreciate it now and future generations of researchers will appreciate it long after you've forgotten about the donation.

2009 ACCESSIONS

The Archives had donations from Mrs. Marlene Switzer, Audrey Brown, Dawn Livingstone, Mary Goebelle, June Lenz, Eva Middleton, Daisy Harris, John Sommer, Josie Sargent, James McIsaac, Maggie Wilkinson, Bruce Andrews, *Georgetown*; Russell Miller, *Wasaga Beach*; C. Richard Hunter, *Cheltenham*; Betty Brownridge, *Esquensing*; Gloria Brown, Neil Robertson, *Milton*; Esme Ball, *Langley, BC*; John Butchart, *England*; Edward VonZuben, *Terra Cotta*; David & Kay Dills, *Acton*; Judy MacKinnon, *Paisley*; Estate of Dorothy Hill, Fredrichs, Amnesty International.

EXTENT OF HOLDINGS

Textual – General Collection:	45 linear metres
Textual - Restricted Collection:	0.64 linear metres
Textual - Newspaper Collections:	14 linear metres
Cartographic Collection:	241 items
Architectural Drawings:	136 sets
Photograph Collection:	18 960 images (processed)
Digital Images Collection:	15 000 images (processed) est.
Audio-Visual Collection:	1 linear metre
Negatives Collection:	23 linear metres (mostly un-processed)

WEBSITE USE – esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca

Our website had 8881 visits over the past year, an increase of 892 visits over last year. These visits originated in the United States 38% of the time followed by Canada 35% of the time. Unknown visitors comprised 18% of visitors. The top six countries were China, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, Sweden, and The Netherlands. The unique visitors to the site (once only) were 84%.

Besides searching for EHS directly, the most popular search phrases were Georgetown (4.26%), Acton, Kennedy, Glen Williams, Terra Cotta, Toronto, Speyside, Halton and Norval.

Web pages accessed on our website in order of popularity were About Us, Acton Free Press 1888, Kennedy family, Toronto Daily Mail 1893, Terra Cotta, Georgetown Herald 1913, Georgetown, Norval, Speyside, Ballinafad, Glen Williams, Acton and Limehouse.

There were 1592 downloads from the site, 38% of which were for our Archival Table of Contents. Next in popularity was the newsletter at 25% and third was the book list at 17%

The most popular months of visits were November (945), March (841) and January(801).

Inquiries received by topic:

DATE	PERSON	INQUIRY
Jan. 05	Bob Kirkpatrick	1893 Daily Mail
Jan. 07	Jim Devin	Ruth Sarah Pearson
Jan. 08	Gordon Tibbles	Peter Scott
Jan. 10	Keith Clive	Ukrainian Streets –Terra Cotta
Jan. 14	Peter Woods	Land documents
Jan. 16	Marilyn Rogers	Robinson Family
Jan. 22	Angela	Directories
Jan. 22	Allen Scott	Acton Fire Fighters
Jan. 28	Karen Field	George Kennedy
Jan. 28	Andy Kyle	Kyle Family
Feb. 06	Sandra Williamson	Georgetown Horticultural Society Presidents
Feb. 08	Marikka Nicklin	Nicklin Family
Feb. 08	Ron Russell	High School Yearbooks
Feb. 16	David Carney	Norval Mill
Feb. 23	Kim Hill	Pontz Family
Mar. 16	Don Fendley	Sports pictures for Museum
Apr. 10	Allen Scott	Photo request for fire fighters
Apr. 13	Kay d'Entremont	Arena photo
May 20	Lorraine Apanaskh	11033 Trafalgar Rd, Stewarttown
May 23	Margaret Gill	Raymond Beckett

May 26	Susan Aitken	R H Mimms photos
May 30	Tom Curnutte	Kennedy nail barrell
June	Bill Maxwell	McLarty and Shortreed
July 3	Karen Matthews-Reid	Matthews family, Acton
July 6	Mary Martin	John Langan, Georgetown
July 8	Bill Martin	Langan information
Sept. 24	Bill Rafferty	Rafferty/Gaughan/McDermott family history
Oct. 14	Blair Goss	Speight stationary engines
Oct. 20	Karen Watson	George Kennedy School Accessions (there are none)
Nov. 01	Dr. Ken Mankin	Photos of Norval United Home
Dec.	Amy Sykes	Trying to save 14 Guelph St.

The EHS keeps a record of inquiries made and 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 for permission to share their address with you. Please note that most inquiries are by e-mail and addresses do expire.

The Esquesing Historical Society Archives are housed within the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Libraries. We would like to thank the Library Board and staff for their support and cooperation over the years. We would especially like to thank Geoff Cannon and Beverly King for their support and hard work on our behalf.

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