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STORAGE OF PAPER AND PARCHMENT RECORDS

Iona McCraith

The following guidelines apply to most paper-based records including, documents, maps, prints, and drawings, small pamphlets, posters, ephemera, etc. The choice of one type of protective enclosure rather than another will depend upon the size and type of paper item being stored and your budget. Whether archival quality enclosures are custom-made or commercially produced, the wide variety available offers good protection for the many forms of paper records.

Ideally, all storage enclosures for paper and parchment should meet the following criteria:

- Acid-free and ideally also buffered with an alkaline reserve.
- Designed for easy removal and re-filing of the record.
- As dust proof and light proof as possible.
- The correct size to minimize folding of the items.

Commercially available legal or letter size acid-free, buffered, paper file folders and envelopes are suitable for many archival records. Usually 10-12 sheets can be placed in a single folder without over-filling it. Very fragile items should have their own folder or envelope and write *-Fragile Item-* in pencil on the outside of the enclosure. Several folders or envelopes can then be stored in an upright letter or legal size document box.

- excerpt from "Off The Record" *The Newsletter of the Archives Association of Ontario*, Volume 18, No. 4, Fall 2001.

Join local paper restorer and book binder Keith Felton at Knox Church at the march meeting when he discusses the processes and projects he has undertaken, including his latest limited edition hand-bound book.

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HOW WILL
The NEW Public School
Benefit EVERYONE?

THE RATEPAYERS: An important step to every Georgetown Tax Payer is the necessary support given our schools by the Provincial Department of Education. In the case of a NEW Public School, taxpayers should not hesitate. It is far better to have the Province build an school than to have a NEW, smaller school that to pay through the roof for half resources about which the Department of Education is very hesitant.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN: Let us not shut our eyes to the fact that our school going population is fast increasing the present accommodations. Surely they are entitled to proper educational facilities. They need them!

THE TEACHERS: Our present staff of teachers is doing a noble job in spite of over-worked conditions. To increase the burden by adding three to work in inadequate, ill equipped schools will affect their efficiency. We need to increase their facilities so that they can work enthusiastically. Their benefit is ours!

THE COMMUNITY: Georgetown, while Taxes, didn't just grow. The delightful core consists of many generations, families, an ideal of citizenship. All of us should be fortunate enough to remember that today's children will be the voters here in Georgetown tomorrow. We have had a lot from the town - let's not let it go to waste - let's show our support behind the NEW Public School. It cannot help but increase the voter community. It represents our pride in Georgetown.

FOR PROGRESS
Vote YES
For a NEW School on June 19

Published in 1992 (1993) by the Georgetown Board of Public School Trustees.

HERE'S WHY
Georgetown Must Build
A NEW Public School NOW

Georgetown is Growing . . .

Our own Board of Education Survey shows that:

BY SEPTEMBER, 1992 -- 14 classrooms will be required to accommodate 493 pupils.

BY SEPTEMBER, 1994 -- 17 classrooms will be required to accommodate 536 pupils.

And, at present, we have only 11 classrooms!

Building an Addition won't solve the problem

However noble, 3 rooms can be added to the old building by the time they are made, we'll need more. And that's what?

This would cost Georgetown Taxpayers about \$10,000, and what would they have to show for it?

There's no suitable space to rent

It would just be passing Taxpayers money down the drain to rent space and utilize space in the Town Hall or Library.

We don't want our Provincial School Grants Cut Off

The Province can't make us build a NEW school, but the Department of Education is willing to support us with money for such a school. They know we need a NEW school. Unlike the present plan that says \$6.00 per pupil, plus \$100 per pupil of average attendance where communities need their own money. TAXPAYERS IN GEORGETOWN NEED THAT HELP.

So for our own sake as well as . . .

For Our Children's Sake **Vote YES** For a NEW Public School . . . Now!

Published in your annual by the Georgetown Board of Public School Trustees.

Esquesing Historical Society

2001 ARCHIVES REPORT

by John Mark Rowe, Archivist

SUMMER STUDENT: Once again last summer the EHS was fortunate to secure an excellent student employee. Emily Thompson of Georgetown returned to work in the Archives.

Emily spent the greater part of the ten weeks continuing the scanning of *Georgetown Independent* negatives to add to our photo collection. In two summers, she completed scanning images from October 1973 to April 1975. These 8000 images are not yet included in our collection totals because they are currently stored on a computer database. We were certainly pleased with Emily's achievements this summer and her contributions to the EHS Archives.

2001 ACCESSIONS

There were 9 accessions in 2001. The donors were Bob Malcolmson, Acton High School, Karen Hunter (2), Michael R. Madden, Jessie Coles, Shirley McKeown, Gord McCutcheon and Town of Halton Hills Archives.



Acton Post Office - 1913
EHS p11358

NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS: 12 150

ARCHIVES MATERIALS

General Collection: 34 linear metres

Audio-Visual Collection: 1 linear metres

Photograph Collection: 5 linear metres +3m

Negative Collection: 23 linear metres

Restricted Collection: 0.64 linear metres

Bound Newspapers Collection: 14 linear metres

Total Materials: 80.64 [56] linear metres

The Archives also holds four drawers of maps.

Web Site Activity Report

01/01/01 00:00:00 - 12/31/01 23:59:59

2001 figures {2000 figures} [1999 figures] (1998 figures)

Number of Successful Hits for Entire Site 39,856 {48,600} [26,486] (22,602)

User Sessions of Unknown Origin 99.97% {100%} [69.08%] (13.8%)

Average Number of Hits per Day 109 {132} [72] (61)

Average User Session Length 00:10:04 {00:13:21} [00:13:15] (00:09:34)

Top Referring Sites

No referrer: 9,947 {10,125}

Halton Hills Public Libraries (hhpl.on.ca): 1,849 {2,816}

www.genealogylinks.net: 1,013 {1,202}

www.goggle.com: 1,186 {790}

goggle.yahoo.com: 635

search.msn.com: 522

Summary of Activity for Report Period

Average Number of <i>Users</i> per day on Weekdays	77 {63} [57]
Average Number of <i>Hits</i> per day on Weekdays	163 {141} [129]
Average Number of <i>Users</i> for the entire Weekend	137 {106} [107]
Average Number of <i>Hits</i> for the entire Weekend	279 {220} [240]
Most Active Day of the Week	Mon. {Tues.} [Wed]
Least Active Day of the Week	Sun. {Sun.} [Thu]
Most Active Day Ever	April 8 {May 17} [Sept. 01, 1999]
Number of Hits on Most Active Day	496 {467} [391]
Least Active Day Ever	Jan 12 {May 13} [Sept. 30, 1999]
Number of Hits on Least Active Day	37 {27} [1]
Most Active Hour of the Day	01:00-01:59 {11:00-11:59} [19:00-19:59]
Least Active Hour of the Day	04:00-04:59 {05:00-05:59} [04:00-04:59]

Top Search Keywords

Georgetown, newspaper, Acton, Ontario, trunk, grand, Limehouse, Toronto.
Georgetown, newspaper, Acton, Ontario, trunk, grand, historical, railway.(2000 & 1999)

Most Requested Pages

Home page ; search local newspaper index; Local Community histories ; newspaper articles ; Special Features; Acton pamphlet ; Georgetown: A Busy Manufacturing Community; Historic Georgetown; about EHS; Historical Glen Williams

The above report was prepared by John Mark Rowe, Archivist of the Esquesing Historical Society for February, 2002. Web information was provided by Geoff Cannon, Information Technology Librarian, Halton Hills Public Libraries.

ACTON: THE HISTORY OF LEATHERTOWN

At press time there were no definite details available on the launch of the Acton book by the EHS. We are now anticipating a late March date, when the launch will take place at the Acton Town Hall. Watch your local media for details!

Judy Payne tells us that a bus comes to Acton every May to take retired Beardmore employees to the annual dinner at the Royal York Hotel. Traditions and history walk hand in hand!

**ESQUESING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

- Wed. 13 Mar, 2002 **Bookbinding and Restorations** - World-renown bookbinder Keith Felton will return to the EHS to share his talents and knowledge about binding, repairing and restoring books. His latest major project, binding a 30 lb book, will be highlighted.
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 10 Apr, 2002 **Northern Nursing** - Local resident Karen Scott will share her experiences as a nurse in Northern Canada. She has just published a book on the same title and will have them available for sale at the meeting.
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 8 May, 2002 **Lime Kiln Restoration** - Mary Shier of the Limehouse Kiln Society will speak about the group's plans to preserve a crumbling piece of local history. Plans for the future in light of the October 2001 report will be explained.
LIMEHOUSE MEMORIAL HALL, Limehouse, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 12 June, 2002 **St. Joseph's, Acton - 145 years of Catholic Worship** - On 18 March, 1857 work began building the St. Joseph's Church, Dublin - the first centre of Catholics in Esquesing. Join the Society for a pot luck dinner followed by a tour of St. Joseph's Church and a discussion of the history of the parish.
St. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Acton, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. / Tour at 7:15 p.m.
- Wed. 11 Sept.,2002 **Halton Region Museum Unveiled!** - The newly renovated Regional Museum will be explored on a guided tour of the facilities and the current displays. Join us for a tour and refreshments. Limited tickets are available for \$5 each. Get yours by 12 June, before the regular price of \$7.50 applies!
HALTON REGION MUSEUM, Kelso Conservation Area, Milton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed. 9 Oct. 2002 **St. George's, Georgetown - 150th year** - Join Rev. Rick Ruggle, author and historian as he recounts tales and lessons of St. George's Anglican Church, Guelph Street.
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE!

Please bring your own cup for refreshments to help protect our environment.

PHOTOGRAPH REPRINTS

Besides the cost of printing a photo, an Archives user fee of \$5 will apply for the first photo and a \$2 fee for each subsequent photo, ordered at the same time. Postage and handling charges will also be applied. Orders require three weeks for processing.

RESEARCH REQUESTS

The EHS charges \$5.00 for the initial fee, and \$1.00 per photocopied page. Postage and handling charges also apply. Requests can be made by e-mail or regular mail, but we cannot guarantee a delivery time.

Society Notes

EHS EXECUTIVE

Stephen Blake 877-8251 President
Karen Hunter 838-2109
Dawn Livingstone 877-6506
Doug Cole 877-3657
Sherry Westfahl 873-7145
J. Mark Rowe 877-9510
Carol Wood 873-0792
Marj Allen
Judy Payne

Don't forget to add 905 when dialling the above listed numbers.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Treasurer's Report: See separate report on p7.

Archival Report: See separate report on page 2

Membership Report: Karen presented the membership report. To date we have 84 members, which is down from last year. Our only U.S. member is the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne Indiana. We have no out of province members. The membership is broken down to about %50 men and %50 women. We have 6 new members since last year.

President's Report: Stephen spoke about publications and advertising in newspapers and COGECO cable. He then proceeded to start on the annual election process. The results are as follows:

President: Stephen Blake (Motioned by Sherry Westfahl and seconded by Mark Rowe)

Treasurer: Doug Cole (Motioned by Stephen Blake and seconded by Sherry Westfahl)

Secretary: Dawn Livingstone (Motioned by Stephen Blake and seconded by Sherry Westfahl)

Archivist: Mark Rowe

Past President: Sherry Westfahl

Publication Sales: Carol Wood

Social Convenor: Karen Hunter

Marg Allen (new board member)

Judy Payne (new board member)

INTERNET CONNECTIONS

The Esquesing Historical Society has an official web site on the World Wide Web. You can visit us at

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<www.hhpl.on.ca/signs/ehs/home.html>

Send your e-mail to rowem@aztec-net.com or dlvngstn@stn.net

Canadian Council of Archives web site:

<www.CdnCouncilArchives.ca>

EHS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter was prepared by John Mark Rowe with assistance from Karen Hunter and Dawn Livingstone. Submissions are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 57 members. Please encourage friends and family to join the EHS and support our efforts to preserve and share our local history. The individual rate is \$10. The family or institution rate is \$12. Cheques payable to the Society can be mailed to our post box.

Marj Allen, membership secretary, will gladly accept your fees at the next meeting.

HAMILTON'S OTHER RAILWAY NOW AVAILABLE TO BUY!

"Hamilton's Other Railway" is off the press and now available. "Hamilton's Other Railway" traces the 19th century pioneer Hamilton & North Western Railway from its engrossing history and pioneering construction through to its absorption into the Grand Trunk Railway, and on to its take-over and eventual abandonment by Canadian National Railways. This readable, well researched and abundantly illustrated book (to quote from my publisher!) examines the line's motive power development, the railway post office service, stations, trestles and bridges, as well as its relationship with the communities along its route - south from Hamilton to Port Dover via Caledonia, Hagersville and Jarvis; and north from Hamilton to Barrie via the Beach, Burlington, Milton, Georgetown, Cheltenham, Inglewood, Caledon East, Palgrave, Tottenham, Beeton, Cookstown, Thornton and Allandale; with the branch from Beeton to Collingwood via Alliston, Everett, Lisle, Glencairn, Avening, Creemore, Glen Huron, Duntroon and Nottawa. A separate chapter also covers the current operations on the remaining sections of the line, including those of the South Simcoe Railway. The

book is 432 pages in 8 1/2" x 11" hardcover format with dust jacket, bibliography, index, and with 394 black and white illustrations (over half of them not previously published).

The book has been published by the Bytown Railway Society, and is available as follows:

Send a cheque or money order for \$88.76 Cdn (shipped and taxes included) to:

BYTOWN RAILWAY SOCIETY,
P.O. Box 141, Station A, Ottawa, ON Canada K1N 8V1

(U.S. Orders \$62.00 US, shipped and taxes included. U.S. orders in U.S. funds please.)

Book enquiries are welcome at <coopercy@pathcom.com> Order enquiries are welcome at <brspaul@sympatico.ca> Thank you for your ongoing interest.

Sincerely,

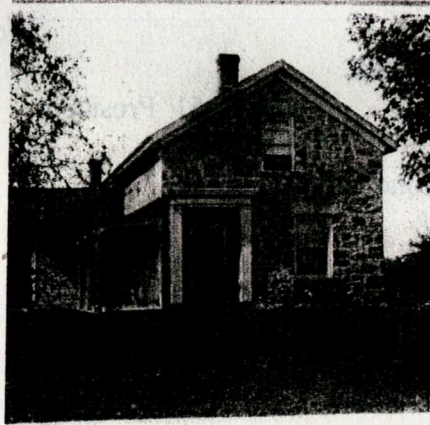
Charles Cooper <coopercy@pathcom.com>

THE CALL IS ANSWERED!

The Esquesing Historical Society is pleased to welcome Marj Allen and Judy Payne to the executive. In reply to the call for added volunteers, these two ladies have offered their names, time and energy to ensuring the good work of our executive continues. Thank you!

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Any long-time members of the EHS know that we often receive requests for information from people who live outside this area. We try to verify that Esquesing is the right place for their research and provide references for their future research. We do not research family or local history. Nevertheless, coupled with our internet resources, this is a valuable service to these people. Available time is always an issue, but if you would like to be contacted when a request arrives, please give your particulars to Karen Hunter or Dawn Livingstone. A note or an e-mail is satisfactory. If you have a particular area of interest, please identify it in your note.



Undated photo of Moore farmhouse. EHS Slide20.5

FATE OF MOORE / RUDELL HOUSE IS SEALED!

Heritage Halton Hills, after consulting with the EHS, recommended to Council that Jean Ruddell's home be either restored on site

or incorporated into the new plans. It was not deemed feasible to move the structure. After communicating with Saugeen Valley Nursing Centre, it is clear that they will not accommodate the structure.

DOVIE FIEBIG PASSES AWAY

Former member of the Esquesing Historical Society, Davina Fiebig passed away on 16 February, 2002 at Eden House Nursing Home at 89 years of age. Wife of the late G. Wesley Fiebig and loving mother of Dawn and her husband Jake Livingstone and the late Wayne Fiebig. Dawn Livingstone is currently secretary of the EHS.

BRAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at Heart Lake Presbyterian Church, 25 Ruth Avenue, Brampton. There is a \$5 admission fee.

- March 21 Steve Solski on "Brampton's Theatres, Old and New."
- April 18 Dorothy Duncan on "200 years of eating and drinking in Ontario"
- May 16 Claude Sherwood on "The Avro Arrow Story."

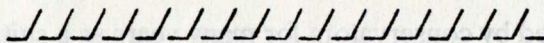


ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2002

	Balance on Hand	February 1	2001	\$ 813.23
<u>INCOME</u>	Grants - Annual (Prov. of Ontario)	\$	858.00	
	-Summer Career Placement (Federal) re: Student Emily Thompson		2638.00	
	Society membership dues		732.94	
	Publication sales		310.75	
	Archive Sales & Research Fees		589.76	
	Donations		630.00	
	Bank interest		7.78	
	TRILLIUM FUND (Acton History PROJECT) →		22000.00	
				27767.23
				Total \$ 28580.46

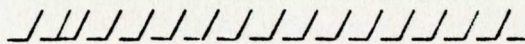
<u>EXPENSE</u>	Summer Career Placement student Emily Thompson - Wages \$2359.00 - Deductions <u>291.24</u>	\$	2650.24	
	Newsletter - Printing & mailing		540.65	
	Rent - Meeting halls		385.00	
	Speakers Honorariums		100.00	
	Archives cost & maintenance		136.21	
	Dues (affiliations) Archives Assoc. & Ont Historical Society		123.73	
	Printing - Publications for sale		595.70	
	Office Administration		289.62	
	TRILLIUM FUND (Acton History PROJECT) →		500.00	
				5321.15

BALANCE ON HAND January 31, 2002 23259.31



Financial Note-

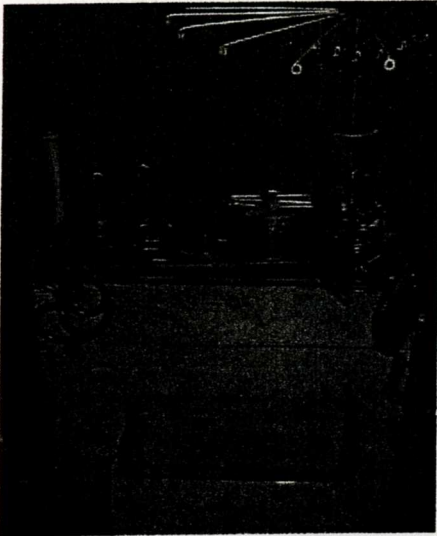
<u>Trillium Fund</u>	- For the express purpose of developing, printing & marketing of the ACTON PROJECT		
	Monies available	→ \$	21600.00
<u>General Fund</u>	- Monies available for Society operation		1759.31
			23259.31



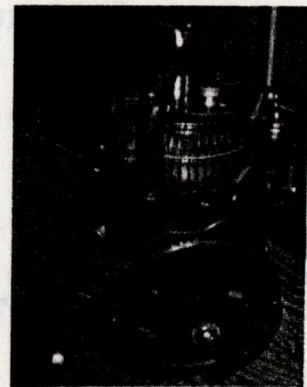
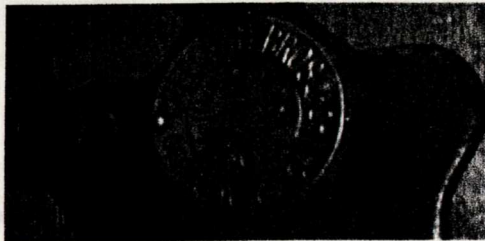
Douglas N. Cole - Treasurer

CREELMAN KNITTING MACHINES STILL AVAILABLE!

This machine is resident in Boston, MASS and was offered on eBay for a reserve bid of US\$365. It only received a bid of US\$99.



This is a wonderful old CREELMAN sock knitting machine with 2 cylinders and 2 ribbers. Very Clean..Great condition! Comes in a wooden box. This Creelman is from the "Creelman Bros Georgetown Ont. Canada Improved Money Maker". Wonderful 6 yarn head with a 6 hole topper to fan out the yarns. Has 2 cylinders (72, 60) and 2 ribbers (30, 36) with all its needles. Comes with a photo copy of a instruction booklet of an Auto Knitter (very similar machine). Buyer to pay shipping.



MYLAR TO DISAPPEAR

The Dupont product known as Mylar Type D (recommended by conservators for many years as a suitable material for encapsulation of historical documents and photos) is eventually no longer going to be available. Dupont has ceased production of this particular polyester film product and once current supplies are sold there will be no more I understand. However the Library of Congress Conservation Division states various people in the conservation field are already seeking out suitable alternatives. Thus far, they have determined that Hostaphan 43SM film made by Mitsubishi Polyester Film, LLC, of Greer, SC, is an acceptable substitute.

Information courtesy of
Iona McCraith,
Archives Association of Ontario Preservation Consultant

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Posh: A Special English Spaniel

By Frank Cleave (Leading Seaman for 54 months of duty during WWII specializing in submarine detection), Resident of Bennett Centre, Georgetown Campus of the William Osler Centre (2002).

During WWII on the Canadian Corvette HMCS Weyburn, we had a special member of the crew: an English Spaniel named Posh. 'Posh' was the nickname that we gave to any crewman that had the easiest chores aboard our ship, and the dog Posh certainly suited his name.

Posh was a dog belonging to Pamela Golby, the daughter of Lieutenant Commander Thomas Golby. Pamela felt that when her father went to sea that he should have company. Posh was two years old at that time, and he was treated well. He slept in the Chief and Petty Officer's mess, he ate with them, and had free roam of the entire ship. Somehow he always knew when the canteen was open for business and always managed to secure a treat for himself. He did wonders for the men's morale, and in fact, became the ship's mascot.

The Weyburn's travels included a patrol off of Halifax, Rhode Island, Quebec City, Gaspé, and on 15 September 1942 we headed overseas for Liverpool, UK then to North Africa including Tunisia and Algeria. Whenever we saw any action, the ship's alarms would go off, and Posh would run frantically about the ship, stirring everyone to action, and then would head to the wheelhouse. After the war, whenever the Golby's phone would ring, Posh continued the same practice!

Posh was more than just company for the men. He kept the boat free of rats. And one time when we were at the port of Gibraltar, we were tied up beside a British ship, one that had a monkey as a mascot. The monkey and the dog never got along, and then one day the monkey vanished. The Canadians aboard the Weyburn never did tell the Brits who won the skirmish, but only Posh knew what real monkey business transpired!

As most of us know, England has severe restrictions about the entry of a dog onto her shores (a 6-month quarantine was in effect until recent years). But during times of war, strange things can happen. On a leave while in England, Golby brought Posh ashore, hidden away in a flour sack!

The Weyburn was sunk when it hit a mine while on convoy duty in the Mediterranean, and many of the people were injured. I suffered from a broken jaw and was taken to a hospital in Gibraltar. Posh was thrown overboard and into a Carley float when we were sinking, and the oil sitting on the water affected him. He was treated by vets for 3 days for a skin irritation caused by the oil, and during all of the time of his recovery a notice was posted at the men's hospital with Posh's condition to keep morale up.

On the way to the west coast of Canada in 1943 the men topped off in Toronto for a show at Massey Hall. Posh naturally went too. The show was in support of War Bonds. One of the men with whom Posh had a special relationship went to the side of the stage and called to Posh. Posh eagerly trotted across the stage, stopping at centre stage to take a look around. At that point, someone cleverly said "Buy War Bonds" and Posh had his moment in the limelight!

Although Lieutenant Commander Thomas Golby went down with his ship, after 1943 Posh traveled via train back to his home on Vancouver Island.

(Submitted by Sandra Hall)

HERITAGE WEEK QUIZ CONTEST

Many people enjoyed our Heritage Week quiz, but only ONE entered with a written ballot by the February meeting. **Ruth McBride** answered all the questions correctly. Her answers follow. Since she had renewed her 2002 membership (which I hope everyone has done), she choose a free copy of the new book on Acton as her prize.

1. Thomas C. Watkins, founder of the Right House, Hamilton, got his start in this Esquesing hamlet.
Ashgrove
2. A log cabin school marked the centre of this hamlet from 1825. A general store later opened across the road. **Ballinafad**
3. Tolton's flour mill started in this hamlet until fire destroyed the structure in 1882. **Glen Lawson**
4. The general store still operates in this hamlet named for a Scottish river. **Speyside**
5. Township fathers once made political decisions where actors practice their parts today in this village.
Stewarttown
6. Salmon abounded in the waters around Simon Plewes' mill in this village. **Terra Cotta**
7. A disastrous fire in 1893 destroyed the woollen mill, paint factory and lumber mill in this thriving village. **Limehouse**
8. Three different railways came through this village, which grew rapidly after World War I.
Georgetown
9. Main Street is no longer the main street in this town built on leather. **Acton**
10. This village, founded by Alexander McNab, had the same postmaster for 50 years. **Norval**
11. William Alexander's 1848 hotel still stands in this village. **Glen Williams**

NORTHERN NURSING TOPIC OF APRIL MEETING



Department of Health Clinic Tuberculosis Test; Mrs JRennie (nurse), Mrs Wes Louth *Herald* 1966

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Karen Scott, author of the upcoming book, *Northern Nurses, True Nursing Adventures from Canada's North*, has led a life of travel and adventure, nursing in several different venues over her varied career. Many of her adventures, along with those of other northern nurses, she has put together in this soon to be published book.

Karen was born and raised in Georgetown, and still keeps many connections with friends and relatives here. She comes from Esquesing pioneer stock, and her parents were well known business people in the town, in later years, running Scott Motors, situated in the garage opposite St. George's Anglican Church.

Come out and listen to an evening of stories of adventure, perhaps accompanied by a few interesting slides.