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Each of his books are available at Coles in the Georgetown Market Place and Reeve & Clarke Books in Glen Williams. His book on Acton can also be purchased at What the Dickens in Acton.

"Each book is usually a two-year commitment," Rowe added.

He has used archived issues of The Georgetown Independent to research his books prior to writing them.

"Also the documents and photograph collections that the Historical Society have collected over the years have been invaluable.

"I like being a detective," he said. "I like being a sleuth and looking for information. I like putting the pieces together and figuring out who is responsible for what and what families were important."

"I love history so much because I have a very interesting family history myself. So that's what got me interested in history in the first place."

Rowe once read in a Ripley's Believe It Or Not as a student a story of a tree trunk being sliced open at a saw-mill in Acton. The massive trunk was cut open, and a single toad hopped out.

"I read that as a child and when I did my research for my Acton book I came across that in the local papers. That actually happened," he said laughing.

"That was so cool. That was a connection between my childhood in Acton, and writing that book.

"My latest book on sports history I learned so much about sports and, of course, how

important it was in peoples' lives. Even from the earliest days when the pioneers had a lot of work in the summer, they didn't in the winter."

Rowe's book cites curling as one of the earliest sports to be played in Halton Hills.

"I was surprised that organized hockey didn't get started until the turn of century," he said. "They played shinny but there was no organized hockey. As you might expect, baseball is the one sport that more people have played than any other sport in Halton Hills."

While sports are such a big part of the history of Halton Hills, Rowe also loves the natural beauty and scenery our community provides. He cites Glen Williams as one of his favourite spots in Halton Hills.

"I'm into the man-made history but I also really enjoy the nature and layout of the landscape in Halton Hills," he said.

"It's so well preserved. Part of being well preserved is that Glen Williams is off the beaten track. Naturally I also love the Niagara Escarpment and Hickory Falls."

Now retired from his teaching career, Rowe spent 31 years teaching Grades 3-8 at both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Brigid

Elementary Schools. He's happy to have had the support from his wife Kelly and his four children throughout his career.

"I was ready to retire," he said slowly.

"When I retired from teaching, elections were coming up and I was elected as the trustee for Halton Hills in the Halton Catholic School Board. I am doing that and I enjoy seeing education from another point of view."

Halton Hills Councillor Moya Johnson sat

**"His research and writing has helped raise an awareness of our history, and through his work as archivist is helping preserve that history for future generations."**

Dawn Livingstone

