

Local group aims to preserve the history of Esquesing

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Esquesing Historical Society

The Esquesing Historical Society was founded in 1975, and is named after the geographical township called Esquesing, most of which encompasses the Corporation of the now Town of Halton Hills.

The word Esquesing has popularly been known through the years as "the land of the tall pines" but in later years it has become known that the word translates from the native as "last creek out."

The Historical Society maintains an ever increasing collection of archival material and photographs, housed in the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library. These are indexed, filed, and preserved in archival acid-free containers in an extremely professional manner.

The collection is available to the public on a request basis, and information on the collection can be found at the library, in the reference department, and in the near future, searched by subject on the society's website.

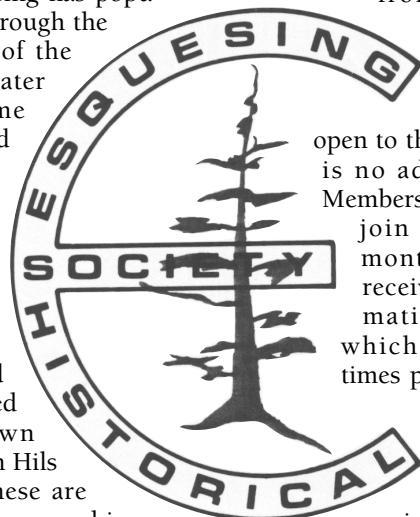
It is the mandate of the society to educate the public about the history

of this area. We do that by holding our meetings at various places around the township, as they might pertain to the meeting subject. However, the home base for meetings is often Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month. Refreshments are served from 7-7:30 p.m., when the actual presentation begins.

Meetings are open to the public and there is no admission charge. Membership entitles you to join with us in our monthly meetings, to receive our very informative newsletters which are mailed five times per year, and a discount on our publications.

Esquesing has a long and interesting history, beginning about 1819, and the small group of volunteers who make up the historical society are doing a great job at preserving that history.

For a small 'taste' take a look at some of our 16,000 scanned photographs, at <http://images.halinet.on.ca>. and look at some of the historical information available on our website at <http://esquesinghistoricalsociety.ca>



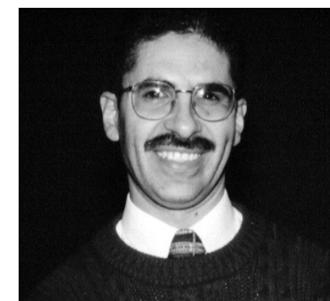
Once Upon a Time in Georgetown

This is a view of Wilber Lake, which was—once upon a time—located in the centre of Georgetown. This view is probably taken from the St. George's Anglican Church hill looking towards downtown Georgetown. The spires of Knox Church and Congregational Church (now the library) can be seen in the background.

Small Town Georgetown is topic of next Historical Society meeting

At its next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Esquesing Historical Society presents *Georgetown, Reflections of a Small Town*. This latest publication of the Society will be featured by author John Mark Rowe. Books signed by the author will be available.

Everyone is welcome, free of charge at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Church, 116 Main St. S., Georgetown.



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