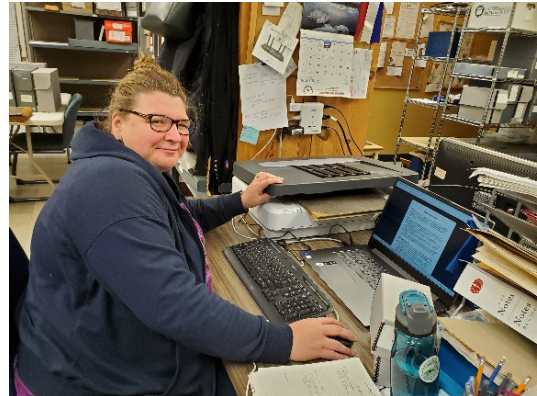


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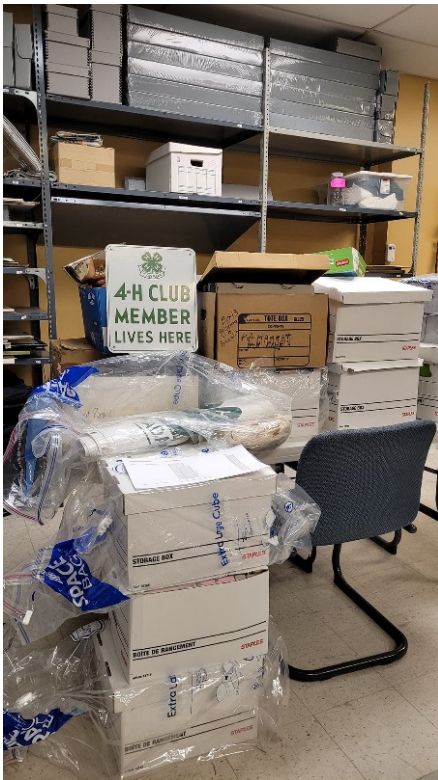
2022 is almost history. Speaking of history, the Middlesex Centre Archives has collected many historical documents in the past year. December brought the Middlesex County 4-H and some Junior Farmers' records to MCA, as well as a donation of Middlesex County Cemetery transcripts. Also, we received a microfilm reader with microfilm for the *Glencoe Transcript* 1873-1899; Marriages London District 1833-1855 and Elgin County Marriages 1857-1869; plus one reel of Scottish records. That means the Dr. Ken Veldhuis Reading Room is going to be re-organised again and the map cabinet will be moved to Annex A. But it is all good!!!!

a good thing, especially when researchers come from across Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada and beyond.



Archivist Krista Scanning Ledgers

Our Archivist Krista can be found in Annex A scanning the Society of Friends collection for the DHCP grant. To-date she has scanned 23 ledgers, making repairs as she goes. That amounts to over 4000 images. In addition, she supervises the talented volunteers, writes grant applications and processes new accessions. A very busy lady!



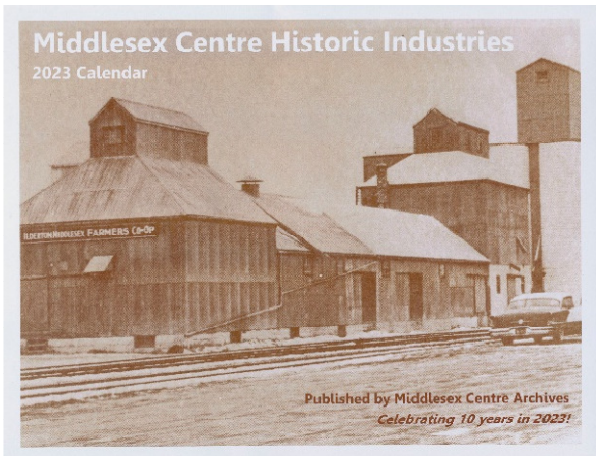
4-H Records Donation

Visitors continue come to research our records and browse just to see what is available. Please do check our website www.middlesexcentearchive.ca to discover the many documents available. Our volunteers are busy cataloguing all the records. It takes time, patience and accuracy but they are dedicated and up to the task. It makes finding specific information easier to find. That is



Volunteers Cataloguing Collections

Did you know that Middlesex Centre Archives will be 10 years old in 2023? It has sped by so quickly but looking at our Archives now compared to what it was in 2013 – MY! What a difference!! We have some awesome events planned for the upcoming year. We will keep you posted as plans develop.



Have you got your 2023 calendar yet? The calendar features businesses in the old Middlesex Centre. There are some still available at BJ's and Delaware Variety in Delaware; Foodland in Komoka; Municipal Offices in Coldstream; Floral Temptations in Ilderton; Crunican Orchards near Birr; and Oak and Linen in Arva.

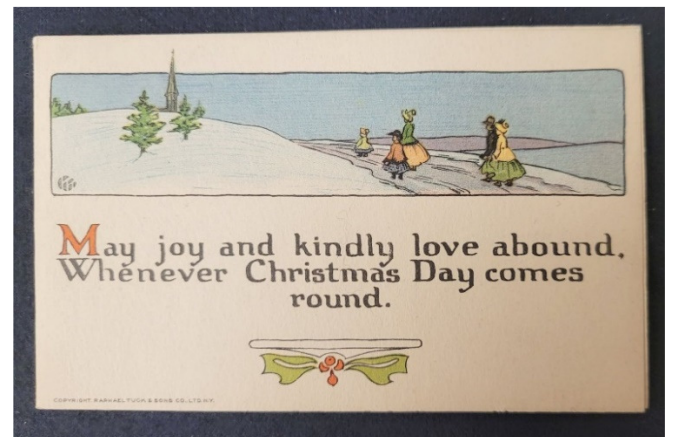
Watch for our Heritage Week displays (February 20-24) at the Ilderton Library and Municipal Offices.

**Look For
Middlesex Centre Archives Online Auction February 2023**

In February, we will have our Online-Auction Fundraiser with Filson Auction. If you have items you would like to donate to the auction, please email middlesexcentearchives@gmail.com or call 519-518-5590 or 519-666-1488. We are most grateful for your support. Plan to bid at auction time. There are always so many amazing articles.

On April First, we are hosting our annual Heritage Fair. Historical Groups across Middlesex County, London and beyond will have displays to fill the Delaware Community Centre. Middlesex Centre Archives is excited to announce that the London Township Historical Landmark Tour Books will be available. The work of research, writing and publishing these books is a monumental task! Middlesex Centre Archives will have completed 5 tour books that includes Delaware, Lobo and London Townships. Congratulations and a big “Thank You” to all who worked tirelessly over the past 5 years. You never gave up!

As the year-end draws nigh, donations to worthy organisations always comes to mind. Middlesex Centre Archives is one of those very worthy organisations. For any donation over twenty dollars, an income tax receipt is given. We do accept cheques and e-transfers.



In closing, the Board of Directors, Archivist, and volunteers wish to thank you for all your support over the past year. We wish you a most joyous holiday season and all the best in 2023.

Carol Small, Chair, Board of Directors, MCA

From the Archivist's Desk

What a year! MCA has bragging rights for all it has accomplished in 2022.

This year was one of transition. We closed Annex B, we started to return to “normal”, including outreach events and I was on-site a lot more working on grant-specific projects. We were rewarded with several grants which made accomplishing our work a bit easier. One thing an archives can never have too much of is funds!

The 2022 Council Grant allowed MCA to purchase a flatbed scanner, which is a welcomed addition to aid us

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with the work we do. In turn, it has allowed for the work of the Digital Heritage Communities Program (DHCP) grant to be completed. This grant has allowed for the digitization of the Coldstream Society of Friends (Quakers) fonds, which includes the Marsh Store and mill ledgers, photographs and personal papers related to the development of the Lobo Township community. Several ledgers are in very fragile condition, and without the support of this grant to digitize them, they would be off-limits for researchers. Next year, the digitized ledgers will be available on the Reading Room reference computer. A release date is yet to be set.

Next year MCA will celebrate the past ten years and look to the future. I describe us as “the little archives that can” and with the support of our volunteers, members, and community, that is what we will continue to do. We can achieve great things together, promoting our community’s rich heritage. Middlesex Centre has a heritage to be proud of, and we’re only beginning to discover and share its greatness!