



**COMMITTEE TO
ESTABLISH A
MIDDLESEX
COUNTY ARCHIVES**

THE GOAL

To inform elected officials,
Municipal and County leaders,
and the general public about
the benefits of a Middlesex
County Archives

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Federal and Provincial Governments in Canada have mandated that public records be officially archived for legal, governance, and historical purposes.
- ✓ The division of records kept usually coincides with jurisdictional boundaries: Federal, Provincial, County, and Municipalities. (Library and Archives of Canada Act, S.C.2004).
- ✓ Ontario has further mandated that preserved public records be available to the public. (Archives Act, RSO 1990; Archives and Recordkeeping Act, 2006; Archives and Recordkeeping Amendment Act, 2019.)
- ✓ The Ontario Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001. C. 25 Section 254 further states that municipal offices must preserve certain documents and they are to be publicly accessible. Those records need to be adequately stored. It further indicates that municipal offices could deposit their records in an archives.

WHERE ARE YOUR 1850-1998 PRE-AMALGAMATION RECORD BOOKS?

1 In London 29th January 1851
at a Meeting of the inhabitants
of the Township of London convened
for the purpose of forming a Township
Agricultural Society to be in connection
with the County of Middlesex
Agricultural Society Henry Fergusson
Esq being called to the Chair and
James Guldin being appointed
Secretary of this Society carried

Mr Robert Robson Moved seconded
By Mr Christopher Walker that this
association shall be called the
London Township Branch Agricultural
Society carried

Mr William Patrick Moved seconded
By Mr Christopher Walker that this Society
will admit two Privileges of Membership
the Inhabitants of the Township of
Williams and Ladbroke respectively carried

Mr George Calvert Moved seconded By
Mr William Patrick that Mr Leary
Leary be president of this Society carried

The President Mr Leary carried
in the Chair

Mr William Patrick Moved seconded
By Mr George Calvert that Mr George
Robson be first vice President carried

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Mr Harry Hull Moved seconded
By Mr Christopher Walker that
Mr James Fergusson be second vice
President carried

Mr Charles Turkey Moved seconded
By Mr Joseph Edston that Mr
Christopher Walk be third vice
President carried

Mr Richard Stevens Moved seconded
By Mr John Sale that Mr Robert
Robson be Treasurer of this Society carried

Mr Christopher Walker Moved seconded
By Mr George Calvert Moved seconded
By Mr George Calvert that the committee
shall consist of the number of
Twenty three five of whom shall
Make a quorum carried

Mr Richard Talbot Moved seconded
By Mr Christopher Walker that that
will be meeting of the committee
held at the Inn of the Secretaries
on the 1st second Tuesday in
June at the hour of one o'clock P.M. carried

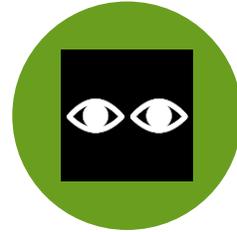
Mr Christopher Walker Moved seconded
By Mr Henry Fergusson that there
be first appointed to draft a
petition to be addressed to the
Township Council praying to grant
the society some amount of
Money to assist them carried



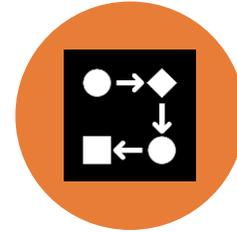
**HOW QUICKLY
CAN THEY BE
RETRIEVED?**



**HAVE YOU
EVER SEEN
THEM?**

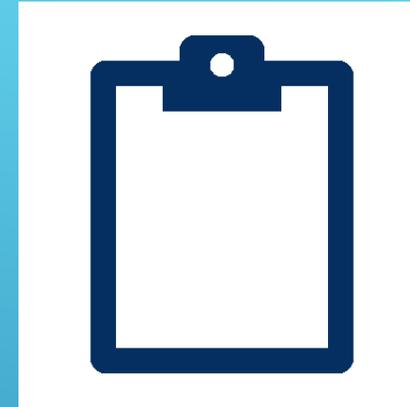


**WHY WOULD
YOU WANT TO
SEE THEM?**





**Have you digitized
your records?**



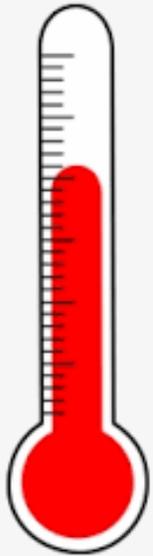
**Did you keep the
original copies?**

WHERE ARE YOUR RECORDS STORED?



Are Your Records In Environmentally-Controlled Conditions?

18-21 Celsius



RH 45-50%

UV Light Metre

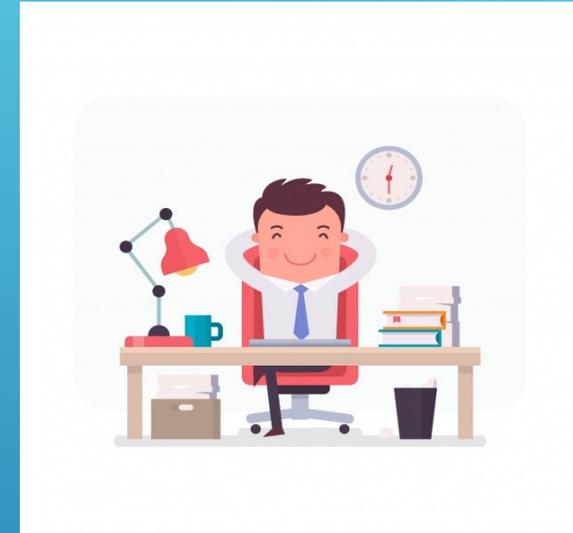


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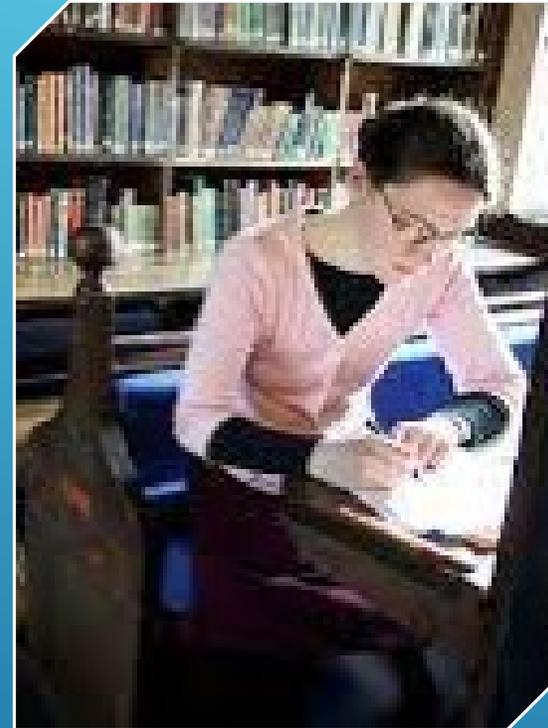
HOW WILL THE MUNICIPALITIES AND CLERKS BENEFIT?

- ▶ Helps create a Records Retention Policy
- ▶ Transfers pertinent documents to Archives where they become easily accessible through arrangement and description of records
- ▶ Stores original documents after they have been laser-fiched
- ▶ Timely access to records
- ▶ Makes efficient use of staff time when not searching for records
- ▶ Removing records from municipal offices creates more space
- ▶ Having the records stored in one centralised area eliminates costs to municipalities and to Middlesex County



WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM A MIDDLESEX COUNTY ARCHIVES?

- Municipal CAOs, Clerks and other staff
- Town Planners and Developers
- Lawyers
- Architects and Heritage Advocates
- Real Estate Agents
- Scholars
- Educators
- Researchers
- Genealogists
- Tourism – Restaurants, Hotels, Retail
- Cultural Interests – Theatre, Arts, Festivals, Recreation and Sports, Heritage - Archives and Museums



WHY IS LOCAL HISTORY IMPORTANT?

Microcosm of social change and impact on people

Sense of home and belonging for new and existing residents

Sense of identity

Community pride



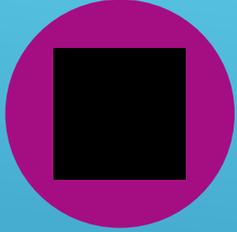
Reflects reality of our lives

Teaches that history is all around us

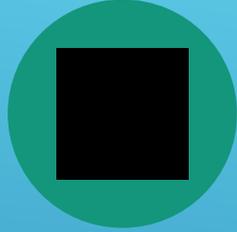


LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

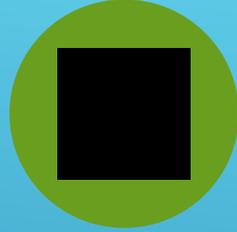
- **Business Records**
- **Organisation Records**
- **Community Records**
- **Family, Pioneer, Immigration History**
- **Family Papers – Letters, Photos, Wills**
- **Indigenous Peoples' History**
- **Church Records**
- **School Records**
- **Land Deeds**
- **Cemetery Records**
- **Agricultural History**
- **Photos, Paintings, Maps**
- **Books**



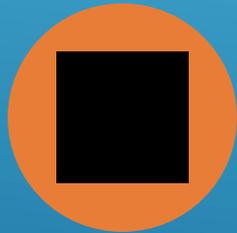
**ADMISSION
FEES**



**RESEARCH
FEES**



**COPYING
FEES, ETC.**

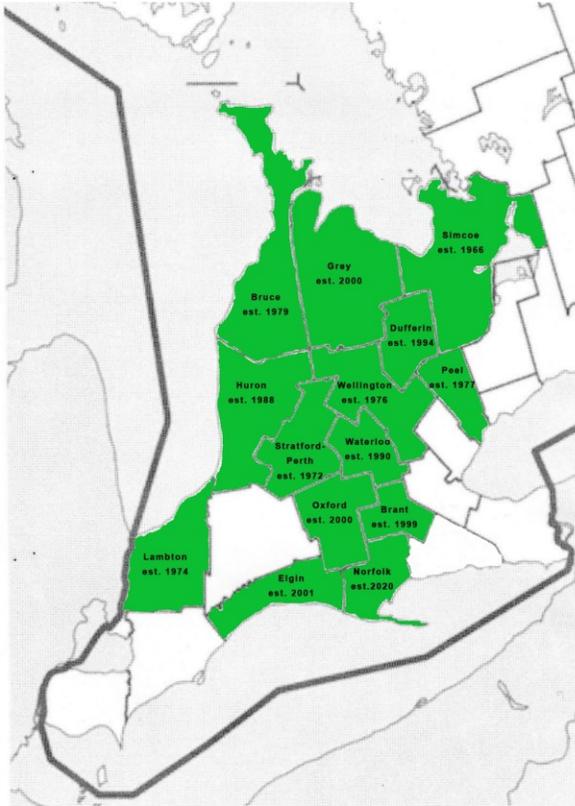


**SALES OF
BOOKS, ETC.**

**FEES FOR
SERVICE**



Map To Show Southwestern
Ontario Counties With County Archives



- - County Archives
- - No County Archives

Middlesex County - One of oldest areas in Southwestern Ontario with a rich local history – Indigenous, geological, settlement

One of few counties in Southwestern Ontario without a County Total Archives

WHY A MIDDLESEX COUNTY ARCHIVES NOW?

Loss of knowledge of local history as senior population ages and dies

Volunteers from local Historical Societies and Archives aging

No one to carry on their work or take care of their records

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEIR
PRECIOUS RECORDS?

Middlesex County government is changing its location

Plan a Middlesex County Archives as part of the new seat of government

All records must be removed from the County Building

Move archival records only once - to the Middlesex County Archives

THE TIME IS NOW!!!!!!

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Middlesex County government is giving back to its constituents when moneys from sale of County Building is invested in local history and an Archives

County residents support a Middlesex County Archives

A Middlesex County Archives is needed to save and celebrate the County's historical records and heritage

Pay Now or Pay Later – more expensive later and more records will be lost forever

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THE CHOICE – LOSE MORE



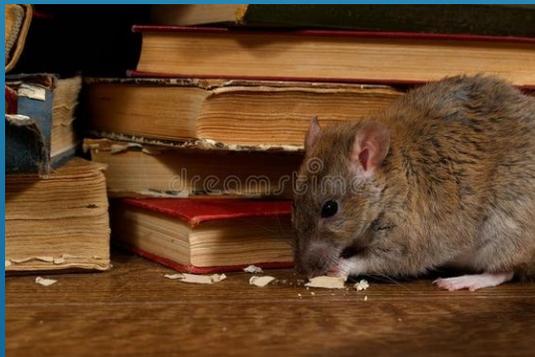
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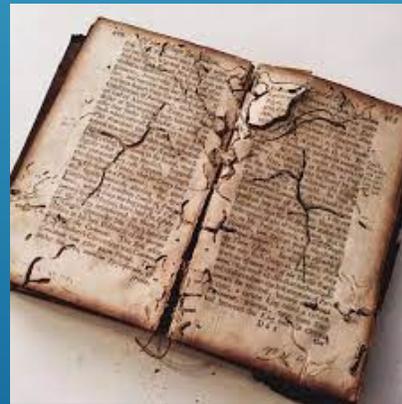
Fire



Flood



Rodents



Insects



Mould

ORSAVE MORE

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