

QUERY ABOUT QUERIES?

One of the functions of the EAHC is to act as a resource for Hamilton-area citizens who wish to locate information about their families and ancestors who attended schools in this area. You, as a client, may wish to locate information regarding birthdates, school attendance, or other elements of family history. We are always glad to pursue information on behalf of clients and charge a nominal fee to cover the time required and the materials (usually photocopying) used.

Many readers may wonder how a “Query” or research request is carried out.

At the initial contact, John will work with you as our “client” to complete a Query Request which will outline exactly what you want us to find. Marie Ballantine, our “Chief Researcher”, working along with John will begin to peruse school records and registers for the requested information. Sometimes it may be necessary to visit the Hamilton Public Library to examine the City Street Directories for addresses and other information. The information with names, dates, addresses and other details will be photocopied when possible and if requested. The whole process may take 2 hours or 20, but we want to be sure the information is valid and the client is satisfied. Our Query service may help you to find out more about mom, dad, grandpa or Uncle Ed.

If they went to school in Hamilton, we will do our best to find their records.



Researcher Marie Ballantine
at your service

To make a query of the Archives, contact John Aikman at the Archives, 905-318-3046 or drop in at the Vincent Massey location. You may submit a request via e-mail to archives@hwdsb.on.ca. Be as specific as possible in your request.

A charge plus photocopying costs will apply to each query. At present, the Archives charges \$5.00 to open up a file and provide two hours research. After that time, a charge of \$2.00 per hour of research will apply.

Our problems continue to be time and human resources. We do need more volunteers to carry out these research tasks at the Archives. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, or you know someone who is, contact John Aikman at the Archives, 905-318-3046.