

The Canadiana Room



Franklin Hotel, Streetsville

Local History

An extensive collection of old and rare materials dealing with the history of Mississauga and Peel County, is available for in-library use and includes scrapbooks, microfilm, local archives, and a large collection of photographs. Genealogical materials in the collection include the International Genealogical Index and Ancestral File.

The Collection Connection introducing the Ruth Konrad Collection of Canadiana

If you are interested in the historical development of the City of Mississauga, 1800s rural life in Ontario, or if you have ancestral history in Peel County, The Ruth Konrad Collection of Canadiana has the resources for you. The Canadiana Collection, housed in the Arts & History Department of the Central Library, was created in 1967 by Ruth Konrad, the Library's first Chief Librarian and includes rare, out-of-print, and hard-to-get titles related to Canadian art, Ontario history, and the local scene of Mississauga and Peel County. The collection includes books, scrapbooks, photographs, slides, pamphlets, press clippings and maps chronicling the growth of our community. The Collection is for reference use only. The Library welcomes donations of documents, photographs, slides, published genealogies and histories, school yearbooks and other suitable items.



Peter Jones

HISTORICAL MATERIAL OF NOTE WITHIN THE CANADIANA COLLECTION

Mississauga Indians and First Nations

Material on the First Nations inhabitants of Canada, particularly the

Mississauga Indians or Anishnabe (Ojibwa), form an important part of the collection. Of particular interest are two titles by Peter Jones (Kahkewaquonaby), 1802-1856, the famous religious leader and Chief of the Mississaugas.

Early Travellers to Southern Ontario

Many of the earliest works written about Upper Canada and Peel Region were written by travellers. Included in the collection are Isaac Weld's *Travels through the States of North America and the Provinces of Upper & Lower Canada during the years 1785, 1796 and 1797*, Thomas McGrath's *Authentic Letters from Upper Canada*, and Anna Jameson's *Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada*.

The William Perkins Bull Collection

A series of eleven books published in the 1930s and 1940s by William Perkins Bull, a Brampton lawyer, give an invaluable and detailed picture of life in Peel County up to that time.



Mazo de la Roche

Works of Mississauga Authors

A selection of early Canadian literature features the works of Mazo de la Roche, Ernest Thompson Seton, and Dorothy Livesay, well-known authors with connections to Peel County. The collection includes contemporary writing on Mississauga and area as well as the working papers of some Mississauga local historians.

Ontario Local Histories and Area Studies

A wide collection of Ontario local histories which is constantly being added to is available for genealogical and general research.

Local Archives

The Local Archives contain some 300 files of archival material – newspaper clippings, pamphlets, brochures and photographs – pertaining to local events, buildings, and people.

Local History Scrapbooks

The Collection contains many scrapbooks compiled by local residents including *The Barnett Scrapbooks*, *The Mildred Bellegem Scrapbooks*, *The Rattray Marsh Scrapbooks*, *The Mary McNulty Fix Scrapbooks* and *The Cooksville Scrapbooks*. *Local Press Clippings Scrapbooks* contain local newspaper material covering historical, social and political issues in Mississauga. The *Peel Biography Scrapbooks* highlight a wide cross-section of people from the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel.

The Historical Map and Directories Collection

A number of maps and atlases illustrate the development of Peel County. The 1859 Tremaine Map shows the early patterns of land holding and settlement. The Historical Atlas of Peel County (1877) is available, along with historical atlases for nearly all Ontario counties.



Tremaine map

The Historical Photographic Collection

Approximately 10,000 slides document the growth and physical changes that have occurred in Mississauga in the past century. The Library collects older photographs of people and places in Mississauga such as the *Cooksville*

Photograph Albums which include photographs of old Cooksville, and of the staff and pupils of Cooksville Public School from 1899 to 1968.

The Aerial Photo Collection

This collection consists of a complete set of aerial photographs of the City of Mississauga dating from 1975 to 2001. The current year is available at the Mapping and Planning Department of the City. Scale of these photos varies from 1:12,000 to 1:6,000.



Halton-Peel Branch Ontario Genealogical Society Publications

The Library collects the publications of the Halton-Peel Branch, in particular their published cemetery recordings. Other genealogical publications in the collection include unpublished family histories, with particular emphasis on

Peel families.

The Kariya Artifacts Collection

This collection of artifacts and photographs from Kariya, Japan, represents over twenty years of friendship between the City of Kariya and the City of Mississauga beginning in 1981 when the “Sister City Friendship Agreement” was signed by the Mayor of Mississauga and the Mayor of Kariya.



Hazel McCallion

The Ruth Konrad Collection also features the following items on microfilm:

- Ontario Census records from 1841 to 1901
- Local newspapers including *The Streetsville Review*, *The Port Credit Weekly*, *The Mississauga Times* and *The Mississauga News*
- *The Toronto Township Papers* and Toronto Township Council Meeting minutes, 1844-1970



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The Canadiana Reading Room was officially opened on October 26, 1992.

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday

1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday Closed

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