

# York Region Heritage Directory

## Resources and Contacts

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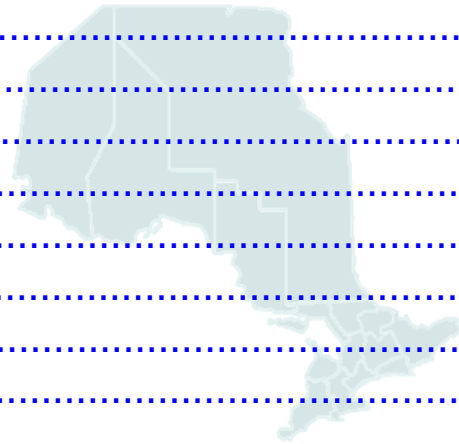
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### **Canadian Quaker Archives at Pickering College**

**Website:** <http://www.pickeringcollege.on.ca>

**Email:** [info@pickeringcollege.on.ca](mailto:info@pickeringcollege.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-895-1700

**Address:** 16945 Bayview Ave., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4X2

**Description:** The Canadian Quaker Archives of the Canadian Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is housed at Pickering College in Newmarket. The records of Friends' Monthly and Yearly Meetings in Canada are housed here. The Arthur G. Dorland Collection, a Friends Historical Research Library is an Archives component. The Sharon Temple Archives are also deposited here with access through the Sharon Temple Director. The Archives is open during regular school hours by appointment only.

### **The Country Day School**

**Website:** <http://www.cds.on.ca>

**Email:** [communications@cds.on.ca](mailto:communications@cds.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-833-1220

**Address:** 13415 Dufferin Street, King City, ON, L7B 1K5

**Description:** The school holds archival photographs of the original school building, formerly known as Eversley School which was founded in 1843 and moved across the road in 1883.

### **Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives**

**Website:** [www.georginapioneervillage.ca](http://www.georginapioneervillage.ca)

**Email:** Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) [curator@georgina.ca](mailto:curator@georgina.ca);

Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) [gpv\\_archives@yahoo.ca](mailto:gpv_archives@yahoo.ca)

**Phone:** 905-476-4305 ext 284

**Address:** 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1

**Description:** The archives' is comprised of records created by the councils of the former townships of Georgina and North Gwillimbury, as well as the Village of Sutton. These records date back from 1850 to about 1970. The Archives also contains a large number of personal family documents and photographs, as well as a reference collection that contains published material relevant to Georgina, scrapbooks, family trees and histories, as well as family files compiled by members of the Georgina Historical Society since its inception 40 years ago. The Georgina Pioneer Village is a heritage showcase for the community's local history. Located near the south shores

of Lake Simcoe, this ten acre site is home to fourteen buildings that interpret life in Georgina between the 1850s and the 1920s, including a backwoods log house, a general store, a train station, a church and a schoolhouse.

### **[Heritage Schoolhouse \(Museum and Archives Site\)](#)**

**Website:** [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse) (there is also a link through the York Region District School board website)

**Email:** [heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-470-6119

**Address:** 21 Renfrew Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 8H3

**Description:** Collects artefacts and archival material that reflects the history of Education in York Region (York Region District School Board); including the history of local schools (past and present). Records date back to the 1850s. Open to the public by appointment only.

### **[King Township Public Library/Archives](#)**

**Website:** <http://www.king-library.on.ca/heritage.php?pageID=heritage>

**Email:** [archives@king-library.on.ca](mailto:archives@king-library.on.ca)

**Phone:** (Main Library Line) 905-833-5101

**Address:** King City Library Branch, 1970 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A6

**Description:** The King Township Archives is a partnership between the volunteers of the King Township Historical Society and the Board of the King Township Public Library. The archives collection includes historical information on families, organizations and enterprises in King township and is recorded on the library catalogue for public use. The link on the library website "Timeless King Online: a digital collection" enables access to historic material held by the King Township Archives, The King Township Public Libraries and the Township of King. The King Township Public Library maintains a local history area that includes Tweedsmuir Histories, census material, cemetery listings, newspapers on microfilm, and families and local history information. The website provides access to listings of the collections held by the library on these topics as well as a database of Resources for Remembrance Day. The King Township Archives room may be visited by appointment at the King City Public Library. For information or donations to the Archives please call or email to the above contacts.

### **[Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#)**

**Email:** Norm Friend, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

**Phone:** 905-953-5314

**Address:** c/o Elman W. Campbell Museum , 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** A valuable community resource containing a wide variety of materials relating to the history of the Town of Newmarket, including: Microfilm birth, marriage and death records; land records; some church records; original copies of the Newmarket Era Banner; photographs; history

files; books; family histories; historic industries on disc; and occasional papers by the Society itself. The Archive is located in the [Elman W. Campbell Museum](#). Appointments are strongly recommended.

#### **[Newmarket Local Government Archives](#)**

**Email:** Liz Gibson [lgibson@newmarket.ca](mailto:lgibson@newmarket.ca)

**Phone:** 905-953-5300 ext 2212

**Address:** Clerk's Department, 395 Mulock Drive, PO Box 328, STN Main, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4X7

**Description:** The Town of Newmarket does not have a designated Archive, but does have by-laws that date back to the late 1800s.

#### **[Regional Municipality of York Archives](#)**

**Website:** <http://www.york.ca>

**Contact:** Supervisor, Corporate Information Asset Management

**Phone:** 905-830-4444 ext 1335

**Address:** 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1

**Description:** The Regional Archives holds the Municipal Council minutes and other government related documents for York Region. The Archives also includes selected records from the Home District Council (Minutes and By-laws from 1842 to 1849), the United Counties of York and Peel (Minutes from 1850 to 1865 with gaps), from York County (Minutes, Report and By-laws from 1855 to 1936 with gaps), the Toronto and York Roads Commission (Minutes and Records from 1911 to 1971), and Wardens and Commissioners Minutes from 1942 to 1970. The collection also includes an assortment of photographs and artefacts, and a reference library on York Region history.

#### **[Richmond Hill Local Government Archives](#)**

**Website:** [www.richmondhill.ca](http://www.richmondhill.ca)

**Email:** Denis Perks [dperks@richmondhill.ca](mailto:dperks@richmondhill.ca)

**Phone:** (905) 771-5430

**Address:** Clerk's Department, Box 300, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C4Y5

**Description:** The Records Management Section of the Town Clerk's Division, houses on-site historical Property Roll Assessment Information, as well as historical minutes of Council dating back to 1873. Most of the information held in the minutes is searchable in their database and provides a means to locate records.

#### **[St. Andrew's College Archives](#)**

**Website:** <http://www.sac.on.ca/discover/history-of-sac/index.aspx>

**Archivist:** Dr Sue Hayter

**Email:** [suehayter@sac.on.ca](mailto:suehayter@sac.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-727-3178 ext 281

**Address:** St. Andrew's College, 15800 Yonge St., Aurora, ON, L4G 3H7

**Description:** St. Andrew's College was established in Toronto in 1899. The Archives was created to collect, preserve and promote records, artefacts, papers and memorabilia connected with St. Andrew's College, as well as to supply information about the history of St. Andrew's to members of the School community and the public at large. Visits to the Archives may be arranged by contacting the Archivist.

### **Thornhill Archives & Special Collections**

**Website:** <http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/archives/>

**General inquiries:** [archives@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:archives@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Reference services:** [reference@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:reference@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Website:** <http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/archives/>

**General Inquiries:** [archives@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:archives@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Address:** The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill – Archives, P.O. Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd. Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9

**Description:** The foundation of the collections of the Thornhill Archives' includes the records of The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill and the Thornhill Village Festival. The Thornhill Archives also acquires records of other local organizations and persons. There are a growing number of family collections containing documents, photographs, scrapbooks, journals, and memorabilia from Thornhill places, people and events. The archives also hold information files, genealogical resources, photograph collections, maps plans and surveys, a small number of audiovisual materials, artefacts and documentary art. The Thornhill Archives is a division of The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill.

### **Vaughan City Archives**

**Website:** [www.vaughan.ca](http://www.vaughan.ca)

**Email:** Dan Zelenyj (City Archivist) [archives@city.vaughan.on.ca](mailto:archives@city.vaughan.on.ca);  
[dan.zelenyj@vaughan.ca](mailto:dan.zelenyj@vaughan.ca);

Brenda Hicock (Archival Records Analyst) [Brenda.hicock@vaughan.ca](mailto:Brenda.hicock@vaughan.ca)

**Phone:** 905-832-2281

**Location:** Vaughan City Hall, 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr (8:30 - 4:30 Monday to Friday)

**Mailing Address:** City of Vaughan Archives, Archives and Records Management Services, City Clerk's Department, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1

**Description:** The City Archives is part of Vaughan's integrated Records Management & Archives Program, with responsibility for managing both government records (holdings span 1849 to the near present) , as well as Historical/Cultural Records of private origin reflecting the evolution of the Vaughan community (consisting of over 400 fonds and collections dating from the 1790s). The latter includes historic photographs, maps, plans, architectural drawings (from the 1850's to the 1980's), records of local organizations, diaries, journals, logs, letters, family histories, mementoes,

land records dating back to the 1790's, newspapers and directories, census returns, education, business and church records. The Archives is also the official records repository for: the Woodbridge Agricultural Society; the Vaughan Lodge of the Masonic Order; the [Vaughan Township Historical Society](#); the Burwick, Vellore, Edgeley, Maple, Thornhill, Elder's Mills, and York West District Women's Institutes; and numerous other local institutions and organizations that contributed to the development of the Vaughan community.



# HISTORICAL/HERITAGE SOCIETIES

## **Arts Society King (ASK)**

**Website:** [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca)

**Email:** [info@artsocietyking.ca](mailto:info@artsocietyking.ca)

**Phone:** 905-939-9357

**Address:** King Township Museum - 2920 King Rd., King City, ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** Our aim is to establish and maintain an organization in King Township that fosters inspiration, understanding and appreciation for the arts, heritage and nature. Our two primary goals are: a) to organize an annual arts festival for King Township. b) To provide support services to the arts, heritage and nature communities in King Township for the purpose of enhancing communication, education and the promotion of their respective activities.

## **Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee**

**Website:** [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca)

**Email:** [malnabhan@aurora.ca](mailto:malnabhan@aurora.ca)

**Phone:** Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design (905) 727-3123, ext. 4351

**Address:** 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1

**Description:** Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee is a municipal Advisory Committee with the role of advising Council on all matters relating to the conservation of properties of historical or architectural value and on all matters relating to the designation and preservation of heritage properties and conservation districts in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. The Committee also advises Council on new applications within the heritage recourse area, as identified in the Town of Aurora's Official Plan.

The Heritage Planning and Urban Design Division is part of the Planning and Development Services and provide technical and administrative support to the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee. The Town of Aurora maintains an inventory/register of all properties of cultural heritage value or interest in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act requirements. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive, however, copies of designation by laws and information on heritage properties can be made available to the public upon request. The Aurora Historical Society maintains the official historical archives for the Town of Aurora.

## **Aurora Historical Society**

**Website:** <http://www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca>

**Email:** [ahs@aurorahs.com](mailto:ahs@aurorahs.com)

**Phone:** Catherine Molloy 905-727-8991

**Address:** 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1N8

**Description:** Oversees [Hillary House](#) and the [Koffler Museum of Medicine](#).

### [East Gwillimbury Historical Society](#)

**Website:**

[http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town\\_Hall/About\\_Our\\_Town/History/E\\_G\\_Historical\\_Society.htm](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town_Hall/About_Our_Town/History/E_G_Historical_Society.htm)

**Phone:** Nancy Eves (President) 905-478-2149

**Address:** 20893 Woodbine Ave. RR#1 Queensville, ON, L0G 1R0

**Description:** This collection is privately owned and not meant for public use; however, enquiries by phone are encouraged. The Society has extensive resources and is in the process of publishing a book of history on the area.

### [Heritage East Gwillimbury](#)

**Website:**

[http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Council/Advisory\\_Committees/Heritage\\_East\\_Gwillimbury\\_Advisory\\_Committee.htm](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Council/Advisory_Committees/Heritage_East_Gwillimbury_Advisory_Committee.htm)

**Email:** [ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca)

**Phone:** Carolyn Kellington 905-478-4282 ext 3808

**Address:** 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0

**Description:** Advises and assists council on matters relating to Properties of Heritage Significance as well as the Heritage Designation of individual properties and Heritage Districts under Parts IV and Part V of the Heritage Act. Assistance is available to advise homeowners about renovation or alterations to heritage properties.

### [Heritage King](#)

**Website:** [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)

**Email:** [online@king.ca](mailto:online@king.ca)

**Address:** c/o Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, 2075 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1

**Description:** Heritage King, formerly known as King Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, consists of between 5 and 11 members including a member of Council. The Committee is made up of volunteers with expertise in community and heritage matters. Members are appointed by Council by-law in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. The function of the committee is to advise Council on heritage matters and assist the Council in carrying out its heritage conservation program.

### [Heritage Markham](#)

**Website:** [www.markham.ca/Heritage](http://www.markham.ca/Heritage)

**Email:** [heritage@markham.ca](mailto:heritage@markham.ca)

**Phone:** Regan Hutcheson 905-477-7000 ext 2080

**Address:** 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

**Description:** Heritage Markham is the municipal heritage advisory committee for the Town of Markham. Staff in the Heritage Section of the Planning and Urban Design Department provides technical and administrative assistance to Heritage Markham. The Heritage Section prepares designation and research reports for properties of cultural heritage value and interest. Copies can be made available to the public upon request. We also maintain an inventory/register of all properties of cultural heritage value or interest in the municipality. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive. The [Markham Museum](#) contains the official historical archives for the Town of Markham.

### [Heritage Newmarket](#)

**Website:** <http://www.newmarket.ca/en/lifestyle/historicnewmarket.asp>

**Email:** [ronaldmarriott@sympatico.ca](mailto:ronaldmarriott@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** Ron Marriott (Chair) 905-895-4418

**Address:** 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** The Heritage Newmarket office contains information about many of the early settlers of Newmarket along with information of where they settled and their importance to the development of Newmarket. Along with the history of the property, we document the architectural significance of important buildings in town such as the Christian Baptist Church, Quaker Meeting House, The Post Office and many more. We also have a Heritage plaque service that is provided for buildings that are deemed to be of architectural interest to the community. All of this information is available in the Heritage Newmarket Office that is located in the same building as the [Elman W. Campbell Museum](#) and [Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#).

### [Heritage Schoolhouse \(Museum and Archives\)](#)

**Website:** [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse) (there is also a link through the York Region District School board website)

**Email:** [heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-470-6119

**Address:** 21 Renfrew Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 8H3

**Description:** Collects Archival material for the Board of Education in York Region, including the history of local schools (past and present). The records date back to the 1890s.

### [King Township Historical Society](#)

**Address:** 2920 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** King Township Historical Society is an affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society; its main focus is to promote understanding and knowledge of King Township's past and the contribution by its residents to the development of the province and of Canada as a whole. The Society sponsors seven events during the calendar year, all organized by its volunteer members and featuring outstanding speakers who are experts in various areas of heritage lore. In addition to its meetings, usually held at the

King Township Museum, the Society has accomplished significant projects such as the founding of the Archives, restoration of the Lloydtown Cemetery, preservation of the venerable King Railway Station among other invaluable services to keep community memories vital. Membership is open to everyone.

### **The Lloydtown Rebellion Association (LRA)**

**E-mail:** For contact information please ask at [info@artssocietyking.ca](mailto:info@artssocietyking.ca)

**Description:** This friendly group, begun by Mrs. Margery Coons of Lloydtown, grew from a tiny membership ten years ago, to over a hundred participants today. Its mandate is to preserve, promote and publish the heritage of King Township's part in the formative 1837 Rebellion. It is also known as the Mackenzie Rebellion led by newspaperman, William Lyon Mackenzie in Toronto but having its leaders largely in King and nearby townships. The Rebellion was a popular uprising against the Family Compact, an elite power network based in Toronto. It aimed initially at reform within the governing structure but ultimately came to see independence from Britain as a possibility. The rebels and reformers were largely from the farming community but the leadership were comfortable landowners, doctors, lawyers, printers and ministers who saw the suffering of all at the Compact's hands. Their grievances involved a dictatorial government by the rich, unjust land tenure and taxation, lack of universal education, suppression of the press and freedom of speech, domination by the Anglican Church, arrest without trial, lack of roads and a failing economy. The Rebellion, which saw a march upon Toronto from the outlying districts, led chiefly under Samuel Lount and Jesse Lloyd of Lloydtown, floundered for lack of communication and training as did its counterpart in Lower Canada (Quebec) under Papineau. In its aftermath, hundreds of rebels fled from the noose or long deportation and exile. Thousands escaped to the USA never to return, redefining the population of Canada. The result of it was successful however, since it led to the writing of Lord Durham's Report which sided with the rebel grievances and called for their redress. The rebels had won representative government for Canada by their sacrifices.

The Association, many of whose members are rebel descendants or interested amateur historians, holds meetings on the latest discoveries about the Rebellion with guest speakers but also does costumed parade marches, spirit walks at Christmas, plays, readings, fun dinners, bonfire story nights and other community events. We receive many requests for information and do school and bus tours to the Rebel Statue erected by our group under the guidance of Mrs. Coons and then-president, Brian Beatty with the entire village in 2003. The 8-foot bronze statue, commissioned by the LRA, represents all 1837 rebels and the spirit of freedom. It is the only one of its kind in Ontario. Like the rebels, the society embraces people from all walks of life and all backgrounds. If you care about freedom or being Canadian, please contact the society for a warm welcome. A pamphlet is also available to all.

### **Markham Berczy Settlers Association**

**Website:** [www.markhamberczysettlers.ca](http://www.markhamberczysettlers.ca)

**Email:** Lorne R. Smith (Secretary) [lorne.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorne.smith@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** 905-640-3906

**Address:** 10292 McCowan Road, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** The objectives of the Corporation (formed in 1991) are: to establish an Association of the descendants of the original Berczy settlers who settled in the Township of Markham, and to foster the study, recording and commemoration of their history, culture and their contribution to the economic and social life of the Township of Markham.

### **Markham Conservancy**

**Website:** [www.markhamvillage.ca](http://www.markhamvillage.ca)

**Email:** [contact@markhamvillage.ca](mailto:contact@markhamvillage.ca)

**Phone:** 905-201-1453

**Address:** 214 Main Street Markham North, Markham, ON, L3P 1Y5

**Description:** The Markham Village Train Station was built in 1871 and has been historically restored. It currently serves as a functioning station for GO Transit. The Markham Village Conservancy raised the funds, in co-operation with many other supporters, and currently manages the Station. They are currently working with the town to create a town square, are a watchdog for any development affecting Markham Village, and have been a part of Doors Open Markham since its inception. There are two rooms which are available for renting by members of the community for meetings, classes and social functions.

### **Markham Historical Society**

**Email:** [lorne.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorne.smith@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** Lorne Smith (Secretary) 905-640-3906

**Address:** 10292 McCowan Road, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** The Markham Historical Society was formed in 1970 to collect and record the artefacts and stories that tell the history of Markham. The Society has published two volumes on Markham's History. The organization meets 8 times per year and publishes 4 newsletters annually. Members support the operation of the Markham Museum on event days and operate a model railroad for children's rides. Membership is \$10.

### **Newmarket Historical Society Archives**

**Email:** Norm Friend, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

**Phone:** 905-953-5314

**Address:** c/o Elman W. Campbell Museum , 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** A valuable community resource containing a wide variety of materials relating to the history of the Town of Newmarket, including: Microfilm birth, marriage and death records; land records; some church records; original copies of the Newmarket Era Banner; photographs; history files; books; family histories; historic industries on disc; and occasional papers by the Society itself. The Archive is located in the [Elman W. Campbell Museum](#). Appointments are strongly recommended.

### [Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario \(York Chapter\)](#)

**Website:** [www.pennsylvania-german-folklore-society.com](http://www.pennsylvania-german-folklore-society.com)

**Email:** Marlene Mattson at [mmattson@sympatico.ca](mailto:mmattson@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** 705-426-7550

**Address:** 1231 Ramara Road 47, Brechin, ON, L0K 1B0

**Description:** The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario was organized in 1951 with a mandate to "carry on research and develop an appreciation for the early settlers in Ontario, some of whom were Pennsylvania German and their contribution to our culture". The York Chapter of this Society is one of three Chapters in southern Ontario, formed in 1954; all three Chapters are located in the three areas settled by the Pennsylvania German pioneers. The other two Chapters are the Waterloo Chapter and The Twenty Chapter (Vineland/Jordan). The York Chapter covers the areas of Markham, Vaughan, Whitchurch/Stouffville and Pickering. In 2004, the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of our Pennsylvania German settlers was commemorated by the unveiling of a plaque bearing the names of all 69 of the early settler families and located on the cairn at the Markham Civic Centre. Also, an exact replica of a Conestoga wagon was built as a permanent reminder of our rich heritage and a remembrance of those who went before. Collections are privately owned, however the Society has published nineteen books and four videos to-date. Information is available by contacting the above.

### [Richmond Hill Historical Society](#)

**Email:** [avonellemonkman@hotmail.com](mailto:avonellemonkman@hotmail.com)

**Phone:** Avonelle Monkman

**Address:** P.O. Box 61527, 9350 Yonge St, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0C9

**Description:** The society does not have the facility to store anything. All documents and photos are turned over to the Main Branch of the [Richmond Hill Public Library](#). All other items are donated to the [Richmond Hill Heritage Centre](#), which is owned and operated by the town of Richmond Hill.

### [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill \(SPOHT\)](#)

**Email:** Betty Goulden (President) [betty@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:betty@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Phone:** 905-482-0077

**Address:** Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd., Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9 (same address as Thornhill Archives)

**Description:** The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT) was founded in 1974 with the aim of preserving the surviving architectural features of the historic Village of Thornhill. The society has worked to promote an awareness of local history through the production of historic plaques, walking tours, audio-visual materials, and other educational materials. The society is responsible for the Thornhill Village Festival, held annually since 1977, the establishment of the Thornhill Archives & Special Collections, and an entertaining and diverse range of guest speakers and outings hosted throughout the year.

**Vaughan Township Historical Society (VTHS)**

**Email:** Norm Rotz (President) [dnrotz@sympatico.ca](mailto:dnrotz@sympatico.ca) (905)-832-1104

**Phone:** Catherine MacFarlane (Past Secretary) 905-832-2475

**Address:** Box 851 Maple, ON, L6A 1S8

**Description:** The archival collection of the Vaughan Township Historical Society was donated to the [Vaughan City Archives](#). Many of the members of the VTHS have deep roots in Vaughan and have a wealth of information about the history of Vaughan and the genealogy of pioneer families of Vaughan.



### **Aurora Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.library.aurora.on.ca>

**Email:** (Patricia Damphouse) [pdamphouse@library.aurora.on.ca](mailto:pdamphouse@library.aurora.on.ca)

**Phone:** (Adult Information Desk) 905-727-9493, ext 275

**Address:** 15145 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1M1

**Description:** Aurora Public Library has a local history book collection and Aurora Banner / Era Banner microfilm, dating from 1877 to the present. The Banner is indexed (1991 to present) and accessible through our library catalogue; an index of Death & Marriage Notices for the Aurora Banner is available at the Adult Information Desk. Other services include census returns on microfilm for the County of York and Interlibrary Loan. Please contact Adult Information Staff for assistance at 905-727-9493, ext. 275.

### **East Gwillimbury Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.egpl.ca>.

**Email:** [infoegpl@primus.ca](mailto:infoegpl@primus.ca)

**Phone:** 905-836-6492

**Address:** East Gwillimbury Public Library, P.O. Box 1609, 19513 Yonge St  
Holland Landing, ON, L9N 1P2

**Description:** The reference collection at the library includes information on local history and genealogy. In addition, the library can borrow materials for patrons from other libraries through the interlibrary loan network, including genealogical information from the [National Archives](#) and the [Archives of Ontario](#).

### **Georgina Public Library**

**Website:** [www.georginalibrary.ca](http://www.georginalibrary.ca)

**Email:** For contact information, see [www.georginalibrary.ca](http://www.georginalibrary.ca)

**Description:** The Georgina Public Library branches house their Town archives at [Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives](#).

### **King Township Public Library/Archives**

**Website:** <http://www.king-library.on.ca/heritage.php?pageID=heritage>

**Email:** [archives@king-library.on.ca](mailto:archives@king-library.on.ca)

**Phone:** (Main Library Line) 905-833-5101

**Address:** King City Library Branch, 1970 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A6

**Description:** The King Township Archives is a partnership between the volunteers of the [King Township Historical Society](#) and the Board of the King

Township Public Library. The archives collection includes historical information on families, organizations and enterprises in King township and is recorded on the library catalogue for public use. The link on the library website "Timeless King Online: a digital collection" enables access to historic material held by the King Township Archives, The King Township Public Libraries and the Township of King. The King Township Public Library maintains a local history area that includes Tweedsmuir Histories, census material, cemetery listings, and newspapers on microfilm, families and local history information. The website provides access to listings of the collections held by the library on these topics as well as a database of Resources for Remembrance Day.

### **Markham Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca>

**Email:** [comments@markham.library.on.ca](mailto:comments@markham.library.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-513-7977

**Address:** See all locations at

<http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca/info/index.asp>

**Description:** Markham Public Library provides digital access to local history information through its Lunauweb database, which includes electronic records of the John Lunau Heritage Research collection, the [Unionville Historical Society](#), the [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill \(SPOHT\)](#), and the Women's Institute Tweedsmuir scrapbooks for Markham Village and Unionville. Lunauweb can be accessed on designated computer workstations at all MPL branches during library open hours. Through its website, Markham Public Library also provides online access to several digital exhibits about various aspects of Markham's history, for example, The Story of Markham, Berczy Settlers, Unionville 150<sup>th</sup> and Pioneer Kids and the Unionville Festival. These can be found by visiting MPL's Heritage page at <http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca/heritage/index.asp>. All original artefacts and records are held at the [Markham Museum](#) .

### **Newmarket Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.newmarketpl.ca/>

**Email:** [aref@newmarketpl.ca](mailto:aref@newmarketpl.ca)

**Phone:** (Adult Reference) 905-953-5110 ext 4770

**Address:** 438 Park Ave., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 1W1

**Description:** The Newmarket Public Library has a Local History and Genealogy Collection comprised of books and microfilm and a small Canadiana Collection. The library owns microfilm of the Era-Banner dating from 1852 to the present. The Era-Banner newspaper is indexed from 1852 to 1929, 1980-1982 and 1992 to April 2010. Parts of this index (dates and information regarding photos and articles about local people, local groups, forthcoming & special local events) are available through our website. The index for births, deaths, and marriages notices is available at the Adult Information Desk.

The Era: Newmarket's Digital Newspaper Project <http://news.ourontario.ca/newmarket/search> launched in 2010 as part of Newmarket's Shared Digital Infrastructure project. Links from the library website's Genealogy, Local History, and Databases web pages take researchers to a searchable resource of newspaper images and indexed articles. The library adds content to the digitized collection. In May 2011 the years available are 1852-1861, 1874-1882 and 1930-1950.

Other available materials include microfilm of Census returns for Newmarket and parts of the surrounding area, Cemetery Listings for most of York Region, and a newspaper clipping file. The library also subscribes to the Toronto Star Pages of the Past (high quality digital images in the original page format from 1892 to 2006) and Ancestry Library Edition. These two databases are available for "In Library Access" only.

The Newmarket Public Library borrows material for library users through Interlibrary Loan. These materials include genealogical information from the National Library & Archives of Canada and the Archives of Ontario.

#### **Richmond Hill Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca/>

**Phone:** 905-884-9288 ext 320

**Address:** 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0H5

**Description:** Resources in the Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Room include the Helen Schwab Collection (genealogical data on founding families of York, Durham and Peel Regions); an online photograph collection; census returns; birth, marriage and death records; wills and estate files on microfilm for many Ontario Counties; and the holdings of the York Region Branch Ontario Genealogical Society library as well as family records, letters and other primary manuscripts.

#### **Vaughan Public Libraries: Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905-653-7323 - ask for Bathurst Clark Information

**Address:** 900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8C1

**Description:** The Bathurst Clark Resource Library holds Vaughan Public Libraries' Local Studies collection, which includes Local History, Genealogy, and Municipal Documents. Most items are books and other published material entered into the library catalogue, but the collection also includes vertical files, newspaper clippings, local periodicals and archival material.

Periodicals include the Vaughan Citizen from 2001 to the present, the Vaughan Weekly from 1994 to the present, and an incomplete collection of the Thornhill Month from 1979-1999 (all in paper). Archival material includes the Woodbridge Women's Institute Meeting Books, Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival Guides, Woodbridge Fair Programs, and other uncatalogued material.

### **Vaughan Public Libraries: Dufferin Clark Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905-653-7323 – ask for Dufferin Clark Information

**Address:** 1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7R4

**Description:** The Dufferin Clark Library holds Vaughan Public Libraries' Black Heritage collection, which contains Black Canadian and Caribbean literature, as well as material on Black history and culture. The collection covers the Black experience in general, in Canada specifically, and also includes materials that are African and Afro-American in focus. Materials are both research and enjoyment focused. There are many formats in this collection as it contains print reference and circulating materials, videos and DVDs, as well as recommended links. Materials are for all age groups.

### **Vaughan Public Libraries: Woodbridge Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905-653-7323 - ask for Woodbridge Information

**Address:** 150 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 2S7

**Description:** The Woodbridge Library houses a collection of material about the Woodbridge area including binders of newspaper clippings; a copy of the Burwick Women's Institute Tweedsmuir history; and a cabinet of books from the Woodbridge Mechanic's Institute, the original public library in Woodbridge.

### **Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.whitchurch-library.on.ca/>

**Email:** [wsplinfo@whitchurch-library.on.ca](mailto:wsplinfo@whitchurch-library.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-642-7323 ext 230

**Address:** 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville, ON, L4A 4K1

**Description:** The reference department has a large range of information on hand including government documents, current and historical data relating to the community and a local report file.



### **Black Creek Pioneer Village**

**Website:** [www.blackcreek.ca](http://www.blackcreek.ca),

<http://blackcreek.temp.sentex.ca/bcpv/srchitem.html>

**Email:** [bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca](mailto:bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca) (general inquiries)

**Phone:** (Main Line) 416-736-1733, Jim Hunter (Collections Registrar) ext 5423,

**Address:** 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto, ON, M3J 2P3

**Description:** The Black Creek Pioneer Village collection provides an expansive representation of nineteenth century life in a rural crossroads village up to the period of Confederation. Simulating the development of the Province whose story it tells, it has grown from its agricultural roots to include archival material, social and domestic artefacts, books, fine art, furniture, machinery, textiles and tools, many with a local community association to the history of Toronto and York Region. Two significant parts of the collection include toys (the Percy Band Toy Collection of over 2,000 objects) and lighting (the Catherine Thuro Lighting Collection of over 150 working kerosene lamps). The latter is featured annually each December at Black Creek Pioneer Village during the "Christmas By Lamplight" special events.

The collection at Black Creek Pioneer Village originated in 1954 with a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snider of seventy pioneer tools dating from the early to mid-nineteenth century. The collection has grown over the last fifty years to over 50,000 acquisitions obtain from 2,911 donors. In addition, various artefacts have been acquired through funding that has been provided by the Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, the Heritage Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Culture, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Wintario. Included in the collection are a number of original books pertaining to nineteenth century social history, foodways, trades, technology, and material culture.

York Regional history is represented in the collection through various archival documents relating to the Stong, Snider and Fisher families, who were founding settlers in the area. The collection also includes a number of York Region land documents and family Bibles associated with some of the Region's founding families (Dalziel and Fisher). In addition, there are a number of nineteenth century artworks that are portraits of early York residents in the collection. Also located at Black Creek Pioneer Village is a community cemetery with 15 gravesites associated with area founding families (Stong, Kaiser and Hoover). Also on the Village property is a family plot associated with the Dalziel family.

A small portion of the collection is available online through the Village's website [www.blackcreek.ca](http://www.blackcreek.ca), where it may be searched by number, name, maker, place reference (*e.g.*, Vaughan), and subject heading. Each record has at least one thumb-nail, which links the user to images of the item in question. At the moment the online catalogue is not yet complete, however more descriptions are being added.

### **Church Street School Cultural Centre**

**Address:** 22 Church Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1G4

**Description:** The Church Street School Cultural Centre was originally a joint project between the Town of Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society. The Church Street School is a designated historical building that has been renovated in order to provide the Town of Aurora with a combined arts and heritage facility. The Centre is a separately incorporated organization with close ties to both the Town and the Historical Society. The artefact and archival collections of the Aurora Historical Society are currently held here. For access to the collections please contact the Aurora Historical Society.

### **Eildon Hall Memorial Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/sibb.html>

**Phone:** June – August: 905-722-7587; Main line of park 905-722-8061

**Address:** R.R. #2 Sutton West, ON, L0E 1R0

**Description:** The manor, previously owned by the Sibbald family, dates back to 1835. This quaint manor now holds a variety of furniture and artefacts that the Sibbald family collected over the years from across the globe. Their 500 acre family farm-land is now open to all to enjoy as Sibbald Point Provincial Park. The family church of St. George adjoins the park and was erected as a memorial to the family matriarch, Susan Sibbald.

**Hours of Operation:** July to August on Tues - Sun., from 1-4 pm

**Admission:** Free, donations gladly accepted.

### **Elman W. Campbell Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.newmarket.ca/en/elmanw.campbellmuseum.asp>

**Email:** [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

**Phone:** Beth Sinyard 905-953-5314

**Address:** 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** The Elman W. Campbell Museum houses a general history collection relating to Newmarket's development from the time of the first settlers in 1801 to thirty years ago. The collection's strongest areas are tools, furniture, textiles, personal gear, toys, radios, twentieth-century technology, agricultural implements, arts and crafts, dental equipment, housewares, and archaeological collections. Of particular interest are objects relating to significant families and businesses, including portraits and furniture from the Roe family, a tall clock from the Srigley family, scales from the first post office, objects from the Davis Leather, Office Specialty, Cane

Woodenware and Dixon Pencil companies. There is also a model railroad depicting downtown Newmarket in 1924. The collection is housed in the historically designated 1884 North York Registry Office, which also contains the [Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#) and [Heritage Newmarket](#).

### [Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives](#)

**Website:** [www.georginapioneervillage.ca](http://www.georginapioneervillage.ca)

**Email:** Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) [curator@georgina.ca](mailto:curator@georgina.ca);

Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) [gpv\\_archives@yahoo.ca](mailto:gpv_archives@yahoo.ca)

**Phone:** 905-476-4305 ext 284

**Address:** 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1

**Description:** The archives are comprised of records created by the councils of the former townships of Georgina and North Gwillimbury, as well as the Village of Sutton. These records date back from 1850 to about 1970. The Archives also contain a large number of personal family documents and photographs, as well as a reference collection that contains published material relevant to Georgina, scrapbooks, family trees and histories, as well as family files compiled by members of the Georgina Historical Society since its inception 40 years ago. The Georgina Pioneer Village is a heritage showcase for the community's local history. Located near the south shores of Lake Simcoe, this ten acre site is home to fourteen buildings that interpret life in Georgina between the 1850s and the 1920s, including a backwoods log house, a general store, a train station, a church and a schoolhouse.

### [Heritage Schoolhouse \(Museum and Archives Site\)](#)

**Website:** [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse) (there is also a link through the York Region District School board website)

**Email:** [heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-470-6119

**Address:** 21 Renfrew Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 8H3

**Description:** Collects artefacts and archival material that reflects the history of Education in York Region (York Region District School Board); including the history of local schools (past and present). Records date back to the 1850s. Open to the public by appointment only.

### [Hillary House National Historic Site and the Koffler Museum of Medicine](#)

**Website:** <http://www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca/>

**Email:** [ahs@aurorahs.com](mailto:ahs@aurorahs.com)

**Phone:** 905-727-8991

**Address:** 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1N8

**Description:** The Hillary House contains a significant collection of medical instruments, books, papers, household furnishings, and equipment dating from the early nineteenth to the late twentieth century. The Museum is an initiative of the [Aurora Historical Society](#). Hillary House is open for tours for casual visitors and for organized groups (but space is limited).

### **King Township Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.king.ca>

**Email:** [kingmuseum@king.ca](mailto:kingmuseum@king.ca)

**Phone:** 905-833-2331

**Address:** 2920 King Rd., King City, ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** A local history museum with a collection featuring nineteenth century children's toys and clothing, the Crawford Wells General Store accounts register and display cases as well as two buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act: the King Christian Church circa 1851 and King Station, the oldest surviving railway station in Ontario built circa 1852. The exhibit gallery and offices are housed in the original Schoolhouse SS #23, built circa 1861.

### **Markham Museum**

**Website:**

<http://www.markham.ca/Markham/Attractions/Museum/research.htm>

**Email:** [museuminfo@markham.ca](mailto:museuminfo@markham.ca)

**Phone:** Heather McKeown (Curatorial Asst.) 905-294-4576 ext 23

**Address:** Markham Museum , 9350 Hwy. 48, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** Resources include the following: Family Files; Published & Unpublished Genealogies; Wideman Collection; Notices of Births, Marriages & Deaths; Thornhill & Area Obituaries; Memorial Inscriptions; Abstract Index of Deeds; Berczy Census, 1803; Township Census Records; Published Books; Subject Files; Town & Village Histories; Maps; Municipal Assessment Rolls; Collector's Rolls & Voter's Lists; and Miscellaneous Documentary Artefacts (Deeds, Ledgers, Diaries, Journals & Photographs); Birth, Marriage & Death Records (1766-1913), St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Unionville; Early Marriages in the Home District; Index to York County Marriages; 1858-1869 Directories; and a newspaper collection for the Markham Economist and Sun.

### **Richmond Hill Heritage Centre**

**Website:** <http://www.richmondhill.ca/heritagecentre>

**Email:** [mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca](mailto:mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca)

**Phone:** Maggie Mackenzie at 905-737-8985 ext 6007

**Address:** 19 Church Street North, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3E6

**Description:** An 1840's Regency style cottage fully restored to reflect this historical period. The Centre's programming and exhibitions highlight the rich history of the community. The Collection houses artifacts of Richmond Hill's past to include Phyllis Rawlinson, Langstaff and local archaeological excavations. In addition, on-site historical Property Roll Assessment Information.

### **Sharon Temple, National Historic Site and Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.sharontemple.ca/>

**Email:** [info@sharontemple.ca](mailto:info@sharontemple.ca)

**Phone:** 905-478-2389

**Address:** Sharon Temple Historic Site, 18974 Leslie St., Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0

**Description:** In the 1820s, a small idealistic community fashioned a dramatic architectural testament to its vision. The Temple of the Children of Peace at Sharon is now a national historic site. The collection includes genealogical information and artefacts.

### **Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum**

**Website:** [www.townofws.com/museum](http://www.townofws.com/museum)

**Email:** [wsmuseum@townofws.ca](mailto:wsmuseum@townofws.ca)

**Phone:** 905-727- 8954; toll free 1-888-290-0337.

**Address:** 14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley, ON, L0H 1G0

**Description:** The Museum was established in 1971 and houses a general history collection that interprets the histories of the former Township of Whitchurch and Village of Stouffville from the time of the earliest settlers to fifty years ago. The Museum site covers about two acres and includes five historic structures: the Bogarttown Schoolhouse, constructed in 1857 and believed to be the oldest brick schoolhouse still standing in Southern Ontario outside of Toronto; a pioneer Log Cabin, circa 1850; the Brown House, a Victorian farmhouse constructed by James Brown in 1857 and restored to reflect the 1880s; a Barn which was dismantled and reassembled at the Museum in 1983 with an authentic raising bee; and the Vandorf Public School, first constructed in 1870 and also an OPP Headquarters from 1957-'71. The Museum's collection of over 13,000 items contains furniture, household furnishings, textiles, personal artefacts, and tools and agricultural equipment. The Museum also maintains an archive of historic photographs and documents relating the history and development of the numerous families and hamlets that created the former Township of Whitchurch and the Village of Stouffville. Researchers are encouraged to call ahead to book an appointment. Our new Visitor Centre will be open this summer.



### **Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee Committee**

**Website:** [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca)

**Email:** [malnabhan@aurora.ca](mailto:malnabhan@aurora.ca)

**Phone:** Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design  
(905) 727-3123, ext. 4351

**Address:** 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1

**Description:** Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee is a municipal Advisory Committee with the role of advising Council on all matters relating to the conservation of properties of historical or architectural value and on all matters relating to the designation and preservation of heritage properties and conservation districts in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. The Committee also advises Council on new applications within the heritage recourse area, as identified in the Town of Aurora's Official Plan. The Heritage Planning and Urban Design Division is part of the Planning and Development Services and provide technical and administrative support to the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee. The Town of Aurora maintains an inventory/register of all properties of cultural heritage value or interest in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act requirements. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive, however, copies of designation by laws and information on heritage properties can be made available to the public upon request. The Aurora Historical Society maintains the official historical archives for the Town of Aurora.

### **Aurora Historical Society**

**Website:** <http://www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca>

**Email:** [ahs@aurorahs.com](mailto:ahs@aurorahs.com)

**Phone:** (Catherine Molloy) 905-727-8991

**Address:** 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1N8

**Description:** Oversees [Hillary House](#) and the [Koffler Museum of Medicine](#).

### **Aurora Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.library.aurora.on.ca>

**Email:** (Patricia Damphouse) [pdamphouse@library.aurora.on.ca](mailto:pdamphouse@library.aurora.on.ca)

**Phone:** (Adult Information Desk) 905-727-9493, ext 275

**Address:** 15145 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1M1

**Description:** Aurora Public Library has a local history book collection and Aurora Banner / Era Banner microfilm, dating from 1877 to the present. The Banner is indexed (1991 to present) and accessible through our library catalogue; an index of Death & Marriage Notices for the Aurora Banner is

available at the Adult Information Desk. Other services include census returns on microfilm for the County of York and Interlibrary Loan. Please contact Adult Information Staff for assistance at 905-727-9493, ext. 275.

### **Church Street School Cultural Centre**

**Address:** 22 Church Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1G4

**Description:** The Church Street School Cultural Centre was originally a joint project between the Town of Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society. The Church Street School is a designated historical building that has been renovated in order to provide the Town of Aurora with a combined arts and heritage facility. The Centre is a separately incorporated organization with close ties to both the Town and the Historical Society. The artefact and archival collections of the Aurora Historical Society are currently held here. For access to the collections please contact the [Aurora Historical Society](#).

### **Hillary House Koffler Museum of Medicine**

**Website:** <http://www.hillaryhouse.ca>

**Email:** [HillaryHouse@aci.on.ca](mailto:HillaryHouse@aci.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-727-4015

**Address:** 15372 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON, L4G 1N8

**Description:** The Hillary House contains a significant collection of medical instruments, books, papers, household furnishings, and equipment dating from the early nineteenth to the late twentieth century. The Museum is an initiative of the [Aurora Historical Society](#). Hillary House is open for tours for casual visitors and for organized groups (but space is limited).

### **St. Andrew's College Archives**

**Website:** <http://www.sac.on.ca/discover/history-of-sac/index.aspx>

**Archivist:** Dr Sue Hayter

**Email:** [suehayter@sac.on.ca](mailto:suehayter@sac.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-727-3178 ext 281

**Address:** St. Andrew's College, 15800 Yonge St., Aurora, ON, L4G 3H7

**Description:** St. Andrew's College was established in Toronto in 1899. The Archives was created to collect, preserve and promote records, artefacts, papers and memorabilia connected with St. Andrew's College, as well as to supply information about the history of St. Andrew's to members of the School community and the public at large. Visits to the Archives may be arranged by contacting the Archivist.



### **East Gwillimbury Historical Society**

**Website:**

[http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town\\_Hall/About\\_Our\\_Town/History/E\\_G\\_Historical\\_Society.htm](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town_Hall/About_Our_Town/History/E_G_Historical_Society.htm)

**Phone:** Nancy Eves (President) 905-478-2149

**Address:** 20893 Woodbine Ave. RR#1, Queensville, ON, L0G 1R0

**Description:** This collection is privately owned and not meant for public use; however, enquiries by phone are encouraged. The Society has extensive resources and is in the process of publishing a book of history on the area.

### **East Gwillimbury Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.egpl.ca>.

**Email:** [infoegpl@primus.ca](mailto:infoegpl@primus.ca)

**Phone:** 905-836-6492

**Address:** East Gwillimbury Public Library , P.O. Box 1609, 19513 Yonge St., Holland Landing, ON, L9N 1P2

**Description:** The reference collection at the library includes information on local history and genealogy. In addition, the library can borrow materials for patrons from other libraries through the interlibrary loan network, including genealogical information from the **National Archives** and the **Archives of Ontario**.

### **Heritage East Gwillimbury**

**Website:**

[http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Council/Advisory\\_Committees/Heritage\\_East\\_Gwillimbury\\_Advisory\\_Committee.htm](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Council/Advisory_Committees/Heritage_East_Gwillimbury_Advisory_Committee.htm)

**Email:** [ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:ckellington@eastgwillimbury.ca)

**Phone:** Carolyn Kellington 905-478-4282 ext 3808

**Address:** 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0

**Description:** Advises and assists council on matters relating to Properties of Heritage Significance as well as the Heritage Designation of individual properties and Heritage Districts under Parts IV and Part V of the Heritage Act. Assistance is available to advise homeowners about renovation or alterations to heritage properties.

### **Sharon Temple, National Historic Site and Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.sharontemple.ca/>

**Email:** [info@sharontemple.ca](mailto:info@sharontemple.ca)

**Phone:** 905-478-2389

**Address:** Sharon Temple Historic Site, 18974 Leslie St., Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0

**Description:** In the 1820s, a small idealistic community fashioned a dramatic architectural testament to its vision. The Temple of the Children of Peace at Sharon is now a national historic site. Most of the archives are stored in Pickering College, although some are on site.



### **Eildon Hall Memorial Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/sibb.html>

**Phone:** June – August: 905-722-7587; Main line of park 905-722-8061

**Address:** R.R. #2 Sutton West, ON, L0E 1R0

**Description:** The manor, previously owned by the Sibbald family, dates back to 1835. This quaint manor now holds a variety of furniture and artefacts that the Sibbald family collected over the years from across the globe. Their 500 acre family farm-land is now open to all to enjoy as Sibbald Point Provincial Park. The family church of St. George adjoins the park and was erected as a memorial to the family matriarch, Susan Sibbald.

**Hours of Operation:** July to August on Tues - Sun., from 1-4 pm

**Admission:** Free, donations gladly accepted.

### **Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives**

**Website:** [www.georginapioneervillage.ca](http://www.georginapioneervillage.ca)

**Email:** Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) [curator@georgina.ca](mailto:curator@georgina.ca);  
Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) [gpv\\_archives@yahoo.ca](mailto:gpv_archives@yahoo.ca)

**Phone:** 905-476-4305 ext 284

**Address:** 26557 Civic Centre Road, Keswick, ON, L4P 3G1

**Description:** The archives is comprised of records created by the councils of the former townships of Georgina and North Gwillimbury, as well as the Village of Sutton. These records date back from 1850 to about 1970. The Archives also contain a large number of personal family documents and photographs, as well as a reference collection that contains published material relevant to Georgina, scrapbooks, family trees and histories, as well as family files compiled by members of the Georgina Historical Society since its inception 40 years ago. The Georgina Pioneer Village is a heritage showcase for the community's local history. Located near the south shores of Lake Simcoe, this ten acre site is home to fourteen buildings that interpret life in Georgina between the 1850s and the 1920s, including a backwoods log house, a general store, a train station, a church and a schoolhouse.

### **Georgina Public Library**

**Website:** [www.georginalibrary.ca](http://www.georginalibrary.ca)

**Email:** For contact information, see [www.georginalibrary.ca](http://www.georginalibrary.ca)

**Description:** The Georgina Public Library houses the Town archives at [Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives](#).



### **Arts Society King (ASK)**

**Website:** [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca)

**Email:** [info@artsocietyking.ca](mailto:info@artsocietyking.ca)

**Phone:** 905-939-9357

**Address:** King Township Museum - 2920 King Rd., King City, ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** Our aim is to establish and maintain an organization in King Township that fosters inspiration, understanding and appreciation for the arts, heritage and nature. Our two primary goals are: a) to organize an annual arts festival for King Township. b) To provide support services to the arts, heritage and nature communities in King Township for the purpose of enhancing communication, education and the promotion of their respective activities.

### **The Country Day School**

**Website:** <http://www.cds.on.ca>

**Email:** [communications@cds.on.ca](mailto:communications@cds.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-833-1220

**Address:** 13415 Dufferin Street, King City, ON, L7B 1K5

**Description:** The school holds archival photographs of the original school building, formerly known as Eversley School which was founded in 1843 and moved across the road in 1883.

### **Heritage King**

**Website:** [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)

**Email:** [online@king.ca](mailto:online@king.ca)

**Address:** c/o Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, 2075 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1

**Description:** Heritage King, formerly known as King Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, consists of between 5 and 11 members including a member of Council. The Committee is made up of volunteers with expertise in community and heritage matters. Members are appointed by Council by-law in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act. The function of the committee is to advise Council on heritage matters and assist the Council in carrying out its heritage conservation program.

### **King Township Historical Society**

**Address:** 2920 King Rd. King City, ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** King Township Historical Society is an affiliate of the Ontario Historical Society; its main focus is to promote understanding and knowledge of King Township's past and the contribution by its residents to the development of the province and of Canada as a whole. The Society sponsors seven events during the calendar year, all organized by its volunteer members and featuring outstanding speakers who are experts in various areas of heritage lore. In addition to its meetings, usually held at the King Township Museum, the Society has accomplished significant projects such as the founding of the Archives, restoration of the Loyd town Cemetery, preservation of the venerable King Railway Station among other invaluable services to keep community memories vital. Membership is open to everyone.

### **King Township Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.king.ca>

**Email:** [kingmuseum@king.ca](mailto:kingmuseum@king.ca)

**Phone:** 905-833-2331

**Address:** 2920 King Rd. King City ON, L7B 1L6

**Description:** A local history museum with a collection featuring nineteenth century children's toys and clothing, the Crawford Wells General Store accounts register and display cases as well as two buildings designated under the Ontario Heritage Act: the King Christian Church circa 1851 and King Station, the oldest surviving railway station in Ontario built circa 1852. The exhibit gallery and offices are housed in the original Schoolhouse SS #23, built circa 1861.

### **King Township Public Library/Archives**

**Website:** <http://www.king-library.on.ca/heritage.cfm?pageID=heritage>

**Email:** [archives@king-library.on.ca](mailto:archives@king-library.on.ca)

**Phone:** (Main Library Line) 905-833-5101

**Address:** King City Library Branch, 1970 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A6

**Description:** The King Township Archives is a partnership between the volunteers of the **King Township Historical Society** and the Board of the King Township Public Library. The archives collection includes historical information on families, organizations and enterprises in King township and is recorded on the library catalogue for public use. The link on the library website "Timeless King Online: a digital collection" enables access to historic material held by the King Township Archives, The King Township Public Libraries and the Township of King. The King Township Public Library maintains a local history area that includes Tweedsmuir Histories, census material, cemetery listings, newspapers on microfilm, and families and local history information. The website provides access to listings of the collections held by the library on these topics as well as a database of Resources for Remembrance Day. The King Township Archives room may be visited by

appointment at the King City Public Library. For information or donations to the Archives please call 905-833-5101 or email [archives@king-library.on.ca](mailto:archives@king-library.on.ca).

### **The Loydtown Rebellion Association**

**E-mail:** For contact information please ask at [info@artssocietyking.ca](mailto:info@artssocietyking.ca)

**Description:** This friendly group, begun by Mrs. Margery Coons of Loydtown, has grown from a tiny membership ten years ago, to over a hundred participants today. Its mandate is to preserve, promote and publish the heritage of King Township's part in the formative 1837 Rebellion. It is also known as the Mackenzie Rebellion led by newspaperman, William Lyon Mackenzie in Toronto but having its leaders largely in King and nearby townships. The Rebellion was a popular uprising against the Family Compact, an elite power network based in Toronto. It aimed initially at reform within the governing structure but ultimately came to see independence from Britain as a possibility. The rebels and reformers were largely from the farming community but the leadership were comfortable landowners, doctors, lawyers, printers and ministers who saw the suffering of all at the Compact's hands. Their grievances involved a dictatorial government by the rich, unjust land tenure and taxation, lack of universal education, suppression of the press and freedom of speech, domination by the Anglican Church, arrest without trial, lack of roads and a failing economy. The Rebellion, which saw a march upon Toronto from the outlying districts, led chiefly under Samuel Lount and Jesse Lloyd of Loydtown, floundered for lack of communication and training as did its counterpart in Lower Canada (Quebec) under Papineau. In its aftermath, hundreds of rebels fled from the noose or long deportation and exile. Thousands escaped to the USA never to return, redefining the population of Canada. The result of it was successful however, since it led to the writing of Lord Durham's Report which sided with the rebel grievances and called for their redress. The rebels had won representative government for Canada by their sacrifices.

The Association, many of whose members are rebel descendants or interested amateur historians, holds meetings on the latest discoveries about the Rebellion with guest speakers but also does costumed parade marches, spirit walks at Christmas, plays, readings, fun dinners, bonfire story nights and other community events. We receive many requests for information and do school and bus tours to the Rebel Statue erected by our group under the guidance of Mrs. Coons and then- president, Brian Beatty with the entire village in 2003. The 8- foot bronze statue, commissioned by the LRA represents all 1837 rebels and the spirit of freedom. It is the only one of its kind in Ontario. Like the rebels, the society embraces people from all walks of life and all backgrounds .If you care about freedom or being Canadian, please contact the society for a warm welcome. A pamphlet is also available to all.



### **Heritage Markham**

**Website:** [www.markham.ca/Heritage](http://www.markham.ca/Heritage)

**Email:** [heritage@markham.ca](mailto:heritage@markham.ca)

**Phone:** Regan Hutcheson 905-477-7000 ext 2080

**Address:** 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

**Description:** Heritage Markham is the municipal heritage advisory committee for the Town of Markham. Staff in the Heritage Section of the Planning and Urban Design Department provides technical and administrative assistance to Heritage Markham. The Heritage Section prepares designation and research reports for properties of cultural heritage value and interest. Copies can be made available to the public upon request. We also maintain an inventory/register of all properties of cultural heritage value or interest in the municipality. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive. The Markham Museum contains the official historical archives for the Town of Markham.

### **Heritage Schoolhouse (Museum and Archives Site)**

**Website:** [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/heritage.schoolhouse) (there is also a link through the York Region District School board website)

**Email:** [heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-470-6119

**Address:** 21 Renfrew Drive, Markham, ON, L3R 8H3

**Description:** Collects artefacts and archival material that reflects the history of Education in York Region (York Region District School Board); including the history of local schools (past and present). Records date back to the 1850s. Open to the public by appointment only.

### **Markham Berczy Settlers Association**

**Website:** [www.markhamberczysettlers.ca](http://www.markhamberczysettlers.ca)

**Email:** Lorne R. Smith (Secretary) [lorne.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorne.smith@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** 905-640-3906

**Address:** 10292 McCowan Road, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** The objectives of the Corporation (formed in 1991) are: to establish an Association of the descendants of the original Berczy settlers who settled in the Township of Markham, and to foster the study, recording and commemoration of their history, culture and their contribution to the economic and social life of the Township of Markham.

### **Markham Conservancy**

**Website:** [www.markhamvillage.ca](http://www.markhamvillage.ca)

**Email:** [contact@markhamvillage.ca](mailto:contact@markhamvillage.ca)

**Phone:** 905-201-1453

**Address:** 214 Main Street Markham North, Markham, ON, L3P 1Y5

**Description:** The Markham Village Train Station was built in 1871 and has been historically restored and currently serves as a functioning station for GO Transit. The Markham Village Conservancy raised the funds, in co-operation with many other supporters, and currently manages the Station. They are currently working with the town to create a town square, are a watchdog for any development affecting Markham Village, and have been a part of Doors Open Markham since its inception. There are two rooms which are available for renting by members of the community for meetings, classes and social functions.

### **Markham Historical Society**

**Email:** [lorne.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:lorne.smith@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** Lorne Smith (Secretary) 905-640-3906

**Address:** 10292 McCowan Road, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** The Markham Historical Society was formed in 1970 to collect and record the artefacts and stories that tell the history of Markham. The Society has published two volumes on Markham's History. The organization meets 8 times per year and publishes 4 newsletters annually. Members support the operation of the Markham Museum on event days and operate a model railroad for children's rides. Membership is \$10.

### **Markham Museum**

**Website:**

<http://www.markham.ca/Markham/Attractions/Museum/research.htm>

**Email:** [museuminfo@markham.ca](mailto:museuminfo@markham.ca)

**Phone:** Heather McKeown (Curatorial Asst.) 905-294-4576 ext 23

**Address:** Markham Museum , 9350 Hwy. 48, Markham, ON, L3P 3J3

**Description:** Resources include the following: Family Files; Published & Unpublished Genealogies; Wideman Collection; Notices of Births, Marriages & Deaths; Thornhill & Area Obituaries; Memorial Inscriptions; Abstract Index of Deeds; Berczy Census, 1803; Township Census Records; Published Books; Subject Files; Town & Village Histories; Maps; Municipal Assessment Rolls; Collector's Rolls & Voter's Lists; and Miscellaneous Documentary Artefacts (Deeds, Ledgers, Diaries, Journals & Photographs); Birth, Marriage & Death Records (1766-1913), St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Unionville; Early Marriages in the Home District; Index to York County Marriages; 1858-1869 Directories; and a newspaper collection for the Markham Economist and Sun.

### **Markham Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca>

**Email:** [comments@markham.library.on.ca](mailto:comments@markham.library.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-513-7977

**Address:** See all locations at

<http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca/info/index.asp>

**Description:** Markham Public Library provides digital access to local history information through its Lunauweb database, which includes electronic records of the John Lunau Heritage Research collection, the [Unionville Historical Society](#), the [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill \(SPOHT\)](#), and the Women's Institute Tweedsmuir scrapbooks for Markham Village and Unionville. Lunauweb can be accessed on designated computer workstations at all MPL branches during library open hours. Through its website, Markham Public Library also provides online access to several digital exhibits about various aspects of Markham's history, for example, The Story of Markham, Berczy Settlers, Unionville 150<sup>th</sup> and Pioneer Kids and the Unionville Festival. These can be found by visiting MPL's Heritage page at <http://www.markhampubliclibrary.ca/heritage/index.asp>. All original artefacts and records are held at the [Markham Museum](#).

### [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill \(SPOHT\)](#)

**Email:** Betty Goulden (President) [betty@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:betty@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Phone:** 905-482-0077

**Address:** Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd., Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9 (same address as Thornhill Archives)

**Description:** The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT) was founded in 1974 with the aim of preserving the surviving architectural features of the historic Village of Thornhill. The society has worked to promote an awareness of local history through the production of historic plaques, walking tours, audio-visual materials, and other educational materials. The society is responsible for the Thornhill Village Festival, held annually since 1977, the establishment of the Thornhill Archives & Special Collections, and an entertaining and diverse range of guest speakers and outings hosted throughout the year.

### [Thornhill Archives & Special Collections](#)

**Website:** <http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/archives/>

**Address:** The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill – Archives, P.O. Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd. Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9

**Description:** Includes online exhibits. Records cover a period from the mid-19th century to the present day. All records have come from private individuals and groups (no local government records). There are a growing number of family collections containing large and small documents, photographs, scrapbooks, journals, and memorabilia from Thornhill places, people and events. There are information files, genealogical resources, photograph collections, maps plans and surveys, an audiovisual collection, an artefact collection, and an art collection. This group is organized by the [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill](#).



### **Canadian Quaker Archives at Pickering College**

**Website:** <http://www.pickeringcollege.on.ca>

**Email:** [info@pickeringcollege.on.ca](mailto:info@pickeringcollege.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-895-1700

**Address:** 16945 Bayview Ave., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4X2

**Description:** The Canadian Quaker Archives of the Canadian Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is housed at Pickering College in Newmarket. The records of Friends' Monthly and Yearly Meetings in Canada are housed here. The Arthur G. Dorland Collection, a Friends Historical Research Library is an Archives component. The Sharon Temple Archives are also deposited here with access through the Sharon Temple Director. The Archives is open during regular school hours by appointment only.

### **Elman W. Campbell Museum**

**Website:** <http://www.newmarket.ca/en/elmanw.campbellmuseum.asp>

**Email:** [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

**Phone:** Beth Sinyard 905-953-5314

**Address:** 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** The Elman W. Campbell Museum houses a general history collection relating to Newmarket's development from the time of the first settlers in 1801 to thirty years ago. The collection's strongest areas are tools, furniture, textiles, personal gear, toys, radios, twentieth-century technology, agricultural implements, arts and crafts, dental equipment, housewares, and archaeological collections. Of particular interest are objects relating to significant families and businesses, including portraits and furniture from the Roe family, a tall clock from the Srigley family, scales from the first post office, objects from the Davis Leather, Office Specialty, Cane Woodenware and Dixon Pencil companies. There is also a model railroad depicting downtown Newmarket in 1924. The collection is housed in the historically designated 1884 North York Registry Office, which also contains the [Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#) and [Heritage Newmarket](#).

### **Heritage Newmarket**

**Website:** <http://www.newmarket.ca/en/lifestyle/historicnewmarket.asp>

**Email:** [ronaldmarriott@sympatico.ca](mailto:ronaldmarriott@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** Ron Marriott (Chair) 905-895-4418

**Address:** 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** The Heritage Newmarket office contains information about many of the early settlers of Newmarket along with information of where they settled and their importance to the development of Newmarket. Along with the history of the property, we document the architectural significance of important buildings in town such as the Christian Baptist Church, Quaker Meeting House, The Post Office and many more. We also have a Heritage plaque service that is provided for buildings that are deemed to be of architectural interest to the community. All of this information is available in the Heritage Newmarket Office that is located in the same building as the [Elman W. Campbell Museum](#) and [Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#).

### [Newmarket Historical Society Archives](#)

**Email:** Norm Friend, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o [elmanmuseum@rogers.com](mailto:elmanmuseum@rogers.com)

**Phone:** 905-953-5314

**Address:** c/o Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main Street South, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 3Y7

**Description:** A valuable community resource containing a wide variety of materials relating to the history of the Town of Newmarket, including: Microfilm birth, marriage and death records; land records; some church records; original copies of the Newmarket Era Banner; photographs; history files; books; family histories; historic industries on disc; and occasional papers by the Society itself. The Archive is located in the [Elman W. Campbell Museum](#). Appointments are strongly recommended.

### [Newmarket Local Government Archives](#)

**Email:** Liz Gibson [lgibson@newmarket.ca](mailto:lgibson@newmarket.ca)

**Phone:** 905-953-5300 ext 2212

**Address:** Clerk's Department, 395 Mulock Drive, PO Box 328, STN Main, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4X7

**Description:** The Town of Newmarket does not have a designated Archive, but does have by-laws that date back to the late 1800s.

### [Newmarket Public Library](#)

**Website:** <http://www.newmarketpl.ca/>

**Email:** [aref@newmarketpl.ca](mailto:aref@newmarketpl.ca)

**Phone:** (Adult Reference) 905-953-5110 ext 4770

**Address:** 438 Park Ave., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 1W1

**Description:** The Newmarket Public Library has a Local History and Genealogy Collection comprised of books and microfilm and a small Canadiana Collection. The library owns microfilm of the Era-Banner dating from 1852 to the present. The Era-Banner newspaper is indexed from 1852 to 1929, 1980-1982 and 1992 to the present. Parts of this index (dates and information regarding photos and articles about local people, local groups, forthcoming & special local events) are available through our website. The index for births, deaths, and marriages notices is available at the Adult Information Desk.

Other available materials include microfilm of Census returns for Newmarket and parts of the surrounding area, Cemetery Listings for most of York Region, and a newspaper clipping file.

The library also subscribes to the Toronto Star Pages of the Past (high quality digital images in the original page format from 1892 to 2006) and Ancestry Library Edition. These two databases are available for "In Library Access" only.

The Newmarket Public Library borrows material for library users through Interlibrary Loan. These materials include genealogical information from the National Library & Archives of Canada and the Archives of Ontario.

### **Regional Municipality of York Archives**

**Website:** <http://www.york.ca>

**Email:** Ann Marie Kaczmarczyk, [annmarie.kaczmarczyk@york.ca](mailto:annmarie.kaczmarczyk@york.ca)

**Phone:** 905-830-4444 ext 1335

**Address:** 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6Z1

**Description:** The Regional Archives holds the Municipal Council minutes and other government related documents for York Region. The Archives also includes selected records from the Home District Council (Minutes and By-laws from 1842 to 1849), the United Counties of York and Peel (Minutes from 1850 to 1865 with gaps), from York County (Minutes, Report and By-laws from 1855 to 1936 with gaps), the Toronto and York Roads Commission (Minutes and Records from 1911 to 1971), and Wardens and Commissioners Minutes from 1942 to 1970. The collection also includes an assortment of photographs and artefacts, and a reference library on York Region history.



### **Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario (York Chapter)**

**Website:** [www.pennsylvania-german-folklore-society.com](http://www.pennsylvania-german-folklore-society.com)

**Email:** Marlene Mattson at [mmattson@sympatico.ca](mailto:mmattson@sympatico.ca)

**Phone:** 705-426-7550

**Address:** 1231 Ramara Road 47, Brechin, ON, L0K 1B0

**Description:** The Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario was organized in 1951 with a mandate to "carry on research and develop an appreciation for the early settlers in Ontario, some of whom were Pennsylvania German and their contribution to our culture". The York Chapter of this Society is one of three Chapters in southern Ontario, formed in 1954; all three Chapters are located in the three areas settled by the Pennsylvania German pioneers. The other two Chapters are the Waterloo Chapter and The Twenty Chapter (Vineland/Jordan). The York Chapter covers the areas of Markham, Vaughan, Whitchurch/Stouffville and Pickering. In 2004, the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of our Pennsylvania German settlers was commemorated by the unveiling of a plaque bearing the names of all 69 of the early settler families and located on the cairn at the Markham Civic Centre. Also, an exact replica of a Conestoga wagon was built as a permanent reminder of our rich heritage and a remembrance of those who went before. Collections are privately owned, however the Society has published nineteen books and four videos to-date. Information available by contacting the above.

### **Richmond Hill Heritage Centre**

**Website:** <http://www.richmondhill.ca/heritagecentre>

**Email:** [mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca](mailto:mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca)

**Phone:** Maggie Mackenzie at 905-737-8985 ext 6007

**Address:** 19 Church Street North, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3E6

**Description:** The Richmond Hill Heritage Centre is an 1840's Regency style cottage, fully restored to reflect this historical period. The house was the original home of Amos Wright, the first Reeve of Markham Township.

### **Richmond Hill Historical Society**

**Email:** [avonellemonkman@hotmail.com](mailto:avonellemonkman@hotmail.com)

**Phone:** Avonelle Monkman

**Address:** P.O. Box 61527, 9350 Yonge St, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C0C9

**Description:** The society does not have the facility to store archival documents. All documents and photos are turned over to the Main Branch of

the [Richmond Hill Public Library](#). All other items are donated to the [Heritage House](#), which is owned and operated by the town of Richmond Hill.

#### [Richmond Hill Local Government Archives](#)

**Website:** [www.richmondhill.ca](http://www.richmondhill.ca)

**Email:** Dennis Perks [dperks@richmondhill.ca](mailto:dperks@richmondhill.ca)

**Phone:** (905) 771-5430

**Address:** Clerk's Department, Box 300, 225 East Beaver Creek Road, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 4Y5

**Description:** The Records Management Section of the Town Clerk's Division houses on-site historical Property Roll Assessment Information, as well as historical minutes of Council dating back to 1873. Most of the information held in the minutes is searchable in their database and provides a means to locate records.

#### [Richmond Hill Public Library](#)

**Website:** <http://www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca/>

**Phone:** 905-884-9288 ext 320

**Address:** 1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0H5

**Description:** Resources in the Mary-Lou Griffin Local History Room include the Helen Schwab Collection (genealogical data on founding families of York, Durham and Peel Regions); an online photograph collection; census returns; birth, marriage and death records; wills and estate files on microfilm for many Ontario Counties, and the holdings of the York Region Branch OGS library as well as family records such as letters, and other primary manuscripts.



### **Black Creek Pioneer Village**

**Website:** [www.blackcreek.ca](http://www.blackcreek.ca),

<http://blackcreek.temp.sentex.ca/bcpv/srchitem.html>

**Email:** [bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca](mailto:bcpvinfo@trca.on.ca) (general inquiries)

**Phone:** (Main Line) 416-736-1733, Jim Hunter (Collections Registrar) ext 5423,

**Address:** 1000 Murray Ross Parkway, Toronto, ON, M3J 2P3

**Description:** The Black Creek Pioneer Village collection provides an expansive representation of nineteenth century life in a rural crossroads village up to the period of Confederation. Simulating the development of the Province whose story it tells, it has grown from its agricultural roots to include archival material, social and domestic artefacts, books, fine art, furniture, machinery, textiles and tools, many with a local community association to the history of Toronto and York Region. Two significant parts of the collection include toys (the Percy Band Toy Collection of over 2,000 objects) and lighting (the Catherine Thuro Lighting Collection of over 150 working kerosene lamps). The latter is featured annually each December at Black Creek Pioneer Village during the "Christmas By Lamplight" special events.

The collection at Black Creek Pioneer Village originated in 1954 with a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Percy Snider of seventy pioneer tools dating from the early to mid-nineteenth century. The collection has grown over the last fifty years to over 50,000 acquisitions obtain from 2,911 donors. In addition, various artefacts have been acquired through funding that has been provided by the Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, the Heritage Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Culture, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Wintario. Included in the collection are a number of original books pertaining to nineteenth century social history, foodways, trades, technology, and material culture.

York Regional history is represented in the collection through various archival documents relating to the Stong, Snider and Fisher families, who were founding settlers in the area. The collection also includes a number of York Region land documents and family Bibles associated with some of the Region's founding families (Dalziel and Fisher). In addition, there are a number of nineteenth century artworks that are portraits of early York residents in the collection. Also located at Black Creek Pioneer Village is a community cemetery with 15 gravesites associated with area founding families (Stong, Kaiser and Hoover). Also on the Village property is a family plot associated with the Dalziel family.

Descriptions of the collection are now available in an online catalogue, where it may be searched by number, name, maker, place reference (*e.g.*, Vaughan), and subject heading. Each record has at least one thumb-nail, which links the user to images of the item in question. At the moment the online catalogue is not yet complete, however more descriptions are being added.

### **Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT)**

**Email:** Betty Goulden (President) [betty@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:betty@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Phone:** 905-482-0077

**Address:** Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd., Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9 (same address as Thornhill Archives)

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### **Thornhill Archives & Special Collections**

**Website:** <http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/archives/>

**Email:** Adam Birrell (Committee Chair) [archives@thornhillhistoric.org](mailto:archives@thornhillhistoric.org)

**Phone:** 905-731-1678

**Address:** The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill – Archives, P.O. Box 53120, 10 Royal Orchard Blvd. Thornhill, ON, L3T 7R9

**Description:** Includes online exhibits. Records cover a period from the mid-19th century to the present day. All records have come from private individuals and groups (no local government records). There are a growing number of family collections containing large and small documents, photographs, scrapbooks, journals, and memorabilia from Thornhill places, people and events. There are information files, genealogical resources, photograph collections, maps plans and surveys, an audiovisual collection, an artefact collection, and an art collection. This group is organized by the [Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill \(SPOHT\)](#).

### **Vaughan City Archives**

**Website:** [www.vaughan.ca](http://www.vaughan.ca)

**Email:** Dan Zelenyj (City Archivist) [archives@city.vaughan.on.ca](mailto:archives@city.vaughan.on.ca); [dan.zelenyj@vaughan.ca](mailto:dan.zelenyj@vaughan.ca); Brenda Hicock (Archival Records Analyst) [Brenda.hicock@vaughan.ca](mailto:Brenda.hicock@vaughan.ca)

**Phone:** 905-832-2281

**Location:** Vaughan City Hall, 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr (8:30 - 4:30 Monday to Friday)

**Mailing Address:** City of Vaughan Archives, Archives and Records Management Services, City Clerk's Department, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, ON, L6A 1T1

**Description:** The City Archives is part of Vaughan's integrated Records Management & Archives Program, with responsibility for managing both government records (holdings span 1849 to the near present), as well as Historical/Cultural Records of private origin reflecting the evolution of the Vaughan community (consisting of over 400 fonds and collections dating from the 1790s). The latter includes historic photographs, maps, plans, architectural drawings (from the 1850's to the 1980's), records of local organizations, diaries, journals, logs, letters, family histories, mementoes, land records dating back to the 1790's, newspapers and directories, census returns, education, business and church records. The Archives is also the official records repository for: the Woodbridge Agricultural Society; the Vaughan Lodge of the Masonic Order; the [Vaughan Township Historical Society](#); the Burwick, Vellore, Edgeley, Maple, Thornhill, Elder's Mills, and York West District Women's Institutes; and numerous other local institutions and organizations that contributed to the development of the Vaughan community.

#### **Vaughan Public Libraries: Bathurst Clark Resource Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905-653-7323 - ask for Bathurst Clark Information

**Address:** 900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, ON, L4J 8C1

**Description:** The Bathurst Clark Resource Library holds Vaughan Public Libraries' Local Studies collection, which includes Local History, Genealogy, and Municipal Documents. Most items are books and other published material entered into the library catalogue, but the collection also includes vertical files, newspaper clippings, local periodicals and archival material.

Periodicals include the Vaughan Citizen from 2001 to the present, the Vaughan Weekly from 1994 to the present, and an incomplete collection of the Thornhill Month from 1979-1999 (all in paper). Archival material includes the Woodbridge Women's Institute Meeting Books, Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival Guides, Woodbridge Fair Programs, and other uncatalogued material.

#### **Vaughan Public Libraries: Dufferin Clark Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905 653-7323 – ask for Dufferin Clark Information

**Address:** 1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7R4

**Description:** The Dufferin Clark Library holds Vaughan Public Libraries' Black Heritage collection, which contains Black Canadian and Caribbean literature, as well as material on Black history and culture. The collection covers the Black experience in general and in Canada specifically and also include

materials that are African and Afro-American in focus. Materials are both research and enjoyment focused. There are many formats in this collection as it contains print reference and circulating materials, video and DVD, as well as recommended links. Materials are for all age groups.

**Vaughan Public Libraries: Woodbridge Library**

**Website:** [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)

**Phone:** 905 653-7323 - ask for Woodbridge Information

**Address:** 150 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 2S7

**Description:** The Woodbridge Library houses a collection of material about the Woodbridge area including vertical files; binders of newspaper clippings; a copy of the Burwick Women's Institute Tweedsmuir history; and a cabinet of books from the Woodbridge Mechanic's Institute, the original public library in Woodbridge.

**Vaughan Township Historical Society (VTHS)**

**Email:** Randall Reid (President) [rreid0@toronto.ca](mailto:rreid0@toronto.ca)

**Phone:** Catherine MacFarlane (Past Secretary) 905-832-2475

**Address:** Box 851 Maple, ON L6A 1S8

**Description:** The archival collection of the Vaughan Township Historical Society was donated to the [Vaughan City Archives](#). Many of the members of the VTHS have deep roots in Vaughan and have a wealth of information about the history of Vaughan and the genealogy of pioneer families of Vaughan.



### **Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum**

**Website:** [www.townofws.com/museum](http://www.townofws.com/museum)

**Email:** [wsmuseum@townofws.com](mailto:wsmuseum@townofws.com)

**Phone:** 905-727- 8954; toll free 1-888-290-0337.

**Address:** 14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley, ON, L0H 1G0

**Description:** The Museum was established in 1971 and houses a general history collection that interprets the histories of the former Township of Whitchurch and Village of Stouffville from the time of the earliest settlers to fifty years ago. The Museum site covers about two acres and includes five historic structures: the Bogarttown Schoolhouse, constructed in 1857 and believed to be the oldest brick schoolhouse still standing in Southern Ontario outside of Toronto; a pioneer Log Cabin, circa 1850; the Brown House, a Victorian farmhouse constructed by James Brown in 1857 and restored to reflect the 1880s; a Barn which was dismantled and reassembled at the Museum in 1983 with an authentic raising bee; and the Vandorf Public School, first constructed in 1870 and also an OPP Headquarters from 1957-'71. The Museum's collection of over 13,000 items contains furniture, household furnishings, textiles, personal artefacts, and tools and agricultural equipment. The Museum also maintains an archive of historic photographs and documents relating the history and development of the numerous families and hamlets that created the former Township of Whitchurch and the Village of Stouffville. Researchers are encouraged to call ahead to book an appointment. Please note that the Museum will be building a new Visitor/Community Centre in 2010-2011. Construction is estimated to start in March 2010. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to confirm accessibility to the buildings.

### **Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library**

**Website:** <http://www.whitchurch-library.on.ca/>

**Email:** [wsplinfo@whitchurch-library.on.ca](mailto:wsplinfo@whitchurch-library.on.ca)

**Phone:** 905-642-7323 ext 230

**Address:** 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville, ON, L4A 4K1

**Description:** The reference department has a large range of information on hand including government documents, current and historical data relating to the community and a local report file.



# Pioneer Cemeteries<sup>1</sup>

## **AURORA**

### **Aurora Cemetery**

*Location:* E. Side of Yonge Street, N. of Bloomington Sideroad  
*Established:* 1869, but monuments dating from late 1700s

### **Trinity Anglican Church Cemetery**

*Location:* NE corner of Church Street & Victoria Street  
*Established:* circa 1846 (earliest marker found dated 1852)

## **EAST GWILLIMBURY**

### **Christ Church Cemetery (Holland Landing)**

*Location:* NE corner of Mount Albert Road & Yonge Street  
*Established:* circa 1840

### **Franklin Pioneer Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of Herald Road, E. of Hwy. 48  
1864 earliest marker recorded

### **Holborne-Glover Cemetery (Ravenshoe)**

*Location:* S. side of Ravenshoe Road, E. of Kennedy Road  
*Established:* 1872 date of earliest marker

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<sup>1</sup> Information in this section is from the *Directory of Cemeteries in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York*, Ontario Genealogical Society - OGS (Toronto Branch), published in 1989. For the purposes of this Directory, only cemeteries dating prior to 1900 and relating to more than one family were included. For more information, consult your local government offices or library. See also page 69 of this Directory for OGS contact information.

### **Holt Free Methodist Church Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of 7<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, N. of Mount Albert Road  
*Established:* circa 1840

### **Mount Albert Cemetery**

*Location:* NE corner of Centre Street & Mount Albert Road  
*Established:* 1830

### **Queensville Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Leslie Street, N. of Queensville Sideroad  
*Established:* circa 1870

### **Selby Burying Ground (Sharon)**

*Location:* W. side of Leslie Street, S. of Doane Road  
*Established:* 1809

### **Sharon Burying Ground**

*Location:* E. side of Leslie Street, N. of Herald Road  
*Established:* 1812

## **GEORGINA**

### **Baldwin Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of Baldwin Road, 1.6km W. of Hwy. 48  
*Established:* 1892 earliest marker recorded

### **Boyers Road Cemetery**

*Location:* S. side of Boyers Road between Woodbine Avenue & the Queensway North  
*Established:* 1866 earliest marker recorded; 1932 the latest

### **Briar Hill Cemetery (Sutton)**

*Location:* N. side of Black River Road  
*Established:* circa 1890

**Christ Churchyard Cemetery (Roches Point)**

Location: Turner Street  
Established: 1831 earliest marker recorded

**Cooke's Church Cemetery (Pefferlaw)**

Location: Main Street  
Established: circa 1890

**Knox Church Cemetery (Sutton)**

Location: Corner of Market Street and Church Street  
Established: 1863

**Mann Cemetery (Keswick)**

Location: W. Side of The Queensway North, N. of Old Homestead Road  
Established: 1826 Earliest marker recorded

**Sibbald Memorial Cemetery**

Location: Adjacent to St. George's Anglican Church  
Established: circa 1830

**St. James Anglican Church Cemetery (Sutton)**

Location: River Street  
Established: circa 1850

***KING***

**All Saints Anglican Church Cemetery (King City)**

Location: E. Side of Keele Street  
Established: 1857

**Baptist Cemetery (Hammertown)**

Location: E. side of 12<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, S. side of Wellington Street  
Established: circa 1839

**Cemetery on the Hill (Nobleton)**

Location: N. Side of King Sideroad, W. of Nobleton  
Established: circa 1849

**Chamberlain Burying Ground**

Location: W. side of 10<sup>th</sup> concession road, N. of King Sideroad  
Established: circa 1847

**Eleventh Line Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

Location: NW corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Concession Road & Sideroad 18  
Established: circa 1857

**Emmanuel Baptists Church Cemetery**

Location: W. side of Jane Street, S. of Hwy. 9  
Established: circa 1851

**Hammertown Primitive Methodist Church Cemetery**

Location: W. side of 12<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, N. of Sideroad 17  
Established: circa 1868

**Kettleby Cemetery**

Location: S. side of King Road, W. of Kettleby  
Established: 1890

**King City Cemetery** (recently received heritage designation)

Location: N. side of King Sideroad, W. of King City  
Established: 1887

**Kinghorn Methodist Episcopal Cemetery**

Location: E. side of Jane Street, S. of King Sideroad  
Established: circa 1848

**Laskay Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

Location: W. side of Weston Road, N. end of Laskay  
Established: circa 1858

### **Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery**

*Location:* SW corner of Lloydtown, on a hill overlooking the west side of town  
*Established:* 1834

### **Nobleton Community Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Hwy. 27, N. of King Sideroad  
*Established:* 1833 (first known burial)

### **Proctor Family Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of 8<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, N. of Sideroad 17 (Wellington Street)  
*Established:* circa 1862

### **Schomberg Union Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Hwy. 27  
*Established:* circa 1883

### **St. Andrew's Cemetery (Eversley)**

*Location:* W. side of Dufferin Street, N. of King Sideroad  
*Established:* circa 1834

### **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery (Strange)**

*Location:* W. side of Weston Road, S. side of Sideroad 15  
*Established:* circa 1834

### **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of 10<sup>th</sup> concession road, N. of sideroad 15  
*Established:* Prior to 1883

### **St. Mary Magdalene's Cemetery (Lloydtown)**

*Location:* S. side of Church Street  
*Established:* circa 1843

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery (Nobleton)**

*Location:* 1.4km N. of King Sideroad, W. of 10<sup>th</sup> Concession Road  
*Established:* circa 1853

**Temperanceville Presbyterian Church Cemetery**

*Location:* SW corner of King Sideroad & Bathurst Street  
*Established:* circa 1854

**Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (Strange)**

*Location:* E. side of Weston Road, N. of King Sideroad  
*Established:* circa 1852

**MARKHAM**

**Bethel Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Warden Avenue, N. of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* 1862 earliest marker recorded

**Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Kennedy Road, N. of Unionville at Berczy Settlement  
*Established:* 1803 earliest marker recorded

**Box Grove Church Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, E. of Hwy. 48 & 9<sup>th</sup> Concession Road  
*Established:* circa 1850

**Boyles' Cemetery (Mongolia)**

*Location:* W. side of 10<sup>th</sup> concession road, n. of 17<sup>th</sup> avenue (down long lane)  
*Established:* 1816 earliest

**Brown's Corners Church Cemetery (Buttonville)**

*Location:* N. side of Hwy 7 & W. of Woodbine Avenue  
*Established:* 1843

**Buttonville Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Woodbine Avenue, S. of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* 1810, 1825 earliest marker recorded

**Byer Family Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Hwy. 48 between 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> avenues  
*Established:* 1819 earliest marker

**Cashel Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Kennedy Road, between 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenues  
*Established:* 1827

**Cedar Grove Mennonite**

*Location:* In churchyard of Rouge Mennonite Valley Church, W. side of 10<sup>th</sup> Concession Road and N. of Steeles Avenue E.  
*Established:* 1824 earliest marker recorded

**Dickson's Hill Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Hwy. 48, N. of 18<sup>th</sup> avenue  
*Established:* 1803 earliest marker recorded

**Ebenezer Church Cemetery (Milliken)**

*Location:* NE corner of Steeles Avenue E. and Brimley Road  
*Established:* 1876

**Eckardt Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of McCowan Road, S. of Hwy. 7  
*Established:* 1854

**Elmwood Cemetery (Markham)**

Location: N. side of Hwy. 7, E. of Hwy. 48  
Established: circa 1860

**First Baptist Church Cemetery (Markham)**

Location: W. side of 9<sup>th</sup> concession, between 17<sup>th</sup> avenue & 18<sup>th</sup> avenue  
Established: 1851 earliest marker recorded

**Grace Anglican Church Cemetery (Markham)**

Location: W. side of Hwy. 48, S. of Hwy. 7 – secluded wooded area overlooking Rouge Rd. near bottom of Princess Street  
Established: 1824 earliest marker recorded

**Hagerman East Cemetery (Hagerman Corners)**

Location: E side of Kennedy Road, N. of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Established: 1838 earliest marker recorded

**Hagerman West Cemetery (Hagerman Corners)**

Location: W. side of Kennedy Road, N. of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Established: 1832 Earliest marker recorded

**Locust Hill Church Cemetery**

Location: E. side of 10<sup>th</sup> Line, S. of Hwy 7  
Established: 1843 first known burial

**Melville Church Cemetery**

Location: W. side of Kennedy Road between 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Established: 1849

**Peach's Church Cemetery**

Location: W. side of McCowan Road, N. of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Established: 1862

**Quantztown Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of McCowan Road, S. of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* 1844 earliest marker recorded

**Ramer Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Hwy. 48 at E. end of Gleason Avenue  
*Established:* 1812 earliest marker

**Reesor Mennonite Cemetery**

*Location:* NW corner of Steeles Avenue E. and County Road 30  
(on Durham County Line)  
*Established:* 1857 earliest marker recorded

**Reesor Pioneer Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of 10<sup>th</sup> concession between Hwy 7 & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue  
*Established:* 1806 earliest marker recorded

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Markham)**

*Location:* S. side of Hwy 7, E. of Hwy. 48  
*Established:* circa 1840

**St. John's 5<sup>th</sup> Line Church Cemetery (Milliken)**

*Location:* E. side of Warden Avenue, N. of Steeles Avenue E.  
*Established:* 1864

**St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery (Buttonville)**

*Location:* E. side of Woodbine Avenue, between Hwy. 7 & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue  
*Established:* 1820 earliest marker

**St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery (Thornhill)**

*Location:* 15 Church Lane  
*Established:* 1847 earliest burial

**St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cemetery (Vinegar Hill)**

*Location:* S. side of Rouge Street, E. of Hwy. 48  
*Established:* 1861 earliest marker recorded

**St. Philips Anglican Church Cemetery (Unionville)**

*Location:* W. side of Kennedy Road, N. of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* 1844 earliest marker recorded

**Thornhill Community Cemetery**

*Location:* NE corner of John Street and Church Lane  
*Established:* 1832 earliest marker recorded

**Thornhill Pioneer Methodist Cemetery**

*Location:* Located in small park, Normark Drive and Baythorne Drive  
*Established:* 1837

**Victoria Square Church (East) Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Woodbine Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* circa 1824

**Victoria Square Church (West) Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Woodbine Avenue just S. of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* 1845 earliest marker recorded

**Wiseman Mennonite Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Hwy. 48 between 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
*Established:* circa 1824

**Zion Church Cemetery (Cedar Grove)**

*Location:* N. side of Steeles Avenue E., W. side of 11<sup>th</sup> line  
*Established:* 1859 earliest marker recorded

## ***NEWMARKET***

### ***Friends' (Hicksite) Burying Ground (Armitage)***

*Location:* Just S. of 664 Yonge Street  
*Established:* circa 1839

### ***Friends' (Orthodox) Burying Ground (Newmarket)***

*Location:* W. side of Yonge Street, S. of Newmarket  
*Established:* 1807

### ***House of Industry Cemetery (Newmarket)***

*Location:* 332 Rannie Road  
*Established:* 1883; closed 1937

### ***Newmarket Cemetery***

*Location:* 112 Main Street N.  
*Established:* 1869

### ***Pioneer Burying Ground (Newmarket)***

*Location:* 2 km E. of Yonge Street, N. side of Eagle Street  
*Established:* circa 1820

### ***St. John Chrysostom Cemetery (Newmarket)***

*Location:* N. of Bexhill Road just W. of Old Main Street  
*Established:* circa 1850

## ***TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL***

### ***Headford Church Cemetery (Leek's Corners)***

*Location:* W. side of Leslie Street, S. of Major Mackenzie Drive  
*Established:* 1832 earliest marker recorded

### ***Richmond Hill Cemetery***

*Location:* 10066 Yonge Street, N. of Major Mackenzie Drive  
*Established:* 1806 earliest known marker

**St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery (Jefferson)**

*Location:* 12125 Yonge Street  
*Established:* circa 1849

**Temperanceville Church Cemetery**

*Location:* NE corner of King Sideroad & Bathurst Street  
*Established:* circa 1835

**VAUGHAN**

**Baker-Cober Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Dufferin Street, N. of Hwy 7  
*Established:* 1839 earliest known burial

**Carrville Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of Rutherford Road, .8km W. of Bathurst Street  
*Established:* 1864 earliest marker recorded

**Christ Church Anglican Cemetery (Woodbridge)**

*Location:* 8045 Islington Avenue, N. of Hwy 7  
*Established:* 1850

**Edgeley Mennonite Burying Ground**

*Location:* N. of Hwy 7, E. side of Jane Street  
*Established:* 1799

**Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery (Thornhill)**

*Location:* W. side of Yonge Street, at Royal Orchard Boulevard  
(behind Baptist Church)  
*Established:* 1830

**Hope Primitive Methodist Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Keele Street and .8km N. of Teston Road  
*Established:* Church built 1839

**Knox Cemetery (Vaughan)**

*Location:* N. side of Rutherford Road, and W. of Hwy. 27  
*Established:* 1853 date of earliest marker

**Maple Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of Major Mackenzie Drive, E. of Keele Street  
*Established:* 1871

**Nashville Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of Huntington Road & S. of Nashville Road  
*Established:* 1848 earliest marker recorded

**Old Methodist Cemetery (Kleinburg)**

*Location:* S. side of Nashville Road, between Islington Avenue & Hwy. 27  
*Established:* 1850 earliest marker recorded

**Old Methodist Church Cemetery (Woodbridge)**

*Location:* N. side of Church Street, E. of Kipling Avenue  
*Established:* 1834

**Old St. Stephen's Vaughan Church Cemetery (Langstaff)**

*Location:* S. side of Langstaff Road, E. of Keele Street  
*Established:* 1834 first burial

**Pine Grove Congregational Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Gamble Street  
*Established:* 1843 earliest marker

**Presbyterian Free Church Pioneer Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side Pine Valley Drive, N. of Major Mackenzie Drive  
*Established:* 1846 Earliest known marker recorded

**Reupard's Settlement Pioneer Burying Ground (Sherwood)**

*Location:* N. side of Rutherford Road, E. side of Keele Street  
*Established:* 1811 earliest marker recorded

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery (Maple)**

*Location:* E. side of Keele Street, S. of Major Mackenzie Drive  
*Established:* 1827 Earliest marker recorded

**St. Paul's Vaughan Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Pine Valley Drive, N. of Major Mackenzie Drive  
*Established:* Land purchased in 1844

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery (Sherwood)**

*Location:* N. of Langstaff Road, E. side of Keele Street  
*Established:* 1806

***WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE***

**Baker Hill Baptist Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Hwy 48 between Bethesda Sideroad and Bloomington Sideroad (down lane behind church)  
*Established:* First burial Dec. 1860

**Bloomington Methodist Cemetery**

*Location:* S. side of Bloomington Sideroad, just E. of 9<sup>th</sup> Concession Rd.  
*Established:* Earliest known burial 1874

**Christian Church Cemetery (Churchill)**

*Location:* W. side of 9<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, N of Aurora Sideroad  
*Established:* circa 1855 (earliest marker 1857)

**Hartman Cemetery**

*Location:* S. side of Davis Drive, between Hwy. 48 & 9<sup>th</sup> Concession Road  
*Established:* 1858 earliest marker recorded

**Heise Hill Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of Woodbine Avenue, S. of Stouffville Road  
*Established:* 1815 earliest marker

**Lemonville Church Cemetery**

*Location:* E. side of McCowan Road, S. of Bloomington Sideroad  
*Established:* circa 1855

**Petchville Cemetery (Wesley Corners)**

*Location:* N.E. corner of Aurora Sideroad and Woodbine Avenue  
*Established:* 1817

**Pine Orchard Friends' Cemetery**

*Location:* N. side of Vivian Sideroad, W. of village of Pine Orchard  
*Established:* circa 1814

**Second Markham Baptist Church Cemetery**

*Location:* S. side of Stouffville Road, E. of Kennedy  
*Established:* 1851 earliest known burial

**Stouffville Cemetery**

*Location:* W. side of 10<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, S. of Main Street  
*Established:* 1848

# Resources outside of York Region

**Toronto Public Library: North York Central Library: Canadiana Collection**

**Website:** North York Central Library: Canadiana Collection:

[http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/uni\\_can\\_index.jsp](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/uni_can_index.jsp)

**Email:** [clca@torontopubliclibrary.ca](mailto:clca@torontopubliclibrary.ca)

**Phone:** (416) 395-5623

**Description:** York County holdings include: family histories, census returns, directories, church, school and community histories, ephemera, government documents, military records, newspapers and periodicals, registers of births, marriages and deaths, select York County land records, York County Surrogate Court Record Indexes to wills 1940-1967, voters' lists, the North York Horticultural Society Fonds and miscellaneous archival holdings.

**Deposit Collections available:** Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto Branch), the Ontario Genealogical Society, Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie and the York Pioneer & Historical Society.

## York County Archival holdings at the North York Central Library:

John Chancellor Boylen

- . J.C. Boylen library absorbed into Canadiana Collection
- . correspondence, pictures & library catalogue (small amount of material)
- . Archival accession number 1968 - 002

York County Boylen scrapbooks

- . 2 vols. 1914 -1967
- . 971.354 B

E.A. James

- . "scrapbook of miscellany" concerning York County 1889-1925
- . 971.3541 J

North York Horticultural Society Fonds

- . minutes, correspondence, "Day book", photographs, scrapbooks 1924 - .
- . Archival Accession Number 2006-001-001-009

Trustees Book School Section No. 17 Markham

- . meetings, accounts from circa 1855-1875
- . Archival Accession Number 2001-001

York Centre Horticultural Fonds

- . Glen Park Horticultural Society circa 1940-1968
- . minutes, correspondance, etc.
- . Archival Accession Number 1990-002

## York University Clara Thomas Archives & Special Collections

**Website:**

<http://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/ArchivesSpecialCollections/index.htm>

**Email:** [archives@yorku.ca](mailto:archives@yorku.ca)

**Phone:** 416-736-5442

**Address:** 305 Scott Library, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON, M3J 1P3

**Description:** Holdings include university records, private and institutional papers and an extensive collection of non-textual materials. Canadian Studies, particularly the post-confederation period, is the primary focus of the university's archival material; individuals and organizations associated with the fine arts in Canada, particularly film, dance & theatre, and special collections of published Canadiana including a Canadian Pamphlet Collection. The university has also recently acquired five decades of the greatest Canadian folk music collection: the recordings, documents and images from the Mariposa Folk Festival.

# HELPFUL WEBSITES



## **Archives Association of Ontario**

**Website:** <http://aao.fis.utoronto.ca/> ARCHEION: <http://archeion-aao.fis.utoronto.ca/>

**Email:** (Director) Marianne Henskens [aao@aao.fis.utoronto.ca](mailto:aao@aao.fis.utoronto.ca)

**Description:** A database of Ontario archive collections, virtual exhibitions.

## **Archives of Ontario**

**Website:** <http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/>

**Phone:** 1-800-668-9933

**Description:** The Archives of Ontario preserves the province's documentary heritage, and makes it available to the public. Since 1903 they have been collecting historically valuable records created by both the Ontario government and the private sector. Records from businesses, clubs and associations, labour and political organizations, and private individuals complement the official government records. Paper records take up over 60,000 metres of shelf space; there are over 1.7 million photographs; approximately 200,000 architectural drawings; 40,000 maps; 40,000 sound and moving image records and a library with over 70,000 items.

## **Family Search**

**Website:** <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

**Description:** Family Search is a free searchable database maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons). They currently have the 1881 Canadian Census available for searching by name or date.

## **Library and Archives Canada: The Canadian Genealogy Centre**

**Website:** <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>

**Description:** The Centre includes all physical and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada (LAC). It offers genealogical content, services, advice, research tools and opportunities to work on joint projects; this website provides a search engine that searches all of the holdings of the LAC as well as information on how to do genealogical research.

## **Library and Archives Canada: For Archivists**

**Website:** <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivists/index-e.html>

**Description:** This page provides links to services and tools for the archival community, including: LAC Contribution Program; Library and Archives Canada: Directory of Archivists; Canadian Archival Resources; International Resources; Federal Government Heritage and Cultural Resources.

### **Library and Archives Canada: Research Tools for the Public**

**Website:** <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/services/005-1000-e.html>

**Description:** Library and Archives Canada (LAC) provides you with several electronic research tools which make access to its collection easier. AMICUS and ArchiviaNet are the two major tools. AMICUS is a national Canadian catalogue listing bibliographical information about books, periodicals, music, videos and other published materials held at LAC. AMICUS also lists bibliographical information for materials held in other libraries across Canada. ArchiviaNet provides access to LAC's archival databases comprising references to records from governmental and private sources, including textual records, maps, works of art, photographs, videos and films, sound recordings, architectural drawings, stamps, medals and globes.

### **Links to the Municipalities of York Region**

<http://www.region.york.on.ca/municipal+links.htm>

### **Ontario Genealogical Society (York Region Branch)**

**Website:** [http://www.rootsweb.com/~onymbogs/ref\\_006.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~onymbogs/ref_006.htm)

**Email:** (Chair) Doris Bourrie [bourrie@planeteeer.com](mailto:bourrie@planeteeer.com)

**Phone:** n/a

**Address:** York Region Branch OGS, Harding Post Office Box 32215 Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 9S3

**Description:** A website which details Ontario Genealogical Society (York Region Branch) information, as well as research services for people interested in pursuing family history. There is also a link to Libraries, Archives and Museums in York Region in which several of the following links were found.

### **Ontario Heritage Properties Database**

**Website:** <http://www.culture.gov.on.ca/english/heritage/hpd.htm>

**Description:** A searchable database containing information on over 5,000 heritage properties in Ontario.

### **Ontario Heritage Trust**

**Website:** <http://www.heritagefdn.on.ca/>

**Description:** The Ontario Heritage Trust is an agency of the Government of Ontario. This website offers information on currently preserved and protected provincially significant built, cultural and natural heritage sites.

### **Ontario Museum Association**

**Website:** <http://www.museumsontario.com/museums/onlineguide/>

**Phone:** 1-866-OMA-8672

**Description:** A helpful tool for researching Ontario Museums.

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