

York Region Heritage Directory

Resources and Contacts

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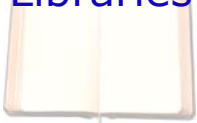
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The Country Day School

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

Email: 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: <http://www.town.georgina.on.ca/dpt-leisure-museum.aspx> or www.georginamall.com/HISTORICAL.htm

Email: Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) prosedonahoe@georgina.ca ;
Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) gpv_archives@yahoo.ca

Phone: 905-476-4305 ext 284

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

Description: The archives contain municipal records for the town of Georgina from the 1850s-1960s, as well as private letters and deeds from the former North Gwillimbury Township and Sutton. 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, Archives and Living History Site)

Website: 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

Phone: 905-470-6119

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

Description: Collects artifacts 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.

King Township Public Library/Archives

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

Email: 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.

Newmarket Historical Society Archives

Email: Ralph Magel, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o 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

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.

Canadian Quaker Archives at Pickering College

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

Email: Jane Zavitz- Bond (Curator) jzavitz@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. 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.

Regional Municipality of York Archives

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

Email: Julie Luckevich julie.luckevich@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 artifacts, and a reference library on York Region history.

Richmond Hill Local Government Archives

Website: www.richmondhill.ca

Email: Denis Perks dperks@richmondhill.ca

Phone: 905-780-3802

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://kilby.sac.on.ca/services/archives>

Email: Ken Ryan (Archivist) ken.ryan@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 file and organize records, artifacts, papers and other memorabilia connected with St. Andrew's College; as well as to supply information about the history of St. Andrew's to members of the College

community and the public at large. Visits to the Archives can be arranged by contacting the Archivist.

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, artefact collection, and an art collection. This group is organized by the **Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill**.

Vaughan City Archives

Website:

http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/culture_recreation/archives/index.cfm

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

Phone: 905-832-2281 ext 3129

Location: 10401 Dufferin Street (8:30 a.m. - 4:30p.m. Monday to Friday)

Mailing Address: City of Vaughan Civic Centre, Legal and Administrative 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 approximately 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.artsocietyking.ca

Email: ask@culture-connection.net

Phone: Kathleen Fry 905-833-2331

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. 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 Historical Society

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

Email: 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/profile/HistSociety.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 Advisory Committee of Aurora

Website: <http://www.e-aurora.ca>

Email: mseaman@e-aurora.ca

Phone: Michael Seaman, Community Planner (905) 727-3123, ext 4351

Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Description: The Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora is the municipal heritage advisory committee for the Town of Aurora. The Community Planner in the Community Planning Division, Planning and Development Services Department provides technical and administrative assistance to the Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora. The Community Planning Division 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 and post information about the heritage conservation program of the Town of Aurora on the town website. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive. The Aurora Museum contains the official historical archives for the Town of Aurora.

Heritage East Gwillimbury

Website:

http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Council/Advisory_Committees/Heritage_East_Gwillimbury_Advisory_Committee_formerly_L_A_C_A_C_.htm

Email: snoble@eastgwillimbury.ca

Phone: Sandra Noble 905-478-4282 ext 250

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

Description: Advises and assists council on matters relating to the Heritage Designation of individual properties and Heritage Districts under Part IV and Part V of the Heritage Act. The committee is available to advise homeowners about renovation or alterations to heritage properties. The committee places "Interest Plaques" on properties or houses of historical or architectural interest.

Heritage King

Website: www.king.ca

Email: online@king.ca

Address: c/o Chris Somerville, 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 as by 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

Email: 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/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_330_1.html

Email: 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, Archives and Living History Site)

Website: 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

Phone: 905-470-6119

Address: 2 Valleywood 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

Email: kathleen.adamson@sympatico.ca

Phone: Kathleen Adamson (Past President) 905-939-0523

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

Email: Lorne R. Smith (Secretary) 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 and culture and their contribution to the economic and social life of the Township of Markham.

Markham Conservancy

Website: www.markhamvillage.ca

Email: 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

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. Membership is \$10.

Newmarket Historical Society Archives

Email: Ralph Magel, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o 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

Email: Marlene Mattson at 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 eighteen books and four videos to-date, information available by contacting the above.

Richmond Hill Historical Society

Email: 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

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

Email: Randall Reid (President) 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.



Aurora Public Library

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

Phone: 905-727-9493

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- 905-727-9493, ext. 275.

East Gwillimbury Public Library

Website: <http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/library>

Email: 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.georgina-library.com,

Email: For contact information, see <http://www.georgina-library.com/ContacttheLibrary.html>

Description: The Georgina Public Library branches house their archives at **Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives** .

King Township Public Library/Archives

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

Email: 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, 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 Libraries

Website: <http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca>

Email: askMPL@markham.library.on.ca

Phone: 905-513-7977

Address: See all locations at

<http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/location.htm>

Description: Markham Public Libraries 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 Libraries also provides online access to several digital exhibits about various aspects of Markham's history, for example, The Story of Markham, Berczy Settlers, Unionville 150th and Pioneer Kids) <http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/history/index.htm> and the Unionville Festival http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/HotTopics/ht_unionvillefestival.htm. All original artifacts and records are held at the **Markham Museum** .

Newmarket Public Library

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

Email: 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 Collection comprised of books and microfilm and a Canadian Collection.

The library has microfilm of the Era-Banner dating from 1852 to the present. The Era-Banner is indexed from 1852 to 1928 and 1980 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 for Census returns for Newmarket and parts of the surrounding area and Cemetery Listings for most of York Region (either microfilm or in book form), and a Newmarket Pamphlet file.

The library also subscribes to Toronto Star's Pages of the Past 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); Family Search databases; 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

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 in print and on microfilm, and some archival material.

Periodicals include the Woodbridge and Vaughan News from 1948-1955 and 1957-1982 on microfilm, the Vaughan Citizen from 2001 to the present in paper, the Vaughan Weekly from 1994 to the present in paper, and an incomplete collection of the Thornhill Month from 1979-1999 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

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

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.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

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

Email: 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.



Aurora Heritage Centre

Website: <http://auroraheritagecentre.org/>

Email: ahs@aurorahs.com

Phone: 905-727-8991

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

Description: The Heritage Centre project is currently scheduled to open in late 2008. This is a project of the Town of Aurora. Contact the Town or the number above for more information.

Black Creek Pioneer Village

Website: www.blackcreek.ca

Email: 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 artifacts, 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 artifacts 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 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.

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: This manor previously owned by the Sibbald family dates back to 1835. This quaint manor now holds a variety of furniture and artifacts 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. Opens July 1 2007

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

Admission: Free, donations gladly accepted.

Elman W. Campbell Museum

Website: http://www.newmarket.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_509_1.html

Email: 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, 20th-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, tall clock from the Srigley family, scales from first post office, objects from Davis Leather, Office Specialty, Cane Woodenware and Dixon Pencil. 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: <http://www.town.georgina.on.ca/dpt-leisure-museum.aspx> or

www.georginamall.com/HISTORICAL.htm

Email: Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) prosedonahoe@georgina.ca ;
Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) gpv_archives@yahoo.ca

Phone: 905-476-4305 ext 284

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

Description: The archives contain municipal records for the town of Georgina from the 1850s-1960s, as well as private letters and deeds from the former North Gwillimbury Township and Sutton. 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, Archives and Living History Site)

Website: 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

Phone: 905-470-6119

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

Description: Collects artifacts 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

Hillary House Koffler Museum of Medicine

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

Email: HillaryHouse@aci.on.ca

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

Phone: 905-833-2331

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

Description: A local history museum with a collection of over 1200 artifacts featuring 19th Century children's toys and clothing, the Crawford Wells General Store accounts register and display cases as well as 2 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

Phone: (Curatorial Dept) 905-294-4576 ext 26

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 Artifacts (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.

Richmond Hill Heritage Centre

Website:

http://www.richmondhill.ca/subpage.asp?pageid=parks_the_richmond_hill_heritage_centre

Email: Maggie Mackenzie mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca

Phone: 905-787-1441 ext 223

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.

Sharon Temple, National Historic Site and Museum

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

Email: 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 artifacts.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum

Website: www.townofws.com/museum

Email: 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 50 years ago. The Museum site covers about 2 acres and includes 5 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 artifacts, 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.



Aurora Heritage Centre

Website: <http://auroraheritagecentre.org/>

Email: ahs@aurorahs.com

Phone: 905-727-8991

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

Description: The Heritage Centre project is currently scheduled to open in late 2008. This is a project of the Town of Aurora. Contact the Town or the number above for more information.

Aurora Historical Society

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

Email: 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

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.

Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora

Website: <http://www.e-aurora.ca>

Email: mseaman@e-aurora.ca

Phone: Michael Seaman, Community Planner (905) 727-3123, ext 4351

Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Description: The Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora is the municipal heritage advisory committee for the Town of Aurora. The Community Planner in the Community Planning Division, Planning and Development Services Department provides technical and administrative assistance to the

Heritage Advisory Committee of Aurora. The Community Planning Division 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 and post information about the heritage conservation program of the Town of Aurora on the town website. Our office is not a publicly accessible archive. The Aurora Museum contains the official historical archives for the Town of Aurora.

Hillary House Koffler Museum of Medicine

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

Email: 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://kilby.sac.on.ca/services/archives>

Email: Ken Ryan (Archivist) ken.ryan@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 file and organize records, artifacts, papers and other memorabilia connected with St. Andrew's College; as well as to supply information about the history of St. Andrew's to members of the College community and the public at large. Visits to the Archives can be arranged by contacting the Archivist.



East Gwillimbury Historical Society

Website: <http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/profile/HistSociety.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.eastgwillimbury.ca/library>

Email: 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_formerly_L_A_C_A_C_.htm

Email: snoble@eastgwillimbury.ca

Phone: Sandra Noble 905-478-4282 ext 250

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

Description: Advises and assists council on matters relating to the Heritage Designation of individual properties and Heritage Districts under Part IV and Part V of the Heritage Act. The committee is available to advise homeowners about renovation or alterations to heritage properties. The committee places "Interest Plaques" on properties or houses of historical or architectural interest.

Sharon Temple, National Historic Site and Museum

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

Email: 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: This manor previously owned by the Sibbald family dates back to 1835. This quaint manor now holds a variety of furniture and artifacts 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. Opens July 1 2007

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

Admission: Free, donations gladly accepted.

Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives

Website: <http://www.town.georgina.on.ca/dpt-leisure-museum.aspx> or www.georginamall.com/HISTORICAL.htm

Email: Phillip Rose-Donahoe (Curator/Manager) prosedonahoe@georgina.ca ;
Melissa D. Matt (Archives Coordinator) gpv_archives@yahoo.ca

Phone: 905-476-4305 ext 284

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

Description: The archives contain municipal records for the town of Georgina from the 1850s-1960s, as well as private letters and deeds from the former North Gwillimbury Township and Sutton. 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.georgina-library.com,

Email: For contact information, see <http://www.georgina-library.com/ContacttheLibrary.html>

Description: The Georgina Public Library houses their archives at **Georgina Pioneer Village & Archives**.



Arts Society King (ASK)

Website: www.artsocietyking.ca

Email: ask@culture-connection.net

Phone: Kathleen Fry 905-833-2331

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. 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

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

Email: online@king.ca

Address: c/o Chris Somerville, 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 as by 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 Loydton 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

Phone: 905-833-2331

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

Description: A local history museum with a collection of over 1200 artifacts featuring 19th Century children's toys and clothing, the Crawford Wells General Store accounts register and display cases as well as 2 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

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, 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 Lloydtown Rebellion Association

Email: kathleen.adamson@sympatico.ca

Phone: Kathleen Adamson (Past President) 905-939-0523

Description: This friendly group, begun by Mrs. Margery Coons of Lloydtown, 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 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.



Heritage Markham

Website: www.markham.ca

Email: 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.

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Email: heritage.schoolhouse@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Phone: 905-470-6119

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

Description: Collects artifacts 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

Markham Berczy Settlers Association

Website: www.markhamberczysettlers.ca

Email: Lorne R. Smith (Secretary) 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 and culture and their contribution to the economic and social life of the Township of Markham.

Markham Conservancy

Website: www.markhamvillage.ca

Email: contact@markhamvillage.ca

Phone: 905-201-1453

Address: 214 Main Street Markham North, Markham, ON, Canada, 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

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. Membership is \$10.

Markham Museum

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

Email: museuminfo@markham.ca

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Markham Public Libraries

Website: <http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca>

Email: askMPL@markham.library.on.ca

Phone: 905-513-7977

Address: See all locations at

<http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/location.htm>

Description: Markham Public Libraries 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 Libraries also provides online access to several digital exhibits about various aspects of Markham's history, for example, The Story of Markham, the Berczy Settlers, Unionville 150th and Pioneer Kids) <http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/history/index.htm> and the Unionville Festival http://www.markhampubliclibraries.ca/HotTopics/ht_unionvillefestival.htm. All original artifacts and records are held at the [Markham Museum](#).

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

Email: Betty Goulden (President) 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/>

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

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Elman W. Campbell Museum

Website: http://www.newmarket.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_509_1.html

Email: 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, 20th-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, tall clock from the Srigley family, scales from first post office, objects from Davis Leather, Office Specialty, Cane Woodenware and Dixon Pencil. 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/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_330_1.html

Email: 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: Ralph Magel, Ron Pilfrey, Paul Millard c/o 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

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

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 Collection comprised of books and microfilm and a Canadian Collection.

The library has microfilm of the Era-Banner dating from 1852 to the present. The Era-Banner is indexed from 1852 to 1928 and 1980 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 for Census returns for Newmarket and parts of the surrounding area and Cemetery Listings for most of York Region (either microfilm or in book form), and a Newmarket Pamphlet file.

The library also subscribes to Toronto Star's Pages of the Past 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.

Canadian Quaker Archives at Pickering College

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

Email: Jane Zavitz- Bond (Curator) jzavitz@pickeringcollege.on.ca

Phone: 905-895-1700

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

Description: The Canadian Quaker Archives of Canadian Yearly Meeting 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. Sharon Temple Archives are also deposited with access through the Sharon Temple Director. The Archives is open during regular school hours by appointment only.

Regional Municipality of York Archives

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

Email: Julie Luckevich julie.luckevich@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 artifacts, and a reference library on York Region history.



Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario (York Chapter)

Website: www.pennsylvania-german-folklore-society.com

Email: Marlene Mattson 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 eighteen books and four videos to-date, information available by contacting the above.

Richmond Hill Heritage Centre

Website:

http://www.richmondhill.ca/subpage.asp?pageid=parks_the_richmond_hill_heritage_centre

Email: mmackenzie@richmondhill.ca

Phone: Maggie MacKenzie at 905-787-1441 ext 223

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

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

Email: dperks@richmondhill.ca

Phone: Dennis Perks 905-771-8800

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); Family Search databases; 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

Email: 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 artifacts, 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 artifacts 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 collections are a number of original books pertaining to nineteenth 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.

Society for Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT)

Email: nigel.connell@rogers.com

Phone: Nigel Connell (President) 906-762-0792

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

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

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Vaughan City Archives

Website:

http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/culture_recreation/archives/index.cfm

Email: Dan Zelenyj (City Archivist) archives@city.vaughan.on.ca;

dan.zelenyj@vaughan.ca

Phone: 905-832-2281 ext 3129

Location: 10401 Dufferin Street (8:30 a.m. - 4:30p.m. Monday to Friday)

Mailing Address: City of Vaughan Civic Centre, Legal and Administrative 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 approximately 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

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 in print and on microfilm, and some archival material.

Periodicals include the Woodbridge and Vaughan News from 1948-1955 and 1957-1982 on microfilm, the Vaughan Citizen from 2001 to the present in paper, the Vaughan Weekly from 1994 to the present in paper, and an incomplete collection of the Thornhill Month from 1979-1999 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

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

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

Email: Randall Reid (President) 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

Email: 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 50 years ago. The Museum site covers about 2 acres and includes 5 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 artifacts, 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.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

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

Email: 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*₁

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)



* 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 70 of this Directory for OGS contact information.

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
Established: 1864 earliest marker recorded

Holborne-Glover Cemetery (Ravenshoe)

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

Holt Free Methodist Church Cemetery

Location: W. side of 7th 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 12th 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 10th concession road, N. of King
Sideroad
Established: circa 1847

Eleventh Line Presbyterian Church Cemetery

Location: NW corner of 11th 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 12th 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 8th 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 10th 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 10th
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 14th 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 14th Avenue, E. of Hwy. 48 & 9th Concession Road

Established: circa 1850

Boyles' Cemetery (Mongolia)

Location: W. side of 10th concession road, n. of 17th 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 16th Avenue

Established: 1810, 1825 earliest marker recorded

Byer Family Cemetery

Location: E. side of Hwy. 48 between 17th & 18th avenues

Established: 1819 earliest marker

Cashel Cemetery

Location: E. side of Kennedy Road, between 18th & 19th Avenues

Established: 1827

Cedar Grove Mennonite

Location: In churchyard of Rouge Mennonite Valley Church, W. side of 10th 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 18th 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 9th concession, between 17th avenue & 18th 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 14th Avenue
Established: 1838 earliest marker recorded

**Hagerman West Cemetery
(Hagerman Corners)**

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

Locust Hill Church Cemetery

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

Melville Church Cemetery

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

Peach's Church Cemetery

Location: W. side of McCowan Road, N. of 18th
Avenue
Established: 1862

Quantztown Cemetery

Location: W. side of McCowan Road, S. of 16th
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 10th concession between Hwy 7
& 16th 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 5th 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 & 16th 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 16th 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 18th Avenue
Established: circa 1824

Victoria Square Church (West) Cemetery

Location: W. side of Woodbine Avenue just S. of

Established: 18th Avenue
1845 earliest marker recorded

**Wiseman Mennonite
Cemetery**

Location: W. side of Hwy. 48 between 17th Avenue
& 18th Avenue
Established: circa 1824

**Zion Church Cemetery
(Cedar Grove)**

Location: N. side of Steeles Avenue E., W. side of
11th 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: W. of 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 9th Concession Rd.
Established: Earliest known burial 1874

Christian Church Cemetery (Churchill)

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

Hartman Cemetery

Location: S. side of Davis Drive, between Hwy. 48 & 9th 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 10th Concession Road, S. of
Main Street
Established: 1848



Resources *outside* of York Region

North York Central Library: Canadiana Collection

Website: North York Central Library: Canadiana Collection:

http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/uni_can_index.jsp

Email: 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

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 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

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 that take up over 60,000 metres of shelf space; there are over 1.7 million photographs; there are 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.

Libraries 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.

Libraries 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.

Libraries 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/~onryrbogs/ref_006.htm

Email: (Chair) Doris Bourrie bourrie@planeteer.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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