

King's Colourful History at

Digging for your roots

Genealogy, the search for your family history, is one of Canada's most popular hobbies. With the advent of internet, many records that were once kept separately by churches, shipping companies and government offices are now readily available on Ancestry.ca and the database of the Mormon Church.

Despite these online resources, at King Township Archives we answer an ever-increasing number of inquiries each year. Linking families from as far away as England, New Zealand, U.S.A. and across Canada has been the most rewarding part of our work.

KTA resources include local maps from 1860, 1878 and 1917, a collection of over 65 family histories, 130 donations of significant historical material and publications such as *Early Settlements of King Township*, *Schomberg and Its Schools*, *Nobleton Heritage* and the Pioneer Cemetery records, to name a few.

Other resources are the Tweedsmuir Histories available online through the Library, and the Township Accession Rolls from 1850 viewable by appointment



Township clerk's department. Working with both the Library and the King Township Museum expands our opportunity to help locate "your ancestor in the attic."

One of our most exciting discoveries was linking two families to a common ancestor. Initially we had received three original letters written by Christopher Stokes to his family in England. Later an inquiry came from another family who had a connection to Mr. Stokes. By linking these previously unknown parties together, two earlier letters came to light, thus providing a vivid picture of the trials faced by settlers from 1828-1835 in King.

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