

To the Mayor, Council and Library Board

We at The Mayholme Foundation have been preserving records of local families, local histories and photos as well as research material concerning them for twenty years. Since we have opened we have sent many people to Brock University and St. Catharines Special Collections which was well known for it's award winning collection. Tourists from around the World have remained in the area for additional days in order to access and do research in these records, as well as ours.

When researching our area we have learned that much of our early history had it's beginnings in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and after settling in our area (Niagara) many of these early settlers and their families headed west through southern Ontario looking for more land. Later settlement came from Europe. We have tried to have resources for all of those looking for their "Roots".

Mayholme was given some books from Special Collections resources in late 2021, and we offered to purchase any other material that might become available. We have had no further communication from the Library since then.

We have learned that the library has dumped many items in to the garbage.

We are very disappointed to not have been able to acquire any of the disposed material. If any future dumping will happen, we will willingly take microfilm as well as books or manuscripts or at least first right of refusal.

Respectfully,

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