

Committee to Establish a Middlesex County Archives

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Society

Middlesex Centre
Archives

Middlesex Centre
Historical Society

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Strathroy Historical
Society

Wardsville Historical
Museum

Westminster Township
Historical Society

Representatives from all
Middlesex Communities

Where Are the Records Now?

The history of Middlesex County is spread out in various municipalities and historical societies. There are also archival collections in branch libraries which could be transferred to a Middlesex County Archives.

The organizational members of the Committee to Establish a Middlesex County Archives (CEMCA) all have records. There are also a few organizations not active in this committee but still interested in supporting a County Archives. While not all of these records would necessarily be transferred to the Middlesex County Archives, many would, as records have been retained for areas that are not represented by a historical society. The other issue that is arising for the member groups is succession planning. What happens when the volunteers are no longer able to continue working or funding the collections? The member groups have extensive collections that illustrate the culture and history of their areas. Where will these records go if there is no one to continue the legacy of custodianship?

The following organizations also have Middlesex County records:

- Western University - many of these have been repatriated to the historical societies but the University's collection does have a lot of excellent resources that were donated to the Special Collections Branch, now the Archives, when there was nowhere to donate records.
- The Ivey Family London Room at London Public Library held a lot of material for Middlesex County, but it has recently changed its mandate to reflect the City of London. As a result, records are being transferred to the local historical societies or Middlesex Centre Archives. This can be problematic, as storage space is an issue for many.

These do not include the records that are waiting to be donated by individuals, companies and area businesses in Middlesex County.

Middlesex Centre Archives has received some material from Western as well as the London Public Library. With everyone having storage issues, it is important to note that some information could be lost.