



*Middlesex County Archives:  
A Historical Imperative*

Presentation To  
Middlesex County Council  
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Committee to Establish a Middlesex County Archives

# *Differences and Similarities*



## **ARCHIVE**

A collection of paper, digital documents and photographs.



## **MUSEUM**

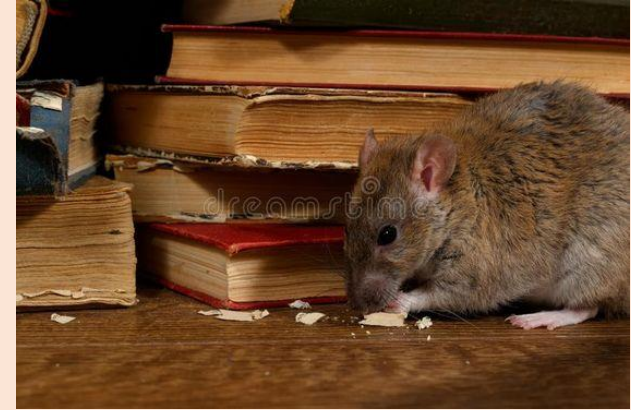
A collection of objects



## **LIBRARY**

A collection of books, periodicals and sometimes film and music.

# *Middlesex County: A Half-Generation From Losing Our Rich History.*



Dumpster  
Fire  
Flood  
Rodents  
Insects  
Mould  
Aging Volunteers



## Climate Change and Disasters

- Tornadoes
- Floods
- Fires
- Rail Derailments
- 401 and 402 Highways

# *Cautions about Digitisation*

Krista Taylor, Archivist

- ✓ Let's Go Digital!
- ✓ Case Study: Marsh Store
- ✓ Once and Done

# *The Cost-Benefits of Investment*

Dr. David Elliott, Historian and Researcher

- ✓ State of Archival Documents for Middlesex County
- ✓ Legal Issues About Land Titles
- ✓ Indigenous Land Claims
- ✓ Genealogical Tourism
- ✓ Historic Middlesex County
- ✓ Financial Implications of Not Having a County Archives

# *Recommendations*

1. That a Implementation Partnership Committee be established to implement the Digitization Project with membership from the *Committee To Establish a Middlesex County* and Administration, if funded.
2. That Middlesex County Council commit to establish a Middlesex County Archives as a long-term strategic goal.
3. That, as part of the Middlesex County Archives goal, a Partnership Committee including *CEMCA* members be established to jointly consider next steps.



**A people without the knowledge  
of their past , origin and culture  
is like a tree without roots.**

**Marcus Garvy**