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Elgin County Archives Publishes Thousands of Images Online Via Knowledge Ontario's Our Ontario Portal

In February, 2010 the Archives completed a long-standing project to upload more than 20,000 digital images from its collections to Knowledge Ontario's *Our Ontario* online digital records database at <http://www.ourontario.ca/>. Images published include selections from key collections such as the Scott Studio fonds, Alma College fonds, Anderson Department Store fonds and the Robert Moore Postcard collection.

Our Ontario is a collaborative project providing libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, galleries, and others across Ontario with an effective portal for enabling public access to their digital collections. Partnering with Knowledge Ontario in this way provides the Archives with a popular and high profile alternative means of facilitating access to core collection content, greatly expanding and enhancing the public reach of its own online databases.

The successful completion of this project was featured at the 2010 Ontario Library Association conference in Toronto.

The Archives wishes to thank our Knowledge Ontario partners, particularly Our Ontario Information Architect Walter Lewis and Project Co-Ordinator Jess Posgate. The Archives is also grateful to the County's Information Technology department and in particular network analyst Jeremy Sharkey for providing extensive and invaluable assistance with this project.

A pdf file explaining the technical process followed in uploading images to *Our Ontario* and a project timeline is available to [download](#).