

# Josephine Katharine Greenfield

b. Mar. 28, 1921, Hamilton, ON; d. Apr. 26, 2015, Hamilton, ON

## Education:

1942 BA (University of Toronto)  
1943 BLS (University of Toronto)  
1970 MLS (University of Toronto)

## Positions:

1943-1944 Ottawa Public Library  
1944-1983 various positions at Hamilton Public Library, including circulation librarian at the Kenilworth Branch and children's librarian at the Central Library  
1968 Canadiana Librarian  
1971 Head of Reference  
1974 first Head of the new Special Collections Department (now known as Local History and Archives). She remained in this position until her retirement in 1983.  
Archivist (volunteer), Christ's Church Cathedral (Anglican), Hamilton, ON

## Publications:

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In addition to these publications, Katharine Greenfield prepared several signed biographies of Hamilton notables for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* (University of Toronto Press) and the *Dictionary of Hamilton Biography*. She prepared many guides and calendars of archival papers for the local history and archival collection, Hamilton Public Library.

## Associations/Committees:

Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society (President, 1978-1979)

Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature and Art

Hamilton Historical Society

## Honours:

1997 Honorary Lay Canon, Christ's Church Cathedral, Anglican Diocese of Niagara

2014 Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award

## Comments:

Librarian and archivist Katharine Greenfield she ensured the acquisition of much material on the history of Hamilton that would otherwise have been lost. A noted local historian, she was a popular speaker, as well as author, on the history of Hamilton and of her church, Christ's Church Cathedral (Anglican). Her ancestors arrived in Hamilton in 1983. Her work to ensure the collection and preservation Hamilton's history is a lasting legacy.

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