



Hello members of the Mill Road Historical Society and fellow history enthusiasts!

My name is Maggie Kalenak and I'm currently a third year PhD student at Girton College, Cambridge. My thesis is about romantic relationships in 19th century England.

Having lived in the Mill Road neighbourhood for the past 3 years, I've really fallen in love with the community and Cambridge as a city. I'm very interested in collecting unpublished sources from our region to integrate into my body of case-studies. This is where you come in! As people so invested in the preservation of history, many of you are the keepers of your family histories and I would love to hear your stories. Specifically I'm interested in letters, diaries and family histories about love in the 19th century.

It would be an honour if any of you would like to share these stories with me so that I might integrate them into my research. In addition to helping me with my PhD thesis, I will be incorporating any local sources and stories that come my way into a talk I'm giving to the Mill Road History Society this February (fittingly close to Valentine's Day!) on love letters, courtship and romance in the 19th century.

I realise that family documents and stories are very precious materials and I'm therefore happy to discuss terms of use and make sure that you're entirely happy and comfortable with how they will be used.

If you'd like to get in contact with me, please e-mail me at mmk56@cam.ac.uk and I will get back to you as soon as I can. I'm always happy to correspond or to meet up for a coffee.

I want to thank the Mill Road Historical Society for allowing me to share this platform and for supporting my research. As an immigrant to the U.K., the Mill Road community has become a home away from home and I can't wait to hear more of its' stories.