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H.E.I.R.S.

newsletter

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society



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COMMEMORATING THE WAR OF 1812

Inside this issue...

***An overview of the local events
commemorating the 200th anniversary
of the War of 1812***

***H.E.I.R.S. – Board of Directors
elected at May's meeting***

Welcome to the June 2012 edition of the H.E.I.R.S. newsletter.

Resource Centre Yearly Report

- a review of the key activities & events June 2011 to May 2012

The members of this committee include:

Ted Steele, Kathy Langlois, Edith Woodbridge, Pauline Baldwin and Chris Carter.

1. Approximately 100 visitors signed into H.E.I.R.S. during the last fiscal year.

2. The number of e-mail requests for family information remains fairly constant at 120 requests for the past year.

3. Land Registry documents continue to be entered into our database. The good news in this regard, is that H.E.I.R.S. is nearing completion of this project. A special thank you to Les Hodgkins for the tremendous number of hours spent performing this task.

4. The Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society has requested the Kingsville and Gosfield Land Registry records now in the possession of H.E.I.R.S. Pending approval from the Land Registry Office in Windsor, this request will be honoured by H.E.I.R.S.

5. Our weekly, dedicated volunteers, Karen Hernandez, Nancy Murphy and Jeff Wood continue with their respective projects, namely, the scanning of the photograph collection, filing in the Genealogical and Local Historical files, creating indexes for books that require them and assisting with mailing out the newsletter. A sincere thank you to all for your much appreciated work.

6. Our students, Andrea Leslie and Katharine Maag, worked "very industrially" for H.E.I.R.S. last summer. Included in their tasks were dealing with genealogical and local history requests, Land Registry Documents input, maintenance of the H.E.I.R.S. office, inventory of our books and establishing an electronic card catalogue containing information about all books and maps. H.E.I.R.S. is indebted to these two young ladies for their work.

7. H.E.I.R.S. has acquired two extensive family collections in the past year.

8. The 2-part Elder College course that H.E.I.R.S. taught was very well attended & was a great success.

Consideration for future projects:

Local Senior citizen interviews

Archiving of photograph collection

The Resource Centre Committee continues to work on behalf of our membership and our community. We appreciate your support and suggestions, and look forward to new pursuits.

Upcoming Fall Meetings: reconvene September 2012 (no meetings June to August)

Our Fall meetings should be very interesting. We are currently arranging for a tour of the Snyder House, which is the oldest building in Essex County, and was in location during the War of 1812.

Stories are told of people at the house watching the ships and hearing the cannons during the Battle of Lake Erie. Also on our agenda is a visit from Bob Lynch to discuss his recent publication, "Taking the 'Lectric", the story of the electrical railway system

in Essex County. Plans are also being made to have a group restoring World War 2 bombers bring us up to date on their progress, and educate us on the history of their particular aircraft.

It's going to be another fascinating Fall of history and learning at HEIRS!

May Meeting Recap

The May meeting of HEIRS was our year-ending, pot luck supper and elections to fill the positions on the board of directors which had run their terms. Approximately 25 attended and enjoyed the meal and fellowship. In addition, Mr. Peter Timmins was elected to fill the void left by the retirement of Edith Woodbridge. A delicious chocolate cake was enjoyed in Edith's honour, to help mark the 40 years of service to the Harrow region and Essex County. We were most pleased that she could be at the meeting. Those attending also had the opportunity to view various heirlooms and antiques brought in by various HEIRS members. Included in the display were such varied items as a top hat from the mid-1800's, a child's wooden rocking horse from the 1930's, and a hand made 2-part wooden sled from the late 1800's. Others items displayed were a butter churn, butter molds and many other interesting heirlooms. HEIRS thanks those members who brought in heirlooms to share and attend the meeting.



(Left) Edith Woodbridge prepares to cut her "thank you" cake at the May meeting of H.E.I.R.S. to celebrate her decades of service on various committees, and holding many positions on the board.

(Below) Meeting attendees brought historical heirlooms for all to see, including a vintage rocking horse, butter molds and churn, cream jar, King George VI souvenir plate, top hat & family photos.

Photos of Edith Woodbridge & Board of Directors courtesy Heather Gignac, Harrow News



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Back row (left to right):

Richard Herniman, *President*;
Peter Timmins, *Director*;
John Brush, *Treasurer*;
Les Hodgins, *Hospitality*;
Ted Steele, *Newsletter / Publicity*

Front row:

Jo Ann Jenereaux, *Director*;
Pauline Baldwin, *Resource Centre*;
Kathy Langlois, *Secretary*

Absent:

Chris Carter, *Vice-President, Newsletter, Program / Publicity*

From the H.E.I.R.S. mailbox...

As we gear up for a new year, here are a few reminders for our newsletter readers and members:

1. If you have an idea for a topic, or a guest speaker for HEIRS, or if you yourself are willing to speak to the group, please let any of our directors know, or call the HEIRS Resource Centre at 738-3700 during our regular hours, Tuesday from 10 to 3PM, Wednesday from 10 to 12 Noon, and Thursday from 10 until 3 PM. We want our meetings to be about what YOU want to hear.

2. We would love the opportunity to add copies of your family information to our files. We can photograph, photocopy, or scan and digitize your treasures, and provide you with a copy on computer disk or DVD.

Your old VHS tapes of weddings, birthdays, or other family occasions can be put on disk to be preserved and enjoyed.

Any item that is "one of a kind" is in need of being duplicated for posterity before the unexpected happens.

3. HEIRS has a supply of books and videos (both VHS tapes and DVDs) which can be freely borrowed by our members. Drop in and see what we have to make some great summer reading or material to view and enjoy.

4. HEIRS is open through the summer, every weekday from 9 AM to 4PM (closed for lunch 12 -1PM), thanks to our student employees, made available by your financial support. They make sure our services are available, and they are most happy to assist your researches. There are no regular HEIRS meetings during the summer, but the Centre itself continues to be at your service.

Has Your Family Been in Ontario for over 100 years?

Family member fought for Canada in the War of 1812-14?

If you can claim either of these in your ancestry, you will be interested in the Heritage Societies at the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Go to www.ogs.on.ca, click on "Heritage Societies" on the left hand side for more details.

Also coming soon:

2 new Heritage Societies: Rebellion of 1837 and Upper Canada.

The website providing design competitions for the certificates of these 2 new groups can be found above.

Available from your H.E.I.R.S. Resource Centre

Mail orders available.

Connected...*How The Railroads Built Windsor*

The story of Canada's busiest 19th century crossing: the trials, takeovers and tragedies of the industry's infancy, and how railroads created a city. - by Michael J. T. Brode

Tom Rock, CEO, T.D.R. Productions and Rockontrains, says of this book: *"This historical outline of rail traffic in Canada from the 1830's until the early 20th century, and how it impacted the Windsor and Essex areas is truly a work of literary art.*

The detailed documentation of the Great Western, Canadian Southern, Canadian Pacific and Lake Erie, Essex and Detroit River Railroad is superb. The roles they played in developing the Essex County area in Southwestern Ontario more than exceed anything I have ever read."

About the author:

Michael Brode was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1942, and, as a child, moved to Windsor, Ontario. He grew up in Riverside, and graduated from Corpus Christi High School in 1962.

At the University of Windsor he gained both a BA and MA degree in History, He received his PhD from the University of Alberta in 1972, with his thesis being "The Geneva Naval Disarmament Conference of 1927".

He and his wife, Carol, settled in Puce, near Windsor, and have a daughter Alice. After working as Assistant to the City Administrator of Windsor for 32 years, he retired in 2003. His interests and hobbies have long been distance walking and running, gardening, writing and a passion for both history and model trains.

The book is a paperback, 8.5 inches by 5.5 inches, and 115 pages in length. It is well illustrated by photographs with charts frequently used. Print is large and spacious, making the book easy to read. Brode's style is informative and interesting, without being in the style of a textbook. Copyrighted by Upper Canada Press, 2012 (Harrow, Ontario, Canada).



115 pages with photos & charts throughout. A reference copy is available at the Resource Centre. Books can be purchased through H.E.I.R.S ... \$17.00

TO ORDER:
Contact HEIRS
at 519-738-3700

June 16 The Peace Garden launch, near the harbour in Leamington.

June 23 Unveiling of International Peace Sculpture, "Forged Peace" at the King's Navy Yard in Amherstburg.

July 1 to Oct 26 Toy Soldier Display at Park House Museum, 214 Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg. The Park House also hosts SUNDAY SOCIALS, featuring arts & crafts of the 19th century. (519) 736-2511

July 10 to Aug 12 Art Exhibit "Bicentennial of the War of 1812", Gibson Gallery, 140 Richmond Street, Amherstburg (519) 736-2826

July 28-29 Explore The Shore, trip along County Road 50 with an 1812 theme, stops at John R Park Homestead, wineries. Tall Ships, at Colchester Harbour, go sailing on Lake Erie on a majestic 1800's sailing vessel. explorethesore.ca

July 28- Brock Sail-away & Officers' mess. Leaves Leamington Marina at 8 AM, travels to Point Pelee for lunch sponsored by the Pelee Island Winery. Return to Marina mid-afternoon for demonstrations of fur-trading, canoeing & re-enactors, plus live entertainment featuring "Songs of 1812". 5 PM, Caldwell First Nations holds a "smudging ceremony" with dance & drumming performances. 6 PM Officer's Mess at Leamington Marina Pavilion with period costumes, food & entertainment with an 1812 flavour. Includes a carvery & trimmings, live music, cash bar. ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY. www.leamington.ca

August 3-5 The Destiny Art Exhibit at the Roots To Boots Festival in the King's Navy Yard, Amherstburg, organized by Amherstburg Mud Puppy Gallery on Dalhousie Street. mudpuppygallery@gmail.com

August 3 Dedication & Unveiling of Provincial Marine Bronze Monument at the King's Navy Yard, honouring the Provincial Marine's heroic efforts during the War of 1812, features full-sized group of sailors manning a cannon in the Battle of Lake Erie.

August 4 Heritage Homecoming, riveting re-enactment of the Underground Railroad crossing, in Amherstburg's early years, Matthew Elliott's Point. View what it was like for slaves to find freedom on this side of the Detroit River. 9 AM, with a celebration of freedom afterwards.

August 4 Chantal Kreviazuk In Concert!! Chantal's maternal great- grandmother was of Aboriginal background, her Cree ancestors were involved with the beginnings of the Hudson's Bay Company & the fur trade. Tickets \$28 & ARE LIMITED from Gordon House in Amherstburg, or United Communities Credit Union, or online. 1812amherstburg.com

August 4-5 Military Heritage Days...Take Charge! Discover history as it comes to life at Fort Malden National Historic Park. Experience tactical demonstrations, military encampments, & children activities. A weekend of firepower & fun!! pc.gc.ca/malden

August 4-5 Park House Museum on Dalhousie Street, Amherstburg, participate in 19th century chores & crafts. Learn what daily life was like for our ancestors. A terrific learning experience! parkhousemuseum.com

August 5 Roots To Boots Signature Event- 3 stages & at 6 locations in Amherstburg. Step back in time as Amherstburg is transformed into an 1812 setting. Parade, fireworks, concerts, re-enactments, the Tall Ships, genealogy & Roots Book Store, Enbridge Children's Heritage Village & more. 1812amherstburg.com

August 6 Brock's Landing. Re-enactment of Brock's landing on Sand Island, to repair boats before going on to Fort Malden. Landing will be held at Wheatley Harbour, weather permitting, noon, followed by a perch lunch.

August 10-12 Art of Eating Food & Wine Festival (1812 themed) celebrates award-winning wines, delectable food & get-up-and-dance entertainment hosted by the Tecumseh BIA. tecumsehbia.com/art-of-eating

August 23-26 Tecumseh Corn Festival (1812 themed) Lacasse Park, Tecumseh, with rides, hot buttered corn & various activities centred around the War of 1812 Commemoration. Great family event. tecumseh.ca/residents/tourism-and-events/corn-festival.

**Enjoy these special events
right in our own region!**



Photo courtesy of 1812 Amherstburg

From the archives of the *Amherstburg Echo*... Summer of 1889

July 5th

Baseball is lively at Harrow under the management of Gordon Ferriss and C.E. Burdick. The Harrow and Lake Shore clubs are rivals for the baseball championship of the township. The long summer evenings give grand opportunities for practice on the fair grounds.

July 19th

A Commandery of the Red Cross was organized at Harrow by H. C. Teeple of Leamington, district organizer for Ontario, and Supreme Scribe George Williamson of Detroit. About 30 members were present, with the following officers elected:

Past Commander	Joseph Best
Commander	Samuel Wilton
Lieut. Commander	Mrs. Bertha Drummond
Scribe	C. I. Pastorius
Financier	D. H. Woodrow
Treasurer	Mrs. Huldah Pastorius
Prelate	Mrs. Barbara Wilton
Sergeant	W. H. McKay
Guard	Miss Adaline Ferriss
Sentinel	John C. Anderson
Medical Examiner	D. G. L. Ring
Trustees	Wm. Best, E. S. Cornwall, John Morin

Cherry pickers are quite numerous along the front. They come from Canaan and Gesto and pick on shares.

July 28th

A Board of Arbitration met re: the opening of McAfee Street, and the claim by the Baptist Church and also re: the land upon which the post office is standing. The award was \$200 for property and \$61 costs.

August 16th

Donald Cameron from Middlesex County has gone into business with Dr. Mitchell in the Harrow drug store.

Harrow Council repealed all the former cattle by-laws, and prohibiting their running at large after Nov. 1st, owing to the township's liability for accidents on the railway.

August 17

A picnic in aid of the Harrow Brass Band was held in McLean's Grove. There were amusements of all kinds, and dancing to the strains of a fine orchestra. G. Morin, G. Ferriss and Wm. McCormick were the committee of arrangements.

August 16

Potleg baseballers defeated Harrow's junior team on Aug. 2. The Potleg Baseball Club (Farmers) issue a challenge to any club in the county.

HEIRS Ball Caps for Sale



Quality cap, HEIRS logo,
your choice of cap colour

Just \$15 including tax

Let any Director know
if you wish to order!

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Members
Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society

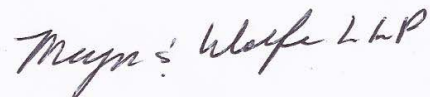
We have audited the statements of receipts and disbursements (Cash Basis) of the **Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society** for the year ended **April 30, 2012**. These statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation.

In common with organizations of this type, the organization derives revenue from sources the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenue and excess of receipts over disbursements.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of the revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these statements present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions and balances of the organization as at April 30, 2012.

May 16, 2012
Harrow, Ontario



Meyer & Wolfe, LLP
Licenced Public Accountants

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Cash Basis)

Years ended April 30	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
			\$	\$	\$
Receipts:					
Memberships	2,859.90	2,439.04	2,928.66	2,349.84	2,326.86
Donations	4,529.77	2,574.21	3,014.00	3,546.00	9,018.25
Trillium Grant	-	0.00			13,900.00
Research fee	309.70	24.97	240.00	250.24	245.00
Provincial Grant	1,545.00	3,640.00	3,068.00	919.00	1,215.00
Book sales	2,122.54	2,194.00	2,226.58	2,391.40	1,803.60
Copier revenue	170.35	471.05	274.98	373.50	564.86
Miscellaneous	51.12	0.00	24.30	44.95	79.00
Federal grant	2,460.00	2,153.00	1,710.00		1,680.00
Essex Student Grant	2,000.00				
Fundraiser	1,045.00	1,139.00	1,381.00		
GST	734.73	0.00	499.32	355.42	
40th Anniversary	78.30				
Term Deposit proceeds - (Note 1)	5,000.00	3,022.62	5,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Interest & US exchange	17.98	10.51	85.76	226.50	31.91
Float returned	150.00				
Total Receipts	23,074.39	17,668.40	20,452.60	13,456.85	31,864.48
Disbursements:					
Audit fee	-	577.50	577.50	581.30	556.50
Rent	1,356.00	1,340.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,268.00
Books	484.87	440.35	1,031.40	1,398.97	696.28
Wages & benefits	4,037.83	5,482.85	4,100.09	2,026.98	1,853.32
Donations	-	0.00			100.00
Memberships	60.00	227.39	201.95	45.00	45.00
Postage and office	2,937.78	1,518.03	2,365.14	1,791.16	2,545.10
40th Anniversary	115.18				
Miscellaneous	286.49				
Telephone	2,527.64	2,340.71	2,294.98	2,059.94	2,024.35
Insurance	934.20	934.20	934.20	853.20	853.20
Bank charges	-	41.37	2.25	15.75	18.00
Fund raiser costs	-	584.32	655.17		
Equipment maintenance - computer	353.95	0.00			702.63
Equipment maintenance - copier	1,139.07	1,241.42	1,480.19	1,266.93	1,527.28
Equipment - Epson projector	-	880.27	819.24	15,686.32	
Term deposit - (Note 1)	10,016.44	0.00	3,022.62	1,000.00	8,000.00
Float	150.00				
Total Disbursements	24,399.45	15,608.41	18,744.73	27,985.55	20,189.66
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	(1,325.06)	2,059.99	1,707.87	(14,528.70)	11,674.82
Bank and cash balance beginning of year	5,999.19	3,939.20	2,231.33	16,760.03	5,085.21
Bank and cash balance end of year	4,674.13	5,999.19	3,939.20	2,231.33	16,760.03
Made up of:					
Petty cash	52.41	173.17	146.99	95.26	25.31
Balance per account #431 and #890	4,844.68	5,826.02	3,792.21	2,136.07	17,208.95
Total cash and bank balances	4,897.09	5,999.19	3,939.20	2,231.33	17,234.26
Less: Outstanding cheques	(222.81)				(474.23)
	4,674.28	5,999.19	3,939.20	2,231.33	16,760.03
Term Deposit - (Note 1)	5,016.00		3,022.62	5,000.00	7,000.00
Total Cash	9,690.28	5,999.19	6,961.82	7,231.33	23,760.03

Note 1:

The organization purchased a Term Deposit during the year in the amount of \$5,016.44, at 1% interest for 365 days due April 19, 2013 in the amount of \$5,066.60, cashable in minimum amounts of \$1,000 before maturity.

Hours of Operation: September to June (excluding December)
Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM to 3PM / Wednesday: 9AM to 12 Noon
Please call for appointments at other times.

Memberships:

Now Due: JUNE 2012 to MAY 2013: \$20 per person / couple (CDN / U.S.)
Send cheque to: HEIRS, PO BOX 53, HARROW ON CANADA N0R 1G0
Please include your phone, fax, email, website & names you are now researching.



HEIRS Newsletter

The HEIRS newsletter is published 9 times per year, in conjunction with General Meetings held on the 4th Thursday of the month, from September through May (with the exception of December).

Newsletters by Email

If you currently receive our newsletter by mail and would prefer to receive it by email, simply provide your email address to any one of our newsletter committee members. Not only will you be able to archive the full colour newsletter PDF easily on your computer, it will save HEIRS the extra handling, reproduction and mailing costs.

Special thanks to Greg Harrison at the Computer Centre in Harrow, for his ongoing support of all things technical, setting up our new equipment, and keeping things running smoothly.



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