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Honouring our War of 1812 Veterans

Newsletter News!

Welcome to the September edition....

*So have you told your friends and other family members what HEIRS is all about?
Have you shared one of our newsletters from 2015 yet?*

***We always welcome new members... they become part of our lifeblood,
new ideas, new questions, and new trail-blazing for all of our members' enjoyment.***

***So enjoy the last of the late summer warmth
this month & take a look through this edition!***

September Meeting

When: Thursday, September 24th, 1:30 PM

Where: Harrow-Colchester Arena Community Centre

Ruth Nicholson will be speaking on the process of getting commemorative plaques for veterans of the War of 1812.

There are easily 100 veterans buried in Essex County, and most of our members are descendants. We hope this work becomes an ongoing HEIRS project, since we have the genealogy records.

Ruth was on hand to lay wreaths at two of the veterans gravesites this past May. Our September meeting will afford members and interested parties to learn more about how to obtain plaques for their family member who were veterans of this important event in the formation of our country.



May

HEIRS last met in May, but the summer has brought its share of activities. The HEIRS research centre was open much of the summer, thanks in large part to Directors Kathy Langlois and Pauline Baldwin. The group owes you two a hearty thank you for your dedicated efforts.

June

In June, the Bois Blanc blockhouse was officially dedicated and opened to the public in a ceremony which featured the Sun Parlour Pipes and Drums, emcee Gordon Orr, and a variety of public officials, as well as a musketry display and cannon fire by the Amherstburg Provincial Marine. The committee, spearheaded by Bill Brundage, is continuing to team with HEIRS in efforts to make the blockhouse a better known attraction.

July

July included the annual HEIRS Fund-Raiser barbecue at the Sanford store on Main Street in Harrow. Directors and volunteers provided goodies to hungry passers-by, and HEIRS was able to make a profit to help offset our office expenses.

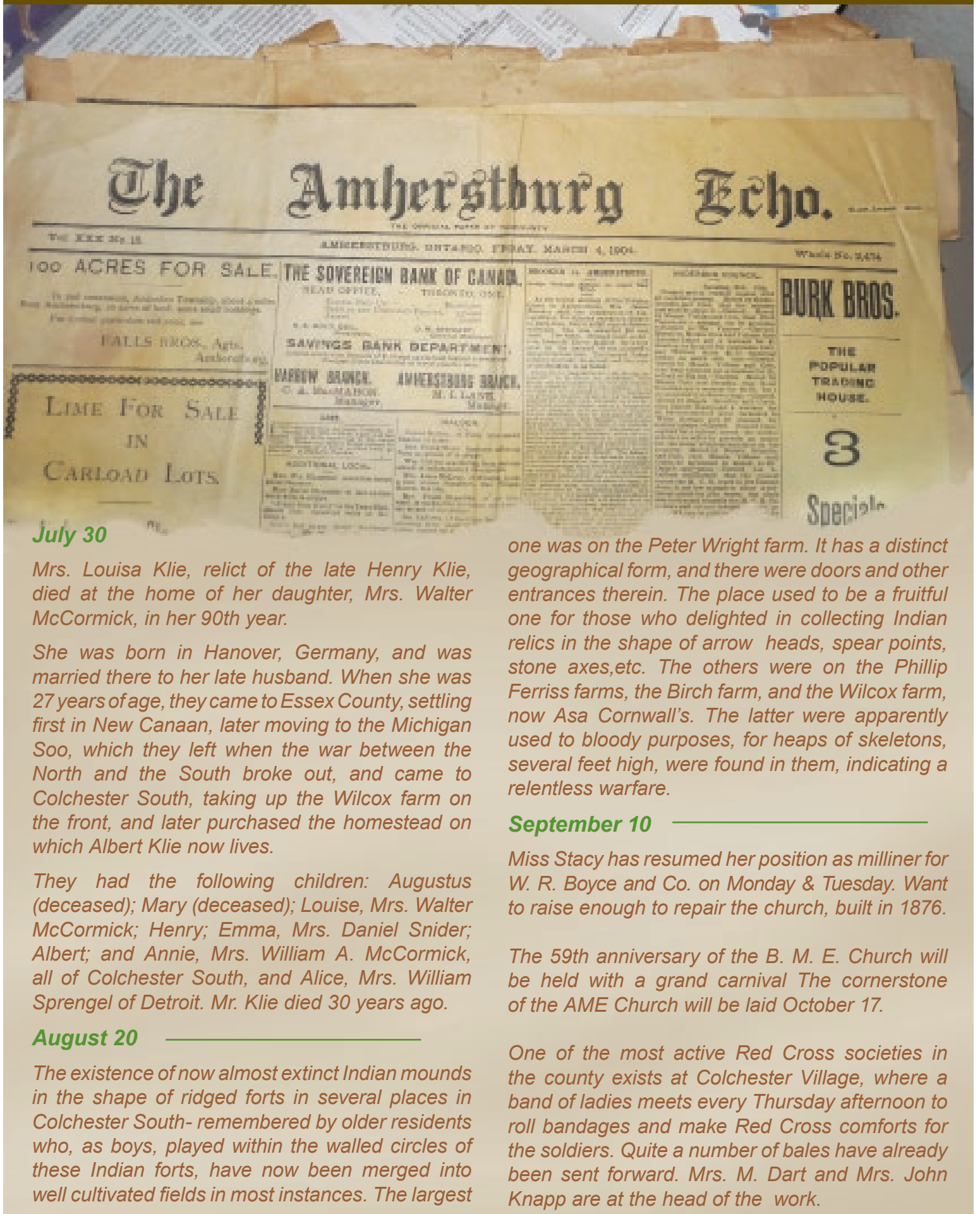


4 Summer Events (cont'd)

August

Fort Malden in Amherstburg held its annual Military Heritage Days, & the blockhouse committee set up a display table to promote itself. As well, the HEIRS group distributed information pages, pamphlets & membership forms, so that more people become aware of HEIRS & what we have to offer.





The Amherstburg Echo.

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Week No. 2474

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July 30

Mrs. Louisa Klie, relict of the late Henry Klie, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter McCormick, in her 90th year.

She was born in Hanover, Germany, and was married there to her late husband. When she was 27 years of age, they came to Essex County, settling first in New Canaan, later moving to the Michigan Soo, which they left when the war between the North and the South broke out, and came to Colchester South, taking up the Wilcox farm on the front, and later purchased the homestead on which Albert Klie now lives.

They had the following children: Augustus (deceased); Mary (deceased); Louise, Mrs. Walter McCormick; Henry; Emma, Mrs. Daniel Snider; Albert; and Annie, Mrs. William A. McCormick, all of Colchester South, and Alice, Mrs. William Sprengel of Detroit. Mr. Klie died 30 years ago.

August 20

The existence of now almost extinct Indian mounds in the shape of ridged forts in several places in Colchester South- remembered by older residents who, as boys, played within the walled circles of these Indian forts, have now been merged into well cultivated fields in most instances. The largest

one was on the Peter Wright farm. It has a distinct geographical form, and there were doors and other entrances therein. The place used to be a fruitful one for those who delighted in collecting Indian relics in the shape of arrow heads, spear points, stone axes, etc. The others were on the Phillip Ferriss farms, the Birch farm, and the Wilcox farm, now Asa Cornwall's. The latter were apparently used to bloody purposes, for heaps of skeletons, several feet high, were found in them, indicating a relentless warfare.

September 10

Miss Stacy has resumed her position as milliner for W. R. Boyce and Co. on Monday & Tuesday. Want to raise enough to repair the church, built in 1876.

The 59th anniversary of the B. M. E. Church will be held with a grand carnival. The cornerstone of the AME Church will be laid October 17.

One of the most active Red Cross societies in the county exists at Colchester Village, where a band of ladies meets every Thursday afternoon to roll bandages and make Red Cross comforts for the soldiers. Quite a number of bales have already been sent forward. Mrs. M. Dart and Mrs. John Knapp are at the head of the work.

Essex County

The Park House Museum in Amherstburg has a new exhibit which runs until November 11, 2015 entitled **“Rations & War Cakes: Amherstburg in World War 2”**. It marks the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2 and the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

This visual experience re-creates the atmosphere of our community during WW2, with attention to war brides, childhood, rationing, uniforms and artifacts. The Essex Scottish, the Essex Tank regiments, the Dieppe Raid and POWs are featured exhibits.

A Christmas Wartime exhibit is in the planning stages. For more details, contact HEIRS or the Park House Museum itself. curator@parkhousemuseum.com or 519-736-2511 parkhousemuseum.com [facebook.com/parkhouseamherstburg](https://www.facebook.com/parkhouseamherstburg)

Quilts of Valour-Canada

This is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteer quilters from cities, towns, farms, & groups of quilters who are all taking part in the making of quilts for members of our Canadian Armed Forces & veterans.

There are 22 representatives across Canada who coordinate quilting sessions and deliver the quilts to members of our Canadian Armed forces in their regions. The southwestern Ontario chapter of Quilts of Valour - Canada is looking to reach our WW2 Veterans who served with the Essex Scottish and the Kent Regiments.

Veterans and/or their families are invited to contact Regimental Major Greg Childs of the Essex and Kent Scottish (at 519-472-1088 in London, Ontario) or by email at g.childs@sympatico.ca to forward contact information.

The gift of a “quilted hug” is a thank you from a grateful nation.

Our soldiers and veterans do not often receive a thank-you for the services they have done, and truly don't expect it. This show of appreciation is a comfort to them, and to their families.



September 26 - 27

Amherstburg hosts “A Room With A View”, showcasing the rich history of the Detroit River & Amherstburg itself.

From 10AM - 4 PM daily, events range from tours of the Wyandotte Indian Cemetery, the King’s Navy Yard, Marsh Historical Society, the Commissariat at Fort Malden, the restored 1839 blockhouse on Bois Blanc (Boblo) Island... and more.

Re-enactors & activities of various kinds will take place. As well, HEIRS members Bill Brundage & Ted Steele plan to be at the blockhouse for tours from 1 - 4PM each of the 2 days.

Essex County has so many treasures to be seen & appreciated. Our children & grandchildren have an unequalled opportunity to see history come alive, so close to home.

For more information, contact HEIRS or search “Amherstburg Events” on the internet.

Permission to Come Aboard!

The Kingsville-Gosfield Heritage Society plans a Pelee Island Tour on Wednesday, September 9th. Those people going will gather at the Kingsville dock to board the ferry, JIIMAAN, going to the island.

At 11:30AM, passengers will arrive on the island to begin a bus tour of the points of interest. Lunch at 1:30PM is a buffet of beef, chicken with all the trimmings and dessert, then the bus tour continues.

At 2:30PM, a stop at the Pelee Island Heritage Centre, and at 4PM, time to re-board JIIMAAN for the return trip, with arrival back in Kingsville at 5:30 PM.

Price per person is \$52 all inclusive, except for the cost of the ferry (seniors 65+ \$12.50 round trip, adults \$15). For more information, call Pat Ford at 226-348-7627 in Kingsville, or the Kingsville Archives at 226-348-6377. Please make cheques payable to KINGSVILLE-GOSFIELD HERITAGE SOCIETY.



Video Review - by Ted Steele

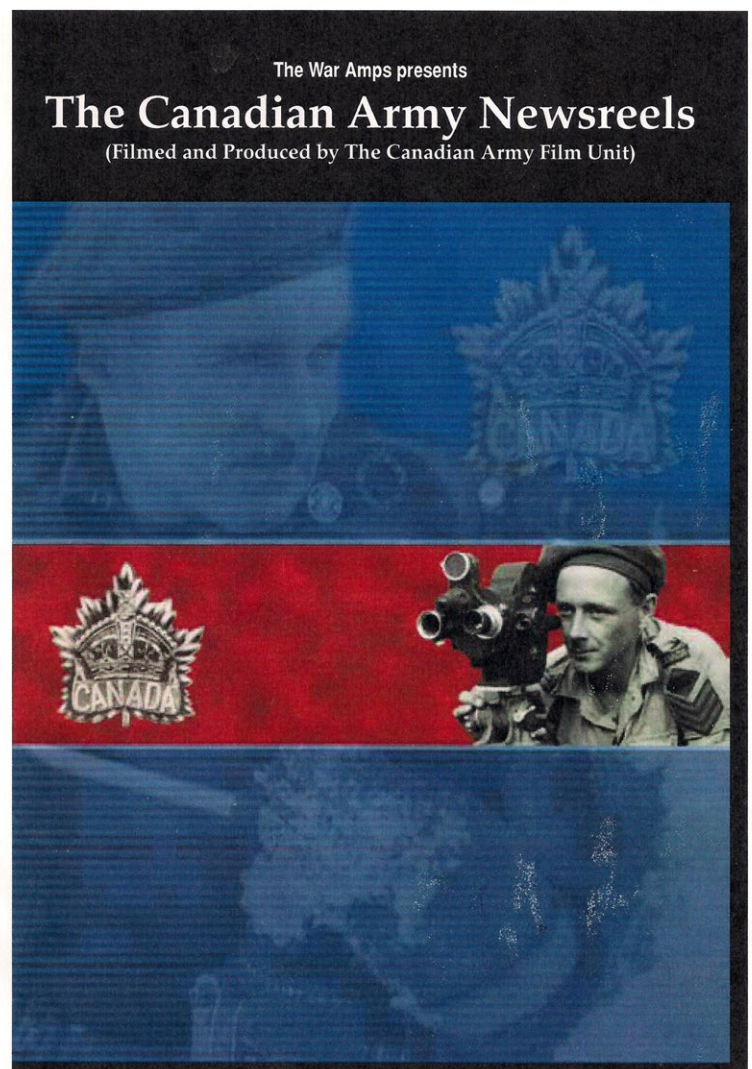
HEIRs has a very interesting and valuable resource which is generally overlooked by our members - the Lending Library. It In the Fall of 2012, we received from the War Amps of Canada, a wonderful set of discs called the Canadian Army Newsreels. This set is a collection of footage shot through World War 2. Canadian news photographers followed the troops through Europe, shooting film of events, both of conflict and the down-time between battles, of Canadian troops welcomed as liberators and young men relaxing by playing baseball.

The disks are accompanied by a booklet listing the events on each one, so that individual battles or events can be quickly located for viewing. If you know of a particular occurrence, it is easily found in the guide and then viewed. My family knew that my uncle was wounded in 1944 as part of the Liberation of Holland.

I was able to view the conflicts he took part in through France, and the Battle of the Scheldt during which he was wounded. He was visited by Princess Beatrice of the Royal Family while in a London Hospital and that is in a newsreel as well. These videos help to put a human face on the war... not just weapons and fighting, explosions and stretchers, but young men and women doing what had to be done, and under the most extreme conditions.

If you remember going to the movies many years ago, and seeing a newsreel feature each week, this collection will take you back instantly to those times. It is a special video set for those who wish to really understand what the war was all about, or those with a family member who took part.

Who knows what you may find that connects with your own particular history?



Hours of Operation: September to June (excluding December)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM - 3PM, Wednesday or other appointments: (Please call to confirm hours.)

Memberships Due: April 2015 to May 2016: \$25 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.

Non-member user fee for HEIRS Research Library, as of January 2013: \$5 / visit (+ photocopy costs).

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 June (with the exception of December).

Newsletters via 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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