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*Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society*



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

**We hope you enjoyed our premier publication. If there are areas of genealogy you would like included or have suggestions, please pass them along to any of our Committee Members or Board of Directors. We would be more than happy to discuss them with you.**

## **PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

HEIRS' annual pasta dinner, at the Harrow Knights of Columbus Hall.



This event, held from 5 to 7 PM on March 3rd, has been a great success in past years. The funds generated has allowed HEIRS to hire a summer student who assists with many activities at HEIRS.

These tasks include research support for inquiries we've received, scanning and logging genealogical information and pictures for our archives, cataloging donated items, plus a myriad of other tasks.

In short, our student helps support all members of HEIRS by ensuring that valuable documents and photographs are saved for future generations.

**Get your tickets and mark your calendars.**

**Dinner tickets still just \$10.**

**Kids 12 & under: \$5.**

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2012 1:30PM**

**Harrow-Colchester South Arena, Meeting Room, Harrow, Ontario**

## **ElderCollege**



**Our special guest speaker will be Dr. Lloyd Brown-John of ElderCollege.**

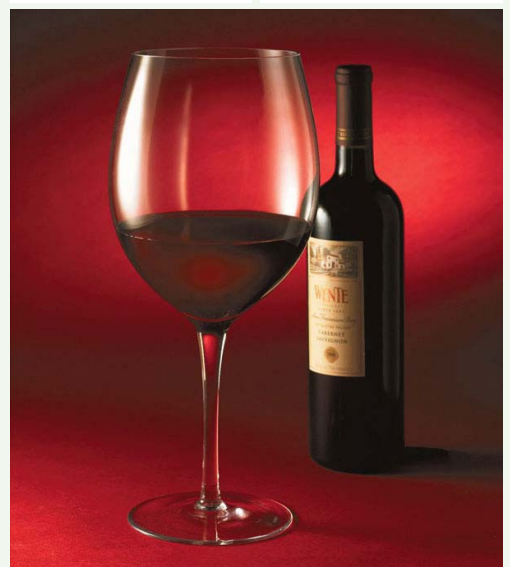
**Dr. Brown-John taught political science at the University of Windsor for 38 years, before retiring in 2005.**

*(Photo: Ed Goodfellow)*

Lloyd has organized and provided the impetus for Eldercollege, a series of courses for adults, 55+ to be held at various venues across Essex County. Courses may run as short as 3 hours, or as long as an entire semester. Topics will range from 'Getting the Most From Your Smartphone', 'Curling for Beginners, Introducing Bridge', 'Traveling the Globe' to 'Wine-Tasting'.

All courses are inexpensive to take, are fun, and educational too. Lloyd has taught 2 courses and even enrolled in several others himself, along with his wife. On Feb 23rd, Lloyd will bring us up-to-date on all that is offered from ElderCollege right here in our own area, all starting this April. Great courses offering something for every one of us to participate in.

Please plan to attend to discover the amazing series of available and diverse courses.



## January's Meeting Recap - War of 1812 200th Anniversary

### Here's what you missed if you were not at the last meeting...

On Thursday, Jan 26, our speaker was Debra Honor, member of the 1812 Alive, the committee organizing events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.



Because of the proximity of Fort Malden, in Amherstburg is the logical centre of events. For August 4 to 6, that town will transform into an 1812 setting "with a modern twist".



The summer months will feature native dancers, the Tall Ships, a Children's Heritage Village, art exhibits, canoe rides and much more. A complete listing of events can be found at [www.1812Amherstburg.com](http://www.1812Amherstburg.com). Debra's talk created much anticipation and interest in all the exciting things this committee has planned.

## From the HEIRS' mailbox...

Sarah Shippey (nee Gordon), born about 1784,;father as John Gordon, Loyalist. Sarh married John Shippy, son of Loyalist Zebulon Shippy. Sarah died in Kent County. To exchange information, please contact [johnisjr@whidbey.com](mailto:johnisjr@whidbey.com)

Almira Baldwin, born about 1820-18128, married Tyler Dodge, buried at Cottam Cemetery. Contact Jerry Wilson at [jerlynwilson@shaw.ca](mailto:jerlynwilson@shaw.ca) . If you have information on Almira Baldwin or Tyler Dodge, Norma Chantler is interested. Contact her at [norma.chantler@sympatico.ca](mailto:norma.chantler@sympatico.ca)

If you have information of John McLean, who settled in the New Settlement of Essex County, please contact Jane Steffen at [steffens@centurylink.net](mailto:steffens@centurylink.net) .

A student at the Univ of Guelph is researching the "sportsman" aspect of Essex County around the beginning of the 1900s. He is interested in records of any shooting competitions, stores that sold guns and ammunition, etc. Contact him at [andrewtellier@hotmail.ca](mailto:andrewtellier@hotmail.ca) .

George Henry Knight was born May 20, 1838 in Hampshire County, England, and died August 29, 1915 in Essex, Ontario. He married Sarah Ann Maiden in 1862 at Kirton, Lincolnshire, U.K. If you have information, please contact Cheryl at [chevycheryl@sympatico.ca](mailto:chevycheryl@sympatico.ca) .

## Did you know?

An automatic lubricator, a device to pump oil to the engine of a ship or locomotive by using steam pressure, was a time-saving invention of Elijah McCoy. He was born in Canada, the son of former slaves, and lived right here in Harrow, Essex County.

His invention provided engines with a gradual and constant release of oil to engines, preventing overheating. He was granted his patent in 1872, and a second patent for an improvement to the design in 1874. Others copied his design, but their products were deemed inferior, and those in the know always wanted his design which was, after all, "the real McCoy".

**Our lending library at HEIRS has more on the man and his life...  
take advantage of what we have available!**

## From the archives of the Amherstburg Echo... 1888-89

### August 3rd, 1888

The most terrific storm that has been known for years visited our village last Tuesday evening. Trees were blown down, and the telegraph line between Harrow and Sackville was badly injured. Thomas Ferriss was stunned slightly, Charles Knapp was severely shocked and Mrs. Joseph Drummond, who was on her way from Kingsville, was so severely shocked that she is under the care of Dr. Mitchell and unable to leave her bed.

Mrs. Ann Fox's barn was struck. Several neighbours were there and all were shocked, especially Anthony Marantette, who happened to be sitting on the horse rake.

Lightning struck a horse belonging to John Richmond in the open field and killed him. He was worth about \$125 and was insured in the London Mutual with Chas. Bell & Bro.

### Dec. 21st, 1888

George Pook and T. Herniman started for England on a visit to their native homes. They went by the White Star line and will return in the spring.

### March 1st, 1889

There will be a grand concert given in the town hall, Harrow....by Theophilus Crosby and wife, Joseph McCurdy and wife, and others.....proceeds to go to the AME Church at the central grove.

### April 26th, 1889

Seven buildings are being erected in Harrow, foundations are in for 2 more, and James Murray and John Anderson will soon begin to build. Sylvester McLean has sold part of 8 lots on Maple Avenue, Harrow, to Henry W. Allan, and one lot each to Sarah Murray, John Anderson and Robert Montgomery, on McAfee Street.

### May 4th, 1888

Judson Ferriss shot a baldheaded eagle. It weighed eleven and a half pounds and measured 7 feet, 4 and a half inches from wing tip to wing tip.

### March 29th, 1889

The appearance of this town has wonderfully improved since the opening of the RR. The streets are lined with farmers' teams and everything looks like business.

The merchants are all busy and happy; in fact, every citizen seems to be pleased with his present surroundings, and Harrow will be, in my mind, the best village along the lake shore.

It is situated in the midst of the best farming lands in Essex and with the advent of the RR, a bright future is before it, and while all are busy, there is yet room for other investments, and any man who is desirous of finding a good opening for a business of any legitimate kind cannot do better than visit Harrow and examine it's capabilities before deciding on any other town.

The business men are courteous and willing to give any information and visitors cannot help being pleased with the bright, clean little village and the kindness and civility of it's citizens.

### May 17th, 1889

Silas Brush has bought out Jason Fox's share in the saw mill and has entered into partnership with Eli McLean in the saw mill, planing mill and lumber business. A vessel load of lumber will arrive at Hackett's dock about June 1, for the new firm.

## HEIRS Newsletter

The HEIRS newsletters are 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).

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Not only will you be able to archive the newsletter file easily on your computer, it will save HEIRS the handling, reproduction and mailing costs.

## Upcoming Events:

### Windsor Community Museum:

**Feb. 18, 2012, 2 PM Cheryl MacDonald on Food, Farming & the War of 1812.** RSVP please at 519-253-1812 or visit [www.windsormuseum.ca](http://www.windsormuseum.ca) 254 Pitt Street West.

### FEB 25th, 5:30 PM: Tools of the Fur Trade - Feast of the Grand Portage Dinner theatre:

Wesley United Church, Sandwich Street in Amherstburg, Information & tickets, call 519-736-2511. [www.parkhousemuseum.com](http://www.parkhousemuseum.com)

### HERITAGE WEEK: Feb. 20 to 26:

'DEFENDING A NATION'. The week marks the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Take time to appreciate what we have and count our blessings.

### Ontario Genealogical Society (Essex branch)

**March 12, 2012:** Mark Bowden will discuss selected Detroit & Michigan genealogical resources from the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library.

Windsor Public Library, 850 Ouellette Drive, in Windsor, Lower Level, 7PM.

### Ongoing until Jan 12, 2013:

**Living in 1812, Life on the Sandwich Frontier:** Exhibition featuring many maps, illustration & artifacts, exploring the inhabitants' daily lives. [www.windsormuseum.ca](http://www.windsormuseum.ca)

## Resource Centre Hours

**September - June (excluding December)**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM to 3PM**

**Wednesday: 9AM to 12 Noon**

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## Tomahawks & Treaties

- by Rex Callaway

The settlement of the Ohio River Valley was a bitter contest between Native Americans who had inhabited that region for centuries and settlers from the east eager for new land and opportunity.

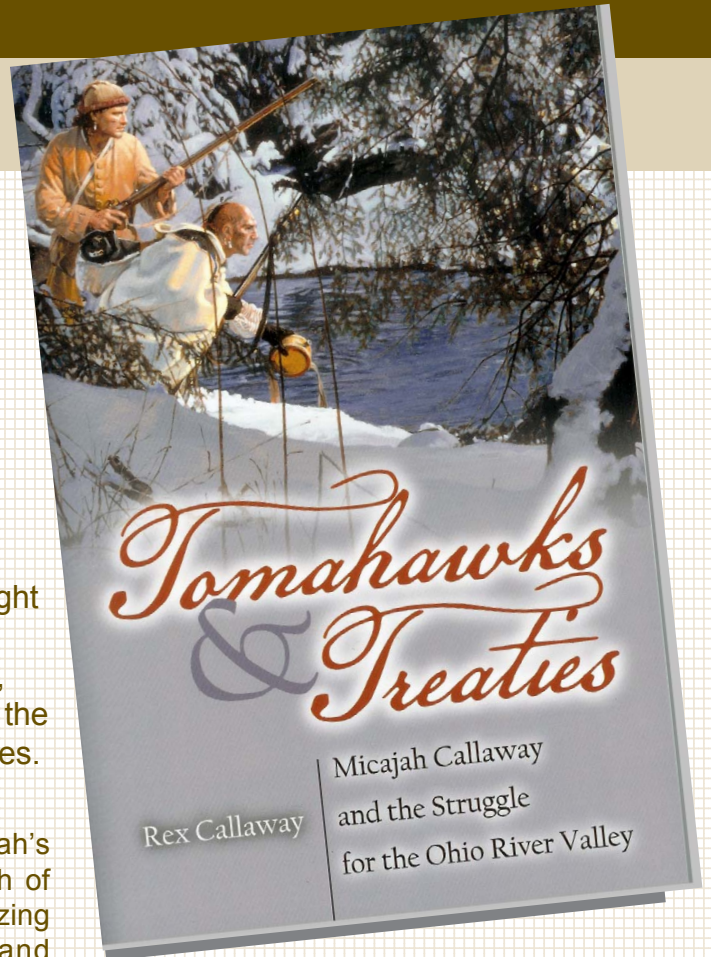
Micajah Callaway's life story is a perfect backdrop to expand on the series of historic incidents that unfolded around him during these exciting and dangerous times. From the vantage point of an ordinary man caught up in the middle of an extraordinary chain of events, the author, his direct descendant, has described the battles, broken treaties, politics and intrigues that characterized the relationships between the conflicting parties on both sides.

Born near Lynchburg in Bedford County, Virginia, Micajah's family included Uncle Richard and brother Flanders, both of whom were members of Daniel Boone's famous trailblazing party that cut the Wilderness Road into Kentucky and founded Boonesborough in 1775. In the Spring of 1777, Micajah ran away from home to join a militia company that marched to the relief of Boonesborough. He then enlisted in Captain Daniel Boone's KentuckyCounty militia company that was captured by Shawnee Chief Black Fish and his warriors while they were making salt at the Lower Blue Licks.

Daniel Boone and Micajah were subsequently adopted into the Shawnee Nation. While Boone escaped to return to, Micajah lived on with the Shawnee for several years, learning their language and customs in the process. He later returned to his former world and served as a scout and interpreter for Brigadier General George Rogers Clark, Major General Richard Butler, and Major General "Mad Anthony" Wayne. As a result, Callaway became an active participant in the ensuing diplomatic negotiations and treaties that took place with the Shawnee Nation during the last quarter of the eighteenth century.

Striving for accuracy and authenticity, the author has included a series of 30 detailed maps, as well as photographs and artwork, in an effort to help the reader visualize the stage on which this drama took place.

This unusually well-researched and balanced account will be savored and enjoyed by readers who want an understanding of the issues encountered on both sides of the struggle for the Ohio River Valley. They will gain a thorough and objective view of the history of this area, and a greater sympathy and understanding for the survivors of the brave Shawnee Nation.



Perfect bound, 6" x 9", 476-page paperback printed on acid-free white paper. Includes illustrated & historical images, 30 detailed maps, and artwork by the well-known frontier artist, John Buxton. Price: \$22.95

### About the author...

From the earliest days of his childhood Rex was immersed in family oral history stories about Daniel Boone, the Callaway family, and the late eighteenth century Ohio River Valley Indian wars. He set out on a quest to research and validate the family oral history in 1997 and eventually focused his effort upon reconstructing the life story of his great-great-grandfather Micajah Callaway.



Rex's research process reveals the compelling story of his life and times, and provides modern historians with heretofore unknown information about individuals that he was in contact with during his long and adventurous life.

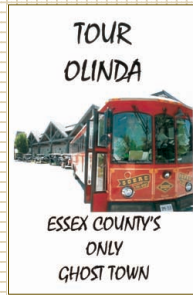
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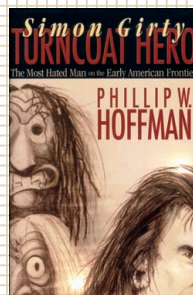
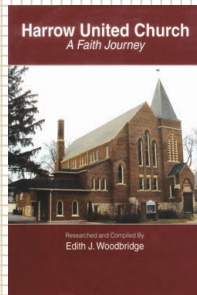
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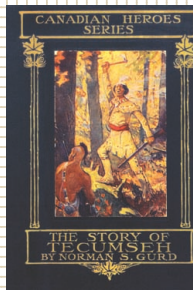
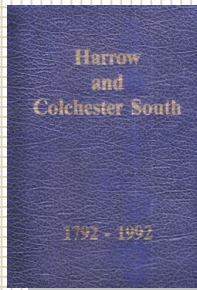
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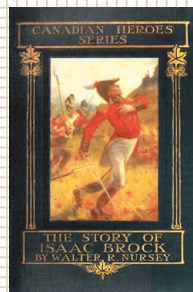
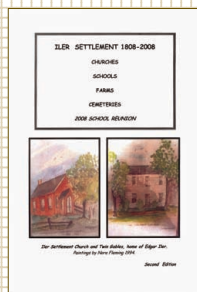
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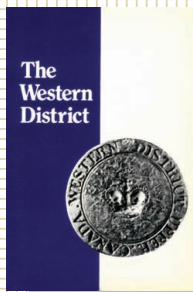
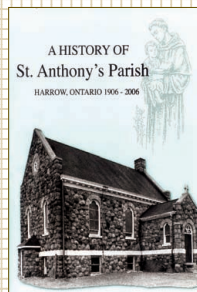
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