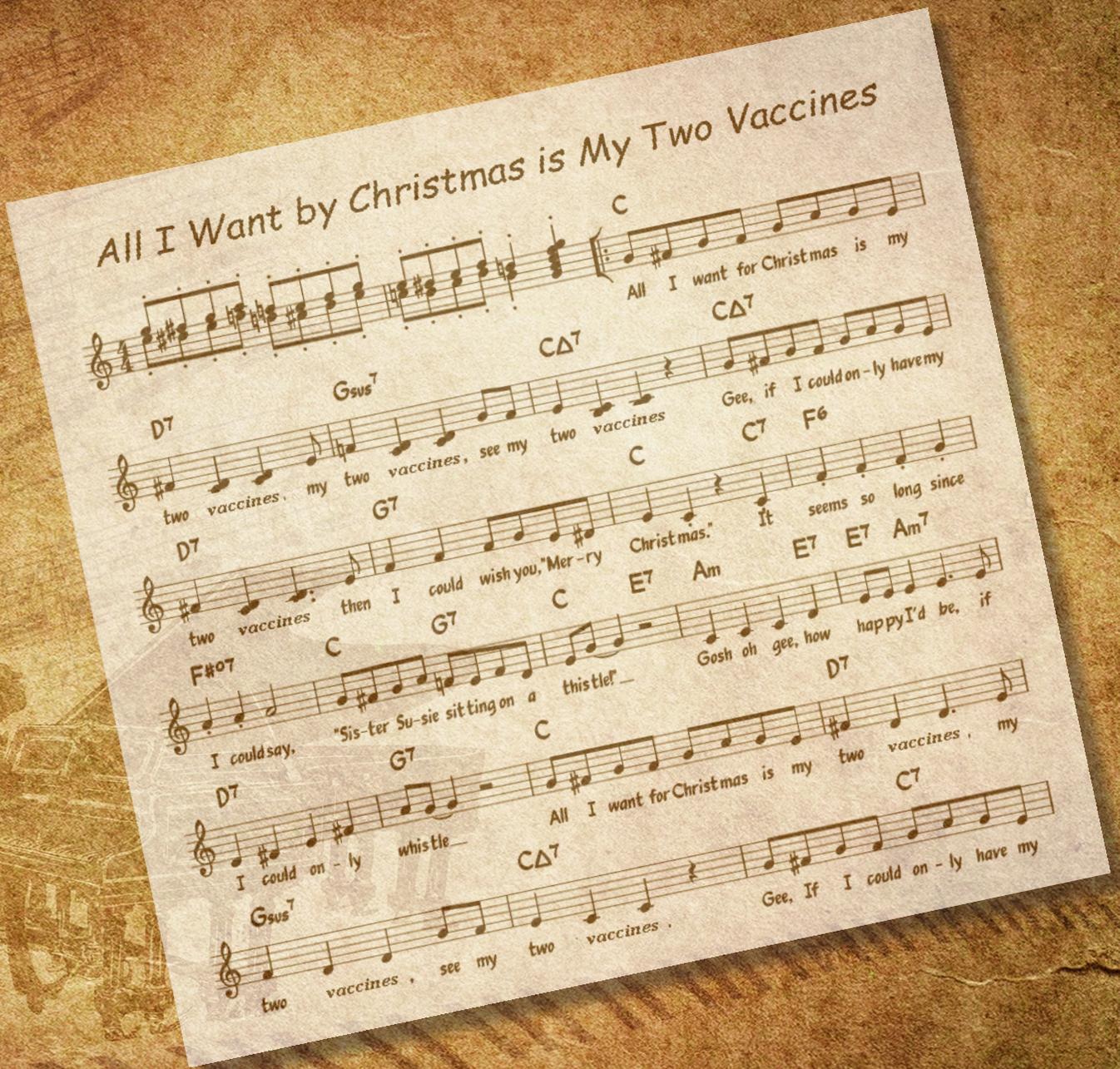




# HEIRS

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society

newsletter



*Only 306 days until then...*

*Stay safe.*

## Welcome to the March 2021 newsletter.

### *Is the third time (month) the charm?*

*Many of us have been waiting (im)patiently for our turn to receive the Covid-19 vaccine and to begin to build antibodies to help protect ourselves - the start of the end of the pandemic we assume.*

*It makes you wonder what the folks during the pandemic of 100+ years ago were "waiting for". No vaccine would be coming, but perhaps some miracle drug or a special tonic. Or did they just hope & wait for it all to blow over? I think their lot in life, physical, mental and scientific, makes our situation seem so much more hopeful and perhaps we should be more patient & thankful.*

***Our health workers have been hard at it, day after day,  
while we grumble about not getting out to shop for non-essential items.  
I wish them all good health, and a strong mindset. And of course, my thanks.***

*But bulk vaccines are just now coming in and will soon be heading into arms at a rapid pace. Not quick enough for everyone, but quicker than before. So let's try not to grumble about the hiccups we've had, or those that may lie unforeseen ahead of us.*

*Let's take advantage of the advancements in science, the dedication of manufacturers to develop these vaccines, the people who keep our food source secure, and those who wish us well.*

***One question though...*** *have you reached out to a fellow member yet as suggested in our last newsletter? Let's all do it this week to help their day, their week or to fill their time while in the coffee drive-through and perhaps one day soon... in line for their double-double of vaccine.*

*I hope more of you will 'tune into' HEIRS new Facebook page and drop us a line for any questions you might have for us by using our new contact email listed below.*

***Stay safe, stay in, and stay in touch with a fellow HEIRS member.***

*- Rick McCormick*



***Why not join our 187 new Facebook members!***

***Search Facebook: H.E.I.R.S. Harrow Heritage & Genealogy***

***Contact us at our new 'office' email: [heirsont@gmail.com](mailto:heirsont@gmail.com)***

***This is a great time to work on some genealogy while we are cooped up!***

*For example, HEIRS has the Quick Family files available on either flash drive (\$25) or CD( \$15). We're accepting orders for these which will be mailed out due to Resource Centre Covid-19 restrictions. Just email me, Ted Steele, at [historynut@outlook.com](mailto:historynut@outlook.com), and I will provide you more information.*

*Here is an early reminder that your HEIRS dues will soon be due, \$30 yearly, which will help keep us in operation. Even with our research centre closed for now, there are expenses involved. Your support is needed. Personally I've paid my dues, 2 years at a time to help fill the coffers.*

***With time to fill for many of us, here are some ideas which I believe will be both enjoyable and mind-stretching, and both of those are needed on a regular basis.***

*1. Read... as I used to tell parents of my students, it doesn't matter much what they read, cereal boxes, magazines, etc., just read.*

*It puts information between your ears.*

*2. Solve puzzles; my wife likes Sudoku and Word Finds, while I like crosswords and cryptograms. Feed your mind, make it work at thinking. It's fun!*

*3. Watch TV mystery movies. We like the Hallmark 'Garage Sale' or 'Hailey Dean' & other mystery series, as they give clues and challenge you to play detective. Practise logical thinking, it is an important skill.*

*4. Your computer has many games available. We like one which offers you a set of 7 letters and your job is to make words to fit into the given crossword grid. Thinking, solving, guessing (in itself, a valuable skill), plus learning new words -all good for your brain.*

*5. Keeper of your family files? Consider allowing HEIRS to include them into a future newsletter in brief form. Show how deep your family's roots run. There may be an outstanding character in your tree whose story should be told. Let's get to know one other better, & give members a peek into where we all came from.*

*We've all heard the story of pebbles in a stream & the ripples they send out. Little things happen daily that send out ripples & we usually don't know if they have any effect - **but they do!***

*Gene Dziadura was a promising ball player who got hurt in Spring training & his dreams ended. He became a Chatham high school teacher and scouted for the Chicago Cubs. He spotted a kid who could throw, worked with him in gyms & playgrounds, then signed him to a pro contract. He was Ferguson (Fergie) Jenkins, who went on to pitch & win 20 games in several different seasons for several teams, was an All Star many times, and wound up in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Gene Dziadura's injury was a ripple that gave Fergie his opportunity.*

*In his Grade 11 classroom, Mr Dziadura taught Ancient History & made learning fun, had fun teaching it and showed me what I wanted to do the rest of my life - teach. I spent the better part of the next 50 years doing my imitation of Mr. Dziadura. The kids & I enjoyed it, the parents were happy with the results, & I got paid for doing what I felt a calling to do. I'm the result of another Dziadura ripple, and always feel that debt. He affected others I'm sure, but we need to realize that little things, good & bad, bring consequences & results. I can only hope that I made use of my own opportunities to 'send out some ripples' and bring about some good consequences. -Ted*

# The Amherstburg Echo.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY

Vol. XXX No. 15.

AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1904.

Whole No. 2,474

## 100 ACRES FOR SALE.

In 2nd concession, Anderdon Township, about 4 miles from Amherstburg, 20 acres of bush, some small buildings.

For further particulars and price, see

FALLS BROS., Agts.,  
Amherstburg.

## THE SOVEREIGN BANK OF CANADA.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

CAPITAL PAID UP \$3,000,000  
SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, 350,000  
ASSETS, 50,000

H. S. HOLT, ESQ., President. D. M. STEWART, General Manager.

## SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

Interest allowed on Deposits of \$1.00 and upwards at highest current rate.  
Farmers' Notes Discounted at lowest possible rates.

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C. A. MacMAHON,  
Manager.

### AMHERSTBURG BRANCH.

M. I. LANE,  
Manager.

### LOST.

LOST—Strayed from my place, Verover, on Sunday, Feb. 28th, a black white and tan English setter bitch, answering to the name "Lady". Finder will receive liberal reward by returning to me or on being notified I will go after her. A. H. H. L. Verover.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Miss W. H. HANCOCK's condition kept about the same.  
The "talk" to my "dear" the lady there, my wife, "dear".

### MALDEN.

Ernest McGee, of Flint, Mich spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Frank Hunt has been suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Win. Golden suffering from being attacked of influenza rheumatism.

Mr. Alice McLean, of Windsor, is on his feet after being laid up for some time.

### BROOKER vs. AMHERSTBURG.

Judge McHugh Refuses to Grant New Trial.

At the recent sittings of the Division Court in Amherstburg, Mrs. James Brooker sued the corporation of Amherstburg, for injuries sustained, alleged to have been due to a fall on a defective sidewalk. She was awarded \$20 and costs. The town, through their solicitor, Davis & Davis, applied for a new trial on the ground of the plaintiff's alleged carelessness. The learned Judge refused to grant the appeal and the text of his decision is as below:

BROOKER vs. AMHERSTBURG.—Mr. Rough for plaintiff, D. B. Davis for defendant. The action was tried before me at the last sittings of the Division Court at Amherstburg. It is brought by the plaintiff to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by the female plaintiff by falling on a sidewalk on Fort St. which the defendant alleges was in a dangerous state of disrepair. It is contended by counsel for the defendant that if the plaintiff is a good cause of action the damages claimed are less than they would be entitled to recover. The law requires a municipal corporation to keep its streets and highways in such a state of repair and if it neglects to perform that duty the law provides that it shall be civilly responsible for all damages sustained by any person by reason of such default. The defendant corporation applies to set aside the judgment entered against it on the ground that there is no evidence that the sidewalk in question was out of repair. The law, however, requires that a plaintiff must establish that the sidewalk was in a dangerous state of disrepair at the time of the accident. The law requires a municipal corporation to keep its streets and highways in such a state of repair and if it neglects to perform that duty the law provides that it shall be civilly responsible for all damages sustained by any person by reason of such default. The defendant corporation applies to set aside the judgment entered against it on the ground that there is no evidence that the sidewalk in question was out of repair. The law, however, requires that a plaintiff must establish that the sidewalk was in a dangerous state of disrepair at the time of the accident.

### ANDERDON COUNCIL.

Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Council met in regular session with all members present. Moved by Messrs. Grouzin and Cole, that the minutes just read be adopted.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Volans and Cole, that Fred Pagau get a warrant for \$4 groceries furnished to the Verover.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Cole and Grouzin, that Isaac Grouzin get a clearing ice from 60 and Wilbert Sattler get a clearing ice from 60 bridge on south side of bridge by Messrs. Grouzin and Cole.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Grouzin and Cole, that Isaac Grouzin get a refund of dog tax.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Grouzin and Cole, that Isaac Grouzin get a refund of dog tax.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Grouzin and Cole, that Isaac Grouzin get a refund of dog tax.—Carried.

## BURK BROS.



### March 4th

F.H. Cole and bride arrived home from their honeymoon trip, and are receiving congratulations of friends on every hand.. Last evening Mr. Cole was the recipient of a shower at the Renno house when he received not only many gifts but also ample evidence of the esteem in which he is held in the community.

### March 18th

A very interesting and profitable meeting of the Harrow Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Herdman's. Splendid papers were given by Mrs. Clarence Mclean on 'spring Sewing' and Mrs. A. Cunningham on 'Easter Thoughts'. A dainty lunch was served and the meeting closed by singing the national Anthem

Convicts in penitentiaries throughout Canada are working on election ballot boxes.

### March 24th

The bill to introduce a Divorce Court in Ontario has met so much opposition that it will likely be dropped.

Robins, blackbirds and bluebirds are more numerous there this spring than they have ever been for 20 years. Everybody is pleased to see them as they are great insect destroyers.

The IODE will meet in their rooms over Derby's Drug store on Thursday March 31st, instead of Friday, as formerly.

A.T. Munger, sanitary inspector, issued a warning to all villagers to houseclean their backyards as soon as possible, and put everything in ships shape for spring.

**Many a man who claims to be the architect of his own future, worked without a blueprint.**

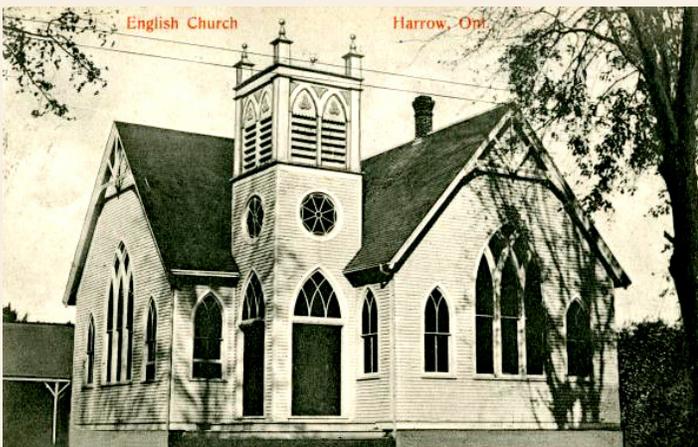
# NEAL'S WRAPPED BREAD

is a little higher in price than any other. Yet it is easily the cheapest and best food in the world to-day. Taste and know how good NEAL'S, Wrapped Bread is.

### **Early Harrow.... A Most Interesting Place**

The early name for Harrow was Mungers' Corners, after the Munger brothers who settled here first.

In 1857 residents wanted a new name for their new post office, and chose Harrow after Harrow-On-The-Hill in England. That area is now part of greater London. Harrow is derived from the word hallowed, meaning Holy Place. The site on top of a hill had served as a shrine for worship since very early pre-Christian days, going back several thousand years.



In a publication called Lowell's Directory, printed in 1891, described Harrow as "a post village in Essex County, Ontario, and station on the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway.

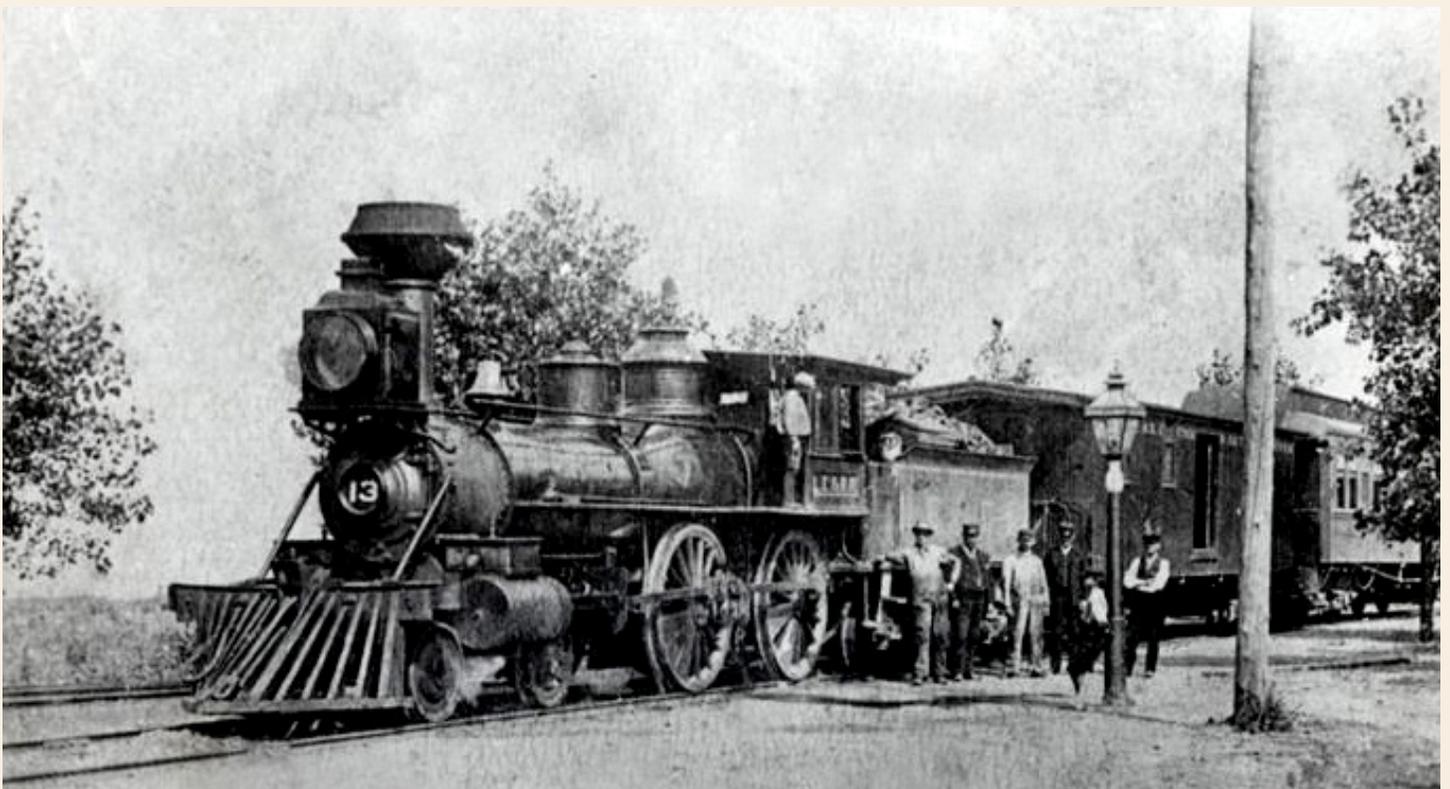
It contains 5 churches: Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist and 2 Methodist. There are 20 stores, 3 hotels, 2 sawmills, 1 carriage factory, 1 printing office, 3 societies, 2 physicians, 1 school, and both telegraph and express offices. Its population was 550."

### **From the Amherstburg Echo**

**August 28, 1925...**

Miss Agnes Watters is planning to organize a nursery school for children from 2 to 5 years. She is a primary teacher, with elementary certificate in Household Science and Arts from Alberta University, Edmonton, Alberta, and Child's Dietician San Diego, Calif.

**Below:** Lake Erie & Detroit River locomotive No. 13, c. 1885, in Walkerville



## 6 Early Harrow Cont'd...

*She attended the extension lectures in Edinburgh University, Scotland, Observatory Primary Education from Fulham Training School of London, England, and Provincial Normal School of Glasgow, Scotland.*

*We believe that this is the first school of its kind organized in Ontario, and fitting that Harrow should have the honour.*

### **October 9, 1925...**

*The eyes of the whole country are centered upon Harrow at the present time, where a "pre-school age or nursery school" is being founded by Miss Agnes Watters.*

*Briefly, this school is an institution provided for the nurture, care and training of young children from 2 to 6 years of age, whose attendance at such a day school is desirable for their healthy physical and mental development.*

*It has a two-fold function: first, the close personal care and medical supervision of the individual child, involving provision for its comfort, rest and suitable nourishment; second, definite training-bodily, mentally, socially, and morally - involving the cultivation in the widest sense, under the guidance and oversight of a skilled and intelligent teacher, and of the orderly association of children of various ages in common games and occupations.*

*The nursery school differs from a primary room in that it's in the nursery. There is no formal teaching, no definite instruction given to rows of children seated in hard seats, kept in order by a strict, even if kindly discipline; just as in a nursery for young plants, trees and flowers, right conditions of soil, regulated light and air and water provided, so it is in the nursery school, the little children are surrounded by every known element for adequate growth and development of its fourfold nature- physical, mental, social and spiritual.*

*Miss Watters objective for starting this school is to make it firstly a demonstration nursery school for the County of Essex and the Province of Ontario. Secondly, it is to be the beginning of a training centre for young women in nursery school, kindergarten, primary and Junior elementary school education; thirdly, to give them an intensive training in child nature, in child study, as well as a common recognition by the Department of Education of the Dominion.*

*At present, a petition is being circulated among the people of Harrow, who are voluntarily subscribing to a fund to make this school feasible. This is the first school of its kind in the Dominion, though a similar school is being run in Detroit, the Merrill-Palmer School, and in England, the nursery school has been made the foundation of England's system of education.*

***I sent HEIRS some info on my family tree.***

***They sent me back a pack of seeds and suggested that I just 'start over.'***

## Genealogy of the Wright Family

- by Richard (Dick) Wright UE

**Henry Wright, my 3X great grandfather, was one of several dozen United Empire Loyalists to settle in Upper Canada near the mouth of the Detroit River and the north shore of Lake Erie in the late 1700s.**

*It had been a long haul for Henry, born into an impoverished English family in 1745 and eventually separated from his parents. He was “transported” across the ocean to the New World in 1763, as a bonded passenger destined to become an indentured servant for a wealthy land owner in Virginia, at only 18.*

*Labouring on a Pennsylvania farm, Henry met and fell in love with Mary Christina Klingensmith, the daughter of a neighboring German / Pennsylvania-Dutch farmer. Mary had just given birth to their 2nd child when Henry conjured up a plan to escape his servitude. Against all odds, with Mary and two infants in tow, he made good on his plan in the summer of 1775.*

*As the family grew, 11 children in all, Henry continued to work on farms for the next decade until the lure of free Crown land in Upper Canada was too great for a man approaching 40 and having spent his formative years laboring as a virtual white slave. Leaving civil unrest and war in the States behind, the Wrights eventually blended with civilian refugees from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and New York on a long trek to Fort Detroit in Michigan in the late 1780’s. The grueling, taxing journey must have taken many months, There were virtually no roads or settlements for most of the trip and family goods were carried on the backs of pack horses.*

*Eventually crossing the Detroit River, the designated “Loyalists” waited for lots in the*

*new Colchester South settlement, by renting farm plots from large landholders on Grosse Ile and Hog Island. After two years on a Grosse Ile tenant farm, they left when they realized the island was not part of British North America. The next move was to the Big Creek area of Malden, Lot 40 on Concession 4 being assigned to Henry. Then again, we find “Henry Wright, a native of Old England” (in land records), also obtaining Crown Lots 76 & 77 in Colchester in 1792.*

*To obtain Crown land, early settlers petitioned the Governor or his executive council. The petitions often include info on the petitioner’s family and his military service. Henry’s name shows up in a December 15, 1788 list of “disbanded troops and Loyalists to be settled on the north side of Lake Erie from Mill Creek, four miles from the mouth of the Detroit River to a small creek about a mile and a half beyond Cedar River.”*

*In the ensuing years Land Registry records show Wright siblings - Philip (my 2X great grandfather), William, Henry Jr. (1st reeve of Malden Council), Peter, and Daniel, all eventually obtaining Crown land in the area.*

*After almost a 10-year break from child bearing, Mary gave birth to her 11th and final child in 1799, at 48 years of age. Henry lived only 12 years on his land when he fell ill and died in 1813. Mary survived another 19 years, no doubt staying on in the homestead bequeathed to her by her late husband.*

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*This summary doesn’t do justice to the unique story of Henry Wright Sr. and his extensive family in the pioneering days of Essex. For a more detailed account please visit: <http://mywrightstory.blogspot.com/>.*

## History As It Used to Was...

- by Ted Steele, HEIRS Director

### Hard Road to Victory

#### -The Chatham All-Stars Story

Written by Brock Greenhalgh

The Chatham All-Stars were trailblazers. They won a major championship more than a decade before Jackie Robinson stepped onto a major league ball diamond. The Negro Leagues had been running for almost fifty years in some form or another and inter-racial games had been played as exhibition matches. But this baseball championship was different. This was legitimate.

But why would a 51 year old, white male, married father with two sons, living in Kitchener, Ontario write about an all-Black baseball team of 1934? This is not his story. This is not his experience.

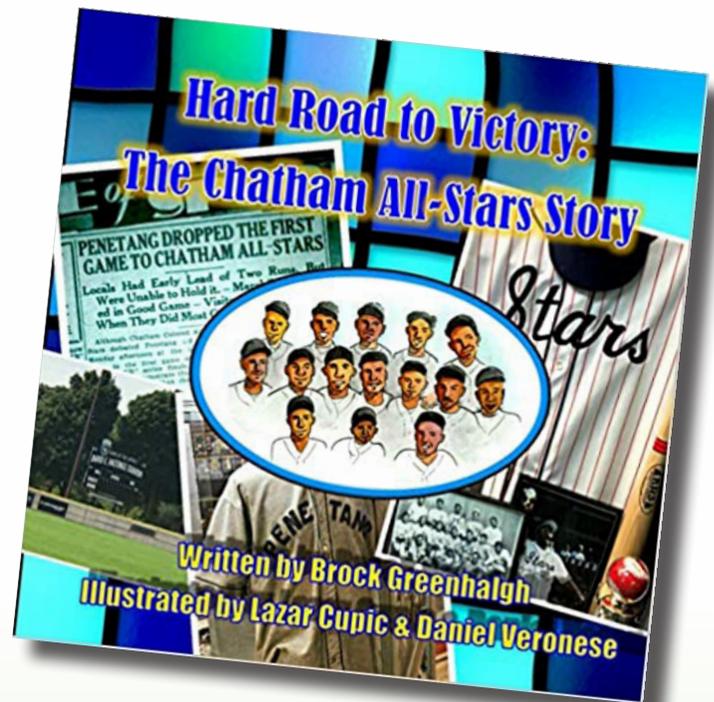
Brock is a senior elementary school guidance counsellor, with a penchant for interesting stories and helping out his community. He views himself as an ally and messenger for this important story. He has been telling this story in one form or another for the past 30 years.

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**“The first time I saw the photo of the team was while working at a summer job at the Chatham-Kent Museum back in 1989.”**

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Brock reviewed the history and realized their championship run had happened before the colour barrier was removed in major league baseball. He spent that summer conducting a local history project, interviewing various Chatham folk. He asked people about their memories of the All-Stars.



He wrote a fourth-year history paper on the subject after interviewing Ferguson Jenkins Sr. (father of Hall of Famer, Fergie Jenkins). Jenkins Sr. played for the team in the mid-1930s. Brock interviewed Horace Chase, the son of Earl “Flat” Chase and gained more insight into the team’s experiences.

In 1994 he produced a radio documentary about the team while studying broadcast journalism at Loyalist College in Belleville.

In 2018, the radio documentary was included in the University of Windsor’s portal into the life of Wilfred “Boomer” Harding, one of the stars of the team.

The Chatham All-Stars Story is a book for children and families who are interested to learn about the real life story and history of the 1934 Chatham Coloured All-Stars.

The story focuses on the Summer & Fall of 1934. They had just won the city league championship, which meant they had an invitation to play for the provincial championship.

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**One problem... if they kept 'Coloured' as part of their team name, they might have been banned from playing.**

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They entered simply as the Chatham All-Stars. They won each series in Sarnia, Welland & Milton before taking on the Spencer Foundry Rangers from Penetanguishene, in a best 2 out of 3 series. The "Foundrymen" were led by a young pitching ace named Phil "Babe" Marchildon, a local Penetang hurler who would pitch 185 games in the major leagues. **No spoiler alert... you won't believe what happens in the "final" game of the series.**

This is a true story of teamwork and overcoming obstacles at every turn. Thirteen years before Jackie Robinson became the first Black player in the major leagues, this team blazed a trail. Although this story is almost 90 years old, the issue of racism has not faded with time. By examining a story from the past through the lens of the present, we can start to understand why racism continues today.

Unfortunately, none of the athletes are still alive. Many of their children and grandchildren are still connected to the story. The CK Black Historical Society hosted an 85th anniversary event in 2019.

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**Part of the proceeds from each sale will go to the Black Mecca Museum & Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society, in order that they might continue their amazing work.**

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The Chatham All-Stars are currently on the ballot for induction into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in St. Mary's, Ontario. They have been on the ballot for the past few years, but have not garnered enough votes to gain entry. Brock is hoping that with this book release, more support will be given to them.



You can obtain a copy from:

<https://ckbhs.square.site/s/shop>

[www.peppettpublishing.ca](http://www.peppettpublishing.ca)

[www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca)

Each vendor lists the book for \$20.



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**Open September - June** (December excepted)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM - 3PM

Call to confirm Wednesday or other appointments.

**Office is temporarily closed due to Covid restrictions!**

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Receive full colour newsletters by email, or a B&W print version by regular post. Simply provide your email or street address to our office.

## Memberships

**\$30 CDN / U.S. per person or couple.**

**Memberships run May 1st - April 30th, annually.**

## Send membership cheque to:

HEIRS PO Box 53, Harrow  
ON, Canada N0R 1G0

Please include phone, postal address, email & family names you are now researching.

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\$10 per visit (+ photocopy costs).

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