

Dogged Determination

John Quick Family History Compilation

Behind the Reserve: the Quick Family of Colchester, Essex County, Ontario, Canada, 1601-2002

The Quick family's history – a massive undertaking by three dedicated researchers:

Dorothy LaMarsh Zak, Berkley, MI

Stuart M. Quick, Toronto, Ontario

Patricia T. Smith, Farmington Hills, MI

Edith Woodbridge briefly shared the Quicks travels to this region in one of her early HEIRS newsletters.

“The family migrated from New Jersey to West Virginia, then to Kentucky where they were taken captive by Native Americans. Eventually they made their way to the Detroit River region, settling in Colchester Twp., Lots 1 & 8, on the Gore.”

John was quickly released in order to provide ransom for his wife & children. He, Simon Girty & Alexander McCormick obtained the release of his wife & all but one of his many children.

After 12+ years of work, the Quick collection grew to 1,000 single-spaced typewritten pages & 235 photo pages. A physical book to share with interested parties was cost prohibitive, so they reorganized and “computerized” their work. It includes many familiar names in this region.

Pat was the 1st American HEIRS member; Dorothy, a well-known local presenter. Through the generosity of the 3 authors, the compilation is available from HEIRS, with ALL proceeds donated in support of its activities.



Dorothy, Stuart & Pat



90% of these classmates are relatives of the earliest pioneers in the region.

Jos. Quick's bed, Settler's Cabin, Fort Malden



Quick Family Cemetery, Colchester South

