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Welcome to Fall, the time we begin to ready our yards for the cold weather ahead, and start to plan how we can trick or treat the young folks when they visit our homes on the 31st.

We need your help. It is a difficult task to keep up with ongoing events, and to predict the kind of information and stories our members prefer to read each newsletter. We know each one of you has interesting family relatives, stories, and find new information as time passes. Will you share your information with your fellow members? Just a brief note and a few digital photos will do if you have them, something others might find informative, interesting or just plain humorous. **Anything of local historical interest, newspaper clippings, old wedding info is great. You never know what little piece might become the missing link someone else has been seeking. Keep the comments coming in too!**

October's Meeting

When: Thursday, Oct. 25th, 1:30 PM

Where: Harrow-Colchester Arena
Community Centre

HEIRS will feature a remembrance theme as this be our last meeting before Nov. 11th, Remembrance Day.

Our speaker will be Ted Steele, a long-time local teacher and currently one of the Directors of HEIRS.

Ted's topic will be "Unsung Heroes... Lest We Forget". He will reveal some little-known events and heroes who deserve to be remembered, but are in fact, almost totally unknown.

This look, beyond Anne Frank and other well-remembered individuals, will reinforce the basic good in humanity, even while exploring a dark time in history.

The public is most welcome to join us.

September's Meeting Recap

Following a short meeting at the Harrow - Colchester Arena Community Centre, members of HEIRS travelled to the Snider House for an informative and splendid tour of this 200-year old home.

Its many architectural features have been preserved and this fine home provided a glimpse of the conveniences and features of the day. We were delighted with the opportunity to explore the home and grounds, and to hear its stories.





The Ghost of Snider House

Off and on for a number of years, people had reported hearing noises and knocking in the old house, and no reason could ever be found to account for them.

While restoring the house, an old dirty painting was found in the attic, which showed a pretty young woman. It was decided to put this picture on display after it was cleaned. When taken apart for a subsequent cleaning, another painting was discovered behind the first one. This second painting, of a somewhat dour-faced woman, had been covered up and forgotten for many years.

The first painting now hangs in a bedroom. The second painting of the older woman was also cleaned and hung on a kitchen wall. Since the hidden painting was restored and given its own place, the noises have ceased.

Was the older woman letting people know she was there, and perhaps demanding her own due respect?

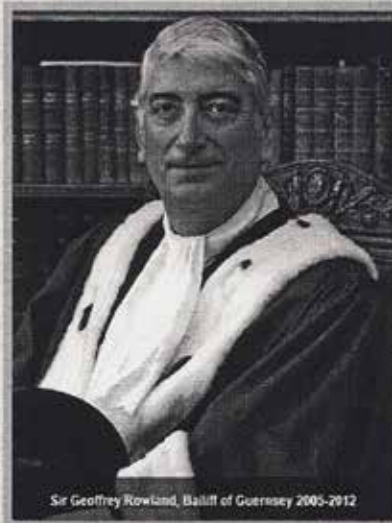


*The Amherstburg Historic Sites Association
with the support of Heritage Canada presents...*

THE BAILIFF OF GUERNSEY



ARCHIVES OF CANADA:
War of 1812 hero Isaac Brock - By: John Wycliffe Lowes



Sir Geoffrey Rowland, Bailiff of Guernsey 2005-2012

*...in commemoration of the bicentennial of the death of
Sir Isaac Brock of Guernsey at the Battle of Queenston Heights*

**CHRIST CHURCH
317 RAMSAY STREET, AMHERSTBURG
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012 @ 8:00PM**

Free Admission

**FOR FURTHER DETAIL, CONTACT:
THE PARK HOUSE MUSEUM ~ 214 DALHOUSIE STREET, AMHERSTBURG
519-736-2511 ~ WWW.PARKHOUSEMUSEUM.COM**



1812:

October 12th: General Isaac Brock killed at Queenston Heights

1813:

Jan. 22: Battle of Frenchtown (River Raisin), important British victory, prisoners slaughtered by Indians

April 27: Capture and pillage of York (present day Toronto) by Americans

May 1: Battle of Fort Meigs, Ohio

May 25-27: Attack on Fort George near Niagara-on-the Lake

May 29: British attack Sackett's Harbour, NY, main American naval base (Great Lakes)

June 6: Battle of Stony Creek

June 24: Battle of Beaver Dam

Sept. 10: Battle of Lake Erie

Oct. 5: US victory at Moraviantown near Thamesville, Tecumseh killed

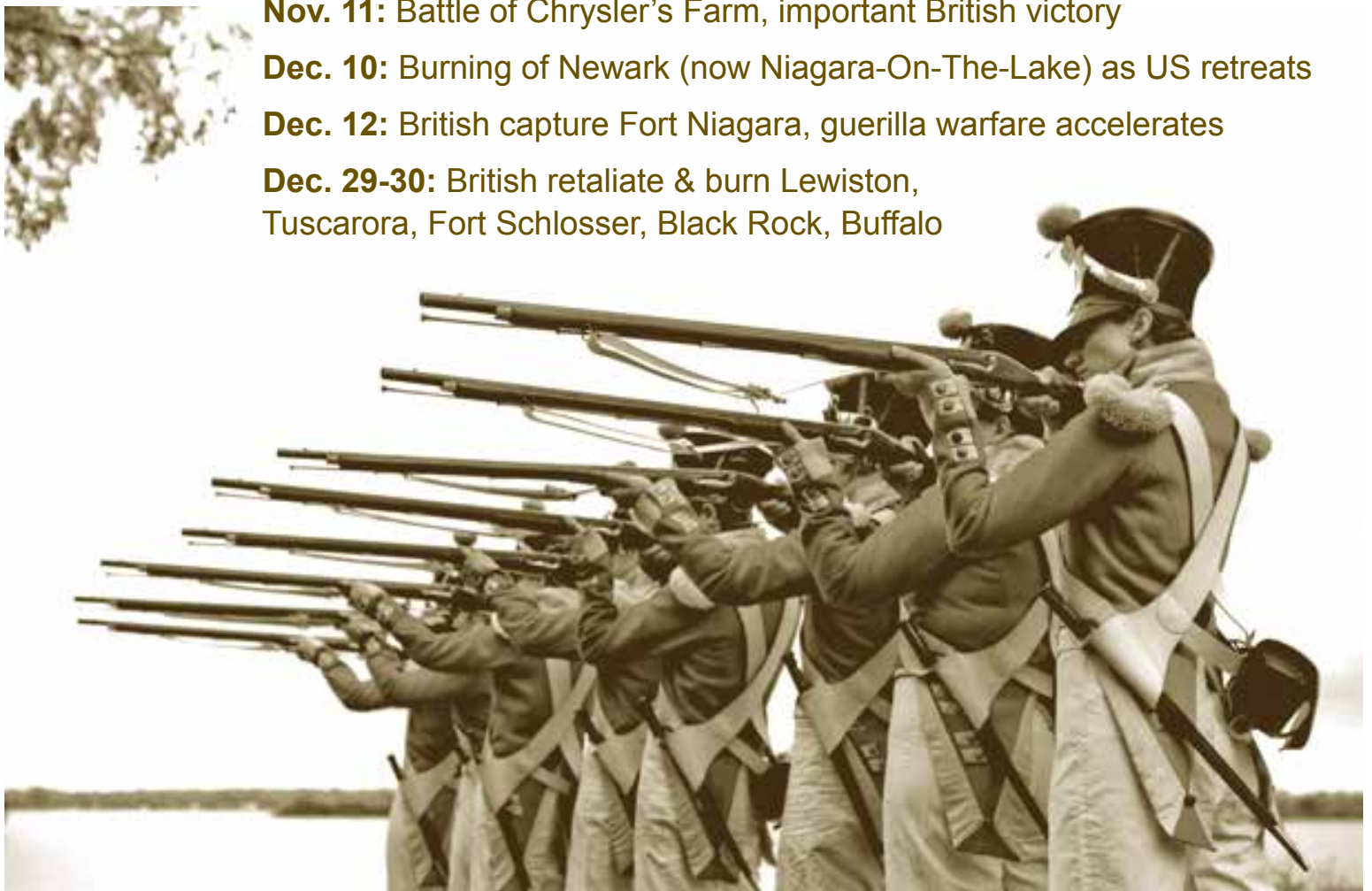
Oct. 26: Battle of Chateauguay, Quebec, Americans driven back

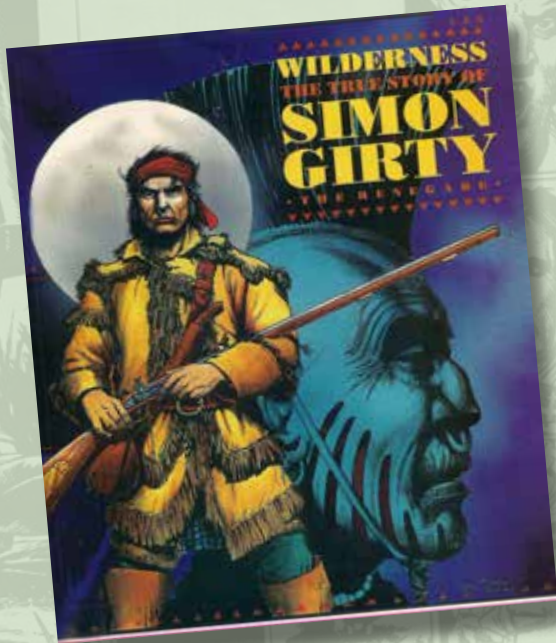
Nov. 11: Battle of Chrysler's Farm, important British victory

Dec. 10: Burning of Newark (now Niagara-On-The-Lake) as US retreats

Dec. 12: British capture Fort Niagara, guerilla warfare accelerates

Dec. 29-30: British retaliate & burn Lewiston, Tuscarora, Fort Schlosser, Black Rock, Buffalo





WILDERNESS: The true story of Simon Girty

- by Timothy Truman

“An exceptional biography of one of the most complex characters of the Eastern frontier era.

Truman helps transport the reader back to the 18th century in a thoroughly researched mix of drawings and narrative, which he combines to produce a story that is both entertaining and authentic.”

- Bill Scurlock, Muzzleloader magazine

Available in paperback or signed limited editions and is on-hand at the HEIRS lending library.

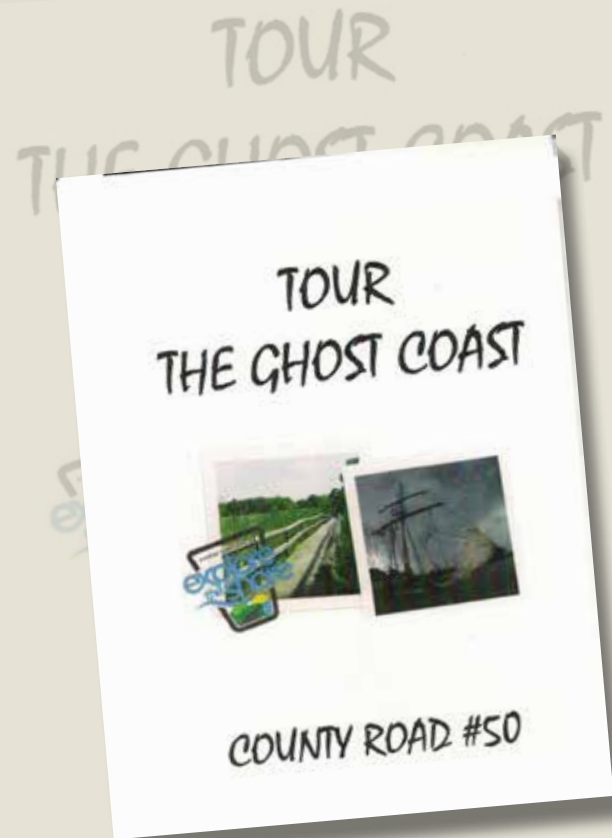
Tour the Ghost Coast

by Chris Carter

This is a whimsical tour book of the County Road 50 area of Essex County. The reader is taken on a tour by ‘Travelling Jack’, a series of explorations that can be made on foot, or by car, or even on a bicycle ride.

It guides the reader along and points out the various historical and cultural points of interest which abound as County Road 50 snakes its way along the shore of Lake Erie. This makes a great guidebook for those ‘day trip’ expeditions that are so easily enjoyed in Essex County.

Paperbound, 189 pages, with many pictures and maps in black and white format, available now at HEIRS, for \$15.



The Kent branch of the Ontario Genealogy Society Region 1 annual meeting will be held in Chatham at St Andrew's Residence, 99 Park Street on Oct 20, 2012. Registration begins at 8:30 with speaker and presenters until 4 PM.

Topics include: The Women of the War of 1812, the British Army 1660 to 1815, and the War of 1812 from a Walpole Island Perspective (First Nations). Visit www.ogs.on.ca/kent for more details, and a registration form. Cost is \$30 per person, with lunch and coffee breaks provided.

November 16 River Lights Winter Festival Opening Night

Carollers, beautiful displays, 1812 home tours, holiday concerts, and activities for all ages. Events will run to Jan 1, 2012, and the Gingerbread Warming House will be open each weekend. (downtown Amherstburg).

For more information, call 519 736-4642 or www.riverlights.ca.

Phantoms of River Canard

Continues through to Oct 28th:
Saturdays & Sundays at 7 PM.

An entertaining historical play that includes a walk-about in historical cemeteries and a canoe trip on River Canard, where the first shots of 1812 were fired, early First Nations and more.

Presented by the River Canard Canoe Company...reservations required.

November 24

The Amherstburg Santa Claus Parade starts at 6 PM. For more information, contact tourism@amherstburg.ca or by telephone at 519-736-8320.

Canterbury Eldercollege Program: Fall 2012

We are pleased to announce over 50 classes for you to choose from, including such topics as "Getting The Most Out Of Your I-Device", "Opera Talks With An Opera Aficianado" "Outsmart Your Smartphone", Introduction to Painting On Glass", "Kayaking" and almost anything else you may be interested in.

Courses are offered in Lakeshore, Windsor, Leamington, Kingsville and Tecumseh, on a learning-for-fun basis and are quite inexpensive.

Registration is available anytime through the fall season. Register online at www.uwindsor.ca/canterbury/eldercollege

Register by phone: 519-253-3000, where Catherine Fettes will be happy to assist you.

Register in person: Canterbury College Windsor, 2500 University Ave. W., (corner of University and Sunset).

For more information or assistance, HEIRS is also happy to help you. Call us at 519-738-3800 or email hheritage@bellnet.ca.

We get old when we stop learning.



From the HEIRS mailbag...

We continue to gain new members as our group slowly becomes better-known. Don't forget to tell YOUR family members about who we are and what we do.

Mr. A. D. Huffman from British Columbia sent a letter of thanks to HEIRS, and in particular summer student employee Andrea Leslie, for much information provided regarding his great-grandmother, Mary Fox Huffman. In appreciation, he also made a donation to HEIRS, for which we are thankful.

Member Ruth Nicholson writes - "A great newsletter! It is so colourful, especially the brilliant green of the front cover Snider House issue. I love the old Amherstburg Echo news clippings, reminding me of the names from "down home". Every part is interesting, book reviews, etc. Well done, and a great print size!"

A member searching for information on a Pearl Conway was assisted, and writes, "Your group has been the best! We thank you so much!"

Jane Buttery says, "Thank you for another wonderful, informative and colourful newsletter."

Chris Carter, HEIRS Director, is seeking information on the following communities, for a new book and an ElderCollege offering - Plusville, near Gesto; Luterville Post Office; Westley Post Office; Byrneville; St. Clair Siding; Ruscon, located on the east side of the Ruscom River and Lake St Clair (Not Ruscom Siding).

C E Wright in June wrote, "I enjoy the newsletters. As a long-time member of HEIRS, I for one would like to see some stories, anecdotes, etc, appear in the newsletters. I would like to express my thanks to the directors and committee people for their work."

The Genealogy Society of Puce is publishing a second edition of the repertoires of marriages and deaths of St. Joachim Church, with corrections and additions; the first edition covered 1882 to 1981.

Anyone married in St. Joachim between 1982 and 2001, who would like to have their marriages included in this second edition, should contact Juliette at 519-798-3433 or Agathe at 519-948-6924 before Dec. 15 2012.

Hard covers will be available for \$45.

October 4th, 1889

The wife of T. R. Flood has presented him with a ten pound boy. It has 3 great grand-fathers...Philip Wright of Potleg, Wendel Wigle of Gosfield and Jeremiah Lockhart of MALDEN.

Mrs. Sutton of Detroit and Mrs Forbes of San Francisco, California, daughters of the late Major McLachlan of Colchester, are visiting C R Quick, who now owns and occupies the old McLachlan homestead. They left here in 1848, so that after 41 years they do notice quite a change. Hiram Walker and Sons have decided to grow cranberries on their big marsh on the Marshfield farm. The marsh is being covered with gravel in the depth of 4 inches. Gravel is being brought in by train over their railway from the gravel pit between Ruthven and Leamington.

October 3rd, 1890

The RR relaid the track at the extensive operations being carried on at the Hiram Walker and Sons Marsh Farm at Marshfield in order that the many hundreds of carloads of gravel may be the more readily distributed over the land, preparatory to the cultivation of cranberries.

The staff employed in this work is very large. A dinner will be given at Charles Renaud's hotel in Sacksville... a good meal for 25 cents.

October 31st, 1890

The Township Council will grant the Moulding Sand Co. All the privileges desired for a railway spur to Oxley, with the exception of using the public road, which is only 40 feet wide.

The choir of the Methodist Church of Harrow will give a first class concert in the Town Hall on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 6. It is expected to be the best concert ever given in Harrow.

October 10, 1891

Harrow is growing. E. Brush is building a house on King St. East; on King St. West, a tailor shop is in course of erection next to Allan and Adams store; F. White is building a shoe shop and Mr. Stocker is having the store lately purchased prepared for a new meat market. On Maple Ave, Mr. Perry is building a new residence. R. Porter is improving his residence on McAfee Ave with a new verandah. Robert Affleck's house is about finished.

Got Questions?

Drop us a line by snail mail, email or by phone.

Our resources are here to help you discover your own family history.



Hours of Operation: September to June (excluding December)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM to 3PM / **Wednesday:** 9AM to 12 Noon

Please call for appointments for other times.

Memberships

Now Due: May 2012 to April 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 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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