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## Newsletter News!

*Spring has sprung and so has the April edition of our newsletter.*

*This colourful, picture heavy edition provides the recap of March's Kingsville Archives meeting, our pasta fundraiser event, our successful 2-part ElderCollege Course and of course, a quick overview of April's upcoming meeting.*

*Something to look forward to and something to reflect back on - now that's history. Keep your requests for family genealogy help coming in, and don't forget about our list of books for sale, as highlighted in the March edition - all excellent reading.*

## April Meeting

**When:** Thursday, April 25th, 1:30 PM

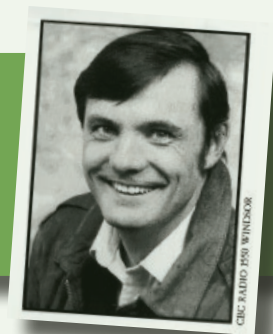
**Where:** Harrow-Colchester Arena Community Centre

Our speaker for April is local author, Herb Colling. Herb has been an announcer with CBC Radio in Windsor, and has won several awards during his broadcasting career. Now retired from broadcasting, he began writing books in 1993, when his book, "Pioneering The Auto Age", about the auto industry in Windsor, was published.

Then, in 1995, his next book was "99 Days: The Ford Strike in Windsor, 1945", which detailed the birth of the modern CAW movement. In 2003, his highly acclaimed book, "Turning Points: The Detroit Riots of 1967 from A Canadian Perspective" was published. This book caused Howard McCurdy, President of the Windsor and Detroit Black Coalition, to say, "If racial progress comes from understanding, then knowing history must be a part of it. To that end, Colling's work is a fine contribution and a "must read."

Herb's book, "Grist For The Mill", was published in 2010, and continues to explore his fascination for local history, as he brings his discoveries into focus and brings history alive.

*Multiple book author, Herb Colling arrives for April 25th meeting. Be sure to attend this informative talk & tell your friends!*



### Kingsville Archives

On Thursday, March 28, HEIRS hosted a presentation on the Kingsville Archives, which featured Marilyn Armstrong Reynolds, Archivist. She gave us a peek into the background of the Archives, including why they were created, and where over the years, this large collection has been housed.

Now located in a permanent home in the Kingsville Public Library building on Main Street, it preserves the history of the Kingsville-Harrow area, providing materials for those doing research.



It includes in its artifacts, some very special and unusual items.

**Marilyn told us of acquiring Kingsville's Green Maternity Home record book, covering from 1925 to 1957. It provides birth records that many families may have been unable to locate up to now.**

Also available is the record book of Juliana Wigle Malott, a local midwife between 1857 and 1887, and who delivered hundreds of babies. If you know family members born in the Kingsville area, these books may hold the information you are seeking.

**Marilyn also showed photo reproductions from glass slides, some of which were of people, while others showed both exterior and interior pictures of stores and buildings, some long gone, others much altered over the years.**

Thanks to Marilyn, we now have better knowledge of yet another excellent resource for those exploring the past of Essex County.



Madeline Mallot (left)  
- founder of the Kingsville Archives

Marilyn Armstrong-Reynolds (below)  
- Current Archivist, Kingsville

Photo reproductions from glass slides.

(Below left) Also at the meeting, members viewed a turn-of-the-century, hand-made quilt featuring names of local families woven into the design.



## Grist For The Mill

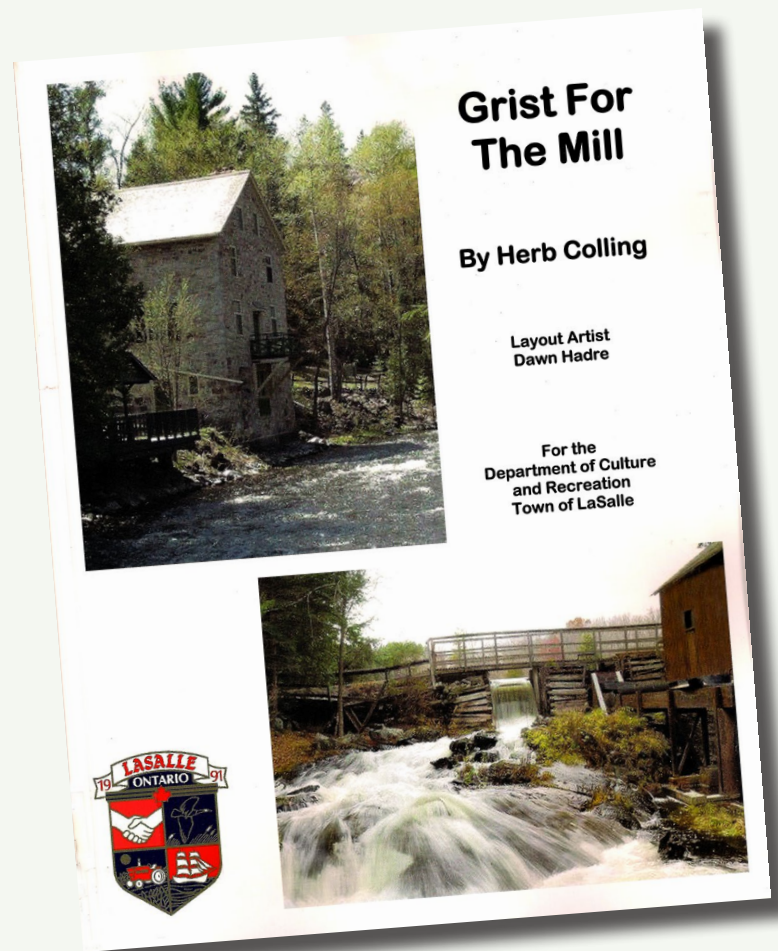
- by Herb Colling

To early settlers, access to a mill was a necessity. It allowed them to have their grain turned into flour for food preparation, in quantities enough for large families. Where there was flowing water, there could be a mill, and a community could develop and thrive. Many communities around Southern Ontario owe their very existence to the building of a grist mill in the early 1800s.

This book is 71 pages with many colour photos, and a good index of both people and place names. It begins with a discussion of mills and what they provided, and then becomes a collection of stories of the building of individual mills at various places in Ontario, most being Loyalist settlements after 1790.

Some were burned in the War of 1812 by American troops, as a means of upsetting the local economies.

We are then taken on a virtual tour of mills still standing, and each has its own tales to be told. This is an interesting glimpse back into a time not really so long ago, yet to us today, an era certainly long gone.



*Come hear Herb Colling speak on grist mills and the importance they played in our communities, at our April 25th meeting - see page 2.*

**FREEDOM LANDING FESTIVAL**  
North American  
**BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
presents  
**CONCERT Moved to Sunday, April 14, 2013**  
February concert tickets will be honoured in April; for refunds contact the museum  
The History Forum and Golf Getaway will continue as scheduled  
Friday, Feb. 1, 2013 at 8:00 pm  
St. John the Baptist Church  
Amherstburg  
Discounts for museum members, and groups of 10+  
Students admitted free if accompanied by a ticket holder  
519-736-5433

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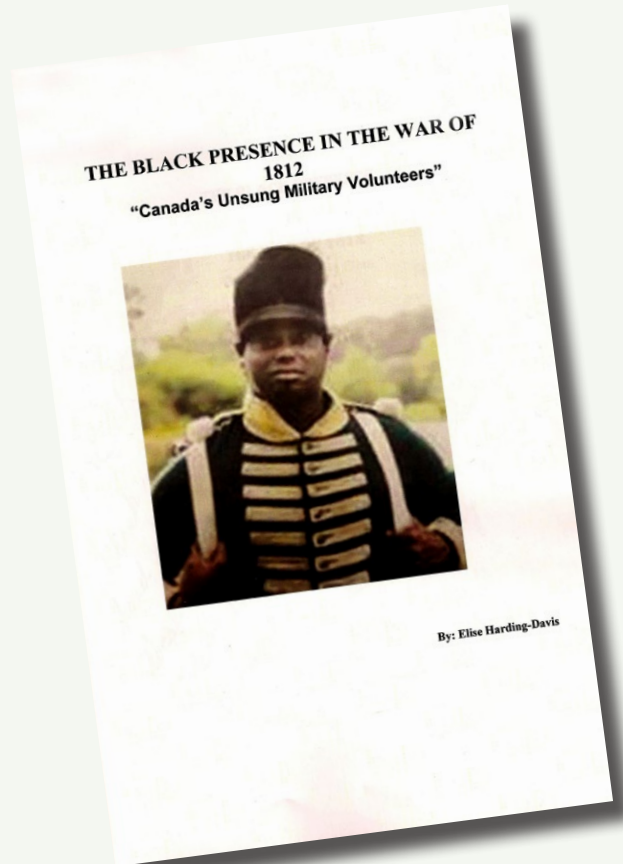
## **The Black Presence In The War Of 1812: Canada's Unsung Military Volunteers** - by *Elise Harding-Davis*

This is a booklet of 32 pages, with some black and white photos, and short biographies of leading players in the war, both black and white. It aims to show that the black citizenry of early Canada was just as involved in the fight to remain apart from the United States as was any other group, and deserve to have this recognition made known to those who write our history.

To the present time, this history has been incomplete, lacking inclusion of the "Coloured Corps" and its contributions in time of battle.

She has also included a section on the lives of some of these patriots after the war years, as they became productive members of the early Canadian scene. Elise told the stories of war veterans such as John "Daddy" Hall, considered the founder of Owen Sound; Fountain Thurman, who lived and prospered in the Amherstburg area until he was 102 years of age, as well as John Stokes, who became a pastor in Amherstburg and was an important "conductor" on the Underground Railroad in this area.

A timeline puts events into proper chronological order, and the stories of the people involved help bring these important events to life. In clear and concise fashion, Elise brings to focus exactly how events unfolded, and how Canada as an independent nation was preserved, due to the unwavering patriotism of all of its citizens - white and red and black alike.



*At present, this booklet is in the HEIRS library for research purposes only, but will be available for sale in the very near future through HEIRS.*



A few months ago, the Canadian Mint released 2 new versions of the 25 cent piece. One has the profile of Sir Isaac Brock on it, while the other honours Tecumseh, the Indian leader and Canadian hero. The Tecumseh coin, shown here, features a red maple leaf, as Canada continues to make use of colour in its coin production. Watch for it in your change, but have yet to actually see one in reality, though several Brock quarters are in my collections.- Ted Steele.

## 6 ElderCollege Course - "Finding the Skeletons in Your Family Closet"

HEIRS offered a 2-session class on genealogy for beginners during March. Over 20 students joined us in a fun look at how to get started, and what HEIRS Research Library has to offer.

It was enjoyable to spend time with such eager students; we not only created and sparked interest, but also 8 people decided to join HEIRS and continue with us on this search for ancestors. We were delighted to see the interest that Kingsville shows in our group. We are a multi-community group, though Harrow is in our organization's name.

***HEIRS is now looking at the possibility of running a similar beginners' class in Amherstburg, in the Fall of 2013, with a more advanced course offered in the spring of 2014. Stay tuned!***



HEIRS thanks all who came out & joined us for our annual pasta dinner fund-raiser at the Harrow K. of C., March 2. Money raised at this event allows HEIRS to hire a student, and permit the Resource Centre to remain open during July and August. About 90 people attended, and support of our members and the general public is most appreciated.



# The Amherstburg Echo.

M. J. Leonard, Prop.

Vol. XXX No. 15.

AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1904.

Whole No. 2,474

## 100 ACRES FOR SALE.

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

For further particulars and price, see

FALLS BROS., Agts.,  
Amherstburg.

## LIME FOR SALE

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LOST.

## 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 \$30 and costs. The town, through their solicitors, Davis & Davis, applied for a new trial on the ground of the plaintiff's alleged careless ness. The learned Judge refused to grant the appeal and the text of his decision is as below:

BROOKER vs. AMHERSTBURG.—Mr. Hoogh for plaintiff, D. B. Davis for defendant. This action was tried before me at the last sitting of the Division Court at Amherstburg. It is brought by the plaintiff to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by her when she slipped on a sidewalk on Fort St., which the plaintiff alleges was in a dangerous state of disrepair. It is contended by counsel for the defendant that if the plaintiff has a good case on the damages claimable

## ANDERTON COUNCIL.

Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Council met in regular session with all members present. Moved by Messrs. Grondin and Cote, that the minutes just read be adopted.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Vollans and Cote, that Fred Pagau get a warrant for \$4 groceries furnished to the Veterans.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Cote and Vollans that Antoine Lussier get a warrant for \$1 clearing ice from 6th concession road, and Wilbur Suits \$2.75 repairing bridge on south side line.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Vollans and Cote, that Isaac Grondin get a warrant for \$1, refund of dog tax.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Cote and Grondin, that Renu Bonetean get a warrant for \$3.00, for 1 sheep killed by unknown dogs.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Grondin and Cote, that Harold Warren get a warrant for \$5, for two acres of wood furnished to Willis Howard and \$6 charged for

## BURK BROS.

THE  
POPULAR  
TRADING  
HOUSE.

## ESSEX VETERANS of 1812-15

(from the Amherstburg Echo October 22, 1875)

The following is a list of veterans in this county, who participated in the government grant to the Canadians who took part in the War of 1812-14, together with a brief epitome of services they respectively rendered the country on that occasion; the claims of one or two persons being reserved for reference to the head of the Militia Department:

### Isaac Ferris, Potleg; age 82;

enrolled at Amherstburg, 1812; Colonel Elliott's battalion; Captain Caldwell's company; discharged 1813; engaged at the battles of Detroit, Raisin and Miami Siege; not wounded; received medal.

### John Ferris, Colchester; age 82;

enrolled at Malden, 1812; Colonel Elliott's battalion; Captain Caldwell's company; discharged 1815; engaged in the battle of Brownstown, Michigan; not wounded.

### Benjamin Marentette, Windsor; age 85;

enrolled at Sandwich, 1812; Colonel Baby's battalion; Captain LaBute's company; of Maisonville's company; discharged 1815; engaged in the battle of Detroit; not wounded.

### Antoine Marentette, Colchester; age 84;

enrolled at Sandwich, 1812; Colonel Baby's battalion; Captain Maisonville's company; discharged 1815; engaged in the battles of Detroit and Raisin; not wounded.

### Henry Brown, Leamington; age 88;

enrolled at Brockville, 1812; Colonel Sherwood's battalion; Captain Jones' company; discharged at Prescott; engaged in the battle of Ogdensburg; not wounded.

### Isaac Lane, Leamington, age 79;

enrolled at Gainesborough, 1812; Colonel Nellis' battalion; Captain Frederick's company; discharged 1815; engaged in no battle, being very young; served garrison duty; not wounded.

### Charles Bondy, River Canard; age 94;

enrolled at Sandwich, 1812; Colonel Alit's battalion; Captain Elliott's company; discharged at the end of the war; engaged in the battles of Detroit, Raisin, Miami and Gibraltar; not wounded.



**John Clark, North Ridge; age 82;**

enrolled at Amherstburg, 1812; Colonel Baby's battalion; Captain Wm. Elliott's company; discharged at end of war; engaged in the battles of Brownstown, Detroit, Fort Meigs & Lundy's Lane; carried dispatches from Colonel James, 30th Regiment, then at Burlington, to Colonel Hamilton, at Long Point, a distance of 60 miles having to pass around the enemy's position. For this extraordinary exploit a medal was issued, but lost by Captain Elliott before receiving it; not wounded.

**David White, Colchester, 80 years;**

enrolled at Amherstburg, 1812; Captain Caldwell's company; discharged at the end of the war; received medal and certificate; not wounded.

**Pierre Busson, Belle River, 89;**

enrolled at St. Phillip, 1812; Colonel Salisbury's battalion; discharged in 1815; engaged in the battles of Sackett's Harbour, Queenstown, Plattsburgh and Lancaster; not wounded.

**John Baptiste Robidoux, Malden, age 79;**

enrolled at Petit Cote, 1813; discharged at Amherstburg, 1814; enrolled in Captain Bondy's company; engaged in the battle of Maumee; wounded in foot.

**Louis Vigneux, Canard River, age 80;**

enrolled at Petit Cote, 1812; Colonel Elliott's battalion; Captain Bondy's company; engaged in the battle of Maumee; not wounded.

**John Tofflemire, Malden, age 80;**

enrolled at Gosfield, 1812; Colonel Elliott's battalion; Captain Caldwell's company; discharged at Malden, 1815; served garrison duty; not wounded.

**John Benton Laughton, Sandwich, age 85;**

enrolled at River Thames, 1812; Captain Jacobs' company; engaged in battles of Longwood, Street's Grove, Lundy's Lane; taken prisoner at Lundy's Lane; escaped from Greenbush, New York State, not wounded.

**Henry Lypps, Colchester, age 92;**

enrolled at Malden, 1812; Colonel baby's battalion; Colonel Caldwell's company; discharged 1815; engaged in the battles of Detroit and Raisin; received medal; not wounded.

**John Stockwell, Ruthven, age 81;**

enrolled at Amherstburg; Captain Caldwell's company; afterwards in Captain Dewes' Light Horse; discharged at the end of the war; engaged at the battle of Detroit; not wounded; The Americans offered \$500 reward for this patriot's head, dead or alive.

**Isaac Parent, Sandwich East, age 81;**

Colonel Baby's battalion; Captain LaBute's company; discharged at the end of the war; engaged in the battles of Detroit, Raisin and Maumee; received medal and clasp; not wounded.

**Francois Souliere, Ryegate, age 80;**

enrolled at Sandwich, 1812; Colonel Baby's battalion; Captain Askin's company; discharged 1814; engaged in the battles of Maumee and Detroit; not wounded.

**Ensign William Harris, Kingsville, age 84;**

enrolled at Fort Talbot, 1812; Colonel Talbot's battalion; Captain Bowen's company; stationed at Fort Talbot during the war; not wounded.

**Colbert Knapp, Belle River, age 81;**

enrolled at Malden, 1812; Colonel St. George's battalion; Captain Bondy's company; discharged at Malden, 1815; engaged in the battles of the Raisin, Monroe and Detroit; not wounded.

**Basil Drouillard, Canard River, age 79;**

enrolled at Amherstburg, 1813; Colonel Elliott's battalion; Captain Bondy's company; discharged 1815; engaged at the battle of Monroe; not wounded.

**Hours of Operation: September to June (excluding December)**

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

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*Please include your phone, fax, email, website & names you are now researching.*

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### **HEIRS Newsletter**

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