

Vol. 1 January 2012

H.E.I.R.S.

newsletter

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society



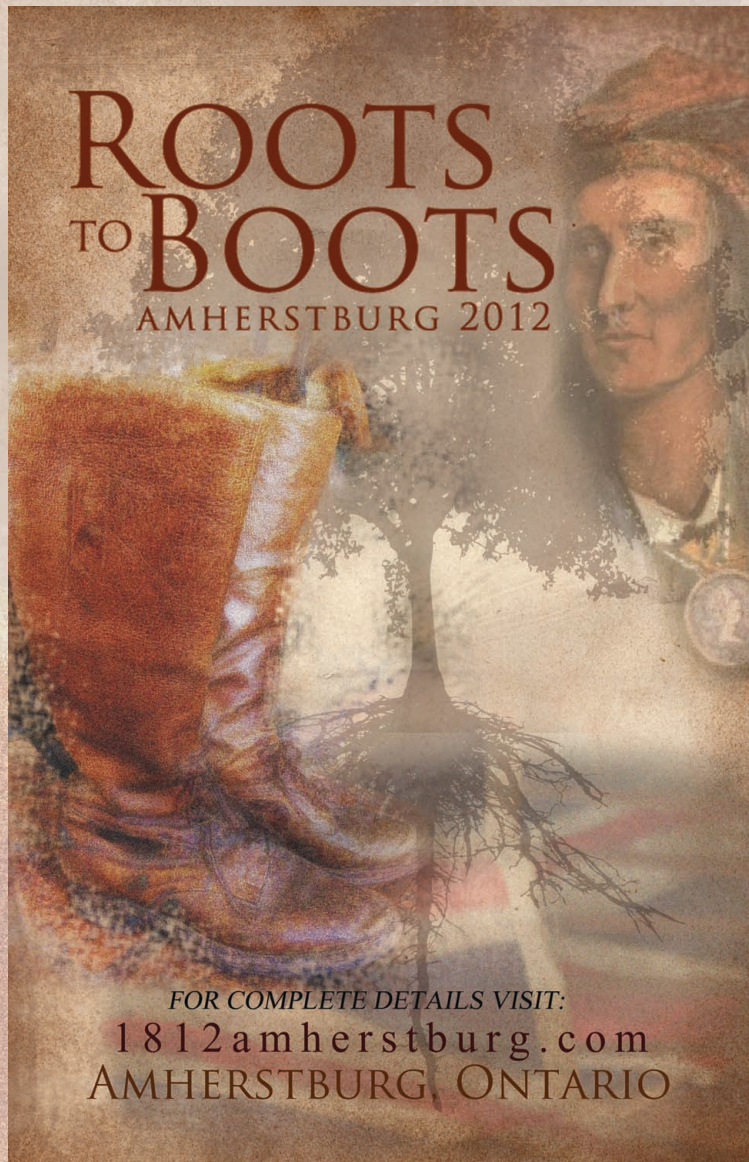
www.HEIRS.ca

Tel.: 519 738-3700

Email: hheritage@bellnet.ca

243 McAfee St., PO Box 53,
Harrow, ON Canada N0R 1G0

Harrow & Colchester South
Community Centre (Arena Bldg.)



Inside this issue...

January 26th Meeting: Debra Honor
War of 1812: 200th Anniversary Local Events

Genealogy Resources
Check out our books for sale

Cooking up Funds
Annual Pasta Dinner

Welcome to the January 2012 edition of the H.E.I.R.S. newsletter. This year, we will provide a full colour version of our organization's publication.

We hope you enjoy the new visual format, updated board and committee member contact information, as well as our books and publications that are for sale to enlighten, educate and entertain.

Next meeting:

Thursday, January 26, 2012 1:30PM
Harrow-Colchester South Arena
Meeting Room, Harrow, Ontario

Our special guest speaker will be Mrs. Debra Honor. Many members will know Debra as one of our local teachers, as Past-President of the Essex County Branch of the Ontario Genealogy Society or as a long-time member of HEIRS and the bicentennial branch of the United Empire Loyalists here in Essex County.

For the past 3 years, the group '1812 Alive' has been planning events to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. As one of the 1812 Alive executive members, Debra will bring members up to date on what events are planned for historic Essex County during the anniversary year, and the following two years, to mark this important event in Canadian history.



It will be an exciting first meeting of the year. Please plan to attend to discover the amazing series of planned events. Of course, we will provide a summary of Debra's presentation in our February newsletter for those who could not attend and will provide updates throughout the year on the many 200th anniversary key events.
Visit the website at www.1812amherstburg.com!

What was happening in 1812?

On June 8, 1812, war was proclaimed by U.S. President James Madison. On July 11th, U.S. General Hull invades Upper Canada with a large force of men.

On July 17th, Fort Mackinac (near present day Sault Ste Marie) was captured by Captain Rogers and a force of 500, handing the U.S. an embarrassing defeat. August 11th, General Hull and his forces retreat in panic.

On August 16th, 1812, General Brock and a small force capture Fort Detroit without a shot fired and later in the fall, on October 12th, Brock is killed at Queenston Heights, but defeats the U.S. invasion forces. On October 19th, an American force invades at Lacolle, about 9 km from the New York State border.

PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER Sat., March 3, 2012

HEIRS will again be holding it's annual pasta dinner, at the Harrow Knights of Columbus Hall.



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

With the continued support of our members, and the whole community itself, we anticipate another successful fund-raising event.

Did we mention that the food is always great?
Dinner tickets are just \$10. Be sure you attend!

Best wishes

Edith Woodbridge, our long time newsletter editor, continues to recuperate from recent illness.

She received a note of appreciation from former Prime Minister, Paul Martin stating, "We are grateful for all your work. You truly have made history live." HEIRS has helped his family with research in the past years.

We're sure this letter made Edith smile, as a well-deserved thank you, should.

Bequest to HEIRS

We at HEIRS wish to gratefully acknowledge a generous donation from the estate of Marion L. McCormick, late of Harrow.

Marion and Bob are pictured in 1976, while taking part in the 100th Anniversary of the Harrow Baptist Church. Marion did extensive research on the church history, and also wrote the play.



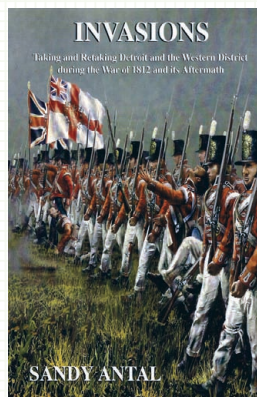
Marion and her husband Robert, were founding members of HEIRS, and maintained a lifelong interest in local history and genealogy.

This gift will ensure that HEIRS will continue to document our local heritage. HEIRS thanks the entire McCormick family for their continuing interest and support.

New Resource for On-Site Research

"INVASIONS: Taking and Retaking Detroit and the Western District during the War of 1812 and its Aftermath" was donated by Jo Ann Jenereaux, one of our own Directors.

It's written by award-winning author Sandy Antal (*Wampum Denied*) and is richly illustrated in colour by renowned artist and local military history re-enactor Dr. Peter Rindlisbacher.



From the archives of the Amherstburg Echo in 1888...

February

Thomas Ferriss of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba is home in Harrow buying horses for the Manitoba market.

March

Dr F A Jones, veterinary surgeon, will visit Harrow on Thursday, of each week, from 12 to 4 at Drummond's Hotel.

J D Campbell of Kingsville is moving his stock into W G Wright's old stand at Harrow this week. He purchased a large stock of dry goods in Berlin (now Kitchener) and will commence business at once.

May

Gil Morin bought out the pool table hitherto run by Daniel Pillon. The council charges \$100 a year license. It is hoped that he will be as careful in its management as Pillon was.

June

The new railroad is now located and the station will be built almost within the village proper. The new merchants are all doing a good business and have bright prospects. Dr Mitchell, the new doctor, is already in high favour with residents of this section of the county and is building up a large practice.

August

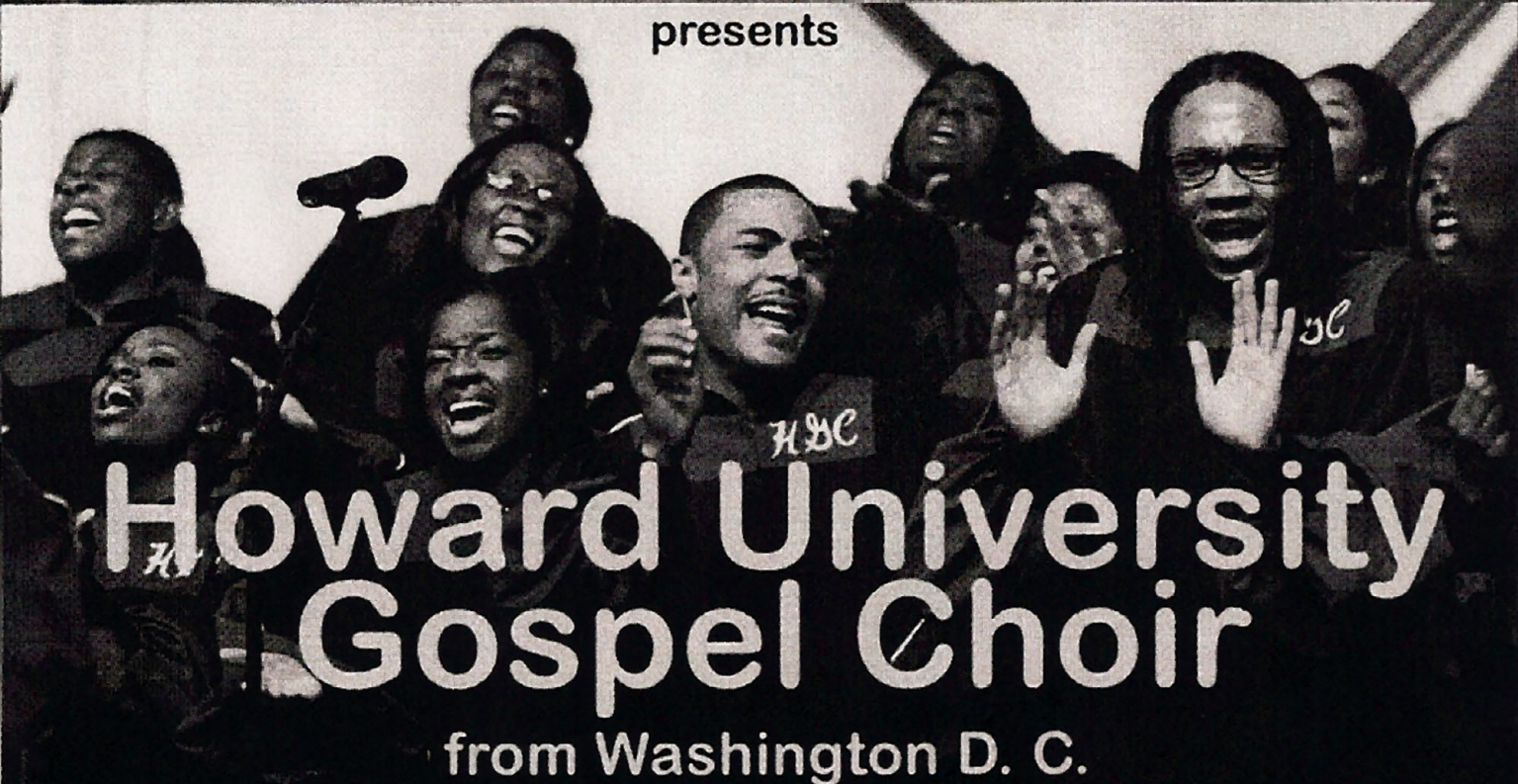
James Drummond has five fine horses and rigs, including a good carriage for hire, at his livery stable. He seems to be doing well, and wishes Emancipation Day would come once a week. Charles Knapp also has 2 or 3 nice rigs which he hires out Sundays.

December

All businesses have decided to close on Christmas Day in Harrow.

The North American
BLACK HISTORICAL MUSEUM

presents



**Howard University
Gospel Choir**

from Washington D. C.

Friday, Jan 27 at 8 pm

St. John the Baptist Church, 225 Brock St., Amherstburg

\$20

Freedom Landing Festival

Tickets for the Friday night Howard University Gospel Choir can be purchased online at www.blackhistorymuseum.org or by phone at 519-736-5433 or 800-713-6336.

In addition, the Freedom Landing Festival *Black History Forum* will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2012 . Canada Trust and the North American Black Historical Museum host the event starting at 10 AM in Amherstburg.

There are 3 sessions in the morning and another 3 topics in the afternoon, featuring presentations on Sojourner Truth, the Black Settlers of Niagara, and Richard Pierpoint, African Warrior, among others.

The cost is \$40, museum members pay \$36 and students pay \$20. There is a limited enrolment of just 100, so book your spot soon.

Call 519-736-5433 to register for this one-of-a-kind special occasion.

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).

Newsletters by Email

If you are currently receiving our newsletter by US or Canada Post and would prefer to receive it by email, simply provide your email to any one of our newsletter committee members.

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 Local Genealogical Events

Ontario Genealogical Society (Essex branch) is holding 2 meetings of interest to history buffs:

Feb. 13, 2012: Dr Miriam Wright, Chair of the history department of the University of Windsor, will share her personal experiences in family research. On the same program, Dr Guillaume Teasdale from the University of Ottawa will discuss the French families of the Detroit River area. *This sounds like an opportunity to learn a great deal about our area.*

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

All meetings are held at the Windsor Public Library, 850 Ouellette Drive, in Windsor, on the lower level, beginning at 7PM. **Mark your calendar!**

Windsor Public Library (second floor):

Feb. 11th and March 10th (10AM-Noon): It's "**Ask The Genealogist**". An experienced member of the OGS branch will be available to assist with your research and questions.

Resource Centre Hours

September - June (excluding December)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM to 3PM

Wednesday: 9AM to 12 Noon

Please call appointments for other times.

MEMBERSHIPS

NOW DUE: MAY 2011 TO APRIL 2012

\$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 and names you are now researching.

HEIRS Board of Directors

President	Richard Herniman herninman5@sympatico.ca
Vice-President	Chris Carter cdcarter002@gmail.com
Treasurer	John Brush jmb1@xplornet.com
Secretary	Kathy Langlois kathyl@msni.net
Director	Jo Ann Jenereaux

Committee Chairpersons

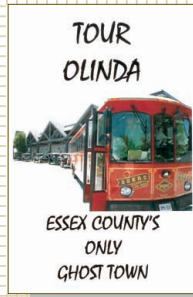
Library	Pauline Baldwin baldwin1@xplornet.com Kathy Langlois kathyl@msni.net
Newsletter	Edith Woodbridge edith.woodbridge@gmail.com Chris Carter cdcarter002@gmail.com Ted Steele twsteele@sympatico.ca
Hospitality	Les Hodgkins
Program /Publicity	Chris Carter Ted Steele twsteele@sympatico.ca 519 733-3456
Membership	Richard Herniman herninman5@sympatico.ca

**Have negatives or prints you need digitized, videos copied, or audio tapes that need to be burned to CDs?
HEIRS can help. Call us for more information!**

Publications: For sale from the H.E.I.R.S. Resource Centre or via mail...

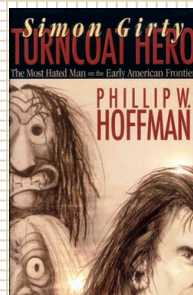
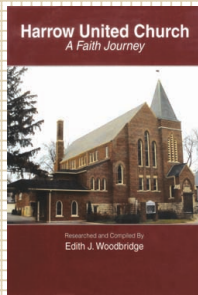
Postage & packaging extra: Canada \$15 / USA \$25
 To order, call 519-738-3700 or email Chris Carter at: cdcarter002@gmail

**Index to
 Commemorative
 Biographical Record,
 Essex County**
 \$40.00



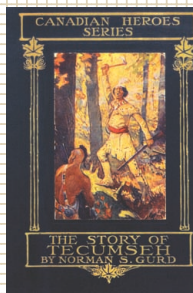
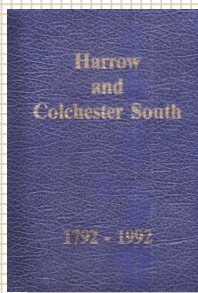
**Olinda: Essex County's
 Only Ghost Town**
 \$25.00

**Harrow United Church
 A Faith Journey**
 \$30.00



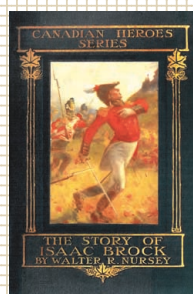
**Simon Girty
 - Turncoat Hero**
 (soft cover) \$20.00

**Harrow & Colchester South
 1792-1992 (2nd edition)**
 \$30.00



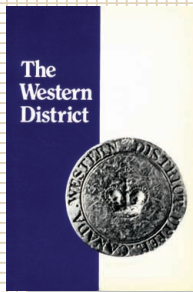
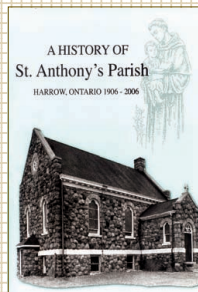
**The Story of Tecumseh
 - Canadian Heroes Series**
 \$19.00

**Iler Settlement
 1808-2008**
 \$28.00



**The Story of Isaac Brock
 - Canadian Heroes Series**
 \$19.00

**A History of
 St. Anthony's Parish
 Harrow, Ontario
 1906-2006**
 \$25.00



The Western District
 \$5.00

