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H.E.I.R.S. newsletter

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society



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March Meeting:
Rebellions of 1837-38

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March

All of us have passed by Historic Sites plaques at some point and have thought "I wonder what it says". We hope this year you WILL stop, take in the words and meaning of why the plaque was installed at the site, and share the information with family and friends.

Below is one such plaque that describes events in 1838, now known as the Rebellions of 1837 & 38. Come out to our March meeting and learn more about the details of that period, when brave souls, at much physical, personal risk fought the good fight against invaders.

When you find another interesting historical site, why not snap a plaque picture and send it to HEIRS? We'll in turn share it with members through your newsletter. Keep in touch.

March Meeting

When: Thursday, March 26th, 1:30 PM

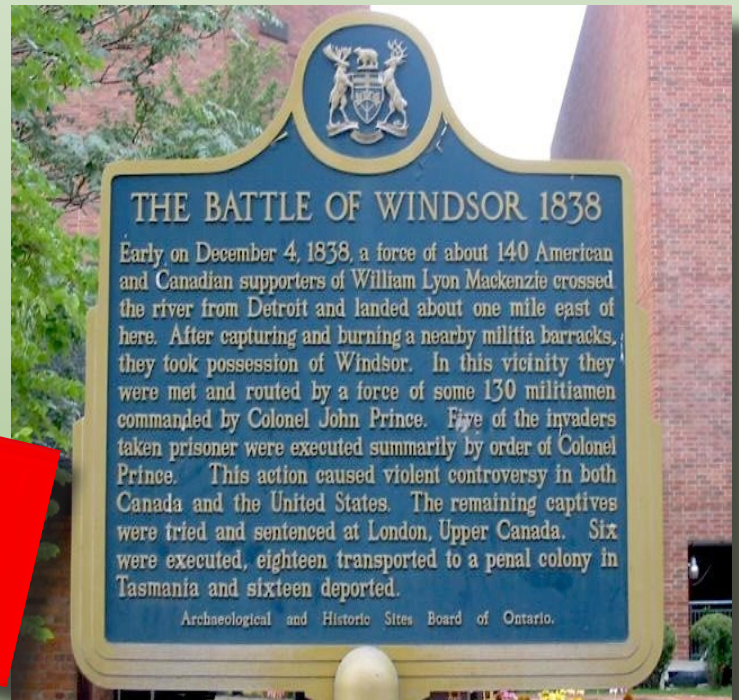
Where: Harrow-Colchester Arena Community Centre

The March meeting of HEIRS will feature HEIRS director Ted Steele talking on the Rebellions of 1837-38, when citizenry in various parts of Upper and Lower Canada rose up to violently protest the unfair governments of the day.

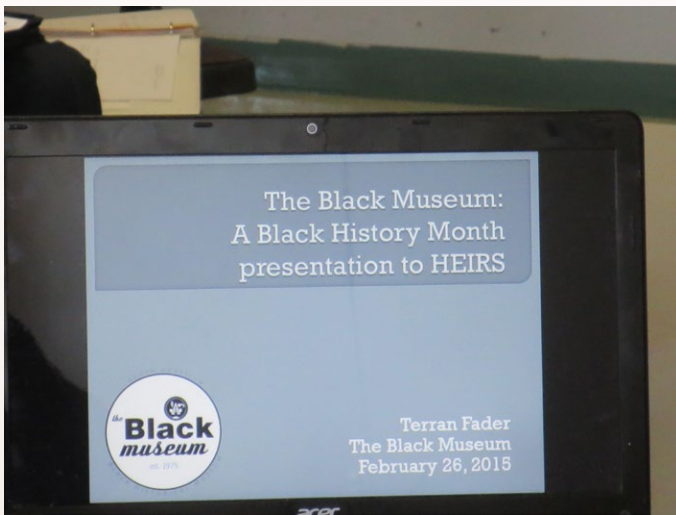
Included will be the causes and effects of the revolt, as well as local involvement in the Battle of Pelee Island, the Battle of Windsor and the capture of the Anne, an American ship bombarding Amherstburg shores as part of a planned invasion.

Local prominent citizens Josiah Henson (former slave and inspiration for Uncle Tom's Cabin shown on our newsletter cover) and Col. John Prince, among others, will also be discussed.

Join us to learn of some amazing events that happened right here in Essex County, an important but often overlooked part of OUR history.



On Thursday, Feb. 26, HEIRS members met to hear Terran Fader, curator of the Black History Museum in Amherstburg.



She told us of the dream of 2 local citizens, Mac and Dorothy Simpson, who in 1975 founded the Museum and began gathering donations and artifacts to bring the stories of black history in Essex County to light.

Amherstburg was the logical spot, due to its nearness to the border across which slaves had to cross, and the relatively short crossing of the Detroit River to freedom.

The town became the major crossing point, a hub where escaped slaves could meet with family members and a source of assistance when they arrived, usually with no possessions or means to establish new lives.

Terran explained how many slaves moved further into the county and beyond, in fear of “slave-catchers”, Americans who would enter Canada and forcefully return blacks to their former masters, to face severe punishment or death for running away.

Some of these refugees moved out into the county to Harrow and surroundings to settle. Settlements in Kent County at Buxton and



Dresden in particular grew, while the black population in Amherstburg itself remained stable, and today has actually dwindled in number.

The museum itself is growing and continues to develop new exhibits highlighting local families and their stories, as well as hosting events showcasing black heritage and culture.

No part of the Essex County story has not been touched and enriched by black involvement and participation; history entwines us all together.



4 Local Events

OGS (Essex County Branch)

March 9th, 7 PM at the Windsor Public Library, 850 Oulllette Ave,

“How the Scots Built Windsor” - Heather Calutti, Windsor’s Community Museum



Invite You To Celebrate 150 Years Of Jack Miner

April 11th & 12th, 2015

- Calling Contest • Taxidermy Competition
 - Photography Show • Vendors • and More
- events@jackminer.com

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March 5

"It has been a useful building." Tom Vincent moved his barber shop from Rol. Wright's to W. G. Wright's building. Half of it is A. J. Best's tinshop.

March 12

Heinz has contracted 200 acres of field beans through Howard Heaton. An advertisement: "McDonald and Son, and Pigeon: a Ford runabout for only \$540".

The Business Side of HEIRS

You will notice that this newsletter is of an unusual format; we have included our constitution & by-laws for HEIRS as it has been for 40 years, and a newer version which reflects some changes needed to bring us up-to-date in dealing with the issues of today. We ask that all members look these changes over, and be aware of the slight alterations made. Should you have any concerns with the changes, please bring it to the attention of any director by May 1st, 2015 (Directors are listed on page 10 of our newsletters).

We also need to bring to your attention the matter of membership dues, which are about to expire for the current year. To remain current, please renew your membership by May 1, 2015, with your payment of \$25 (greatly appreciated). It is suggested that members check with secretary Kathy Langlois to ensure that you are not currently in arrears, as we know this is the case in some instances. **Thanks!**

**THE CONSTITUTION OF
HARROW EARLY IMMIGRANT RESEARCH SOCIETY - (H.E.I.R.S.)
(A Non-Profit Organization of Historical and Genealogical Interests.)**
Harrow, Ontario, Canada.

**Recommended by the Directors to the Annual Meeting, May 22, 2003
for discussion and approval.**

Section 1

NAME
The name of the Organization shall be
HARROW EARLY IMMIGRANT RESEARCH SOCIETY - (H.E.I.R.S.)

Section 2

AREA
The area of research shall be local and family history in the Harrow area.

Section 3

PURPOSE
1. To preserve local historical and family history.
2. To encourage research into local and family history.
3. To encourage the preservation of historical artifacts and buildings

Section 4

MEMBERSHIP
1. Membership in the Organization shall be open to everyone who pays an annual membership fee which is due in May of each year.
2. The Board of Directors may from time to time adjust the amount of the membership fee.

Section 5

MEETINGS
1. The Annual Meeting shall be held in May of each year at which the election of Directors shall take place by secret ballot.
2. The Board of Directors shall arrange all other meetings.

Section 6

FISCAL YEAR
The fiscal year shall run from May 1st to April 30th.

Section 7

OFFICERS
1. The general management of the Organization shall be a Board of Directors, composed of nine (9) Directors. Three Directors shall be elected each year, for a three year term. Each Director shall have one vote.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to replace any Director who cannot act. The term of such new Director will expire at the next Annual Meeting.

4. The Directors shall elect their own officers.
5. A quorum of the Board shall consist of five Directors.
6. The President shall act as Chair of all Board and General Meetings and supervise the activities of the Organization. When unable to do so, the Vice-President shall act in his/her place.
7. The Secretary shall record the Minutes of Board and General Meetings.
8. The Treasurer shall have control of all funds. ~~On 17/1/04~~
The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Organization in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
Signing Authority may be established each June by the Directors to include any two of four authorized Directors, two of which shall be the Treasurer and the President.
Each year the Board of Directors shall choose a qualified person to audit the financial transactions of the Organization.

Section 8

COMMITTEES
The Board of Directors may establish Ad Hoc or Standing Committees as required.

Section 9

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
The Board of Directors may propose changes to the Constitution. These amendments shall be mailed to all members prior to the Annual Meeting, and shall be approved by a simple majority at the Annual Meeting.

Section 10

DISSOLUTION
In the event of the dissolution or winding-up of Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society all remaining assets, after payment of liabilities shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

Section 11

SEAL
The Secretary shall have the custody and control of the Corporate Seal. The Seal shall not be affixed to any document except by authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors, and by such officer or officers who shall sign every document to which the seal is affixed in his/her presence.

**BY - LAWS OF
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Passed at a meeting of the Directors, April 29, 2003

AFFILIATION -

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AREA -

The area of research shall be local and family history in the original township of Colechester and its successive municipalities, with a peripheral interest in the tri-county region of Essex, Kent and Lambton and the Detroit River region.

FUNDS:

Disbursements of the Organization shall be by cheque.
A Petty Cash fund shall exist in the Library to receive donations for photocopying and research. This fund can be used for small expenses (under \$5) as long as a signed receipt is supplied by staff. Any expenses over Five Dollars (\$5) shall be submitted to the treasurer for payment by cheque.

MEETINGS -

1. Meetings of the Whole Membership shall be held in the following months: January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November, and on the fourth Thursday of the month.
2. Meetings of the Board of Directors to be as called by the Chair, or at the written request of any five Directors.
3. The Annual Meeting:

Approve the Agenda

Approve the Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting

Approve the Auditor's Financial Report

Nominations

- Nominating Committee Report

Approval of report and election of nominees.

Receive Prepared Reports:

The President

Program Committee - summary of year's meetings and activities

Library Committee

Publicity and newsletter Committee report

Hospitality Committee report

Other reports.

Business:

Constitution or By Law review if applicable

Other business - (to be listed or added with Agenda approval)

Resolutions - prepared in advance by Directors, and any from the floor.

Note: All reports to be printed and circulated at Annual Meeting then mailed to members.

COMMITTEES

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members, two of whom are members of the Board of Directors and two from general membership. The Nominating Committee shall submit names to the Annual Meeting of candidates for election to the Board of Directors. Other nominations may be made from the floor by a member in good standing.

2. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee shall consist of at least three (3) Directors, one of which shall be chairperson. Additional persons may be added from the membership. The Library Committee shall inform the Directors of their activities and routine expenditures. All matters involving substantial expenditures will be referred to the Directors.

A Librarian may be appointed. The Librarian will be responsible to the Committee, but not a member of it.

The duties of the Library Committee shall be:

- (i) Establish the hours of the Library and assign persons to those duties.
- (ii) Establish a collection policy, and methods of managing the acquisitions of the Library.
- (iii) Keep a current list of all accessions: - books, manuscripts, tapes, videos, pictures and any other materials.
- (iv) Catalogue all materials
- (v) Make purchases of materials appropriate to the collection.
- (vi) Maintain an adequate supply of office supplies.
- (vii) Prepare applications for student employees or government grants

3. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee shall be a Director, the Committee to consist of at least three persons.

The Committee shall plan the programs for each General Meeting and be responsible for any contingent arrangements.

The Committee shall provide the details for publicity through the press and the Newsletter of the Organization

4. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee shall be a Director, the Committee to include at least one other person.

An Editor may be appointed responsible to the Committee.

Duties:

- (i) To publish a newsletter for each General Meeting, and following the Annual Meeting to send the annual report to all members.
- (ii) The Newsletter to be in the members' possession at least one week before General Meeting.
- (iii) The Newsletter must conform to the principles of the Organization.
- (iv) Any member may submit articles, subject to editing by the Committee.
- (v) The layout and contents to be determined by the Committee.

5. HOSPITALITY

The Committee shall include a minimum of two persons, one of whom is a Director.

Duties:

- To provide refreshments for the General Meetings or special events.
- To prepare facilities for a pot luck meal, and provide beverages.

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This document was revised in 2015 by the Board of Directors.

Note: The minutes, reports and yearly audit will be kept on file at the Resource Centre. They will be made available to a member in good standing upon request.

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2. RESOURCE CENTRE

The Resource Centre Committee shall consist of at least three (3) Directors, one of which shall be the chairperson. Additional persons may be added from the membership. The Resource Centre Committee shall inform the Directors of their activities and routine expenditures. All matters involving substantial expenditures will be referred to the Directors. The duties of the Committee shall be:

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Resolutions:

Prepared in advance by the Directors; must be received from the

Membership, in writing, by May 1st

Hours of Operation: September to June (excluding December)

Tuesday & Thursday: 10AM - 3PM, Wednesday or other appointments: (Please call to confirm hours.)

Memberships Due: May 2014 to April 2015: \$25 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.

Non-member user fee for HEIRS Research Library, as of January 2013: \$5 / visit (+ photocopy costs).

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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