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HEIRS

Harrow Early Immigrant Research Society

newsletter



Genealogy Simplified!

Welcome to the May 2021 newsletter.

I started painting (you know, artwork) for the first time as the lockdown began in March 2020! That seems like a VERY long time ago, but listening to newscasts, seeing all the “opinions” on Facebook, and articles in local papers, they all sound way too familiar.

It’s obvious that even with all of our advancements over the past 100 years or so, we just didn’t learn from history. Many will have family stories of kinfolk who lived during the Spanish Flu at the turn of the 20th century. But likely, they did not physically keep any record of their struggles, their worries, or their hopes for their pandemic ending quickly.

So, my question is - will you document the “journey” all of us as a group, and as individuals are now taking? Perhaps that’s something to consider doing now, as the 3rd wave washes over us.

***Think into the future.** What if we squirrel away a couple of our masks, fancy or otherwise? (Might our descendants fear even touching them in 100 years, in case they still harbour Covid-19 virus?) What other items or newspaper clippings of today should we tuck away for them?*

Souvenirs masks are one thing, but if we can journal our thoughts, frustrations, sympathy and fears we are experiencing first-hand, how powerful might that be for your descendants to learn how their G-Grandmother (you) coped during those days? Maybe it might help those folks deal with a new global outbreak during their lifetime!

Knowing we weathered this pandemic, using our heads and our hearts, and replaced fear with assurances that when we as individuals followed health guidelines - social distancing, wore our masks when we couldn’t keep apart, washed our hands frequently, and stood in line to receive the latest vaccine technology breakthroughs in our arms - that we helped our community at the same time as ourselves.

Perhaps from “the past” we will be able to reach across time to help them avoid the mistakes we made by not learning from moments like these in history.

So stay safe, stay optimistic, and save your ‘Covid records’ for your descendants.

- Rick McCormick

BRAVO TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RENEWED!

Yearly membership dues are \$30, covering May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022!

To continue receiving newsletters & to support payment of our operating costs, be sure you are a paid-up member. *Thanks!*

From the HEIRS mailbag...



The Lockwoods...

A letter arrived at HEIRS recently (with her membership renewal – thank you) looking to help fill some gaps in her family tree info....

“I saw the mention of Catharine Ulch who married a Fox in the 1700’s (April newsletter). Was she related to the Ulch family who arrived later? My GG Grandmother, Ann Ulch married Charles Lockwood in 1841. I have no earlier info on either of them and she doesn’t seem to be a daughter of Andreas Ulch.

Her sister married Thomas McLean & her obit was published, but not her first name. When I initially searched for this illusive family, I hit a dead end with the marriage of Charles Lockwood and Ann Ulch in the Regular Baptist church in Gosfield in August 1842.

I was told by some HEIRS members that the church was gone and the first Canadian census was in 1851 so it would be difficult to trace either Ann or Charles. They had five children, all born near Harrow and I believe only my great grandmother Clarissa Lockwood (their daughter) who married John Alexander Grubb, left Canada. She and John moved to Michigan and bought a farm, which she owned.. She may have bought it with her \$25 inheritance when Charles died and Ann moved in with Edwin on his farm.

Any info from your readers would be welcomed – just to trace Ann & Charles Lockwood further back past 1841.” - Diane Severns. dianaseverns@aol.com

And one more from me....

I also have a request to make of our members. My own family tree has a strong Doan connection. After the Revolution, Aaron and Joseph Doan came as Loyalists to Canada, and settled near Port Colborne. Another branch of the family headed west as the Revolution began, and their line is centred in Alberta (athletes Shane, and Caterina Lemay Doan are descended among others.)

My GGG aunt was Marissa Steele, who married Abraham Leonard Doan, (Leonard Abraham possibly) in Niagara, but nobody in my family knows what became of them. I found them in Essex County. Their daughter Cynthia married into the Hutchins family.

My requests:

*I would like more info about them making their way to this area, and how the various Doan families of Essex county tie in with Steele. Another Doan mystery concerns one Adam Doan; he married an Echerlin woman, and that woman was the sister of Simon Girty’s mother. I would love to track those connections! **If you can help me, please send me an email on these family members at historynut@outlook.com. Thanks. - Ted.***

The Amherstburg Echo.

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AMHERSTBURG, ONTARIO, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1904.

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LOST.

LOST—Strayed from my place, Verkor, on Sunday, Feb. 29th, a black, white and tan English setter bitch, answering to the name "LADY". Finder will receive liberal reward by attaching to me or on being notified I will go after her. A. Fildes, Verkor.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Miss Wm. Hamilton's condition has improved. She is now able to walk. Her mother, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, is very glad to hear of her recovery. She is now at home.

MALDEN.

Ernest McGee, of Flint, Mich. spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Frank Hunt has been suffering from an attack of influenza.

Win. Golden is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Mrs. Alice McLean, of Windsor, is on her feet after being confined for several weeks.

BROOKER vs. AMHERSTBURG.

Judge Mellich refused 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 \$90 and costs. The town, through their solicitor, Davis & Davis, applied for a new trial on the ground of the plaintiff's alleged carelessness. The learned judge refused to grant the appeal and the text of his decision is as below:

BROOKER vs. AMHERSTBURG.—Mr. Routh for Plaintiff, J. R. 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 the female plaintiff by falling on a sidewalk on Fort St. The defendant alleges was a dangerous state of things. It is contended by counsel for the defendant that if the plaintiff has a good cause of action the damages claimed are more than they would be entitled to recover. The law requires a municipal corporation to keep its streets and highways, under its control in repair and if it neglects to perform that duty the law provides that it shall be certainly responsible for all damages sustained by any person by reason of such default. The defendant corporation applies to set aside the judgment entered herein on the ground that there is no evidence that the sidewalk in question was not in repair at the time the plaintiff fell thereon as stated in the pleadings. It is contended that the sidewalk was in repair at the time the plaintiff fell thereon and that the plaintiff was contributorily negligent. The learned judge has found in favor of the plaintiff and the defendant applies for a new trial. The learned judge has refused to grant the same and the plaintiff applies for a new trial. The learned judge has refused to grant the same and the plaintiff applies for a new trial. The learned judge has refused to grant the same and the plaintiff applies for a new trial.

ANDERTON COUNCIL.

Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Council met in regular session with all members present. Moved by Messrs. Groulx and Cote, that the minutes just read be adopted.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Volans and Cote, that Fred Pague get a warrant for \$4 groceries furnished to the Verkor.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Cote and Volans, that Isaac Groulx get a warrant for \$4 groceries furnished to the Verkor.—Carried. Moved by Messrs. Cote and Volans, that Isaac Groulx get a warrant for \$4 groceries furnished to the Verkor.—Carried.

BURK BROS.



LIME FOR SALE IN CARLOAD LOTS.

May 6

Mrs. Francis Quick (nee Miss Pearl Fox) was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given on Thursday afternoon of last week by Mrs. Chas. Quick. The recent bride received a profusion of lovely presents and the pleasant afternoon concluded with a delicious lunch.

Wm. Bowring, Colchester S., has greatly improved his home by repainting it.

Whoever found James Drummond's 1921 auto license NO.108-573, would confer a favor by returning it to him.

May 13

William Anderson, much to the surprise of everyone who knows his strict manner of living, fell off the water wagon Wednesday, just a couple of hours after making a resolution to stick it out all summer. He found the village not to be half as dry as it voted. Mr. Anderson's experience however was an actual one. He had just made a couple of rounds with the sprinkler wagon for the first time this season when in turning too short near the town hall he upset the whole apple cart and nearly drowned both himself & the team.

May 20

Auntie comes to town...

"I tell you that I won't have this room", protested the old lady to the bellboy who was conducting her. "I ain't a' goin' to pay my good money for a pigsty with a measly little fold-in bed in it. If you think that jest because I'm from Harrow..."

Profoundly disgusted, the boy cut her short. "Get in mum, get in, this ain't yer room. This is the elevator."

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Genealogy of the Tofflemire Family

- by Ted Steele

I found an obit recently in the Rivertown Times, an Amherstburg newspaper, for John E. Tofflemire. Among the information about his life was the fact that an ancestor had driven 12 snow white horses pulling Abraham Lincoln's inauguration carriage in 1860.

I assume this person to be American, but have no concrete proof of that. Unfortunately the paper did not mention the name of this ancestor, but I am sure it could be tracked down in the HEIRS files. I have been searching for a family to write up for this newsletter, and here was inspiration from out of the blue!

Originally Taffelmyre, we are aware of its Anglicized version. Martin Tofflemire & wife Eva (Munger) were captured as part of a large group by Indians & Loyalist troops at Ruddles' Station, a fort in Kentucky. Though supporters of the crown in the conflict, they were caught in the crossfire & captured by troops on the same side as they were! Eventually, they were brought to Detroit & traded for supplies. They then settled in Essex County as Loyalists.

Their son Jacob was born 1772, served in the War of 1812, and received his land grant for 200 acres near Olinda. He married Ruth Riley, herself once a captive of the Indians before she and her family were ransomed & rescued by Essex pioneer, Alexander McCormick. In fact Ruth came along with the McCormick family when they left their trading post just prior to the Battle of Fallen Timbers near Maumee Ohio, in 1794.

The Tofflemires had 6 children:

Henry, b.1793, married Catherine Quick, daughter of Cornelius Quick.;

Jacob John, b. 1795, married Susan Fulmer, daughter of John Casper Fulmer & Margaret Ann Fox;

Charles, b. 1797, married Salomeh Snider, daughter of John & Elizabeth Snider;

William, b. 1798, never married;

Julianna, b. 1803, married Michael Wigle, son of John Wendel Wigle & Julianna Romer; and

Susan, b. 1810, married Archibald Brown, son of Henry Brown & Mary Montgomery.

My records do not include the children of most of these folks, but HEIRS records would list many, of course. Again, it shows how the families that arrived here in the 1790s and received grants of land as Loyalists. They were a relatively small group and well known to each other as they settled into making new lives for their families. Children grew up knowing their neighbours, their fellow church-goers and school mates, and their potential life partners would be usually from that same pool of individuals.

Close-knit family ties developed, a necessity in early times when you and your neighbours had to depend on each other for many situations. We hope the realization of these close interconnections between early Essex County families will stimulate more members to check their backgrounds to see who may be on a branch of their own tree.

Can we help you research your ancestors?

At some point, HEIRS will be back in business as usual. Why not take a peek into your history now, in preparation for your visit with us?

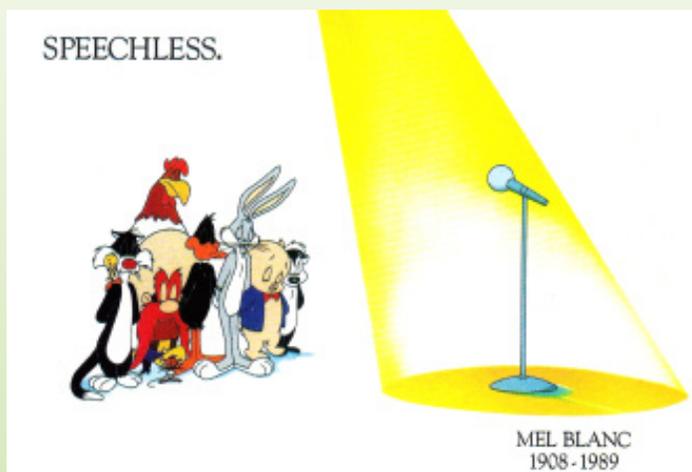
6 'That's all folks...'

More and more, I have come to appreciate timing. Sometimes things happen & we chalk it up to luck or mere coincidence. But the timing when we (the senior generation) were kids was, in many ways... perfect.

We enjoyed a childhood of outdoor play, relative world peace, and stable economic times. Weekly matinee movies are well-remembered, and especially the cartoons which were always part of those Saturday afternoons.

We all remember fondly, such lines as "You're deth-spicable!" or "Of course, you know this means war!" & "Oooh, I hates rabbits!" We can't forget "Be vewwy vewwy quiet; I am hunting wabbits". (These were Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, Yosemite Sam, & Elmer Fudd).

Many others, like Tweetie Bird, Sylvester J. Pussycat & Foghorn Leghorn are now gone. Partly this was due to the death of Mel Blanc, who devised the speech patterns & voices for many of these characters. **He was one of a kind.**



Sadly, many have been under attack as mean-spirited or ridiculing certain groups, and they have been withdrawn from general circulation. Why? Daffy Duck & Elmer Fudd exhibited speech problems, as did Sylvester.

Yosemite Sam was full of anger & desired to do harm to his enemies. Speedy Gonzalez, the fastest mouse in all of Mexico, became a racist symbol, as did the Fritos corn chips mascot, "The Frito Bandito". Tex Avery created the mascot & developed many Looney Tunes characters, which were voiced by Mel Blanc.



Recently the internet added another casualty to the list.- the amorous French-speaking skunk, Pepe Le Pew.

His one-track mind & constant pursuit of the 'La petite femme skunk' has been tagged as promoting rape culture. Some see his search for love as a refusal to accept 'no means no' & inappropriate for children.

It did take me a while to agree that Amos & Andy, removed in the 50s, was problematic. Today, I agree these characters as depicted, were almost always derogatory, even if very likeable. George 'Kingfish' Stevens was an out-and-out con man, with lawyer Algonquin J. Calhoun unprofessional & unscrupulous. Again, I find myself with mixed feelings on the loss of these characters. Most are gone from TV, so I'm glad I have a Looney Tunes DVD pack. I've shared them with my grandchildren & hope they too will spawn good memories.

It's a fine line, but overkill seems to rule the day. I was a kid at the best time possible & would not trade my good times for the on-line texting & gaming that today's kids consider fun.

The world is indeed changing and evolving, though I can't agree that many of these changes are improvements. - Ted

In 1884, western Canada was a hotbed of discontent. Confederation was still new, and came about mainly by the extending of rail lines to British Columbia.

Those who did not benefit from Confederation saw little advantage to being part of Canada. The Metis lost their land, and nobody in Ottawa would listen until they rebelled. The government monopoly on railway traffic hurt most western farmers financially.



E.A.C. Pew was an Ontario 'opportunist', looking for a way to make big money in a hurry.

In a meeting (over a few drinks), with a minor Canadian official, Pew explained that he had growing support in Washington and from Manitoba Premier John Norquay.

Norquay had been promised a U.S. senate seat and a bribe, and influential newspaper leaders in the western provinces support for his latest idea which had three steps:

- 1. The west would secede from Canada and withdraw from Confederation.**
- 2. They would institute self-government and develop close ties with the United States, both economic and diplomatic.**
- 3. They would then be purchased by the US for 30 million dollars.**

According to Pew, the Manitoba Premier's support had been bought, Riel would be brought back from exile in the U.S. to appease the Métis, and the U.S. was definitely interested.

The minor Canadian official was H.P. Dwight, general manager of the Great NorthWest Telegraph Co. He quickly informed his boss Erastis Wiman who took the discussion to Prime Minister McDonald. He saw the idea to be at least 'dangerous' and moved quickly to investigate.

Pew's supporters were no more than lukewarm to his idea, and as his business background was exposed it became clear that he would be a dangerous man to follow.

**As quoted in the Toronto newspapers...
"Pew is a liar and a swindler - still, I don't apprehend any real danger from him."**

Another said "He is a fraud. A gold mine could not make money, at least stockholders could not, if Mr. Pew conducted it.

He is simply a humbug with a pious turn and a marvellous stock of impudence. We don't want him or his money, if he has any. He couldn't build a mile of streetcar track if given the material and the right-of-way."

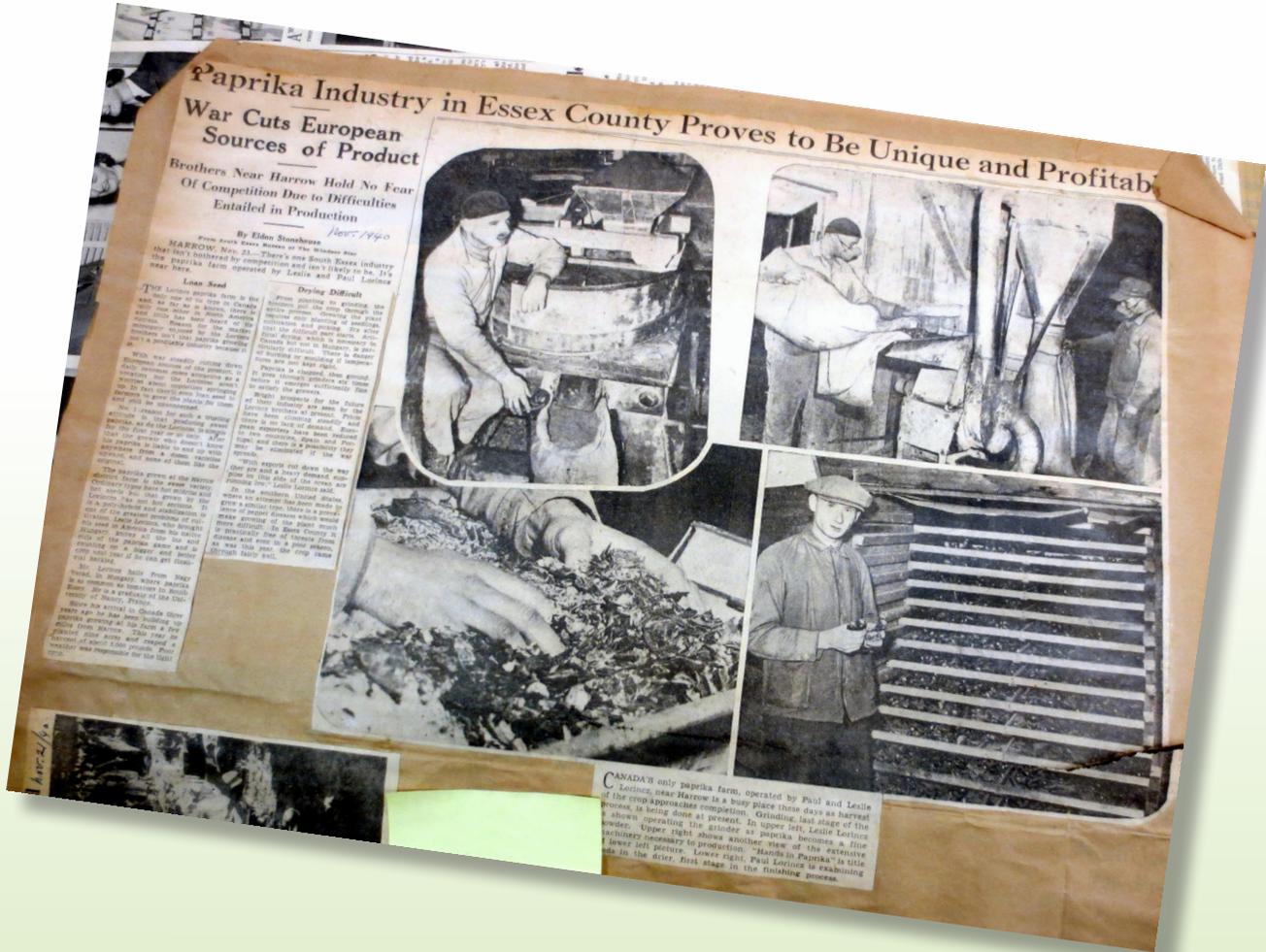
In a short time, Manitobans felt no further need of Pew's scheme, and his support base evaporated.

Sir John A. successfully derailed the last attempt to have parts of Canada join the US, and he died not long after, yet another major contribution to the nation he helped establish.

History As It Used to Was...

- by Ted Steele, HEIRS Director

A pile of old newspaper clippings donated to HEIRS a few years back has yielded several good stories. The Windsor Star of November 1940 carried a story on a then-thriving Harrow business - paprika farming. An edited version follows...



“One South Essex industry isn’t bothered by competition, and isn’t likely to be; that’s the paprika farm operated by Leslie and Paul Lorincz. It is the only one of its type in Canada, and one other in the U.S. has not been known as a success. One would think it to be not a profitable business, but it is.

Wartime cuts to European sources for paprika make it a profitable business, and the Lorinczs even loan seed to farmers to grow the crop for them. For the first year or so, growing the paprika plants is simple, but it rapidly becomes more complicated. As the plants evolve on their own into other less desirable strains, product quality can drop

drastically as well. The plants grown on the Harrow farm are not 'hot', are produced by a hybrid, and are quite difficult to stabilize.

Leslie Lorincz brought seed from his native Hungary, and knows what it takes to grow paprika as a commercial success. He and his brother have settled here and over 3 years has gradually increased the crop; this year, he planted 9 acres and reaped about 5,000 pounds. This represents a relatively low yield, due to poor weather conditions.

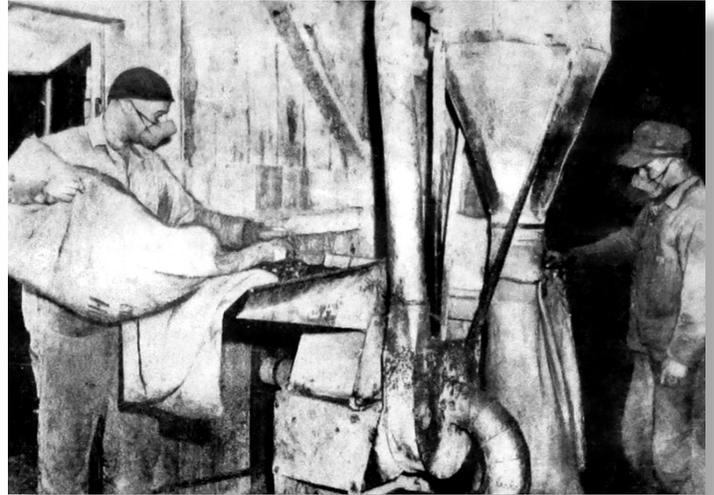
The process begins with planting seedlings, then cultivating and picking. At this point, the process becomes more challenging.

They must be dried, done naturally in Hungary, but not possible here. The artificial drying process must be done carefully, to avoid burning or molding.



Paul Lorincz examines seeds in the drier during 1st stage in the finishing process.

It's chopped, & then ground repeatedly in order to become the powder we are familiar with.



Leslie Lorincz is shown operating the grinder on Canada's only paprika farm.



The Lorincz brothers say prices are climbing steadily, and demand is high. At present, only Spain and Portugal are producing paprika, and the war may soon put an end to that. In the southern U.S.

Efforts to produce paprika plants have encountered several serious pepper diseases and production is considerably more difficult than here. The Harrow farm finds the plants to be almost free of diseases, and even poor weather, still yields a respectable crop."

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