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Off For Valcartier

Amherstburg Division To Go To The Front

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The old historic town of Amherstburg, the scene of stirring military movements so long ago that it has become a matter of ancient history, is again all alive to the grave issues which threaten the British Empire in the present European embroglio and yesterday morning turned out en masse to bid farewell to the boys of C Squadron, First Hussars – mobilized here from Windsor, Leamington and Amherstburg – who left in response to orders for the Canadian training camp at Valcartier, Quebec, where they will spend three weeks in drillwork before going to the front.

There was little merriment, as is usual in a farewell gathering; all seemed to realize the gravity of the occasion, and there were many tearful farewells. Rev. A.B. Farney, rector of Christ Church, briefly addressed the soldier boys just before the train pulled out, hasty handclaps were given all round, with wishes for good fortune and safe returns. A group of ladies sang “God Save the King”, the crowd cheered the boys and the boys cheered the citizens of Amherstburg, the train pulling out before the echo of it all had died away.

The orders to move, while expected, came suddenly late Wednesday afternoon and were received by Major Balfour and his men with satisfaction, as they had all been eager to go to the front. The news spread like wildfire, and everyone



*Farewell to soldiers, January 1915
Photo courtesy of Fort Malden Historic Site of Canada*

was inspired with the spirit of enthusiasm. About eight o'clock the boys gave a street parade, which was followed by hundreds. At the post office, Major Balfour spoke briefly, explaining that while he was ordered to accompany the men as far as London, he expected to be sent back to Amherstburg to recruit the First Hussars to full strength, he being a cavalry officer, which are scarce, and infantry officers, who are plentiful, would take charge of Amherstburg's first contingent.

There was hustle and bustle all night and some heartbreaking scenes when mothers from Windsor came down to say good-bye to their sons, and in some instances beg them tearfully not to go. Citizens of the town took up a collection and spent hours making up bushels of sandwiches for the lads' enjoyment on their trip. The Daughters of the Empire showed practical patriotism by working industriously for hours making kits, and Thursday morning presented each recruit fromcontinued on page 2

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Amherstburg with a small kit known as the “soldier’s friend”. These articles are part of a military equipment and in them are stored many things of usefulness to the soldiers at the front. They are divided into several compartments, provision being made for a plug of tobacco, thread, darning wool, four small and two large darning needles, buttons, safety pins, etc.

From Sunday last the old town has had a military aspect. Saturday night Major Balfour received word from headquarters to mobilize the men enlisted for overseas service at Amherstburg, the local headquarters; at the same time he was instructed to place all Government and public buildings where necessary under military guard and maintain strict surveillance night and day, under war conditions. Guards and sentries were posted every four hours at the following places: local corps barracks, waterworks, post office, Government dock, Government range lights and buoys, Wigle’s grain elevator and the M.C.R. station, and a main guard at the camp in the park. For the first time in the lives of many in town, their sleep was disturbed by the measured tread of the sentry and the tramp of the squads as the guard was changed. The base was under command of Major Balfour assisted by Lieut. L.M. Thomas Lieut. Ralph Reaume and Prov. Lieut. F. Lukes. Strictest discipline was maintained throughout among the 64 non-coms and men that comprised the camp. It is expected that the camp will be maintained at Amherstburg and recruits received here for training until the whole squadron is ordered to move.

The Amherstburg volunteers who went are: Lieut. L. Murray Thomas; Lieut. Ralph Reaume; Lieut. J.P. Teahan, whose home is in Windsor; Corp. Albert E. Thomas; Privates George Brown, Harry Aikman, J. Davis, J. Grant, L. Saunders and Pat Denvir.

The above article from the 1914 *Amherstburg Echo* is reprinted from a Marsh Collection publication for sale, entitled “*Letters Home 1914-1918*”. It contains copies of letters written home from the local boys (and girl) overseas during the First World War and printed in the *Echo* of that time.

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What is The Marsh Collection Society?

Our mandate is to collect, preserve and encourage research into the heritage of Amherstburg and the lower Detroit River district.

Established in 1994 at 235A (2nd floor) Dalhousie Street, this registered non-profit organization was founded in 1983 by the late Helen and John Marsh, whose family operated the Amherstburg Echo for over 80 years. It was, however, their intent that a facility to house their historical collection should be established only after their deaths, which occurred in 1986 and 1993 respectively.

What’s in the Collection?

The resource centre contains a large collection of photos, books, documents, postcards, artifacts and many more items relating to the area. An extensive library boasts several shelves of books on a wide range of subjects - church records, Canadian, Ontario and Local history, Black and First Nations history; Marine and Military, Prohibition, Railway, WW1, 2 and 1812 - and more. Microfilm holdings include census records for Essex County, the Amherstburg Echo (1874 - 2012) and Assessment rolls. A collection of land instruments (Amherstburg and Malden) is also a very valuable resource.

What do you do there – how does one access the Collection?

There’s always someone here during regular hours to assist researchers. Perhaps you want to access genealogical records - we will also teach a beginner how to get started in documenting a family’s history. Want to discover when your older house in Amherstburg was built? Staff can help with that. The Marsh papers contain a variety of local history subjects which can be researched. You are welcome to sit and read microfilm - or you might just like to browse through the library. There is no admission charge or fee for the use of materials, but there is a small charge for photocopies.

The Marsh Collection is funded primarily by private donations which cover the main operation of the facility; donations of cash and pertinent artifacts are always welcome. A receipt for income tax purposes is offered for any amount of or exceeding thirty dollars.

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Growing Up in the 'Burg



The Nuns of Amherstburg by Jeanne Deslippe

I spent several years of my childhood as a student at St. Joseph's Academy, the music school in the convent which housed the Sisters of the Holy Names. The School had lots of students, both Catholic and Protestant. The convent was a mysterious place to us kids and we were warned that we were not to leave the music school portion of it, on pain of something... we never knew what, but the nuns were respected and feared enough to keep us in our place. We could roam the practice rooms, classrooms, and dining room, but not the kitchen which was oh so temptingly close, just around a corner. I went to the school three times a week: once for a piano lesson, once for a theory lesson, and once for a solfeggio lesson. Solfeggio terrified me, especially in my first year when the class was taught by Mother Superior, who was well past retirement age, and very cranky. Solfeggio required us to sing the notes of a piece of music. Mother Superior had a ruler that she would use to slap the hands of anyone not hitting the right note.

For a couple of years, during theory class, one student in particular could be counted on to disrupt the class with his antics, and it was a fact of life that Sister Catherine would, at some point, exclaim "Robert, you are sassy and bold! I am calling your mother!!" I suspect Sister called Robert's

mother a lot. Robert eventually went on to build a career as an excellent musician. Most of us didn't dare contradict the Sisters. One time during a lesson, Sister Lucille grabbed my hand, whipped out a pair of nail clippers from her Harpo Marx-like deep pocket, and clipped off all my fingernails because they were clacking on the keys, and you can bet I didn't utter a squeak of protest.

Since, 'thou shalt not tattle-tale' is not one of the ten commandments, the Sisters had no qualms about squealing on us to our parents if they caught us doing something we shouldn't; a fact that my friend Jane was very aware of when we climbed the fence to the convent one evening and snatched green apples from their tree. Jane's family were neighbours with the Sisters and her mom and dad knew all of them, so we performed our high tension caper very quickly and later got stomach aches from eating the green apples.

Speaking of their deep pockets, the Sisters all wore full habits in those days and us kids in Catholic school were fascinated by the number of items they could produce in seconds from the depths of these pockets. I always felt sorry for the Sisters on hot days when they would roll up sleeve after endless sleeve of their habits, and wipe their foreheads under their wimples.

I am poking gentle fun at the Sisters now, but their influence on us as teachers was enormous in the 50s and 60s. Looking back, I realize we were often rotten little brats and their job wasn't easy so they used all the tools that the times allowed, including the strap. One

time in grade 4, a couple of boys were taken out to the hall by Sr. Ludmille (that was her name.....I'm not making this up) to get the strap for fighting at recess. The strap was a wide, thick piece of leather. The class could hear the boys howling in the hall. Sitting at my little wooden desk, I cried.

The clacker must have been distributed to each Sister upon receipt of their teaching assignment and it was used extensively. In church, a clack meant sit; if you were already sitting, the clack meant stand; another clack, kneel. Us kids learned to react to the sound of the clacker if we knew what was good for us. Dogs are trained with a modern version of the clacker today, but back then it was used to train kids.

Today I appreciate how hard the nuns worked in the schools, the church and the community, and how much they contributed to us so selflessly. I remember all of those who taught me: Sr. Eugene Marie (who, upon my return to class after eye surgery, suggested that I have my ears done next when I kept saying "Pardon?" when she spoke to me); Sr. Agnes Veronica (who told my mother I spoke like Queen Elizabeth II); Sr. Jean Fox (who played baseball with the boys, in her full habit); and Sr. Cecilia Agnes (who we called Hawk-eye, and who we, and every class before us, tormented tirelessly, and who deserves her own column). I want to say thank you to all of them, but especially to Sister Lucille Mailloux and Sister Claire Durocher, my piano teachers.





Fishing and Canoeing

by Pat Warren

An excerpt from his recent book *"The Pea Shooter Hit Squad and Other Tales of Growing Up in Amherstburg"* which is available for purchase at *The Marsh Historical Collection*

Two of my vivid memories of my friend Garnet involve the Detroit River. One is surreal and the other was a close call. Garnet and I both liked to fish from land but there weren't many good places. One good place was the Bob-Lo dock at the foot of Murray and another was the spit of land that forms a protective arm today of the Brumon Yacht Club.

But we both wanted to fish off of the waterworks swimming dock and that meant an after-dark effort when no swimmers or interfering adults would shut us down. Garnet's uncle lived just across the street from my place and was an avid sports fisherman and hunter.

An opportunity happened one summer evening for Garnet and I to go fishing in the moonlight at the swimming dock. I believe catching night crawlers was our excuse for being out late. With at least a dozen night crawlers in the tobacco can, we both got the same idea at the same time. Why not grab some fishing gear and head over to the waterworks dock. My gear was easy to grab but Garnet borrowed some from his uncle without telling him.

Introducing....



The Marsh Collection Society is pleased to welcome Jacquie Gibb, its new Resource Curator and Editor of "Reflections". Jacquie is an Amherstburg native who joined the organization July 22nd. If you have a chance, pop in and introduce yourself. She is anxious to meet all of our loyal followers and visitors.

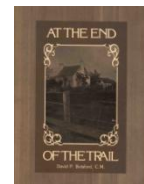
The moon came out too bright for our taste but it seemed to encourage the fish to jump. I was fishing off the diving board and Garnet was sitting on the dock. We had come at top speed on our bikes; we knew we didn't have much time 'til we would be missed. But we had not even a nibble after what seemed like a long time. We began talking about quitting and that's when a pick-up truck came down the lane. They must have seen us. For sure they saw our bikes because they picked them up and put them in the truck and took off.

Double trouble! We packed up quick and practically ran home. We dreamed up a couple of excuses as to how we lost our bikes. Garnet thought his uncle might know who had a pick-up truck that would pull off a stunt like that. We figured his uncle was our best bet. Besides it was his fishing gear that Garnet had borrowed (without asking) so we went there first. We told him the story and asked for help. He said he would help but Garnet had not finished a job he promised to do several days ago. If he was going to get our bikes back for us he wanted that job done tomorrow before noon. Naturally we both promised. That's when he laughed and told us our bikes were at the side of the house!

The other adventure with Garnet was a lot more fun and a lot scarier. Garnet got permission to borrow a green canoe that had not been in the water for over a year. He asked me to join him in a test run to see how bad it leaked. ...to be continued in the Winter issue of "Reflections"



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Shipping the Detroit

*taken from
The Amherstburg Echo
September 4, 1914*

Residents of the 'Burg thought old times had returned Tuesday morning when all the river craft broke out in loud salutes and many rushed to the river to see if the Germans had come. It proved to be only the arrival of the Great Lakes dredge No. 9, which will complete the company's contract at Grassy Island. The old familiar sign of the star and key coming back was enough to cause homesickness. No. 9 came here from Milwaukee when the Starke Co. had a large contract on the Livingstone Channel. She has since been purchased by the Great Lakes Co.

There is little fear of a German invasion of Amherstburg when Deputy Collectors Atkinson and

Taylor are on the job. Friday night word was received that the str. *Ossifrage* expected to call at this port about midnight with a load of students out for a lark. The Collectors were on the spot and when the lines were made fast the condition of the excursionists was such that to let them ashore struck the Collectors as a menace to the peace and safety of the 'Burg, so putting on a bold front, orders were given Capt. Stockwell to cast off and take his noisy bunch with him. Seeing their plans for raising midnight roughhouse in Amherstburg go glimmering, the anger of the students broke bounds and they heaped anathemas on the town officers, the King, the Queen and everything that came in their minds to curse. The row awakened all the people in the vicinity, a number of whom hurriedly donned some clothing and rushed to the dock, while others pulled the bed covers up higher and waited the onslaught of an enemy they knew not from where.

Interested in Genealogy?

The Marsh Collection has a number of family histories available for reference. At least three large filing cabinets contain genealogical materials. Below is a list of family histories which were provided by individuals. Notes may be taken from these privately published works, but ethics dictate that we do not provide photocopies without the author's permission.

Family Name

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| Baillargeon | Craig | Lyons |
| Bernard | Galipeau | McAulay |
| Bernard | Garant | Malott |
| Bezaire | Gatfield | Maloney & Cousins |
| Borrowman | Honor | Meloche |
| Boudreau | Knapp | Pietrangelo |
| Charette | Knapp (Caza, Mailloux, Bondy) | Preney |
| Chevalier | Knapp | Richardson |
| Cote, Mahon & Nantais | Loyalty Crucible (Kemp, Knapp) | Sinasac |
| Cotswold | Lucier | Valade |
| Cowan | Luckham | Wigle |

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We are looking to add to our collection! If you have any St. Thomas of Villanova year books that you would like to donate, please call us at (519) 736-9191. We currently only have 2001/2002 and 2002/2003.

Yesterday' News

1904

September – A prominent salaried official of the town of Amherstburg asked one of the principal rate payers of the town, coming down on the car the other night, if he knew where he could buy some brains for some of the Amherstburg council. The salaried official was advised to build a cofferdam in Lake Erie and feed them on carp.

October – New Provincial regulations regarding automobilists provide a fee of \$3 instead of \$2 for a license and number tag. The latter remains the property of the province and is taken up if the owner of the auto licensed does not comply with the regulations.

November – The earnings of the S.W. & A. electric railway for the month of October were \$8783.77 being a gain of \$180.67 over the same period last year.

1914

September – One hundred and sixteen horses were brought to Amherstburg on Thursday of last week for inspection but Sir Adam Beck and his buyers chose only eighteen of them as fit for army horses. The park looked like a fair it took until well on in the evening to finish the work.

October – The Empire Engineering Corporation drill boat #1 pulled into port Monday, having finished her work on the Livingstone Channel and will go to Buffalo as soon as a tug arrives to tow her.

November – Mrs. Leonard

Saunders' new residence on St. Arnaud Street is nearing completion and the plastering will be finished the end of the week.

1924

September – The General Amherst High School reopened on Tuesday last with a staff of five teachers and an initial enrolment of 98 students. On Wednesday morning, regular work was begun with a total enrolment of 101, an increase of 16 over last year.

October – There are 1,625 voters on the Amherstburg Voters' list eligible to vote on the temperance plebiscite.

November – Three local young men who were returning from a dance in Amherstburg mistook the Big Creek road and landed in the water, Ford and all.

1934

September – With the idea of acquiring the north eastern portion of Bois Blanc Island and making an amusement park out of it, a new company, the Island Lines Limited, has been formed and granted a Dominion charter.

October – All old boys of Amherstburg interested in forming an Amherstburg Old Boys Association and staging a reunion here are gathering in the Lakeview Hotel on Saturday, October 27th to elect officers and appoint committees for the purpose of promoting the reunion.

November – The Amherstburg Echo issued its Diamond Jubilee Edition, having been in active operation for sixty years.

1944

September – Because 58 pupils have enrolled to date in the Junior room of the Amherstburg Public School – 20 more than last year – the Board has found it necessary to divide them into two classes.

October – Inspector G.L. Duffin told the 240 public school teachers that all fifth classes had been discontinued in the county this year and one quarter of the schools have signed contracts to arrange transportation of pupils to neighboring High Schools.

November – Premier George A. Drew visited Amherstburg Monday afternoon and received a surprise welcome from hundreds of school children waiting for him on the grounds of Fort Malden National Historic Park.

1954

September – Mr. Edward Gatfield left Monday morning for London to commence his final year's study at St. Peter's Seminary there.

October – A boy's choir is being formed by Christ Church under the leadership of Francis Thrasher. All boys between the ages of seven and fourteen who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity are invited to attend.

November – Sketch plans for the new Amherstburg Post Office have been completed and have been turned over to Siffles & Vallet, Windsor architects. Construction will proceed as soon as a site has been chosen and the contract awarded.

1964

September – As a result of a favorable survey conducted by both the Junior Student Council and the Parent-Teachers Association, uniforms were adopted this year by the girl students at St. John the Baptist School, Brock St. It consists of a green and white plaid skirt, white blouse and hunter green blazer.

October – Reg. A. Cozens, principal of the General Amherst High School, has been named as a member of the Ministers Committee to look into certain recommendations with respect to possible changes in grade 13 course of study.

November – Jaber & Tiefenbach were awarded the contract to construct sidewalks to the extent of \$5000 in the town of Amherstburg. Theirs was the only tender submitted on the work.

1974

September – Another new program at the Amherstburg and Malden public schools is the French instruction recently instituted. Mrs. Pierette Coffman is teacher. She devotes half her time to Amherstburg pupils and the other half to Malden pupils.

October – At a recent special meeting of the Amherstburg

Recreation Committee, a motion was passed which will allow the Golden Age Centre to use the Scout Hall for a two year period. This guarantee is necessary for the Centre to be eligible for federal and provincial grants. Russell Renaud is rec. committee chairman.

November – “A good solid indication that the town is growing is the installation of a second telephone booth at the corner of Richmond and Sandwich”, Mayor H. Murray Smith remarked to the Echo. He further commented that the town has nowhere to go but up.

1984

September – Local police forces acquire breathalyzer machine. The Amherstburg and Malden OPP police departments recently jointly acquired such a machine. One of the officers qualified to operate the device is Office Bart DiPasquale.

October – After 32 years on the job, the past 20 as manager, Andy Gibb retired recently from the LCBO. He was bid a fond farewell by co-workers, liquor salesmen and friends and family at a dinner last week at Duffy's Tavern.

November – After a tremendously successful Hallowe'en Haunted House project has finished, the local Rotarians decided to throw a dinner to thank some of the volunteers who assisted in the work.

1994

September – Since the announcement of the buy-a-brick campaign to raise funds for the upgrading of the local Lions Pool, more than 20 individuals and businesses have offered up some \$4000 for the project.

October – For many who attended last Saturday's Boblo Island clear-out auction, the rows upon rows of items that were once part of Boblo's glorious past conjured up memories that are not so easily disposed of.

November – Political farewell to Rose Kelly. If one had asked Rose Kelly back in 1975 – the year she was first elected to municipal council in Amherstburg – how long she planned to serve as a councilor, she would never have guessed 20 consecutive years.

2004

September – A spokesperson for Wal-Mart has said there are some positive signs in the local market but there is a lot of work to do before a store could possibly come to Amherstburg.

October – It's been one year since they've come into effect and the no smoking bylaws are still getting a thumbs down from the local bingo parlours and Legion.

November – The Down River Playhouse has their opening night this Friday for this year's Evening at the Cabaret with this year's production being “The Fabulous 50's”. The show will be held at the Anderdon Tavern.

Bricks-n-Beams

Menzies' Stone Cottage

296 Ramsay Street

In 1842 the entire family of Alexander Menzies immigrated to Amherstburg from Oban, Scotland. Alexander was the brother-in-law of Peter Taylor, the enterprising merchant who had a year earlier built the brick store at 273 Dalhousie, now known as the Lord Amherst Pub. The Menzies family assisted Taylor in the operation of his business.

James Menzies, the eldest son of the Menzies clan, wasted no time in settling in. In 1844 he bought the property on the northwest corner of Ramsay and Gore Streets. He was then about 31 years old. Even though there was already a frame house on the property, sometime between 1844 and 1848 James Menzies built a Regency-style stone cottage on the southeast corner of the lot. For many years now the 165-plus year old building at 296 Ramsay Street has been a private residence. The Menzies seemed to have had a penchant for stone buildings. It was James' younger brother Peter Menzies who built the 2-storey stone structure at 281 Dalhousie about ten years later; that building now is owned by the Canadian Legion.

James Menzies rented out his two houses on Ramsay Street to James Findley and moved to Michigan. In 1850 he sold the property to Findley, who was a tailor, and Findley's son-in-law John Clark, who was a grocer. Findley and Clark operated their businesses from the Ramsay Street property and resided there as well. (For more detail on their families, see the Ancestral Lines column). In 1855 at Detroit, James Menzies married Alison MacAuley, also a native of Scotland. They spent most of their married life in Michigan, returning to Amherstburg around 1874 where they spent the rest of their lives. During the 1850s, John Clark moved his family to Sandwich, leaving James and Elizabeth Findlay in possession of the property.



*Stone Cottage built by James Menzies;
photo by H. Webster, 1978*

They rented out the stone cottage and resided in the frame house. Upon James Findley's death in the late 1850s, his widow Elizabeth and two daughters Nancy Bullock and Jane Clark, became heirs to the Ramsay Street property. Following their deaths, it passed to Jane Clark and three of the daughters of Nancy Bullock who shared rents collected from tenants.

The property was not sold until 1875 when an American named Levi Randall became the owner of a two-thirds interest only. For some unknown reason the Bullock girls had not conveyed their one-third interest in the property to Randall. That claim remained outstanding until it expired through the passage of time. Almost immediately after Randall bought the property there were problems. Not only did he unscrupulously withhold the Bullock girls' share of the rents which were collected on the property, but in 1882 he was tried in Michigan court for bigamy, being the husband of three unsuspecting women. The property was eventually sold again in 1882 to Joseph Richard, then to Urbain Petit and later to Walter Kolfage who lived there well into the 1900s. (Contributed by Doris Gaspar & Eleanor Warren)



Ancestral Lines

If you read 'Bricks 'n Beams' you might want to know a little more about the people who in the second half of the 19th Century occupied the stone cottage property at the northwest corner of Gore and Ramsay, i.e., the **Findleys** and **Clarks** and their connection to George **Bullock**. So here goes.

James and Elizabeth Lillie Findley came out from Scotland and first settled at Kingston before coming to Amherstburg. They had two daughters, both born in Scotland:

(1) Jane Findley married John Clark; they lived in Amherstburg and then moved to Sandwich in the 1850s. By 1875 both John and Jane had died. There were two surviving children - John Findley Clark and Elizabeth Mary Byrnes, but not much more is known about them at this time.

(2) Nancy Findley, a.k.a. Agnes, married widower George Bullock in 1833 when he was stationed in Kingston. Sergeant Bullock is known in Amherstburg history for having built the British North American Hotel on Dalhousie Street in 1839-40. (That building now houses the St. Vincent de Paul Society Shoppe and Royal Sushi.)

George's first wife, who came to Canada with him, was Elizabeth Langford. She died at age 22 in 1832. From that first marriage there seem to have been two children who survived from the four that were born. There was a son, Thomas, who totally disappears from local records; and a daughter named Mary Ann, who was sexually assaulted in 1837 at Bullock's Tavern when she was nine years old. (The location of that tavern in 1837 is not known.) References to Mary Ann are also absent from later records. (The story has been written many times about the assaults, how a man named Patrick Fitzpatrick was convicted and hanged in Sandwich for the crime.)

Back to Nancy Findley - her marriage to George Bullock produced nine children. The family moved to Sandwich in the early 1850s where George Bullock held the office of Treasurer in various levels of government. In 1859, after grave discrepancies were found in the books kept by Bullock as County Treasurer, George absconded to Michigan, leaving Nancy and her large family in Sandwich to face the music. Subsequently, proceedings were taken to seize all of George Bullock's property, including the family home in Sandwich.

In 1860 Nancy (Findley) Bullock made her Will, leaving her share in 296 Ramsay Street to three of her daughters: Agnes, 17, Jesse, 15 and Alma Bullock, aged about 6 years. Nancy appointed Albert Prince as Trustee to administer their share of the Estate until they reached the age of majority. Curiously, Nancy did not leave any of her property to her five other children then living at home, whose ages ranged from Joseph, about 19, to the youngest child, Leonard, about 2 years old at that time. Nancy died from consumption shortly after making her Will.

Elizabeth Lillie Findley (James Findley's widow) also died circa 1860-61, leaving her daughter Jane (Findley) Clark and the Bullock girls as owners of 296 Ramsay Street. In 1875 an American named Levi Randall became the owner of a two-thirds interest in the Amherstburg property. In 1882 he was being tried in Michigan for bigamy, being the husband of three unsuspecting women. His is an interesting story for another time. *(Contributed by Doris Gaspar & Eleanor Warren)*



Now on Display



Stop in to visit our current exhibit and time line about The Amherstburg Echo newspaper operation and the Echo office building including photos, original floor plans and other memorabilia.

Then & Now

Northeast Corner Murray and Ramsay Streets



Above: Marra's Bread Factory offices, 1982

Below: Navy Yard Condominiums, 2014

