

Browning Family involved in Harpers Ferry – Part 4

In 1948, he acted as the secretary of the Young Liberal Federation of Canada, which introduced Labour Resolutions adopted at the National Liberal Association Conference in Ottawa that same year. The Central Citizen's Association lasted until 1949 which was the same year that J. Lyle Browning acted as vice-president. He was also the president of the Armstead Athletic Club, the vice-president of the Windsor Downtown Lions Club, a member of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism, which was an advisory council for the federal government on multicultural matters. The result of this organization was the establishment of the Ministry of Multiculturalism and a permanent office of Minister.

From 1977-1980, Mr. Browning was also chairman of a fund-raising campaign to raise \$350,000 to establish a Black history museum in Amherstburg, which is now the Amherstburg Freedom Museum, thanks to the efforts of him and countless others. He was also a member of the Underground Railroad Monument Committee of Windsor and the Essex County Black Historical Research Society. Among his other accomplishments J. Lyle Browning was selected as the Liberal candidate for Windsor-Sandwich in the provincial election in 1975. Although unsuccessful, he built a platform for shorter work weeks and higher minimum wages, in addition to dealing with the shortage of housing experienced in the area. What an impressive resume!

One week left of the Browning Family history. See you next week!