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The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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Emancipation Celebration Recap!

On Saturday, August 28th the Amherstburg Freedom Museum hosted *Celebrating Progress: A Celebration of Emancipation Day* here at the Museum. Everyone enjoyed a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and fantastic musical entertainment by Windsor-based band, Black Orchid, while they ate a delicious chicken dinner. Originally, Car Bar was going to cater our event, but the explosion in Wheatley affected their operations so Colasanti's stepped up at the very last minute to help us out. Thank you Colasanti's!

Guests also enjoyed a presentation by three Freedom Achievers who have been featured in past issues of the Talking Drum, Elisabeth, Melah, and Micah. They each shared what Emancipation means to them and they each did a fantastic job!

Thank you everyone who attended, donated to our auction, and sponsored including LiUNA 625!, Amherstburg Chevrolet Buick GMC, Dollars & Cents Investments Inc., Arbor Memorial, and Joe Meloche Ford, with support from Detroit Memorial Park Association. Additional thanks to Councillors Patricia Simone, Mike Prue and Don McArthur for attending. We also couldn't have done this event without our amazing volunteers. Thank you!



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The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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Say Hello to Tamiwa!



Say hello to our newest part-time employee, Tamiwa! Here is a little bit more about Tamiwa, in her own words.

Hello, allow me to introduce myself. I am Tamiwa and I am currently a business student at St. Clair College. I was born and raised in Windsor as the child of first-generation immigrants. Since a young age, I have always had an interest in Black history. The first biography I read at the age of 8 was on Harriet Tubman. Although, I have knowledge on certain aspects of history, I recently came to realize that I did not have a sufficient amount of knowledge of Canada's Black history. I feel that Black History is a big part of Canadian History and it's important to know about this part of history that assisted in shaping Canada

to what it is today. This is what led me to seek employment with the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. The information the Museum has to offer is more than what I expected to obtain. I am excited to begin my employment with the Museum and take in what it has to offer!

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A Call for Information on Ella Jackson

Our names are Cathy MacDonald and Shantelle Browning-Morgan and we are currently seeking information on the late Ella Jackson. Ella Louise Jackson was born in 1922 to Beatrice Baylis Jackson and Cleveland Jackson and grew up in Windsor and Detroit. She had two sisters: Eleanore and Victoria (Judy). In the summer of 1944, Ella joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC) and completed her basic training in Kitchener, Ontario. She spent the majority of her adult life living in St. Thomas and Kitchener before returning to Windsor where she lived at Central Park Lodge until her death in 2002. We believe that Ella's story is important and deserves to be shared. If you remember Ella in any stages of her life and can help us with any information, photographs, contacts, documents, etc., could you please get in touch with us at: 519-990-4214

or shanniebrowningmorgan@gmail.com OR morethanadig@gmail.com

We thank you in advance,
Cathy MacDonald and Shantelle Browning-Morgan



JACKSON, Ella Louise
In Loving Memory
of
Ella Louise Jackson

Ella was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on Saturday, December 2, 1922 to the union of Cleveland Jackson, born in Orange County, Virginia, and Beatrice Baylis-Jackson, born in Windsor. As a child, she attended the Mercer Street School in Windsor. As an adult, Ella distinguished herself by proudly serving in the military U.S. of A. Women's Army Corps. Ella had two loving sisters, both of whom preceded her in death, Eleanore and Victoria (Judy).

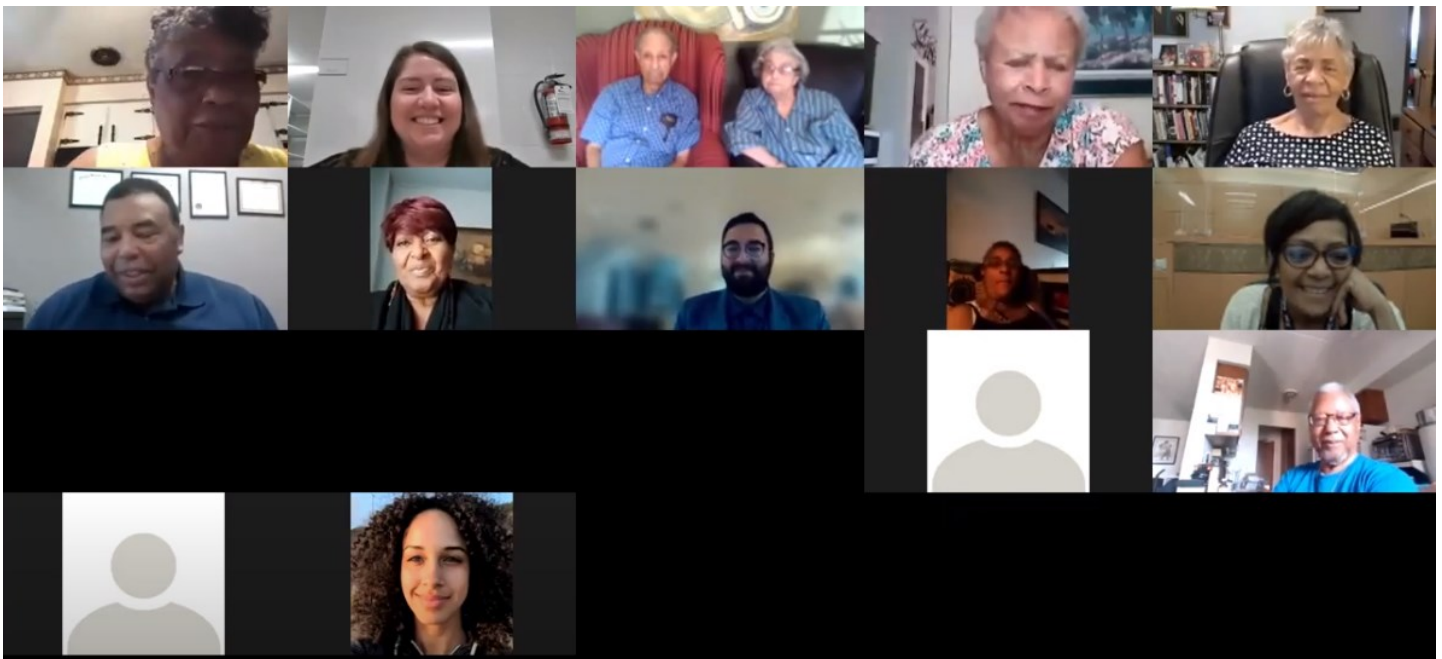
Eleanore, her older sister, was married to Delbert Knight, and from this union, Ella was blessed with eight nieces and nephews. Delbert (Bud), Louis, Shirley, John, Carol, Patricia, Margaret, and Thomas. Victoria (Judy) Ella's younger sister, was married to Thomas Walker and from this union, Ella was blessed with four more nieces and nephews, Thomas, Robert, Della B. and Elizabeth Marie. Ella made many friends along the road of life during her military years, while living in St. Thomas, during her years in Kitchener, and finally after returning in Windsor to Central Park Lodge. Ella truly was blessed. Full of life, full of fun, full of love. A lover of God and mankind. Ella was called Home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, October 16, 2002. She leaves to cherish her memory a host of relatives and friends.

--Her loving nieces and nephews.



Moving Forward While Looking Back: An Emancipation Panel

On Thursday, August 26th at 1pm the Amherstburg Freedom Museum hosted a panel discussion, ***Moving Forward While Looking Back: An Emancipation Celebration Panel Discussion*** which welcomed community leaders to share their memories of Emancipation Celebrations hosted decades ago. This fantastic panel included Elise Harding-Davis, Clayton Talbert Sr., Nancy Allen, Lois Larkin, Janice Harris, Cecil & Joan Smith, Lana Talbot, and Wilbur Mulder. If you missed the panel discussion it can be viewed on both our website <https://amherstburgfreedom.org/facebooklive/> AND YouTube pages <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDWtV4gPiOI&t=421s> Enjoy!



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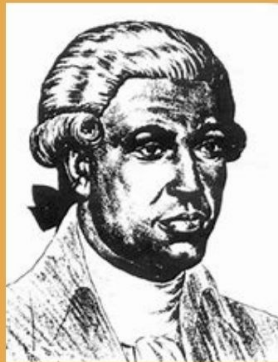
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