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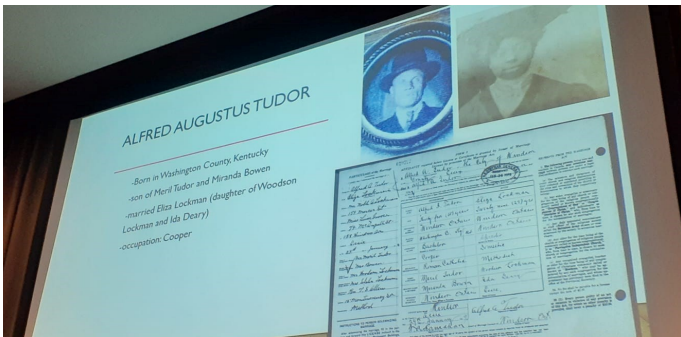
The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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On September 15, Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board Vice President, Barb Porter gave a presentation to the members of the Essex County Black Historical Research Society titled "The No. 2 Construction Battalion: A Family's Journey". Barb spoke about the history of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, which is Canada's first and only all-Black Battalion in

Canadian military history. She also spoke about three of her relatives who served in the Battalion including her great grandfather, Alfred Augustus Tudor and two of her great uncles Jerome and James Lockman. Barb also gave this presentation at the Buxton History and Genealogy Conference a few weeks prior.

Congratulations Brenda!



Congratulations to AFM Board Director Dr. Brenda McCurdy who was awarded a pin commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The award was given by Essex MP Chris Lewis in recognition of Brenda's volunteer work with the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Brenda was nominated by AFM supporter, Harold Goldin. Thank you for all that you do Brenda!

The Talking Drum

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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Welcome to the Board!



Recently, Dr. Gregg French joined the Amherstburg Freedom Museum Board. We wanted to share a bit more about him. Dr. Gregg French is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at the University of Windsor, in addition to being the co-chair of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences' EDID Committee. He also serves as the Coordinator for the Local Black History Internship Program between the University of Windsor and the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Dr. French was born in Detroit, Michigan and raised primarily in the

Amherstburg area. His research explores race-based identity formation and projections of power in colonial, post-colonial, borderland, and transnational spaces. This results in Dr. French teaching courses on U.S. history, American foreign relations, race and slavery, memory, and public history. In the past, Dr. French has volunteered with a variety of community-based organizations, including the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation and the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. As a member of the Board of Directors at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum he plans to establish strong connections between the Museum and the University of Windsor, which will be mutually beneficial to both parties in the decades to come. Welcome Gregg!

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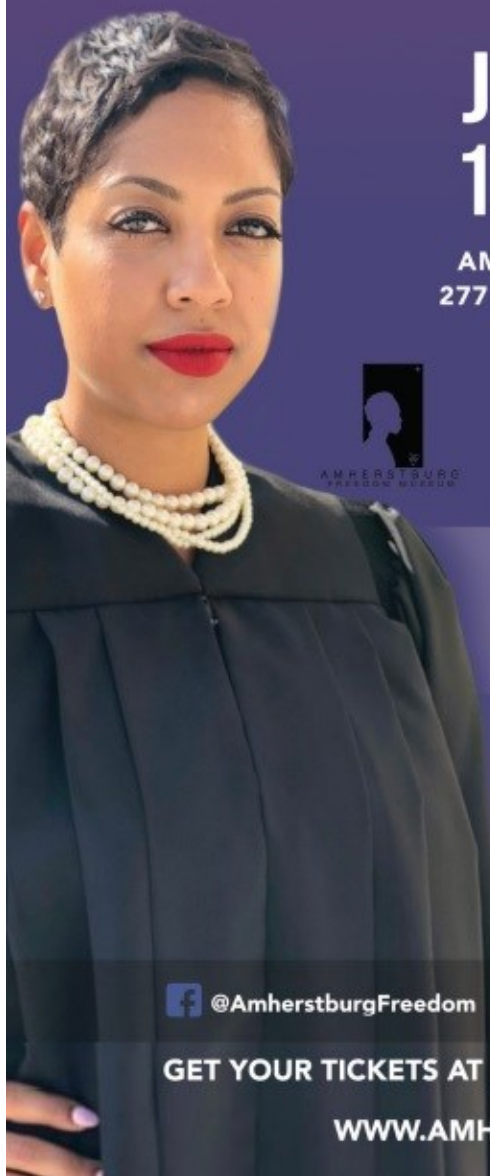
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