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Richard Pierpoint

Richard Pierpoint, an early pioneen sended here in 1822.

Born in Bondu (Senegal), Pierpoint was captured and shipped to North America around 1760. He was bought by a British officer, then fought as a free man for Butler's Rangers during the American Revolution.

When the War of 1812 began, Pierpoint petitioned authorities to establish an African militia unit. As a member of the "Coloured Corps" he fought at Queenston Heights and elsewhere.

In 1821 the elderly veteran requested repatriation to Africa as a reward for his military service. Instead he was granted land in the new township of "Garrafraxa". By 1826, Pierpoint - then in his eighties - had cleared five acres and built a house on the east half of lot 6, concession 1.

Brected with assistance from the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Pierpoint Settlement Research Project

Community Workshop

Township of Centre Wellington

December 1, 2022



Agenda



- 1. Welcome (6:00-6:15pm)
- 2. Study Presentation (6:15-6:45pm)
 - Project Overview
 - Summary of work completed to date
 - Research findings
 - Q&A
- 3. Workshop (6:45-7:30pm)
- 4. Report Back (7:30-7:50pm)
- 5. Meeting wrap-up (7:50-8:00pm)



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Operating Values



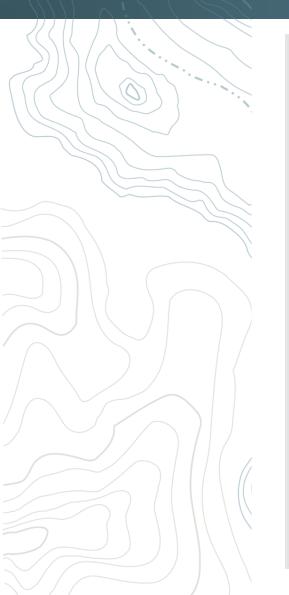
- Share factual information
- Answer any questions you might have about the process and results
- Facilitate discussion and listen to the range of views and opinions
- Identify next steps

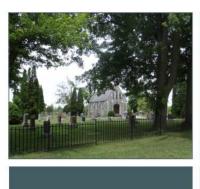
We kindly ask:

- Come with an open mind
- Respect is our guide
- Share space and take space
- Let's work together



What is the Pierpoint Settlement Research Project?





















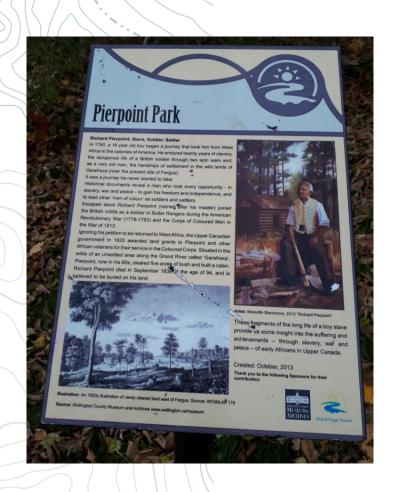


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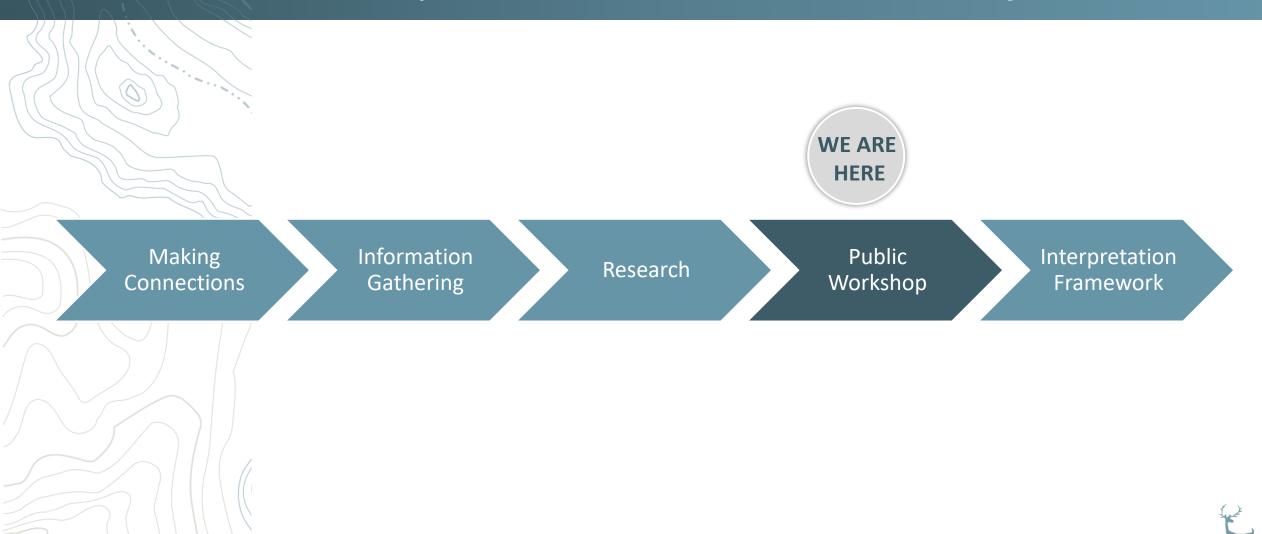


Project Goals

- Conduct research
- Work with the public and stakeholders
- Further understand and broaden awareness of Pierpoint's significance and history



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Who is Richard Pierpoint?

RICHARD PIERPOINT

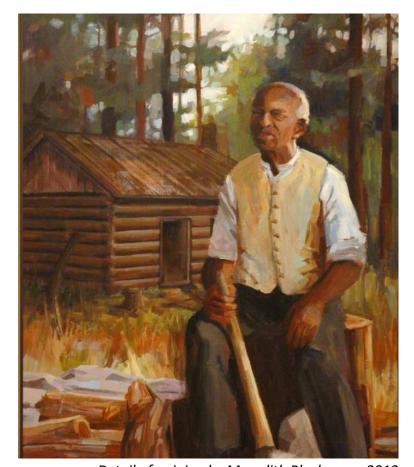


Malcolm Jones Canadian War Museum/1.E.2.4-CGR2



Historica Canada & Christopher Hemsworth Creative

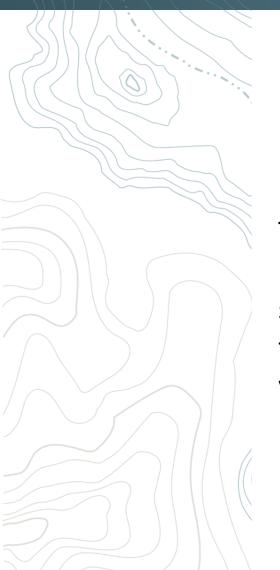
"I WAS BORN A FREE MAN, AND I INTEND TO DIE ONE."



Detail of paining by Meredith Blackmore, 2012 Wellington Museum and Archives, Art 1149



What is the Pierpoint Settlement?



set•tle•ment

The term settlement covers an extremely broad range of human practices and historical patterns. At its simplest, a settlement can be a place occupied by one or more families for some period of time. At its most complex, villages, towns, and cities are settlements.



East Half of Lot 6, Concession 1

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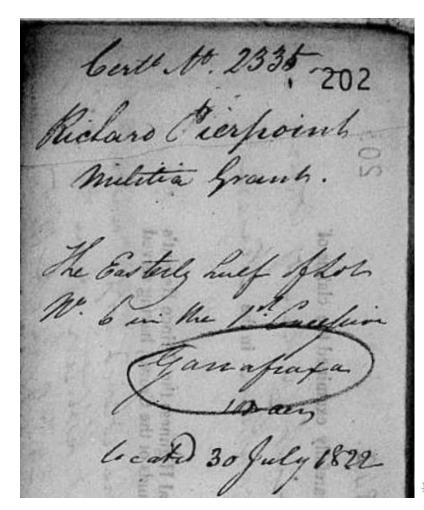
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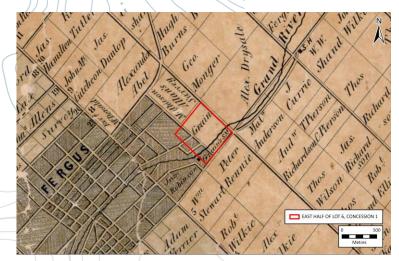
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January 28, 1828

"... I make Lemuel Brown my heir and Executor. I give to Lemuel Brown the one half of Lot Number six in the first Concession of Garafraxa..."



East Half of Lot 6, Concession 1



1861



Required Settlement Duties:

- Building a permanent house/cabin
- Clearing 5 acres of land
- Clearing a road allowance along the property

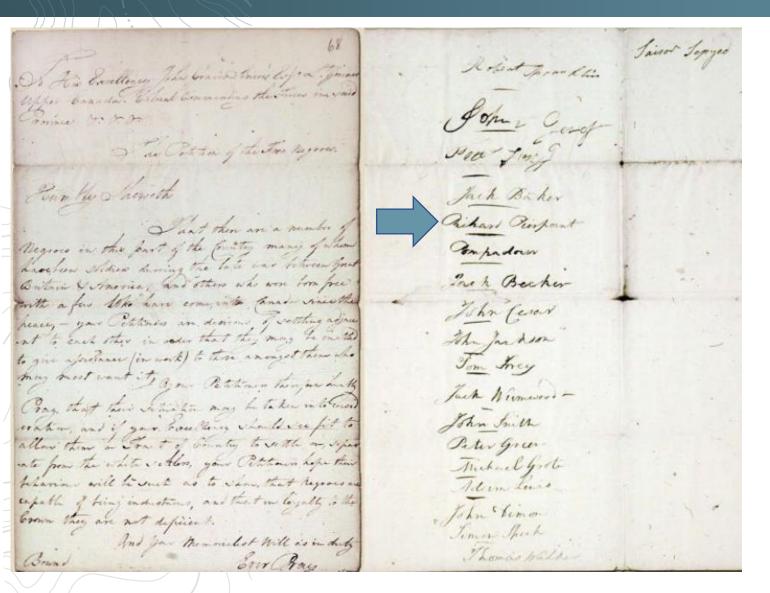


Typical bush clearing with log house (NAC, C-044633)



(Brown-Kubisch 2004, 34)

Black Land Ownership in Upper Canada



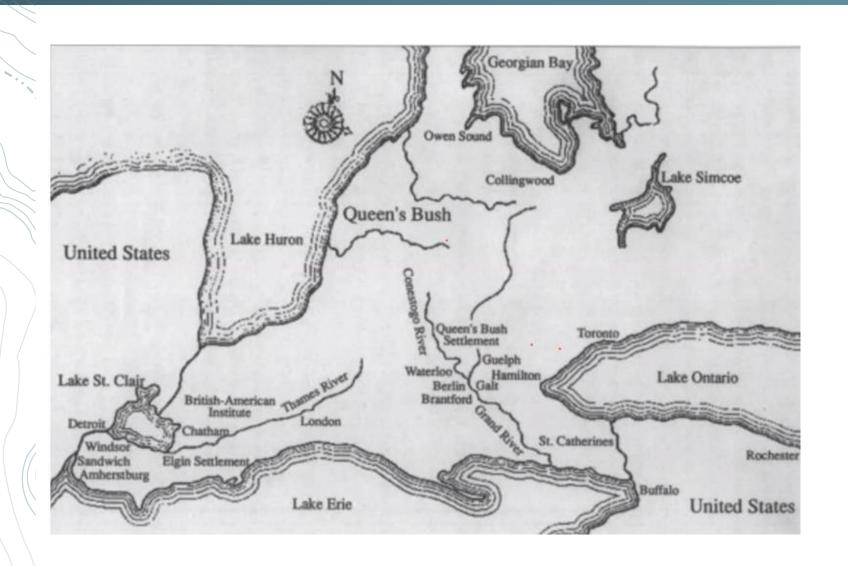
June 1794 petition by nineteen Black men who were residents of the Niagara District

"...desirous of settling adjacent to each other that they may be [able] to give assistance (in work) to those amongst them who may most want it."

"...allow them a Tract of Country to settle on, separate from the white settlers..."

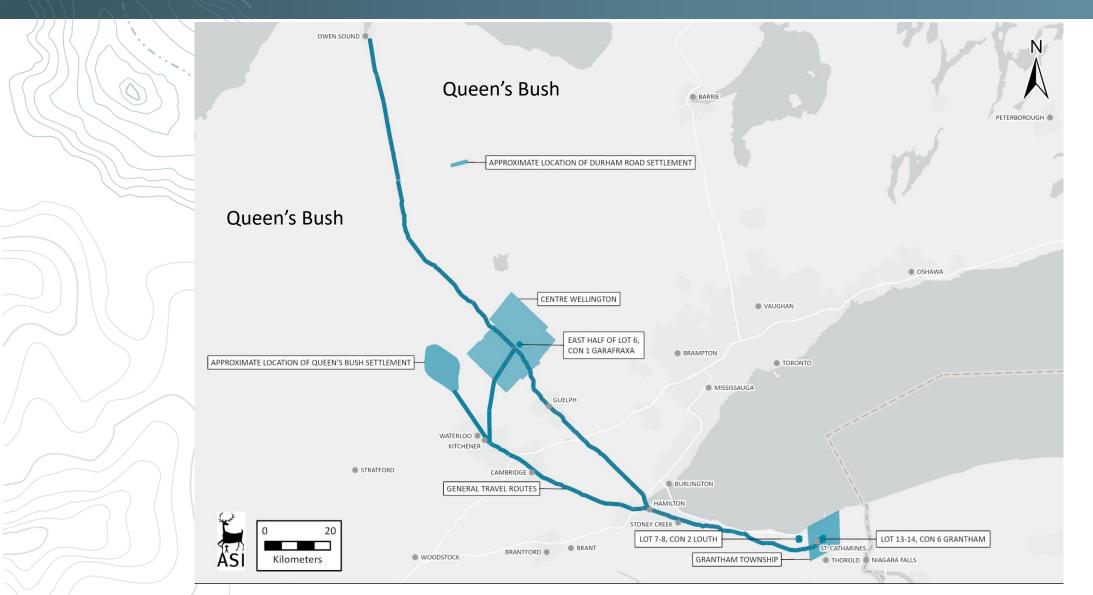


Queen's Bush Settlement





Research Findings





Workshop Questions

•What is significant about Richard Pierpoint and his property? What are the stories that should be protected and shared?

•How should the stories be told? Where should they be told?

•What are some potential interpretive tools that could be used to recognize and broaden awareness of Pierpoint's significance and history in the Township and beyond?



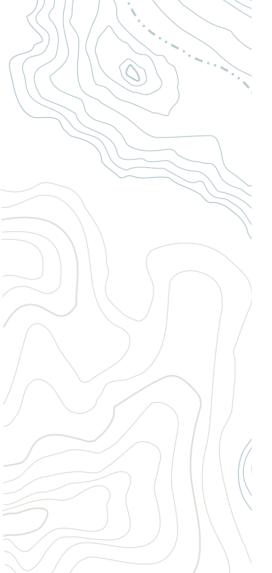
Thank you – Q&A







QUESTION 1



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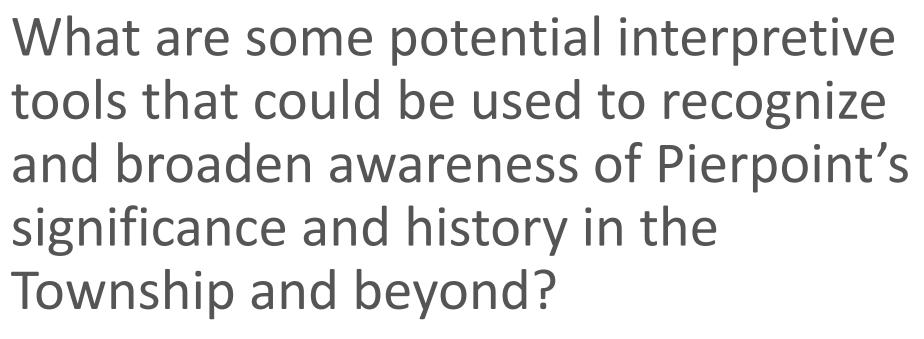
QUESTION 2



How should the stories be told? Where should they be told?



QUESTION 3



A few examples are provided in the handout – what other tools/strategies could be used?

