

Sandwich Street at Brock; 1885

Olde Sandwich Towne Crest

The Olde Sandwich Towne Crest, designed by local artist Elio Del Col, incorporates symbols which represent the four founding peoples surrounding a windmill on the Detroit River.

At the top of the crest is a chain representing the African American people who escaped slavery by crossing the river to freedom in Canada.

To the left is a portion of the British flag representing the

English people who founded the town of Sandwich in 1797.

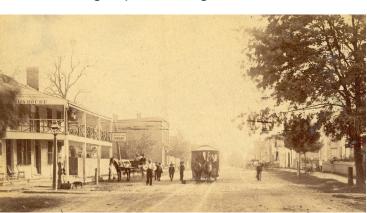
At the base is the Fleur de Lis representing the French people who were the first Europeans who settled the area.

On the right is a feather representing the First Nations people who were the first to live in this area and who provided the land for the town of Sandwich.

The white band in the centre of the crest represents the Detroit River.

The windmill, long a symbol of Olde Sandwich Towne, has its vanes in the shape of a cross to symbolize the importance of the churches in this community.

Together, all of these symbols illustrate the history of the oldest continuous European settlement west of Montreal.



Horse Car on Sandwich Street; ca 1880



Mackenzie Hall



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