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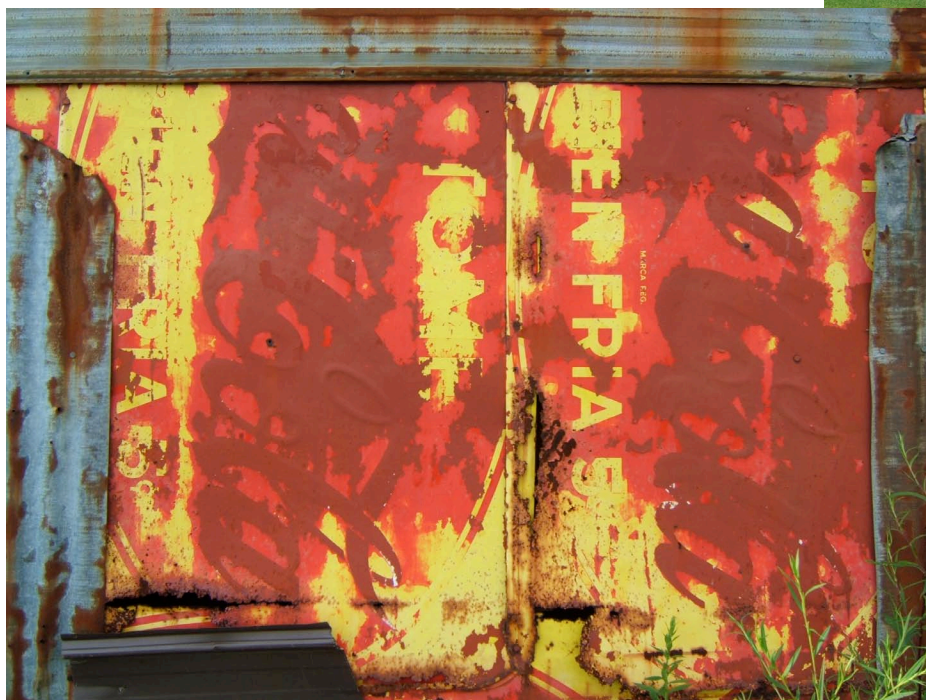
ELGIN COUNTY SIGNATURE QUILT

70" w x 90" h

*pigmented inks printed on polyester banner material, 2009*

This "quilt" is composed of layers of patchwork photographs from two sites that represent by-gone industry in Elgin County: The Elgin County Railway Museum and a building clad with Coke signs at the corner of Highbury and Webber Bourne on the northern boundary of Elgin County.

The Spanish ("BIEN FRIA") Coke and Pepsi signs which were produced by the St. Thomas Metal Sign Company before WW II.

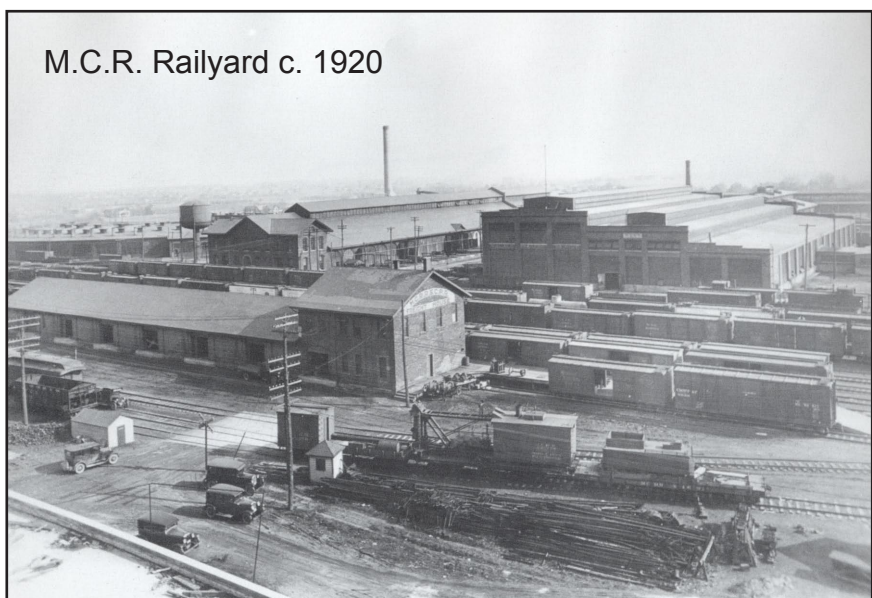


As well as Coke, Pepsi and O'Keefe soft drink signs, the Elgin County Metal Sign Company produced licence plates, thermometers, beer trays, porcelain ash trays, toys and other metal goods in St. Thomas from 1918 to 1967. The company had a Department of National Defence contract to produce 67,000 smoke bombs in 1963.

The "quilt" pattern is based on the wooden doors that line the east wall of the Elgin County Railway Museum which was once the Michigan Central Railway locomotive repair shop.



Graffiti creates a palimpsest on a rusting Chesapeake and Ohio railcar in the yard to the Elgin County Railway Museum. This is one of twelve photographs which form the "quilt" pattern.



M.C.R. Railyard c. 1920

The locomotive repair shop is the building in the upper right hand corner. The M.C.R. Round House is in the upper left.