

# CATARAQUI LOYALIST TOWN CRIER



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## PARTICIPATING as a BRANCH in the UELAC CONFERENCE 2022

**Saturday May 28, 1:00, 2022** will be a **HYBRID** Event  
**ZOOM & In-person** at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Queen @ Montreal St.  
1:00 pm Bring-your-own Brown-bag-lunch and stay  
2:00 – 4:00 Zoom Conference presentation.

**Door prizes** for all those attending in person and some for those arriving **in Loyalist Attire**,  
(some attire items available to accessorize at the door for a Scholarship donation of \$2!)

Smaller mailable 'door-prizes' for many on Zoom\*\*!

A link for the 1:00-2:00 Zoom meeting to chat to UE interested friends:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88418602295?pwd=UjE2bFJCRHZxbUhmM0VGRnNNMndKUT09>

Prizes to include Books of Historical, Regional and Genealogical interest  
& Conference Merchandise past and present.

Bring your conference receipt or donate towards the 2:00 Conference viewing.

Our UELAC Conference Speaker will be **Dr. Janet Noel** who will present a talk called:

**“Apocryphal Ambulations? The Many Walks of Laura Secord”**

Dr. Noel is an Associate Professor Emeritus of Historical Studies at the University of Toronto, Mississauga. She was educated at the University of Toronto and is a specialist in Early Canadian history with a focus on gender issues. She has published thirty-five articles and books including *New France: Les Femmes Favoris* and *The First French Canadian Women* (UTP, 2013). In 2014, Dr. Noel was the recipient of the Kerr Prize for her work on Aboriginal women in the Fur Trade.

Learn more about Laura Secord online via [Niagara Parks](http://Niagara Parks)

<https://www.niagaraparks.com/visit/heritage/laura-secord-homestead/>

and [OurDigitalWorld](http://OurDigitalWorld) (previously Our Ontario).

<https://search.ourontario.ca/results?q=War+of+1812+Laura+Secord&x=0&y=0>

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**Next Events: June 18 – 19: UE and 1812 Veterans Memorial ceremonies and John Chard Plaque dedication. Details later in this newsletter!**

**JULY 1 Canada Day in Bath:** Participate, dress as Loyalists & enjoy the events. Details to come. Contact us to sign up: [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com) esp for garb!  
**UELAC FULLY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2022:**

**REGISTER HERE:** <https://form.jotform.com/220505420335038> \$50.00 pay online

**“Eye on the Heart of the Continent” (May 26-29, 2022) Conference 2022** will be hosted by Manitoba Branch. This will be a fully **virtual conference** showcasing several heritage sites such as the Manitoba Museum, the Museum of Human Rights, and the Manitoba Legislature. Speakers are booked from five universities across the country on a variety of topics. Manitoba Branch was preparing to host the 2020 Conference when Covid-19 spread to Canada, but they now are providing the UELAC Conference without the bother or expense of travel.

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**ANOTHER FUTURE Kingston and District Branch MEETING:**

On **September 24, 2022**, at 1:00, with many of us live and in person, if possible, at the St. Paul’s Anglican Church Hall, we will welcome Special Guest, Heritage Branch member, and New Brunswick resident Mark Gallop to speak to us about:

**Loyalists and the American occupation of Montreal 1775-76 during the Revolution.**

This will likely be an in-person Hybrid presentation with Mark in-person which will be joyous! Otherwise, it will be hybrid with Mark in Montreal, but still be wonderful to join together at St. Paul’s Hall with local people while seeing others on Zoom.

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**March 26, 2022, Beth Adams: “Travels of Stephen Arnold and Families”**

In many families, there is often an unofficially designated “Lineage Keeper,” sometimes one for each generation. You’ll know if it’s you! But for these folks, it seemed that the team approach worked best!

Beth has deeply fond memories of researching side by side with her mother, **Margie (Margaret) CLEVELAND ADAMS**, along with cousins in both those generations! Unlike some ‘proprietary’ families, this clan was incredibly collaborative! They gathered DNA results, scoured wills, deeds and land records and the ‘unsinkable’ Margie had a new stone installed at the base of an illegible one of their family ‘patriarch’ and wife, making the long-ago interred ancestors ‘spring’ into the consciousness of some ‘newly-found’ cousins.



The early UE Loyalist strand to follow was **Stephen ARNOLD**, from Beth’s maternal family. Both he and his son James were granted land for their service to the crown. Having fled their home in New Jersey, they initially settled near Digby, Nova Scotia. Son James married **Maria BAIN (BANE)** in Digby at Holy Trinity Anglican in Nov. 1799. After the War of 1812, family members started moving to the shores of Lake Erie. Samuel, a son of James, received land there for his ‘youthful’ War of 1812 service. James and his daughter’s family followed in the early 1830’s. Thus, James started over twice travelling long distances both times.

With the name **ARNOLD**, one typical question is:” Are you related to Benedict? The surname **CLEVELAND** is also prominent, so the same question is posed for Grover Cleveland

or Moses. And since both names are in Beth's family, could they be connected to each other and to Beth's family? So, Beth did her due diligence and took deep dives into these names, with the result that: 'No connection is to be found.' The tale goes that Benedict Arnold had a Loyalist-family wife, Peggy Shippen, with expensive tastes and in his devotion to her, found himself in financial dire straights. Apparently, 'turning his coat' was lucrative to the tune of 20,000 pounds, and he subsequently led attacks, killing former neighbours after they surrendered. He died in 1801, but his reputation with both sides suffered, including in England and New Brunswick.

Margie's cousin, Uncle Chuck (another Charles), was also a story keeper. Chuck talked of a connection to the Loyalists, but who were they? By the end of Beth's Grade Eight school year, history had come alive, and she had an introduction to the UELAC. And Uncle Chuck said being "UE" was a good thing. So, now what?

Margie's birth surname was **CLEVELAND**, and she did a great deal of research trying to find the heritage of her ever-elusive ancestor **Robert Cleveland** (not found YET!) and in her declining years, as dementia gradually took her further and further 'away,' she was still very proud of her 2016 UE Certificate.

The parents of Margie and her sister Charlene were **Charles Henry Cleveland** b 1897 – d 1968 who married **Elsie Marie Betts**. They were rarely in photos together, but the ones taken while holding children and grandchildren show great warmth! And motorcycles! The fabulous Aunt Florence (Charles' sister), who knew all the family history and shared it, had a 'treasure-filled' attic haven that Beth recalls enjoying on many visits with her cousins. Florence married Lloyd Crewe and had five

children, many becoming Beth's colleagues in research. Charles Henry's father

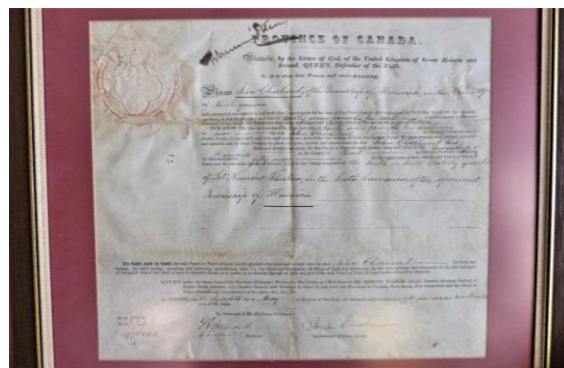
was **John Henry Cleveland Junior**. The families lived in the same community for ages, all with connections to the Cleveland farm. The old barn is now gone. The gravel pit is now a forest. Photos in the cemetery show spirited play on monuments. No rigid Victorian photos of this family! Photography, Bird watching, and

Environmentalism continued in the family.

The framed Land Deed acknowledges the land granted to **John Henry Cleveland Senior**, of Harwich, Kent County in 1856 and it now hangs in Beth's home. Beth's father had a high regard for the pioneering family of his wife's Cleveland family. John Henry Sr. married Euphemia **LAURIE** (LAWRIE) from the farm next door. They had come straight from Scotland. John Henry's will of 1865 was found, with the help of the unique name Euphemia that makes her 'easier' to find! They and



Our Cleveland Farm, now and then



their ten children are all buried in Evergreen Cemetery between the two families' farms.

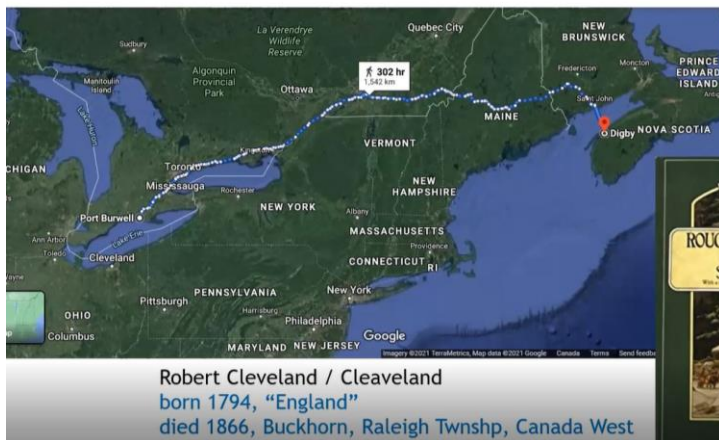
To the south-west of the John Henry Cleveland farms, and of the town of Blenheim is Cedar Springs, a tiny hamlet with a Cleveland Street. In 1848, **Robert Cleaveland Sr** finally received his land deed granted for land there. Robert had tried to get his grant accepted twice. When he finally got the deed, he was about 72, dying in 1866. His will divided his land between the two youngest children, since the older ones were already established. Oddly, John Henry was the only offspring with land east of Blenheim. Robert's farm stayed in the family until 1980's.

**Robert Cleaveland Senior** petitioned for land in Malahide Twp, Elgin County in 1831 from Col. Talbot. Some of you know of **Colonel Thomas Talbot**, b1771 Ireland – d1853 Port Talbot, London Region, Canada West. He founded Port Talbot and enticed approximately 50,000 settlers into the Thames River Area. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Talbot\\_\(Upper\\_Canada\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Talbot_(Upper_Canada))

The towns in that region 'all' had a Talbot Street, and well-made roads among other benefits. Sounds great, except if you had a religion other than "Church of England" on your documents. Those showing Methodist (**John Henry Sr**), or Baptist (**Robert and Maria**) were sometimes turned down as settlers. Talbot used pencil on his land maps, altering who was placed where, as he saw fit. His absolute, and 'despotic' rule over the area was part of the Upper Canada Family Compact 'problem.' Talbot had accumulated a vast number of acres of personal land, which were those awarded to him for every settler.

Records showed that **Robert CLEAVELAND** and **Maria ARNOLD** were married on February 23, 1822. After some 'convincing' by Margie, a Digby archivist provided a 'limited-access' image showing that Robert and Maria had their first child baptised at Holy Trinity, Digby. It showed the birth of **John Henry** on 26 Feb 1822 and registration on Aug 31, 1822. The child was born 3 days after the wedding.?? And Maria was 14 yrs. old at the birth! Robert was 27. Their religion is shown as Baptist on many records, but the Feb 23, 1822 marriage ceremony may have been a second one, and an Anglican one, since that was the only legal ceremony in Nova Scotia at the time. Similarly, 'second' weddings happened in the Upper Canada as well.

### Maria & Robert Cleaveland



**John Henry Cleaveland Sr's** parents **Robert Cleaveland** and **Maria Arnold** came to Upper Canada in the early 1830's since one child, Phoebe, was born in Digby, then another in 1834 in Howard Township, Kent County. They travelled by boat, ship and wagon on trails, there being no real roads. Robert's occupation is shown as Mariner, Mason, and Yeoman in different locations and seasons. **James Arnold**, Maria's father, was also a mariner. That may have been 'how' the couple met.

Several other children followed, and they moved together to Upper Canada. DNA matches help validate the connection, despite questions about her age and the 'early' birth. Robert and Maria are buried in a 'hidden' private cemetery outside Blenheim, with newly legible **CLEAVELAND** stone courtesy of Mom/Margie, making the information available. The records of the cemetery verify the dates that were found on other documents and the wearing-away details on the original stone that inspired the new one.

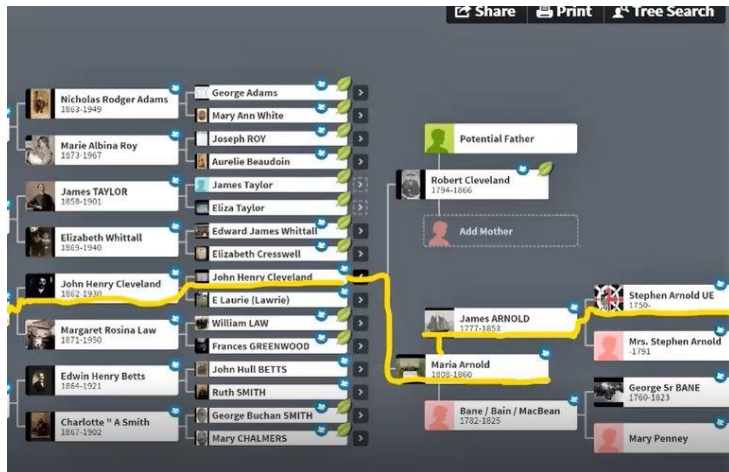
Another new connection was found, due to that new stone. A 'new' cousin and his family had been exploring in that cemetery and came across the stone, discovering the name spelled like theirs, and the stone was suddenly doing exactly as Margie had wanted: stirring the interest of

others in the family. Later it was discovered that Beth's grandmother, Mrs. Charles "Reata" Cleveland was the first teacher of 'new-cousin' Gary 'Cleaveland' in his Cedar Springs School on land that Robert Cleaveland donated. Kismet or Karma?

**James ARNOLD** was Maria's father; and her mother was **Maria BAIN** (BANE). James had owned and sailed a schooner in Nova Scotia called the Rising Sun. Their new home on Lake

Erie, in Port Burwell, had a ship building industry, making it a familiar aspect. James' brother Samuel ARNOLD, married to Barbara Bain, had previously moved there during the War of 1812, so having family already in the area, may have been another reason to move to that region.

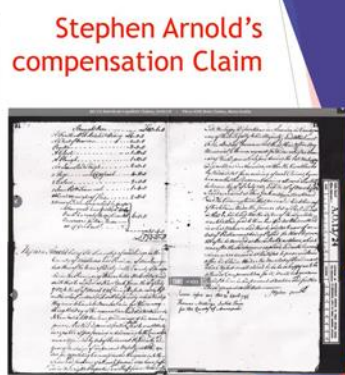
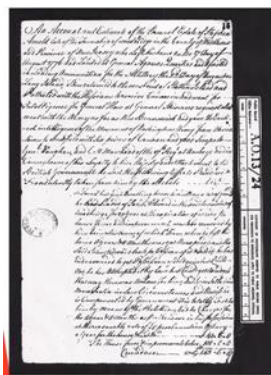
Col Talbot encouraged maritime families to sell their rocky land claims and travel west to settle the Elgin -Thames River area. So numerous were the folks who arrived from the east, that the main street out



of Port Burwell was called "Nova Scotia Line." Many other family members followed the initial two Bain sisters and the Arnolds to Upper Canada. Descendants of the Bain family have spread along the Erie shore.

James Arnold was buried in Port Burwell at Trinity Anglican that has a historic plaque. Samuel Arnold was in the 'original' 1812 **New Brunswick Fencibles**, later called the **104th Reg of Foot**, which left Fredericton, marched for 53 days, 1176 km to Kingston, on foot in winter to aid in the 1812 defense along the St. Lawrence. Samuel obtained land on Nova Scotia Line, in Bayham Township near Port Burwell for his services. Cousin Heather Crewe did much of this research. The 2021 UELAC Conference featured a Loyalist of that same regiment, **Prv John Baker** who also made that same march.

**Stephen ARNOLD** is the family proven UE ancestor. He was born in 1750 in



Woodbridge, New Jersey and participated in two battles. The 1776 Battle of Long Island, and The Forage War of 1777. His Loyalist claim indicated that he left land behind in New Jersey; likely was a 'scout / spy' for the British; and ran boats to land the Hessians from the seagoing ships to Long Island. His son was most likely born in Fairfield, Connecticut, circa 1777 and it seems that Stephen and "Mrs." Arnold were likely in that area until 1783. As per his losses Claim, he

"missed the boat" in the 1783 Loyalist evacuation but still got to Digby, handing in his land claim late. It seemed odd that a Seaman would miss a launch time. Samuel's birth in 1784 in Digby proves that they did get there, somehow. Stephen was granted lands and a land transfer record shows the land went to his son James. The Arnolds home and farms are gone, but old maps showed their location with stunning views.

In about 2005, Beth travelled with her mother to the area. The Admiral Digby Museum was locked, despite them having called ahead, so they went to the office next door to get advice.

There they met the staff of the now well-known UE author and historian Brian McConnell, Lawyer. The map in Brian's reception room was better than the museum's map at that time.

The father of the 'Bain' sisters, **George Bain**, also UE, had land by a 'former' lighthouse site, a busy noisy place, with poor soil. Hence, the Bains moved to 'Broad Cove' later named Culloden, but it was also not well suited to farming, so they made his living in the lumber trade and from the sea, as did son-in-law, James Arnold.

During this research, Beth met **Irma Walker**, whose book draws an excellent picture of Digby at this time. A Culloden Chronicle explains many of the difficulties with original grants for Stephen, James, and Samuel Arnold and others who were finally granted land in 1801. James' wife, Maria Bain, died in 1825, and both are buried at Holy Trinity in Digby, as are two of Robert and Maria's children. Stephen Arnold Sr (1791) and his wives are buried in Digby also. In 1813, Stephen Jr was still in Digby, but no final resting place for him is known.

Beth has thoroughly enjoyed her very collaborative adventures, with her mom, Margie Cleveland, her Crewe cousins, Mike Cleveland of PEI, and Gary Cleveland whose children discovered the 'new' stone.'

We hope you enjoyed this story.

### Q and A:

- Beth and her colleagues in research used onsite in-person and digital land records and land transfer documents containing relationship details.



<https://www.onland.ca/ui/> (Jane MacNamara taught courses in using the **onland.ca/ui/** website for the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. It is sold-out for April 2022, but she will be presenting at the O.G.S. Conference in June as well.)

- They were also able to use the excellent online resources from Elgin County OGS.
- Although Robert's census records say "England" as his birth location, there is no other information about his heritage. DNA tests have not helped.
- Access to the Digby records was through the Anglican Diocese archives in Halifax.
- As far as Baptist records go, there are very few very old ones for Nova Scotia. Unlike other major unified churches, the Baptist churches have no overseeing body. The churches may have had records, but they usually do not exist now for Baptist churches.
- Some "Convention Baptist records are at McMaster University
- Marilyn Adams Genealogical Research Centre in Ameliasburg (Also called The 7th Town Centre) has Land Books for Hastings and other nearby areas. Kingston area ones went to Queen's U then to Lennox and Addington Archives at Napanee. Seeing the books in person is amazing and much better than the often-poor images online.

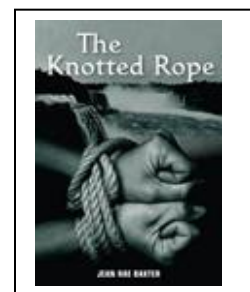
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Join our own Loyalist author **Jean Rae Baxter**, at her book launch of her latest publication **The Knotted Rope** on Saturday, June 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. at Books on Main 368 Main Street in Bath, Ontario

Broken Trail, a white boy adopted by the Oneida First Nation and brought up to be a warrior, has seen much injustice done to his adoptive people and even more suffered by the Black slaves who spend their lives in bondage.

The year is 1793, the year in which a new law is passed to gradually end slavery in Upper Canada. For more information read:

<https://artisanalwriter.com/2022/04/01/the-knotted-rope/>



Jean has also been nominated for the 2022 Governor General History Award for Popular Media.

## **Discovering Unexpected UEL Ancestor Research Tools by Brian Garrah**

My path to finding my UEL ancestor, Mathias Rose Jr was a bit circuitous, but that just made it so much more interesting. I am sure many readers have had similar experiences when finding clues in the most unexpected places.



A few years ago, when Ancestry first launched their [ThruLines](#) tool to show how you may be related to your DNA matches, I repeatedly received hints that I was a descendant of Mathias Rose Jr from Ernestown. This community and township were in what is now the vicinity north of Bath Rd and County Rd 4 in Kingston and is included in the current larger Loyalist Township. I was curious but did not delve into this hint too deeply at first. It seemed each time I logged in, it nagged me to explore this hint, so finally I relented and started digging deeper. The location of Ernestown made sense because most of my ancestors in the 1800's were established in the Kingston and Gananoque area. I soon realized I had a little-known female ancestor, Charlotte Rose, and eventually discovered that she was the connection.

I used the lineage suggestions on the ThruLines hints to connect my female ancestor to the male Rose line that led to Mathias. As I began to dig into the search to find the paper trail, the connection remained tenuous given the lack of documentation for my female ancestor. Early last year, while I mused about next steps, I coincidentally attended a zoom presentation by Linda Corupe on the topic of tips for researching your female ancestors in the 1800's. It turned out to be very fortuitous. Linda is a skilled genealogy researcher, author and presenter and has a wealth of knowledge about United Empire Loyalist history. To make a long story short, I hired Linda to research this female ancestor and she was able to locate the documentation connecting Charlotte Rose to her father, Robert Rose. The sources that she discovered were simply not available to me as an amateur genealogy buff, so I was extremely thrilled. That is a story for another time.

The results of these two different research tools led me to realize that Mathias Rose Jr was a documented UE Loyalist and a member of Jessup's Loyal Rangers. I was then able to work with Anne Redish of the Kingston and District Branch to help me put together my UEL application. In this instance, it felt like these ancestors were helping to guide me down the right path to unveil their history. And I am so glad they did.

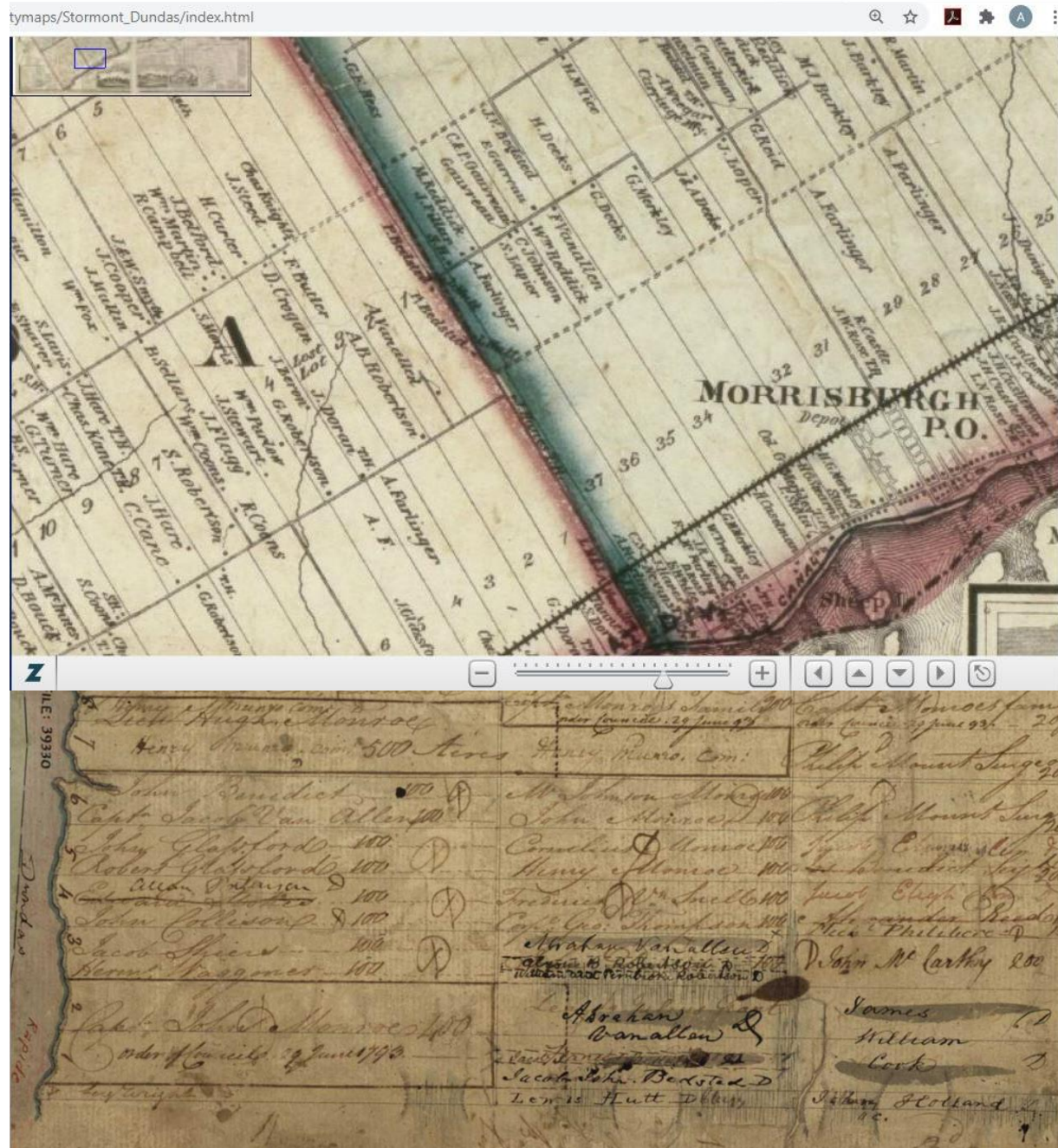
Many thanks to Linda for her thorough research and to Anne for her kind assistance and patience in helping me connect with my UEL ancestor. I was so thrilled to receive the certificate and explain the whole story to my family.

EDITOR: Watch for Brian's for expanded insight about this research adventure in the future, in 'Loyalist Trails' or 'The Loyalist Gazette' or both.

## VAN ALLEN MAPS!!!

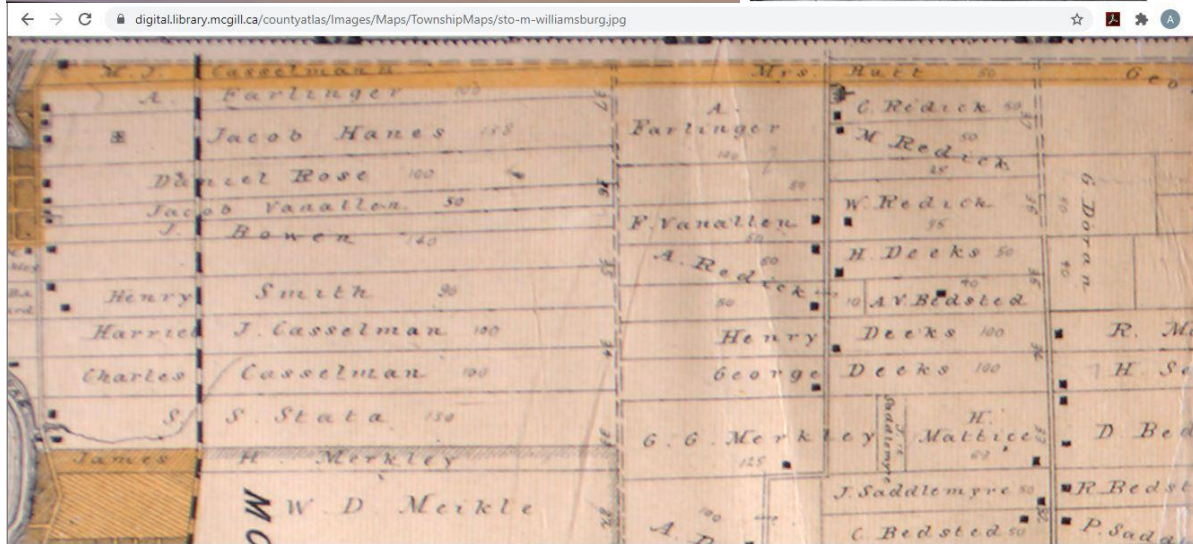
Our member BONNIE WHYTE of the Ottawa area also had her certificate approved not too long ago to her Ancestor **Jacob VAN ALLAN**, of Matilda Township, Dundas County. Bonnie has offered to help the branch with research and proof reading.

Can you find **Van Allen** families on the following documents?



Via Heritage PIN : <http://ontario.heritagepin.com/project/early-ontario-land-grants/> Continue to: [http://ao.minisisinc.com/FS\\_IMAGES/I0050855.jpg](http://ao.minisisinc.com/FS_IMAGES/I0050855.jpg)





<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>

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**UEL/1812 Warkworth and Adolphustown Weekend JUNE 18 & 19, 2022**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** 10:00am Ceremony at the Warkworth Cemetery, Percy Twp—Six 1812 Veteran Markers  
 11:30am Ceremony at the Stone Cemetery, County Rd. 25, Percy Twp: UEL Burial Ground  
 Plaque Two Loyalists and Three 1812 Veteran Markers  
 12:30pm Lunch for Volunteers at Warkworth Legion  
 2:00pm Ceremony Cramahe Hill Cemetery, Cty Rd. 27, Morganston: Three 1812 Veteran Markers

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** **Loyalist Encampment at the UEL Heritage Park**  
 1:00pm John Chard Memorial Ceremony—UEL Flag Raising at UEL Memorial Cemetery  
 3:00pm Loyalist Service at St. Alban's Memorial Church

**Canada Day July 1, 2022**, see their site: <https://bathcanadaday.com/> and read the following!  
<https://bathcanadaday.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Parade-Information-Package-2022-version-4.pdf>  
 UE Float Participants MUST be at Finkle Park **BEFORE** 12:00 noon.  
 \*Sign up with us at [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com) Loyalist attire available for many. Tasks available for all!

**You can help with Certificate Research:**

Support your co-members, and those making inquiries by offering to share your experiences. Please help update this chart by giving your permission to share your email address on our website chart like below. Contact us at [kingston.uelac@gmail.com](mailto:kingston.uelac@gmail.com)

Example: **(SAMPLE CHART ONLY! Some of these folks are not current members)**

**LOYALIST ANCESTORS OF MEMBERS OF  
KINGSTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH UELAC**

Loyalist Ancestor	Birth & Death Years	Member Name	Member E-mail	Member Certificate
ASSELSTINE, John	1748 - 1822	James Long	<a href="mailto:jmlong@cogeco.ca">jmlong@cogeco.ca</a>	MC 7171-92
AUSTIN, Solomon	c1744 - 1826	Nancy Cutway	<a href="mailto:nancy.cutway@cogeco.ca">nancy.cutway@cogeco.ca</a>	MC 2014-80
CHRYSLER, Geronimus	1768 - 1859	Lorraine Sherren	<a href="mailto:sherren@csolve.net">sherren@csolve.net</a>	MC 9565-02
ETTINGER, Lewis		William Morrison		MC 14335-15
HICKS, Edward		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 13037-12
HICKS, Joseph		Barbara Carson	<a href="mailto:deperfun@kingston.net">deperfun@kingston.net</a>	MC 11187-08
LLOYD, George Henry	1765 - 1834	Paul Caverly		MC 10751-07
LOCKWOOD, Joseph	1730 - 1780	Anne Redish	<a href="mailto:ar11@queensu.ca">ar11@queensu.ca</a>	MC 12854-12

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In case you missed the presentation when Jane presented to us:  
Kingston Branch Ontario Genealogy Society Meets at 10:00 am to 12:00 May 21  
 Jane Simpson will present:

**“Genealogical Implications of Cemetery Disruptions: A Study of St. Thomas’ Church Burial Ground”**

To register for the May 21st presentation, please click (Ctrl + Click) on this Zoom link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckcuqrT8qG904ucfZJRvabr3S-SkeDK5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.

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