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anada's sesquicentennial is raising interest in the numerous celebrations being planned to mark our birth as a nation in 1867. Our Loyalist ancestors contributed to the growth of communities, infrastructure, economy and culture, as each province developed and entered Confederation.

The Loyalist Gazette reflects our concerns, research, accomplishments and family ties. As a participant in the 2016 Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters conference in Prince Edward Island, I was very impressed with the co-operation among the Maritime Branches. They accomplished the monumental task of hosting the rest of Canada and international guests for a few memorable days while showcasing the history, tourism and hospitality that the Maritimes are famous for. Out of these experiences grew some of the most interesting articles in this issue of **The Loyalist Gazette**.

I am always looking for feature articles that showcase the steps that we collectively are taking to discover and preserve our Loyalist heritage. Canada150 should be an exciting year to watch and learn as much as we can about the progress of our ancestors in the early days of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Upper and Lower Canada, Canada East and West, and, finally, the Dominion of Canada.

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I am always thankful for your feedback and suggestions to ensure that we continue to maintain our high quality.

Remember: *Teamwork Encourages Active Members!* Loyally yours, Robert Collins McBride (Bob) UE, B.Sc., M.Ed., Editor.

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84th Highland Regiment Piper, Capt. Robert Redden, led the Loyalist parade into St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, PEI, on Sunday morning during the 2016 UELAC Conference. Photos by Grietje R. McBride UE.



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As this issue of The Loyalist Gazette lands into your home mailbox or your computer inbox, we will be well into autumn activities and, in some areas of the country, there may well be a covering of snow. However, as I sit at my computer composing this message, it is a lovely July summer day. Earlier today, I enjoyed a cup of herbal tea in my backyard and marvelled at the beautiful palate of colours that Mother Nature has presented this summer in my flower gardens. All of the various plants with their vivid and muted shades of colour complement each other and I reflected on the Branches of the UELAC, the many Members that make up the palate of our Association, and how each complements the other. As volunteers in an historical association, each of us in our own way complements the vision and mission of our Association. Most of our Members, but certainly not all, share the knowledge that our Loyalist Ancestors offered their strengths and determination in assisting with the formation of this great country that we call home. Much of the success of Canada can be attributed directly to the good works of the United Empire Loyalists.

a wonderful form of outreach!

During this past year, while executing the role of President of the UELAC, I openly admit that I have been very humbled at the faith the membership has bestowed upon me to lead our Association and have absolute admiration for the Ladies and Gentlemen that have served in this capacity in previous years. It is a job. More hours go into the work of the UELAC in a month than at a paying job. That being said, I have been honoured to have the opportunity during the past year to have been invited to, visit with, and address a number of the Branches in our Association. While there is wonderful work for the UELAC taking place at the Dominion level that, unfortunately, most members never hear about, there is also a plethora of marketing and outreach activities that each of the Branches undertakes to remind and educate the public about the contributions of the United Empire Loyalists to the foundation of Canada. Dedicated volunteers attend events such as Highland Games, travel to install grave and cemetery plaques and markers, organize flag raisings and historical fairs, offer presentations with school children in history class, attend and offer workshops at genealogy conferences, volunteer at local archives and libraries with Loyalist collections, host UELAC conferences, preserve and provide upkeep at Loyalist monuments and cemeteries, lay wreaths at Remembrance Day services, and the list goes on! It has been most rewarding to hear that a number of Branches have arranged to donate their libraries over to a public library or archive where the resources are available to the public for research. That is most definitely a wonderful form of outreach!

Connecting Canada ... in 2017.

Having the opportunity to speak with Branch Members and hear their concerns and suggestions for the

UELAC, as well as to hear their Loyalist Ancestors' stories, has been a great experience. Some evenings I marvel in disbelief how quickly the first year of my term of office has gone by. As I wrote in my report to the Annual General Meeting in early July in beautiful Summerside, Prince Edward Island, I am looking forward to the year ahead and into 2017 and the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. I encourage each and every Branch and Member to become involved in "Project Canada 150": Connecting Canada and Celebrating Canada in 2017. This indeed is an opportunity to live up to number six of our UELAC Mission Statement, that is: Participating in projects and activities which honour and celebrate the legacy of the United Empire Loyalists'. Many resources are available so let us all tell our fellow-Canadians of the contributions that our Lovalist ancestors and their descendants have made to this great land we all call home.

I will close with a line I read some time ago... "The only difference between an obstacle and an opportunity is our attitude."

Editor's Note by Robert C. McBride UE: Dominion President, Barbara J. Andrew UE, on behalf of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, sent 90th Birthday Greetings to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and a note of thanks was received at the Dominion Office:



The Queen has asked me to convey her thanks for the message you have sent on behalf of the Members of the Twenty Eight Branches of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday.

The Queen was interested to be reminded of the history of the Association and greatly appreciated your kind words. In return, Her Majesty has asked me to send her warm good wishes to you and all concerned.

Christopher Sandamas Chief Clerk to The Queen

Ms. Barbara Andrew UE.

UELAC People Behind the Scenes

Marlene L. Dance UE

UELAC Pacific Regional Councillor Vice-President Chilliwack Branch Branch Genealogist Branch Newsletter Editor of "*Link Up*"

In 1971, my widowed mother announced that she was getting married to her first cousin in England and moving there. Besides the joy of the "getting married" part was the surprise that she had a first cousin in England! The few cousins we knew of were right here in Vancouver, BC. It turned out that my mother had about twenty-six first cousins from her father's side in England, and that her father, Grandpa Johnson, was one of fourteen children and had sisters who were identical twins. Who knew? No one ever talked about it. They just got on with life.

Our family was very small. We only knew my mom's immediate side of the family as my dad's family had all died and the few cousins were too far away to get to know.

When we all got together for special occasions, a few old stories would surface but, for the most part, it was the adults talking and reminiscing and the kids all playing games. I don't remember ever asking my grandparents about their lives in England before coming to Canada.

Only once had the past come up. It was when I was in Grade 7 and studying the Romans in England and Hadrian's Wall. I was telling my Gran all about it and she casually said that she lived nearby and played on Hadrian's Wall as a child. When I excitedly told my teacher, she said "This can't be possible. Old people sometimes don't remember things properly." So I never followed up as I didn't want to hurt my Gran's feelings. It turned out the story was true!

Then, here we were years later, and the questions about England were many. My mum became my designated researcher in England and I gave her a long list of things to find out about the Johnson family.

Into this mix came the wonderful family stories that my mother-in-law, Alice, told



about her side of the family. They had moved across Canada in 1905, had travelled and holidayed during a time when people didn't go off for months at a time, and they picnicked regularly out-of-doors. Then there were the Lovalists' stories. It also turned out there was a British Home Child on my dad-in-law's side. It was much later that I found many Loyalists on my father, Jim Morton's, side of the family from New Brunswick and learned of his very interesting mother who lived alone in a log cabin in her widowed years in northern Alberta and had half of her foot frozen off one cold winter's walk home in a blizzard.

If all this doesn't get you fired up and interested in family history, I don't know what would!

I found a small box of pictures ... from South Africa and a very old diary

With my mother in England getting me information, and with my mother-inlaw and I writing everything down and looking through old scrapbooks, photo albums, newspaper clippings and old correspondence, I learned to love the smell and touch of old papers and to piece together various family stories, finding the truth, or not, in them. I found a small box of pictures and letters from South Africa and a very old diary from the same era that belonged to my Grandfather Morton.

No computers then. Everything was done by letter, visiting or a phone call. I found it exciting and a real challenge separating the fact from the stories and organizing the information in date order so that chronologically it made sense.

In December 1973, I went to England for the first time. My mom and step-dad took me to East Haddon, Northamptonshire, where the Johnson family had lived for over four generations. I visited the church, the graveyard with many family graves, saw the homes they lived in and the village well where they drew water, then had lunch in their village pub. I met many of the cousins still in the area. They were so appreciative of my interest in the family and gave me pictures, diaries and the names and addresses of other family to write to for information.

During the next years, my husband and I were working full time, looking after our home and child. We moved to Kamloops and back again and we were travelling for our jobs, so researching and following up leads and writing letters was not high on the "to do" list. Gradually, over the years, more information was linked together.

We bought our first computer in 1985. What an extravagance! One of the first things I did after learning how to operate the darn thing was to buy a family tree software programme and enter all the information from my handwritten notes. I felt like all my research was coming to life. A friend and I joined the BC Genealogical Society, and we attended meetings and workshops to learn as much as possible.

Fast forward to 1997. We retired to Chilliwack, BC. I got involved in the community, joining the Happy Tappers, the Chilliwack Hospital Service League, Chilliwack Probus Club, and the local golf club, as well as continuing my position on the Board of Directors of the BC Golf Association, retiring in 2008.

I had done extensive research on my husband, Wayne's, grandfather. He was a British Home Child who was sent to Alberta in 1897. We knew nothing about him as he disappeared about 1938. I was able to establish that he was a Barnardo Boy and was able to get important information from them. We found living descendants in England and keep in touch. This research was published in the *Chinook*, The Alberta Family Histories Society quarterly, in July 2007.

Many opportunities came my way to help people with their family research and it was not long before I was leading small workshops, speaking to service groups, genealogy societies, seniors' gatherings and presenting at the LDS Church "*Finding your Roots*" event. Then I joined the local branch of the UELAC.

As word got around about my workshops and presentations, I was asked to plan a syllabus for a Beginners Genealogy Class for Chilliwack ElderCollege at the University of the Fraser Valley campus. This would be three hours once a week for six weeks. It began in September 2009 and has been delivered once a year ever since. From these classes, a contact group of about 100 names is maintained and interesting genealogy news is forwarded to them regularly. Many attend my workshops.

kick down a few brick walls

I also lead a monthly workshop for the local Sardis Library and have an interested group of friends who meet at my home once a month. We call ourselves the Kitchen Table Genealogy Group. We have managed to kick down a few brick walls, and our two years of research to find the WW2 airman and father for a cousin of one of our group, was published in the *Who Do You Think You Are* magazine in October 2014.

In 2012, I accepted the Branch Genealogist position with Chilliwack Branch and undertook to be their Newsletter Editor as well. They are such a hard-working group and I have learned a lot from them. I have connected my family tree to quite a few Loyalists. So far I have found: Sipprell, Hutchinson, Sherwood, and Keirstead. My husband is also a descendent of the Loyalist, Joseph Merritt UE. So, while it is all in the family, guess who does the research?

I enjoy the challenge of finding each generation's connection and then locating the primary proof to go with it. I have assisted with the applications of entire families and so love seeing the joy on people's faces when they see their heritage represented by the UELAC Certificate.

My workshop presentation titles try to keep the Loyalist story front and centre, including:

Finding your Loyalist Ancestor; Origins of the American Revolution; Completing your Loyalist Application; Finding your Loyalist Proofs.

My frequently requested presentation titles include: Are you Barking up the Wrong Tree? What is a Genealogical Proof Argument? Finding your Military Heritage; A Barnardo Boy in Alberta; Finding the Father he never knew – The Cousin's Caper; Finding your lost Canadian Home Child; Exploring your Irish Heritage;

Family Stories and their place in your Family Tree.

My working career was spent in the banking industry, mostly with the Toronto Dominion Bank, but it is in retirement that I found the time to really do what I love – genealogy.

This is my true calling. It makes me happy.

I have found something that is a real joy, work I love to do. Bring on the applications!

Carol Harding UE

UELAC Atlantic Regional Councillor, Nova Scotia Branch Genealogist.

Looking Back Through the Family Research Window Panes

Born in Digby County, Nova Scotia, Carol Myrna Harding grew up experiencing early life through the window panes of a country house. Like life, they were snowy, frosty, or rainy, dusty or sunny, as the season dictated. Several houses and all but one are gone.

Growing up, her father always worked hard but, as a logger and lumber scaler, he



could not afford a motor vehicle until later. He had use of the camp truck to travel home on weekends, so often he would borrow a neighbour's green Oldsmobile 88 on Sundays and take the family to visit his mother and stepfather fifteen rutted, dirt road miles away. What a comfortable, exciting ride that was compared to a half-ton truck bed!



Obtaining a Nursing Diploma in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1965, Carol worked for a time in Digby Hospital. It was a new, full-service hospital then, on the cutting edge and ready to implement a new concept: a Critical Care unit. After nine years in New Brunswick, Carol eventually went west as the present generation has done. There she stayed in Vancouver and eventually completed post-graduate education with a Critical Care Post Grad Diploma and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree by part-time studies. She was a Critical Care Nurse for over twenty years at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, and then worked in Community Home Health in New Westminster for four years, retiring in 2004.

accidentally shot in a logging camp hunting accident

Before her father was born, the family home his parents were buying burned to the ground in the late fall and a small cottage was quickly built for their growing family. Six children in two rooms and a loft! So, when her father was four years old, and there were no jobs in Nova Scotia, in order to rebuild their home, his father went with the other men of their community to work in the logging camps of Maine. In November 1913, he was accidentally shot in a logging camp hunting accident in Lambert Lake, Maine. Her father remembered nothing of this or his father, only knowing his stepfather.

The loss of her beloved husband was tragic for his widow and their six young children. There was no social support system except family and friends' goodwill, but she was young, resourceful, fun to be with, and a good cook, so she went to work in the local logging camps. On many occasions during our Sunday visits, his mother would tell stories of the Harding ancestors. Much was not understood then by the young children and, as an adult, most was lost to time. Later, connecting that lineage was no small task but, with the help of cousins and aunts, it came together, piece by piece.

Mother's family lived much further away so she recalls visits to that grandparent's home as a child were limited to just a few family gatherings. Her grandfather was a lobster fisherman in the early 1900s, braving the gales in a small open boat as far as the Grand Banks. In 2000, her mother, who had lived in Port Coquitlam, BC, for about twenty-five years after her father died, passed away two days short of ninety. As children, the younger ones would frequently ask her to "Tell us about the olden days." Likely some were embellished, but she took the request seriously. Her father had kept and mowed the old graveyard and, as the kids would go along to play, they gleaned valuable stories because he knew all the ancestors resting there.

Mother had salvaged many pictures of her youth from her old photo album and, in 1976, brought them West with her in a cookie tin. Over the later years, as a pass-time, countless hours had been spent reliving these stories of the family she missed and naming the photograph contents. Because she had lost her vision before she passed away, five pictures from her youth were left unidentified. No names were ever discovered for them, but Carol's interest in family history grew, fueled by a farewell gift of scrapbooking materials from co-workers. The gift enabled her to fulfill her desire to create a legacy to her parents and their ancestors.

Now, almost all of those beloved family members are gone.

Care-giving, working, life – there was never time to think much about family history. Retired by 2005, and gaining serious interest in family research, Carol decided to come full circle and move back to Digby, Nova Scotia. Fortunately, aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides, have been a tremendous help in establishing a database. Now, almost all of those beloved family members are gone.

There is something compelling about spending time walking on ancestral lands when you first discover them or are still searching for them. Somehow, it seems you know better who you are on the continuum of life by finding where you came from. In a serendipity moment, while working on a Stephen Hopkins' Mayflower lineage certificate in 2010, Carol was surprised to find her fifth-great-grandmother Harding buried with the oldest daughter and family in a Loyalist cemetery in Digby, far from the home they had established, on a Loyalist land grant in Horton Township, Nova Scotia. (http://www.uelac. org/Loyalist-Info/extras/Harding-Israel/Journey-of-a-Lifetimeby-Carol-Harding.pdf)

Carol is a member of the Canadian and Nova Scotia Mayflower colonies. Doing research, she discovered that she had several Loyalist lines on her father's side, and lots of the documents from the Mayflower research assisted in completing four Loyalist certificates: Israel Harding Sr. UE; John Gavel Sr. UE; Jacob Lyon Hatfield UE of Argyle Township, Nova Scotia; and Ensign Joseph Brittain Sr. UE of Oak Point, Greenwich Parish, New Brunswick.

Since March 2013 Carol has been volunteering as the Nova Scotia Branch Genealogist, assisting members to obtain their Loyalist lineage certificates through the United Empire Loyalists' Association. She is the Atlantic Region Councillor, Representative to Dominion meetings in Toronto for 2015-2016, and was on the Planning Committee for the United Empire Loyalists' annual AGM and Conference held this 07 to 10 July 2016 in Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

n Wednesday, 17 August 2016, Autumn Elizabeth Richardson UE, daughter of Mary-Elizabeth Olive (nee McBride) Richardson UE and Jeremy John Richardson, and little sister for 3-year-old Benjamin Jeremy Collins Richardson UE, was born in Peterborough Regional Health Centre in Peterborough, Ontario. Proud grandparents are Grietje R. McBride UE and Robert Collins McBride UE.

Applications for UELAC certification for Autumn's Loyalist ancestors, Jacob DeCou UE, Hendrick Dachstaeder Junior UE, Lieutenant Frederick Dochstader UE, Sergeant Gabriel Purdy UE, John Stevens Senior UE, McGregory Van Every UE, Adam Young UE, and Henry Young UE, have been submitted to the Kawartha Branch Genealogist and the UELAC Dominion Genealogists.





Loyalists Lighthouses and Lobsters – 2016

A Report on the UELAC 2016 Conference Submitted by Carol M. Harding UE, Nova Scotia Branch

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION: Five people: Jim McKenzie UE, Dave Laskey UE, Peter Van Iderstine UE, Carol Harding UE, Christine Manzer UE, with additional assistance from Brian McConnell UE, to organize the 84th Regiment re-enactors Military Camp and display.

DATES: 06 to 10 July 2016: Moved into July to accommodate popular vacation months, and because PEI weather is generally a more enjoyable beach experience in summer.

LOCATION: Primary site was *The Loyalist Country Inn*, 195 Heather Moyse Drive, Summerside, PE, C1N 5R1 (otherwise known as Harbour Drive for GPS). Back-up site was the *Quality Inn Garden of the Gulf*, 618 Water St, Summerside, PE, C1N 2V5

CONFERENCE WEB PAGES (DAVE LASKEY): The conference web pages were hosted on the UELAC Dominion website. The pages were created late in 2015 and were subsequently amended as new information became available.

REGISTRATION: Expectations and numbers to work with were based on an average of the 2014 and 2015 conference with a thought it could go higher because of the time of year and the fact that PEI is a popular tourist destination. A total of 167 registered for part or all of the conference.

HOSPITALITY SUITE: Two Abegweit Branch volunteers, Karen Spears and Anita Coffin, managed the hospitality suite refreshments and ordering of supplies. They both deserve special mention as it involved a lot of behind-the-scenes work to do both that and the shuttle service. Karen summarized the Hospitality Suite experience:

"I would consider the conference a huge success. I spoke with many participants in the hospitality suite and they were extremely impressed with the organization and spoke highly about the location..."



Above: James (Jim) B. McKenzie, Atlantic Regional Vice-President, and Barbara (Barb) J. Andrew, Dominion President, enjoy the fiddle music.

A sea of smiling faces enjoy activities and music at the UELAC Conference. From left: George Drake, Linda Drake, Mavis MacPherson, Sandy Farynvuk, Carl Stymiest, Nancy Conn-Grant, Mary Steinhoff, David Hongisto, Suzanne Davidson.



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION: Karen Spears and Anita Coffin assisted Jim McKenzie and Peter Van Iderstine with the one-hour each way shuttle service to and from the airport in Charlottetown. In summary, many hours were spent accommodating flight times, distance from the airport to the conference centre, and a wide variation of arrival times. Providing full conference access and comfort of all registrants not having their own transportation was a Conference priority.

BUS TOUR: The bus tour for PEI conference attendees was a well-organized adventure! Eightyeight people preregistered for the trip and two buses were needed. Planned and executed by Peter Van Iderstine, Abegweit Branch President, and assisted by Jim McKenzie UE, the tour was a big success.

SEMINARS AND GENEALOGY SESSIONS: Many members have Maritime roots. This was a great opportunity to give some direction to family research and explore queries. There were seven speakers, including the Genealogy Meeting presenters:

1. Genealogy Session (for Branch Genealogists) – Marlene Dance UE and Anne Redish UE presented the committee's plans for a new Certificate Application form.

2. Dr. Terry Punch, Gala dinner guest speaker.

3. Saturday afternoon "Ask an Expert," three genealogy sessions: Stephen Davidson (NS), David Walker (PEI), and Richard and Sandra Thorne (NB). A total of ninety-six attended.

4. David Walker also did a talk Friday afternoon on documenting cemeteries and burials.

EXHIBIT ROOM AND SILENT AUCTION: In spite of a handicap of too few helpers, it all worked out. The ones who were available to volunteer were very helpful and flexible with the time they could be there. Some just stepped in and helped out on-site. All venues were in the one room that was very necessary and helpful. Exhibiter tables were placed close to the registration table so that their needs could be heard. The exception was the UELAC Promotions table that was placed near the entrance where it was less busy and people could browse and have room to try on clothing. Patricia 'Trish' Groom UE, the UELAC Promotions Manager, said "the layout and location was amazing and lent itself to huge success for anyone who had a table there." A special shout-out to Wendell Grasse of Abegweit Branch who guietly sat for many hours and sold tickets. We were more than pleased at the overall support of the auction and baskets by attendees and we enjoyed seeing the happy friendly faces of those who came by all week to bid or buy tickets and went home with a treasure to help them remember their trip.

<u>MILITARY COMPONENT – 84TH HIGHLANDERS</u> <u>REGIMENT RE-ENACTORS</u>: Peter Van Iderstine, Abegweit Branch President, with his vast military experience, and Brian McConnell, with his contact through his membership in the 84th Regiment, were able to work out an agreement satisfactory to the Conference planners, the hotel, city of Summerside, P.E.I., and with the 84th Regiment who was given an



At camp, from left: Frans Compeer, Pacific Regional Councillor; Francis Nickerson, 84th Highland Regiment re-enactor; David Kanowakeron Hill Morrison UE, Central West Regional Councillor; and David Bailey, 84th Highland Regiment re-enactor.



Current and Past Dominion Presidents, from left: Robert Collins McBride UE (2011 – 2013), Bonnie L. Schepers UE (2013 – 2015), Barbara J. Andrew UE (2015 – 2017), and Douglas W. Grant UE (2004 – 2006).

84th Highland Regiment re-enactors marching to the Sunset Ceremony, Saturday, 09 July 2016. From left: Peter Ashley, Brian McConnell, Francis Nickerson, Kerry DeLorey, David Bailey, Owen Hamilin, Cutler Bailey, Greg Wentzel and Robert Redden.



honorarium and a share of the profits in exchange for a stellar performance. Enduring a first night of heavy rain, their field encampment and colourful outdoor sunset ceremony, as well as leading in the parade of flags at the various evening events, was truly commendable. We could not be more thrilled with their exceptional programme that added an element of excitement to each and every day. A brief history is available here in an interview at http://www.journalpioneer.com/News/ Local/2016-07-07/article-4581370/Reenactmentgroup-sets-up-camp-in-Summerside/1 **CELEBRATION SERVICE ENDING**: 84th Highland Regiment Piper, Capt. Robert Redden, on Sunday morning led the Loyalist parade into St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown for the celebration service. After the service, a delicious sit-down lunch of sandwiches, strawberry soup, and a plated lemon dessert was catered by the church ladies. One hundred lunches were negotiated and provided. No one left hungry and very few chairs were vacant. After lunch, many pictures were taken in the surrounding beautiful gardens. Those who wished, then toured the beautiful All Soul's Chapel, a National Historic site next to the Cathedral, containing many works of art and beautiful stained glass windows. This was a relaxing and happy way to bid farewell to the 2016 UELAC Conference. Looking forward, it is onward to the London, Ontario, 2017 Conference, in Canada's 150th year since Confederation.



From left: James Adair, Frans Compeer, Jim McKenzie, David Hongisto, unknown man, Bob McBride, Carl Stymiest, Jamie Scott, Doug Grant.

The Passing of a Past President: Myrna Marlene Fox UE

02 September 1937 – 23 September 2016

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, Myrna Marlene Fox UE passed away in her 80th year at Sunnybrook Hospital with her family and Rev. Summers at her side. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Don, children and spouses: Cynthia (Steven), Catherine (Daniel), Steven (Suzanne), and Stewart (Joyce), grandchildren: Kaitlin, Paul, Kelly, Curtis, Matthew, Sarah, Brandon, Madeline, and sister, Betty.

Her love for her family and church was foremost.

Myrna was a member of the Toronto Branch of the UELAC, served on many committees and was Dominion President from 2002 to 2004.

Myrna was a faithful and beloved member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.



The family would like to thank the staff of Sunnybrook for their compassionate care.

The family received guests at R.S. Kane Funeral Home, 6150 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, 28 September, and a service of remembrance was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2737 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, 29 September.

Donations may be made to Sunnybrook Hospital Foundation or Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Editor's Note: In the Spring of 2004, then Dominion President, Myrna Fox UE, approached me to see if I would consider becoming the next Editor of *The Loyalist Gazette*, to which I agreed. Together, Myrna and I formulated the term "the window to the world for the UELAC," a phrase that I always include in each issue of the *Gazette* in my Editorial, *The Loyalist Quill*.

-Robert Collins McBride UE, B.Sc., M.Ed.

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The modern Delta Hotel behind the 1905 Armoury in London, Ontario.



ondon and Western Ontario Branch, assisted by Grand River Branch, will host the 2017 Dominion Conference a week prior to Canada's Sesquicentennial birthday, showcasing our region to our UELAC guests. Being held at the end of the school year will allow Loyalist guests and teachers to bring children. The Delta London Armouries Hotel continues to provide special rates

before and after the Conference, for guests to explore 1812 to 1815 battle sites and local attractions within a one to two hour drive, such as the renowned Stratford Festival. The Delta is negotiating reduced rates at an affiliate hotel in Ottawa for the 01 July celebration.

Venue for 2017 Conference

The Delta London Armouries Hotel is a recently-renovated magnificent old 1905 Armoury, converted into a luxury hotel with a twenty-storey tower. It is centrally located downtown, close to conference events, shopping, and great restaurants. The main Armouries Ballroom will comfortably accommodate 200 seated guests, with The Gunnery Ballroom and Officers' Club accommodating other receptions, genealogy and membership meetings. The first 200 guests attending the <u>entire</u> Conference will have priority reservations <u>until</u> April, over those guests planning to just attend the Gala Banquet.

50 regular rooms are reserved at the special rate of **\$157.00** with **10** additional enhanced rooms reserved at **\$177.00**. All rooms received a complete renovation earlier this year and rooms also include free parking. Check the Delta Hotel link at <u>www.marriott.com/YXUDL</u>. Registrations may be made through the toll free number: **1-844-254-5055 (mention the UELAC Conference)**. These room rates can be enjoyed for three days prior and three days after our conference. Book early!



Conference Agenda

As we are currently eight months out from the 2017 Conference, most aspects are either firm, or nearly firm. More formal period dress is encouraged for the Saturday Gala Dinner. Business Suit and formal wear (Tuxedo, Military Mess Kit and Gowns are recommended at the Gala Banquet). Our *Hospitality Suite,* Elgin Parlour, will be open nightly from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, 22 June 2017:

• *Genealogy Meeting* (9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.in The Officers' Club) followed by lunch.

• *Membership Meeting* (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in The Officers' Club).

• *Welcome Reception* (5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Gunnery Ballroom and The Officers' Club).



Friday, 23 June 2017:

Excursion #1:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Downtown London to include tours of the reportedly haunted **Old Middlesex Courthouse and Gaol, The First Hussars Military Museum's** collection of cavalry WWI & WWII militaria, **Museum London**, with its 5,000 regional and Canadian works of art and 25,000 artefacts, and, finally, London's oldest residence, **Eldon House**, built in 1834 by John and Amelia Harris UE, contains family heirlooms, furnishings and priceless family treasures from around the world.

Excursion #2:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Downtown St Thomas including tours of the 1824 *Old St. Thomas Church and Pioneer Graveyard.* With many significant historical gravesites from the War 1812 to 1815, US Civil War, and the Riel Rebellion, to mention only a few, *The Elgin Military Museum*, honouring Victoria Cross recipient, Ellis Sifton, and displaying over two hundred years of uniforms and weapons, statue to Jumbo, PT Barnum's huge elephant killed by a locomotive. *Lunch* is planned at Trinity Anglican Church, followed by a tour of the *St. Thomas Railway Museum*, honouring the *'Railway Capital of Canada.'*

5:00 p.m. fellowship will precede the 6:00 p.m. *Dinner* with an entertaining presentation by WWI Major Reverend Canon Frederick Scott at the Armouries Ballroom.

Saturday 24 June 2017:

9.00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Annual General Membership Meeting in the Armoury Ballroom, followed by an afternoon of shopping, or visits to Banting House, Royal Canadian Regiment Museum, or Fanshawe Pioneer Village. Negotiations are being conducted with the City of London for complementary bus passes for our delegates.

5:00 p.m. fellowship followed by our 6:00 p.m. *Gala Banquet* with keynote speaker, Hon. Peter Milliken, and Pipes & Drums entertainment.

Sunday 25 June 2017:

10:00 a.m. *Loyalist Church Service* at St. Paul's Cathedral that houses many great historical artefacts, four blocks from the hotel, followed by a light lunch, after which the Conference is complete.

Loyally yours, G.T. (Greg) Childs, CD, Chair, 2017 Dominion Conference Committee, London and Western Ontario Branch, UELAC. **E-mail: g.childs"at"sympatico.ca**



Loyalist Church Service will be at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday.



Come see Reverend Canon Nick Wells, portray Major The Reverend Canon Frederick Scott in his WWI uniform.



Saturday's Keynote Speaker, The Honourable Peter Milliken UE, PC, OC, LLD, MA (Oxf), FRSC.



84th Highland Regiment re-enactors fire at the 2016 Conference.

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—Robert Collins McBride UE, B.Sc., M.Ed., (Bob) UELAC Publications Chairperson and Editor of *The Loyalist Gazette* Are you a publisher, genealogist, researcher?

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Please contact: Doug Grant UE: loyalist.trails"at"uelac.org S720 - 112 George St., Toronto ON, M5A 2M5 Canada. By Bonnie Schepers UE, UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Chairperson

n January 2016, we launched the Loyalist Scholarship Fund Challenge, a fund raising initiative that, by 01 April, had raised over \$11,000 in support of Loyalist research. Loyal members and friends of the UELAC enthusiastically took part. Fourteen UELAC Branches, representing all five regions, sent in donations. Financial support came in from international historians and researchers as well as others who follow the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada in social media. With the assistance of Dr. Taylor Stoermer, \$5,000 was set aside to create a Loyalist research fellowship at Harvard University.

The overwhelming support of scholarship this year indicates a desire to successfully fulfil item 4 of the UELAC Mission Statement: Providing Loyalist education resource materials and encouraging research through scholarship support. To add to the excitement, on 29 June, the UELAC Dominion Council voted in favour of the establishment of a Loyalist Scholarship Endowment Fund. Seed money of \$33,580 has been earmarked for investment to generate income specifically for the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship.

In July, a donation of \$2,000 was received from the 2016 UELAC Conference Committee. This gift was made possible by the many members who participated in the very successful 2016 conference *"Loyalists, Lighthouses, & Lobsters."* An additional \$1,000 came in from the New Brunswick Branch.

If you wish to join the UELAC in investing in the future, please donate to the Loyalist Scholarship Endowment Fund. For donations of \$10 or more, a tax receipt will be issued by the UELAC Head Office. The next time you give, please mark your donation Loyalist Scholarship Endowment Fund.

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Make donation cheques payable to the UELAC and indicate on the cheque "Scholarship Endowment Fund."

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The Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship

The UELAC scholarship committee is pleased to announce the creation of the Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship under the direction of Dr. Taylor Stoermer of Harvard University. During the 2016 UELAC Scholarship Fundraising Campaign, Dr. Stoermer personally donated and raised funds in the amount of \$5,000 that has been set aside in an account at Harvard marked for Loyalist research.

Dr. Stoermer has been invited to participate as the academic consultant to the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Committee, allowing him to administer the disbursement of Harvard-UELAC scholarship funds to successful candidates. On 24 May 2016, Taylor announced Harvard's first Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship recipient: Ms. Alexandra S. Garrett.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada extends sincere thanks to Dr. Taylor Stoermer.

Alexandra (Alexi) S. Garrett 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award Recipient

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, in partnership with Dr. Taylor

Stoermer, Harvard University, extends congratulations to Alexandra S. Garrett as the first recipient of the Harvard-UELAC Loyalist Studies Scholarship. During the 2016 UELAC Scholarship Fundraising Campaign, Dr. Stoermer personally donated and raised funds in the amount of \$5,000 that has been set aside in an account at Harvard marked for Loyalist research. Our 2016 award recipient, Ms. Alexi Garrett, is a third year PhD candidate at the University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History.

Alexi's PhD research considers the connections among gender, political affiliation, wealth distribution, and entrepreneurship of Loyalists' progeny in the early Republican United States. In May 2016, Alexi was awarded a MA degree in History by the University of Virginia with a thesis entitled, " 'I have yet much to say about the Negroes': Catharine Flood McCall's Slave Enterprises in Early Republican Virginia." In this thesis, Alexi examined Catharine



Flood McCall's nail manufactory and slave renting enterprises to analyze female mastery during a period of expanding urban enterprise in early national Virginia.

McCall was the richest woman in Essex County, Virginia, for much of the early national period, owned over 29 slaves, and never married. Catharine's heritage as the daughter of Scottish Loyalist, Archibald McCall UE, framed her family history, her career, and her identity. With the UELAC grant, Alexi will connect her biographical study of slavery and gendered enterprising in Virginia to the study of Loyalism by extending the temporal frame to the next generation of Loyalists. She will examine how Loyalists' progeny, especially *femme sole* daughters, fared in the bourgeoning American republic.

Alexi has taught undergraduate level courses at the University of Virginia in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. She is an active member of her department's Early American Seminar and Movements and Directions in Capitalism reading group.

In 2015–2016, Alexi enjoyed presenting her work on the McCalls at a number of venues, including the Jamestown– Yorktown Foundation's Virginia Forum, the annual meeting of the Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists, UVA's Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, and her department's Early American Seminar.

In the summer of 2016, Alexi attended the "History of Capitalism Summer Camp," hosted by Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. At "camp," historians learned how to use economic methods in their research, such as finance and data analysis, statistical modeling, and micro- and macroeconomics. She also attended the Digital Mitford Coding School, hosted by the Center for the Digital Text at the University of Pittsburgh–Greensburg. There she learned text encoding methods, such as encoding the markings on manuscript material and autotagging complicated texts with regular expression matching, for large-scale digital 19th-century archive projects.

Alexi plans to use the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship to enable visits to archives in Canada, Philadelphia, Richmond, and Glasgow to conduct primary research on the McCalls and other Loyalist families who successfully petitioned to return to the States.

Stephanie Seal Walters 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award Recipient

With great pleasure The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada awarded Stephanie Seal Walters the 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award. Ms. Walters is a PhD Candidate at George Mason University, Department of History and Art History in Fairfax, Virginia.

Ms. Walters' dissertation examines the forgotten Loyalist populations in Virginia during the American Revolution and seeks to have them recognized as a part of Virginia's Revolutionary narrative. Her work will argue that Loyalism



was far more common in the Old Dominion than either scholars of the American Revolution or contemporaries have acknowledged. By adding accounts of Loyalism in the state, much can be learned about Virginia's revolutionary struggle and how it ultimately affects the narrative of the American Revolution. Stephanie is conducting her research under the supervision of Dr. Cynthia A. Kierner, Director of the PhD program (History and Art History GMU), and Past President of the Southern Association for Women Historians.

Stephanie plans to travel to archives across Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and will complete her PhD in American History at George Mason University in 2018.

Sophie H. Jones 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award Recipient

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is pleased to announce Sophie H. Jones of Liverpool, UK, as recipient of the 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award. Ms. Jones is a second-year PhD candidate at the University of Liverpool, investigating the development of cultural identity in Colonial America and American Loyalism during the American Revolution.

Sophie's PhD research considers the cultural origins of Loyalism in New York as a consequence of 1690s Anglicization policies and the later Consumer Revolution, before analyzing the



activities of Loyalists during the American Revolution and assessing their responses to its aftermath. Building upon undergraduate and postgraduate research, her project contributes to an emerging school of thought that highlights the strength of British cultural identity and Loyalist support within New York, which lasted until, and often beyond, the moment of independence.

In 2009, Sophie was awarded a BA Honours degree in History by the University of Liverpool with a dissertation entitled "Commercial Anglicisation in Colonial New York." In 2014, she was awarded an MA in Eighteenth-Century Worlds by the University of Liverpool, with her dissertation "Detecting and Defeating Loyalist Conspiracies in Revolutionary New York: A Study of the Albany County Commission, 1778–1781."

As part of her doctoral programme, Sophie has taught both undergraduate- and masters-level courses at the University of Liverpool relating to the Atlantic World, the Eighteenth Century and Atlantic Revolutions. She is an active member of her University's Eighteenth-Century Worlds Research Centre.

I intend to contribute to the UELAC's ongoing mission ...

In September 2016, Sophie will be in residence at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, as a Peterson Fellow, where she will consult the Society's collections relating to New York's Loyalists during the American Revolution and the accounts of Loyalist exiles following the British defeat. Sophie has also been awarded the Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program to visit the New York State Archives in Albany, where she will consult collections concerning property confiscations and decisions taken against suspected Loyalists during the War.

Sophie plans to use the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship to enable a visit to archives in Canada during the spring and summer of 2017 to conduct primary research. She welcomes the opportunity to be part of the UELAC community of fellow-Loyalist researchers, and will make details of any upcoming visits or speaking engagements public. In her words, "With the support of the UELAC Scholarship, I intend to contribute to the UELAC's ongoing mission of promoting and celebrating the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists."

The UELAC Loyalst Scholarship Challenge 2016

n 31 January 2016, the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Committee launched the 2016 Loyalist Scholarship Fund Challenge. Our goal is to raise \$5,000.00 in eight weeks. All donations to the UELAC Scholarship Fund directly support Loyalist history research. If you are unable to participate in the eight-week challenge, you may still contribute. For donations of \$10.00 or more, a tax receipt

will be issued by the UELAC Head Office.

The UELAC Loyalist Scholarship provides support to young people who are currently enrolled in a program of graduate study and are passionate about history. Two scholarships of \$2,500.00 are offered each year to qualified candidates undertaking a program in relevant Loyalist historical research. With your financial support, we can do even more.

Since 2005, eight graduate students have furthered their academic careers in Loyalist historical research through the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Loyalist Scholarship.

Loyalist Scholarship recipients have studied at home and abroad, attending:

Queen's University Western University University of California, Davis Dalhousie University Brock University Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne University of Stirling, Scotland

King's College, London

Read more about the scholarship and its history.

The UELAC mandate includes the understanding of the role and impact of the Loyalists on the development of Canada. Providing Loyalist education resource materials and encouraging research through scholarship support are integral to our mission to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists.

As we support academic excellence, we are building relationships with both educational institutions and committed students of Loyalist history as they begin their professional careers. Please give today.

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Scholarship

The UELAC Loyalist

he UELAC Loyalist Scholarship can be awarded to any graduate student who is interested in researching in the Loyalist era on a subject that will benefit the UELAC. Masters (2 years) and PhD (3 years) students will be awarded \$2,500 per year. Upon graduation, the thesis must

be presented to the Association. The President and Scholarship Committee members will review the application with its summary of intended study area and decide who should receive the award.

To be eligible:

a) the student must intend to use the award in the academic year following the receipt of the award and use the money for fees and books;

b) the student must provide a succinctly-written research proposal to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Scholarship Committee in which he/she sets forth his/her interest in the Loyalists before receiving the award. An interview may be scheduled.

Priority will be given to a student of proven Loyalist descent. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada reserves the right to award the Scholarship at its sole discretion.

Preference may be given to students who have taken an undergraduate degree in history and to students at universities in Canada.

For more information about this scholarship and an application form please see the UELAC website: www.uelac.org/scholarship.php.

Application is due by 28 February each year, at Dominion Office, The George Brown House, 50 Baldwin St., Suite 202, Toronto, ON M5T 1L4.

> —Bonnie Schepers UE, Chairperson of the UELAC Scholarship.

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By Andrew Billingsley UE (Photo by Alan Dean)

Editor's Note: A version of this article appeared in the *Anglo Celtic Roots*, September 2016 issue, published by the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa.

hat follows is an attempt to follow the lives of certain of my family members through five generations covering one hundred and fifty years in North America. It begins in 1771 when a fourth-great-grandfather left London, England, for the Thirteen Colonies, and ends in 1921 when my paternal grandfather began using his mother's maiden name. Over those years, my ancestors had more than their share of setbacks, particularly the death of a father of a very young family, but, nonetheless, all managed to eventually thrive.

Master Mariner John Christopher Billingsley was my second-greatgrandfather. Born in 1802, John had grown up on the north shore of the Bay of Chaleur of the Atlantic Ocean on the Gaspé Peninsula. The location, now known as New Carlisle, Quebec, was chosen mainly to accommodate the growing number of refugees from the Thirteen Colonies loyal to Britain during the American Revolution. John's father, Richard, had been a British private in the Grenadier Company of the 31st Regiment of Foot, as a locksmith.

Note: In this era, a "locksmith" was likely someone who maintained the firing mechanism of flintlock muskets (the lock).

Richard's birth on 01 April 1757, and baptism the following year, was recorded in the Anglican Church records in Codsall, Shropshire, in England. He first appeared on its muster rolls at Pointe-aux-Trembles, near Montreal, in December 1782, age twentyfour, with three years of military service. Our assumption is that Richard was among reinforcements sent from Britain in 1780 after the capitulation of the British forces at Saratoga, New York, in 1777. Richard is listed among those discharged British soldiers and Loyalist refugees who left Quebec in June 1784.

John's parents were Richard Billingsley and Elizabeth Pearson. They were among the 315 passengers, including 132 children, who had sailed in two brigs, a scow, a hoy [*Editor's Note: a hoy is a small vessel outfitted like a sloop*], and four whale boats, from the port of Quebec on 09 June 1784. Two years later, the two were married. On arrival in early July, the incoming families were "each provided with an axe, hammer, saw, hoe, spade, seeds, nails, and a pair of hinges," plus rations for at least three months. "Each group of five families received a whipsaw for making planks, and a gun for hunting." A draw for lots followed on 03 August 1784.

Three weeks later, the Lieutenant Governor of the District reported "that the refugees there were cheerfully occupied in building their homes, and were becoming more and more pleased with their lands." A memorandum accompanying the report added "that it is the best country for a poor man than he had ever seen, on account of the great quantities of fish, game, and timber, and the fertility of the soil. Even small plots produce exceedingly good wheat, peas, potatoes, flax, etc."

Christopher "painted his children to resemble Indians"

John's mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Christopher Pearson, a Loyalist breechesmaker. He, with his wife and children, had left London, England, for Philadelphia in 1771. Elizabeth would have been four years old at that time, and seventeen on arrival in New Carlisle. In the intervening years, the family had lost a daughter and their mother, after being driven off their land near the Mohawk River in New York State. In one account, Christopher "painted his children to resemble Indians" to escape the Rebels and, in 1777, joined Butler's Rangers. The family fled to Niagara, then to a Loyalist refugee camp near present-day Trois-Rivières, Quebec. There, Christopher married again, to a Loyalist widow with seven children.

Plentiful fish, especially cod, had long generated interest in the Bay of Chaleur, and by 1766, fishermen from as far away as the island of Jersey, had established themselves there. In the ten years before 1796, 176 sailing vessels had been registered in New Carlisle alone, as required by the British government. "From as early as 1790, a number of New Carlisle Loyalists and their descendents were ship owners, ship builders, and masters, of a substantial number of schooners, brigantines, and brigs." The Billingsley name was among those of the eight most prominent builders.

"These ships were all made of material hewed with a broad-axe, and sawn by hand, as sawmills were unknown in those days." Richard Billingsley, a brother twelve years older than John, had built himself the schooner, *Venus*, in 1818, of which he was registered as "master." His two younger brothers, John and Benjamin, equally owned another schooner and a brigantine. The schooner, launched in 1828, with John as "master," was called *Prudent*.



The **Prudent** arrived in Quebec, 1828: http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/ Arrivals/1828d.shtml — "Cleared: Oct 18 — schooner **Prudent**, Billingsby, (for) Miramichi."

It was 54 feet long, with 1 deck and 2 masts, and a capacity of 65 tons.

"Gaspé-built ships carried cargoes of cod, and other products of sea and shore to major seaports such as Quebec, Halifax and St. John's, and made regular trans-ocean voyages to markets in England, Spain, Italy, and the islands of the Caribbean."

A good example of John's seafaring life was recorded by a New Carlisle notary in an Act of Protest. The latter is a statement of fact to explain the circumstances behind a failure to fulfill a contract. This particular operation took place in 1832, John being just 30 years old. It concerned a trans-Atlantic voyage that was not able to reach its destination at the port of Quebec on time.

The schooner in question was the *Prudent*, and the story begins on 25 August 1832 in Limerick, Ireland. The ship is described as then being "tight, staunch, and strong, well and sufficiently provided, equipped, and furnished with all things needful and necessary for a voyage at sea, and kept hatches well and sufficiently caulked and covered." The crew was made up of a Mate, John's brother-in-law, James Popley, and a seaman.

Carrying a cargo of biscuits, butter, and limestone, the *Prudent* set sail for its first port of call, St. John's, Newfoundland. Crossing the Atlantic was uneventful, reaching St. John's about a month later, on 23 September 1832. Then, three weeks later, Sunday, 14 October 1832, having discharged its cargo, and taken on another of codfish and six cases of cigars, the *Prudent* began the next stage of its voyage to Quebec.

Early the next day, the winds "increased to a small gale," splitting the top sail, with the sea "running very high, and making a clean breach of the vessel." The main mast was only prevented from going by the board by the "unremitting labour and exertion" of the crew. The north wind picked up again that evening off Cape Race at the tip of Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula, splitting the standing jib and breaking the jib boom.

By the following Saturday, despite continuing heavy seas, and losing the jib stay, the crew was able to make repairs to the rigging, sails, and spars, and the *Prudent* found itself near the island of St. Pierre, the French possession close to Newfoundland. It was agreed to find a new mast there, which took some time, and the replacement was not in place until another week had gone by.



headstone, St. Andrews Anglican Church, New Carlisle, Que. Source: author.

carried away a great portion of the sails

A week later, now early November, the *Prudent* was just off the tip of Cape Breton Island. Heavy seas were "almost sweeping the deck, and stove in parts of the bulwark," and a gale "carried away a great portion of the sails." Snow, heavy at times, had begun to fall. After consulting with the crew, and seeing no prospect of reaching the port of Quebec that season, John set the course for Gaspé Harbour, where the schooner spent the winter.

John Christopher Billingsley, my second-great-grandfather, is also always described as a farmer in notarial documents. On his 100-acre lot immediately to the west of town, he had a house, barn, and stable, with four oxen used for plowing, and two horses. It is perhaps where Billingsley Street is in 2014. John appears to have lived with his parents until they had both died, his mother's death being on 29 January 1839. That year, John leased his property in return for half the produce.

The next June, John married Mary Ann Thomson, from a family of one son and two daughters who had all immigrated to Quebec from Plymouth, England. They were married in the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in that city. Three children followed, all born in New Carlisle: Frederick Charles Bernard Thomson in 1841, (named after Mary Ann's brother), Elizabeth in 1843, and Charlotte in 1845.

dead ... from the accidental discharge of his fowling piece

Less than a month after Charlotte's birth, John was found dead "from a

wound received from the accidental discharge of his fowling piece." John was 43 years old, and Mary Ann, 28. John was buried in the churchyard of St. Andrews Anglican Church in New Carlisle (Figure 1).

MaryAnn and her children, the eldest only five years old, moved back to Quebec to reside with her unmarried brother. The *Prudent* was sold in 1846 for 155 British pounds, Mary Ann's share being half.

MaryAnn's son, Frederick, was educated in Quebec, and at age 13, he joined the firm of H.&E. Burstall, "important exporters of forest products" to England, as "a junior clerk." The Burstalls were brothers from Hull, England. In 1862, a Burstall nephew, John, who had apprenticed with the firm, formed his own company, in partnership with a partner in Liverpool, England. Frederick was hired as his accountant.





Left:

(Figure 3) Frederick Billingsley. Source: <u>Men of</u> <u>Canada</u>, (J.A. Cooper, ed., The Canadian Historical Company, Montreal and Toronto, 1901–2).

Right:

(Figure 4) Charlotte Billingsley. Source: author.

FREDERICK BILLINGSLEY, OF JOHN BURSTALL & CO., QUEBEC, MONTREAL AND LONDON, ENGLAND; DIRECTOR QUEBEC BANK; PRESIDENT QUEBEC WAREHOUSE COMPANY, QUEBEC.

John and Frederick also became shareholders in the Quebec Warehouse Company, with the latter as Secretary, eventually becoming President. In 1866, Frederick married (Figure 2). By "the beginning of the 1870s, John Burstall and Company "was in excellent financial shape." "At Quebec, it owned a steamship, two barges, nine small boats, and a lumber cove." Three more Liverpool partners were admitted in 1875 and, in 1877, Frederick was one of two others admitted as partners (Figure 3). "Before the development of the steam carrying trade, for a long period of years, the firm exported annually to Great Britain from 120 to 200 cargos of timber and deals."

Beginning in 1886, the partners began to withdraw, and four years later, only Frederick and John remained. "The contraction of the market in Britain affected the company's growth, and its financial resources diminished proportionately." However, the firm was valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in 1895, just before John's death in early 1896. Frederick remained a partner until his death in 1904, at age 63.

German-sounding names became a handicap in Canada

Frederick's mother never remarried, and is buried in the Thomson plot at Mount Hermon Cemetery in Quebec. Her daughter, Charlotte, one of my great-grandmothers, married Emil Poliwka, and adopted his Czech family name (Figure 4). During the First World War, Germansounding names became a handicap in Canada. In February 1921, by Assembly Bill 114 in the Quebec Parliament, Charlotte's three sons took their mother's maiden name. Her son, Frederick, named after his uncle, was my grandfather.

Many generations have benefitted after their early ancestors overcame adversity. Since 1921, four new generations are helping to keep our family history alive.



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Genealogy, a Contemporary Phenomenon or Something Deeper?

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veryone has ancestors but, until recently, few were intent on tracing them. Some attribute the interest in ancestors to Alex Haley's book and its spin-off television series, Roots. Others consider it has been the personal computer that has enabled people to collect and keep track of family history. Both theories are partly correct, but they miss the wider picture: the underlying social and psychological phenomena that involve people in genealogy these days. I would briefly like to explore a few of the deeper explanations for the interest in genealogy. I believe that as people interested in heritage, history and perhaps as members of the genealogical public, we have to realize that many of those searching for their ancestors are motivated by subconscious factors that they may not recognize, but which exert an influence on their behaviour.

Until 1775, the accepted political model of government was hierarchical, usually with an hereditary monarch at the apex of the governmental and social pyramid. Wealth and status was derived from ownership and control of land. First, the American, and then the French Revolution challenged and partly changed European political, social and economic structures.

The foundation of all these systems was the family, but not necessarily the nuclear family as we think of it: parents with their minor children. The family was actually the household, meaning one nuclear family together with such relatives and servants or apprentices as lived together as a social and economic unit, or some would say, those who ate with their feet under the same table. Until the first Industrial Revolution, the family was the basic unit of production. The members of a household or family shared in the production of goods or the delivery of services for the wider community.

In the era before government had intruded into people's lives to the extent with which we are familiar, what we call welfare was a very local concern. It was understood that each parish or community looked after its own disabled, its poor, and its foundlings. There were, therefore, sound economic reasons to enforce moral conduct on members of the community, and for the master and mistress to in Nova Scotia regulate the behaviour, especially the sexual behaviour, of members of their household family. Apart from any moral condemnation of sexual misconduct, it was self-evident that the community would lose economically if it had to support a large number of foundlings. Great efforts were made to prevent illegitimacy, even to forcing couples to marry, if unmarried.

By the 1820s science and technology were poised to undermine the family as a unit of production. Steam power required the construction of large and expensive machinery to produce textiles. Few people could afford to own such equipment that was housed at first in any large cheap building, but later, in structures erected specifically as manufactories. Within a generation or two a pre-industrial society was swept up in progress, as the family unit of production was simply overwhelmed by the ability of power-driven machinery to turn out more goods of consistent quality than could a family working manually. Craftsmanship was largely being lost, although here and there pockets of primary production on land or sea survived longer. Recent Canadian statistics regarding the decline in the number of family farms or individuallyowned fishing boats reveal that the process continues apace.

In time the factories and mines employed fewer children, as religious and social reformers prodded politicians to restrict such



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employment. A bit later, legislation was passed to protect women from the worst abuses of the workplace. The net outcome was that the family no longer functioned as a unit of production in industrialized countries.

The nineteenth century tried to solve the problem of what to do with children once they stopped being part of the workforce. Public schools, compulsory and free, came into being. One of the larger unresolved issues in western countries has been the formulation of a precise mission statement for the public education system. There seem to be three functions involved: care taking, job training and personal fulfilment.

> Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853

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<u>Care taking</u> has expanded from the mid-nineteenth century goal of providing somewhere safe to put children during the day while their parents worked. Contemporary society places considerably more demands on its schools, to the extent that many children spend more time with their teachers than they do with their biological parents. When the time spent together by the generations within a family is diminished, there is an accompanying reduction in the opportunities for the transmission of family, behavioural and cultural lore. Something is lost thereby.

Job training included the concept of being a good citizen, with knowledge of literacy, numeracy and, more recently, computer literacy as well. Schools were instructed to inculcate by precept and example a wide array of desirable qualities, such as respect, patriotism, frugality, moderation, temperance, industry, diligence, etc. Latterly some of those civic virtues have given way to self-esteem, conflict avoidance, learning how to deal with bullies, and other responses to current issues.

Personal fulfilment gradually garnered attention as people faced lives that would be longer, thanks to improved hygiene, the development of antiseptics, and medical research. Better machinery meant that factories could produce as much in a 40-hour week as once took twice as long. More employees worked a 5½ and then a 5-day week. Schools began to introduce students to literature, history and a battery of other content areas, partly to give future adults greater depth and breadth of understanding, and partly to equip them to make constructive use of that glittering illusion called leisure time.

Today's families rarely function as units of production; schools and day-cares are delegated to serve as surrogate parents but with no clear direction from society as to the desired outcomes. It cannot be surprising if people feel uprooted and adrift on uncharted waters. When we are lost, a natural instinct is to search the horizon for any familiar landmark in order to re-orient ourselves. For many people all over the developed world, the family past offers the hope of something both personal and constant to hang onto.

Zygmunt Bauman observed that:

The individual had an identity, which is to say, a stable sense of self from birth to death. His or her life could be told as a narrative: factually in an autobiography, fictionally as a novel, or as part of a genealogy. Something happens when change is so rapid that nothing confers meaning – when lives become lifestyles, commitments become experiments, relationships become provisional, careers turn into contracts, and life itself ceases to have the character of a narrative and becomes instead a series of episodes with no connecting thread.¹

John Demos believed that:

This kind of existential burnout is a hazard of our times . . . [where we are] constantly in touch by mobile phone and handheld computer, watching financial markets around the world, always at risk of corporate downsizing, less and less in touch with those whose lives [our] decisions will affect, and guided by the brutal philosophy of the American bumper sticker that read, 'The guy with the most toys when he dies wins.'²

Our contemporary family is a beleaguered institution. When once the walls of the family are finally beaten down, we will have destroyed not merely the home, the fundamental building block of our civilization, but we will have abandoned to decay and collapse the broader structures that have been underpinned by the existence of strong family units.

I believe that people instinctively and often unwittingly have been tracing their ancestry because they intuitively grasp that even this uniqueness is threatened by a world in which the large is considered better than the small, and the private brushed aside by the public, and the civil by the brash. The good news is that human nature has not been destroyed through the centuries, and the human spirit will not be denied. Beneath all the stress people still want to know who they are, and any sane answer to that question includes identifying and treasuring one's own family, in both its resemblances to and differences from others.

History is important because it helps us to know ourselves. It tells us who we were and who we are. It is the collective memory of humanity that situates us in our time and place. This collective memory undergoes constant revision, restructuring and rewriting, but whatever its form, it reveals anew to each generation a common fund of knowledge, values, traditions and ideas that help explain our existence, and the errors and successes in our past.

We must remain aware that humans are the one creature on earth that has the ability to pass along the entire accumulated experience and knowledge of hundreds of generations. Unfortunately, many of today's parents are unable to spend time

with their own children, compared to past generations when shared tasks were the norm, and most education took the form of direct face-to-face communication of knowledge and values. It falls increasingly to teachers, librarians, archivists, heritage activists, and genealogists to supply that role. Computers and the Internet are fine and wonderful; books have many valuable uses; but if we propose to transmit our identity as a culture and civilization, let's perform that duty humanly and humanely. Genealogy serves to connect each of us to a past that is uniquely yours or mine and, at the same time, a shared experience of many ethnicities in many belief systems over a multitude of historical experiences.

Among my favourite thinkers and authors is Jonathan Saks. He writes that:

We have delegated away much of what matters in our lives, partly to governments, police forces, judges, courts, social workers, managers and teachers; in part to therapists, counsellors, advisers, ... each of whom we pay. . . to manage our affairs, relationships, conflicts or emotions better than we can or have time to do. This constitutes a massive loss of sovereignty over our lives. . . . That is the weakness of contracting out large aspects of our lives, as against assuming personal and moral responsibility. ³

Let me take Jonathan Sacks' point one step further. The traditional sources of sovereignty (here meaning independence or ultimate power of direction) were the family, the church and the state. If we eliminate the first two, as we have been doing for some years now in Canada, we are left with the unchallenged power of the state. Once the churches and the family have lost their moral influence. and the state has become the creature of international finance, people turn increasingly to one thing they can be loyal to ... their roots ... if they can find them. We mustn't dismiss the genealogical quest as folly or vanity; it is our humanity crying out for its soul.

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From Native American to Scottish: The Journey to Find My First Parents

By Don Anderson UE

directly faced the door. I rang the doorbell and heard footsteps from inside the house. What would happen? I held my breath. The door opened and, from behind the screen, a tall, older woman appeared, dressed in a white blouse and blue slacks. Her kind, friendly face greeted me: "Can I help you?"

Almost six years earlier, I made a decision that would forever alter the course of my future: a decision to begin searching for my birth mother. I was born in April 1951 and was surrendered by my birth mother to the Albertina Kerr Adoption Agency in Portland, Oregon, two weeks later. Towards the end of October, I was adopted by a couple that lived in southwest Portland. For the next few years, I had virtually no memory of my early life. I do remember what my adoptive mom said to me at five: "I want you to know that you are adopted, and we can take you back anytime we want to."

The fear of being taken back was real. Was I wanted? Was I loved?

The bonding that took place was based on fear, not love. Loving me for me and meeting my needs were not the reason I was adopted. Because of this, my world would be coloured by uncertainty for many years thereafter.

> your birth father ... had some Indian blood

In 1995, I travelled to Albertina Kerr and filled out the paperwork for the birth registry, in hopes that my birth mother had done the same. If she had, the agency would facilitate reunion. Two weeks later I received the following:

"Your birth mother was born in March, 1932, in Oregon. She is of Scottish, Irish, English and German descent. Her religious preference at that time was Baptist. Her father was a college graduate, and her mother had two years of college. The only information about your birth father was that he had been married and divorced. He had some Indian blood, but it was unknown how much, or was there any reference as to what tribe."



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In early Spring 1998, Measure 58 was placed on the Oregon voters ballot. If passed, adoptees twenty-one and older in the state would have access to their pre-adoption birth certificates. On 22 March 2000, after two years of court battles, the Oregon Supreme Court cleared the measure to become law. In June, I received an envelope from the Office of Vital Records. Included were:

Birth name – Richard Allan Blackstone The name of mother – Nancy Ann Blackstone Place of residence – Corvallis, Oregon

In March 2001, I was able to reunite with my birth mother, Nancy, travelling to Vallejo, California, to meet her for the first time. I asked her the name of the birth father to which she replied, "Honey, I don't remember his name, but he had dark hair, dark eyes, olive skin, and was part Native American." After six good years of reunion, she passed without ever telling me the name of my father.



Birth Mother: Nancy Blackstone

My father was Native American. How much Native American was I? In June 2006, I read about a Y DNA chromosome test that could determine the amount of Native American ethnicity. The cost: \$245 U.S.

NO Native American!

I ordered the test, and Fed Ex delivered the results just shy of four weeks. How much Native American was I? I was almost entirely European, with a touch of Middle Eastern. NO Native American! How could this be??

My heart didn't believe what my eyes saw. Just thinking about the test results was painful. No more DNA testing.

In November 2013, I saw a television show that told of an adoptee in search of his birth parents. He had been told he was part Native American. By the end of the episode, a DNA test had proven him to be 25% Native American. It was also mentioned that DNA testing had improved in the last seven years. My decision never to test again changed. I ordered a test from AncestryDNA in December. Because of the improvements, I was sure that the new test would 'correct' the results of the one from 2006.

From where were my parents?

Four weeks after ordering the test, my results arrived by e-mail. I couldn't believe it: 46% Irish, 33% British, 12% Scandinavian, with the remaining 9% made up of Western European, Iberian Peninsula, Finnish/Russian, and Middle Eastern. Where was the Native American?

I became 'Irish', and learned as much as I could about their culture, customs and music. I even learned to make soda bread and Irish stew! I had my DNA results sent to Ireland for a genetic expert to review, and he told me my roots were in Scotland!! It was time to cross the water from Ireland.

I took a total of nine DNA tests from three different companies (Ancestry, Family Tree DNA and 23andMe), enrolled in two DNA classes, and went to Houston, Texas, for a DNA conference hosted by FTDNA. I was determined to find my father!

In February 2015, a breakthrough occurred. I was able to discover a common ancestor on my Ancestry account. Four fourth cousin DNA matches matched each other and with the same surname in each of their family trees: McIntosh! A series of discoveries led to finding a McIntosh



Birth Father: J. H. Stuart McIntosh

family that had moved from Saskatchewan, Canada, to Corvallis, Oregon, in 1937. Their two children attended high school with my birth mother, an older sister.

proved I was a McIntosh

With circumstantial evidence in place, I needed to find a close paternal family that would test. My potential birth father, J. H. Stuart McIntosh, had passed in 2008. I found a potential first and two secondcousins that agreed to test. Unbeknownst to me, another male McIntosh had taken a Y (male chromosome) test as well. Y test results arrived on 06 June. Because of the closeness of the match, it proved I was a McIntosh. On 22 June, the two second cousins' results confirmed Stuart as my father, and on 03 October, the first cousin added icing to the cake. Stuart McIntosh is my father, and he was Scottish!! I decided to order a McIntosh kilt in the traditional tartan pattern, with all of the accessories to boot. This was a very real connection to my Celtic roots.

I took time to mentally rewind and review what had happened. How much time had passed between signing up for the birth registry and confirming Stuart as my father? Twenty years. During that time, I transformed from a child of adoption to an adult in full knowledge of his heritage. Sometime's quickly, and many times at a snail's pace, my journey and quest continued moving forward.



Don Anderson "a few years ago"

Was I wanted? Was I loved?

When people ask me was this experience worth it, I always included the following. My mother wanted to keep me. If my father had known, he would have moved heaven and earth to find me. The proof? I heard as much from Nancy while she lived and from Stuart through those who knew him. Was I wanted? Was I loved? Absolutely.

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William McIntosh, an ancestor

01 July 2016 - Canada Day and Memorial Day in Newfoundland & a Surprise Loyalist Connection



Author, Ruth Nicholson UE, with the Danger Tree.

By Ruth Nicholson UE

e had no idea what a special day was upon us this year. My husband, David, and I were in Corner Brook, Newfoundland on the day that The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was to unveil a memorial to honour those lost one hundred years ago at the Battle of Beaumont Hamel, France. Princess Anne would also present new colours to the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's the next day.

Only 68 men [of 800] were able to answer the roll call the next morning.

At Corner Brook, the monument was installed outside the Forest Centre at Grenfell Campus, part of Memorial University. The university itself was founded in 1925 as a living legacy to every member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment who died during the First World War. The men of this regiment were ordered to march towards a particular tree that still stands today, known as the Danger Tree. About 80 men were killed in this initial failed attack on the German front lines. That was only the beginning of their losses that day. Only 68 men out of approximately 800 were able to answer the roll call the next morning. They were either killed, missing or wounded. This battle affected families from nearly every cove and inlet of Newfoundland.

The monument shows the few stark limbs of the Danger Tree with barbed wire wrapped around it. A soldier moves towards the tree on his belly. Around the tree are large, blue forget-me-not flowers. This monument was paid for by money raised by the Corner Brook Forget-Me-Not Campaign. Memorial University's WW100th Commemorative Program paid for the landscaping. The next step will be to get sponsors for every one of the 1,612 members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment killed during the First World War.



The artist-sculptor is Morgan MacDonald, who was born and educated in Corner Brook. He has his foundry and studio at Logy Bay. MacDonald works in the traditional lost wax method and creates realistic and emotive pieces. His work is internationally acclaimed. http://www.morgansculpt.ca/



Artist-sculptor, Morgan MacDonald

It is interesting that Prince Charles presented the First Battalion with their new colours back in 1983. Thirty-three years later, his sister, Princess Anne, presented new colours to the First and Second Battalions. The colours had been in many parades and had tears so were looking poorly after more than three decades of service. Important elements make up the overall design. The Queen's and the Regiments' colours are used. Three new battle honours are featured to reflect the Royal Newfoundland's participation in the Battle of Detroit in 1812, at the Maumee in 1813 and in Defence of Canada from 1812 to 1814. How amazing!

I'm now connected to these regiments and this day more than I could possibly have known! Isaac Ferriss UE, son on my Loyalist ancestor, Joseph Ferriss UEL, had received a service medal for his participation at the Battle of Detroit, and he was also at the Maumee. He was only 17 years-old and my sister, Susan McCloskey Hutchins UE, and I had honoured Isaac Ferriss last year by unveiling a new War of 1812 plaque for him on 23 May.



Above: Inscription on the Danger Tree

Below: Artillery shells at the base of the Danger Tree



troops who fought with Brock ... were also from Newfoundland

I now understand that the British troops who fought with General Sir Isaac Brock at these battles were not necessarily from Britain. They were also from Newfoundland, a British colony until 1949.

How wonderful that David and I had planned a trip to the western side of Newfoundland to coincide with the Dominion Conference at Summerside, P.E.I. this year. Canada Day will always have an even richer meaning for me after this extraordinary experience in Newfoundland.

Research was from articles in *The Western Star* newspaper, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador, 29 June 2016.



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oyalist House in Saint John, New Brunswick, owned by the New Brunswick Historical Society, has just had a remarkable \$600,000 exterior renovation completed in only two and a half months! This work repaired decades of deterioration due to lack of funds. The house, also known as the Merritt House, now stands proudly on its spot at the corner of Union Street and Germain, in the centre of the city, with its gleaming white painted clapboards offset by striking green shutters, matching its new reproduction front door and Quaker staircase. It even sports a new "1810 Loyalist House" sign on the corner of the building.

a fantastic amount of quality, period-authentic work

Thirty-one rotting windows were replaced with newly hand-crafted, periodauthentic ones, wooden gutters were replaced, its four great chimneys repointed, rotted siding replaced and protected with three primer coats and three finish coats of paint. Fences and gates were repaired and painted. Gardens were rejuvenated, and even the exterior of the adjacent coach house was repaired and painted. Although a National Historic Site, Loyalist House receives little and sporadic government funding. The work was sponsored by various monetary donations, volunteer work, and gifts of construction materials. The result of this herculean effort is spectacular! It was truly a fantastic amount of quality, period-authentic work accomplished in record time.

It was a wonderful, sunny evening in Saint John for the grand reopening celebration on 13 July 2016. Police cordoned off the street so members, friends, and well-wishers-several in period dress-could spill across it in front of the house to hear speeches by Mayor Don Darling; MLA Ed Doherty; Kathy Wilson, President of the New Brunswick Historical Society; and others. All were given from the top of the Quaker staircase. DeLancey's Brigade re-enactors performed a march past and made a demonstration of arms. Various renovation organizers and workers were acknowledged and thanked and afterwards visitors were invited inside for cake, punch, and tea or coffee. Many people toured this venerable 1810 house, lingering in the gardens and the coach house area till nearly dark.

oldest, unaltered wooden structure

Loyalist House, Georgian in architectural style, is a fine example of the standard of living achieved by the wealthier Loyalists



MLA Ed Doherty addressing the crowd.

and their children soon after their exile from the United States. It is the oldest, unaltered wooden structure in Saint John and was home to six generations of the Loyalist-descendant Merritt family before its acquisition by the Historical Society in 1959. It escaped both the great fires of 1833 and 1877 that devastated most of the city. Due to the foresight of the Merritts, this house still contains much of its original furnishings more than 200 years later.

Loyalist House is open for guided tours from 18 May (Loyalist Day in Saint John) through the fall, when many cruise ships come to our port on an almost daily basis. The tours generally begin in the foyer with its sweeping curved wall and elegant staircase, and proceed through the gentlemen's and ladies' adjoining parlours, which contain excellent examples of Thomas Nisbet furniture and a rare, functioning 1830 vintage piano-organ. Tours continue through the servants' back hallway, examine original 1830s-era account books from Mr. Merritt's store, as well as his clerk's desk and chair. Access to a back kitchen garden and narrow spiral stairs led from this back hallway to the floor above. The downstairs tour, however continues through the kitchen, with its large fireplace with crane and beehive oven, and all its original pots and utensils. The tours then go past the butler's pantry; into the very genteel dining room, with its splendid dining room table; brass inlaid, rush-seat chairs, and its outstanding buffets and china cabinets (some locally-made in the early 1800s and others even earlier, imported by the Merritts from England).

The upstairs features the following: a large north-lit, ladies' sewing and handwork area; a dear nursery with a canopied crib and a War of 1812 stretcher converted to a cot for nanny; the master bedroom with its Prince of Wales bed and serpentine front dresser; and a second bedroom, with the original four-poster Merritt bed, and a hanging hooded cradle built by Thomas Nisbet. The back hallway contains a curved-wall liquor cabinet and the large wood box. When the Historical Society was cleaning and restoring the house in 1959, this box was found to contain the original deed and many receipts for furniture pieces throughout the house

Readers may remember that the New Brunswick Branch funded the refurbishment of the dining room in 2014. Reading of the remarkable ongoing work this spring and early summer at Loyalist House, other branches have already expressed interest in helping with some refurbishment of the inside. Sadly, due to lack of funds–except for the dining room–the interior décor has not been renewed since 1959 when the Historical Society first acquired Loyalist House.

The need is great!

Any UEL Branches or individuals with an interest in Loyalist House are welcome to help us make the inside of Loyalist



Above: Exterior Renovation Organizers and Workers

Bottom: Police Presence and DeLancey's Brigade Re-enactors add to the colour.

House as spectacular as the exterior now is, so that together we can see Loyalist House returned to its original glory by the end of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. Such a renovation project would make a wonderful way for Branches to commemorate this historic year for Canada, built on the spirit of Loyalists like the Merritts and so many others. It would also be very much appreciated by present-day visitors to and guardians of this house. Why not make this <u>your</u> celebration of Canada's birthday! Brass plaques will be prepared and prominently displayed in each room noting all contributions. There will also be a future article in *The Loyalist Gazette* regarding the donations made and the spectacular results of this interior refurbishment. Maybe your Branch, or a few of your friends, can help us to re-drape one parlour window, upholster a sofa, or buy some wallpaper for the nursery. And it's tax deductible! If you would like to help, some examples of the needs and costs of period-authentic reproductions are:

Double parlours:

- draperies and valances with lining and trim 8 windows: \$1,336.13 per window.
- wallpaper: \$4,116.
- upholstery of one sofa: \$2,900.
- upholstery of two fainting couches: \$2,600 per couch.
- Nursery or Children's Room:
- draperies and valances with lining and tassel trim for three windows: \$1,426.67 per window.
- wallpaper: \$1,780.

All donors will receive a charitable donation receipt for Income Tax purposes. Expressions of interest in helping to make Loyalist House the showpiece that it should be, can be made directly to Kathy Wilson, President of the New Brunswick Historical Society at wilsokat2467"at"gmail.com or 506-738-8182.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!



CAPTAIN JOHN THORNE WEYLAND, WAR OF 1812 - 1814

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By Bev Loomis UE, Little Forks Branch President

aptain John Thorne Weyland, born in 1789, in Exeter, Devonshire, England, had a very impressive military record, beginning when he enlisted at 17 years of age. He was commissioned as an ensign in the 53rd Regiment of Foot on 30 June 1806 and became a Lieutenant in the King's 8th Regiment of Foot on 01 March 1809. In 1824, he was serving as a lieutenant in the 1st Royal Veterans' Battalion and the following year transferred to the 34th Regiment. In 1829, he served as Captain in the 65th. Regiment and then transferred to the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment on its formation on 16 July 1841.

he took a musket ball in the left bicep

Weyland fought in the Battle of Fort George on 27 May 1813 and was wounded on 06 June 1813 in the Battle of Stoney Creek where he took a musket ball in the left bicep. After peace was restored between Canada and the Unites States, Captain Weyland was posted to various outposts of the British Empire, including garrisons in Wales, Ireland and India.

On 09 February 1812, Weyland married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of Richard Fleming, Ordinance Store Keeper in Quebec City. According to military papers that we have in our possession, Mr. Fleming died after thirty-three years of service brought on by mental exertions and his office duties during the War 1812 – 1814 in Canada. After the death of his father-in-law, Richard Fleming, John inherited tracts of land in Quebec including five thousand acres in Weedon Township, Province of Quebec. The land surrounded Clear Lake, where Weyland and his wife raised their nine children of whom we have genealogy records.

He also had property at Iles-Aux-Noix, Chambly, Kingston, and on Adelaide Street in Toronto. A reference to one of his



properties describes "A stone cottage on the south side of the Montreal road near Lachine with three acres of Garden Grounds, a Well, all enclosed by a Stone Wall."

We have the original paper entitled, "Statement of Services of Captain J.T. Weyland, Royal Canadian Rifle Regt." If I have read the faded ink correctly, it appears that he joined Service Companies from Halifax at Chambly, Montreal, Lower Canada, on 23 January 1806. This paper also lists all the battles in which he fought, when, and where, etc. It also lists his children, dates of



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birth and locations. We have several account books that are more like diaries, including his record of purchasing liquor for the men! We have his original Certificate with Seal, from London, England; there are many photos of him along with his family, even a lock of his hair and his sword.

John Thorne Weyland died at 10 Queen Street, Kingston, and in reference to one of his son's obituary, he is buried "at Lundy's Lane as a true soldier should be." His wife, Elizabeth, passed away on 24 September 1869 on Adelaide Street in Toronto; their nine children died at a variety of locations. Weyland is featured in James E. Elliott's book entitled, <u>Strange Fatality: The Battle of Stoney Creek 1813</u>. My husband, Milt, is a descendant of his son, Henry, who married Louisa Stacey. His sword is identified with: "FIRMIN & SONS, 153 Strand &13, Conduits.T, LONDON."

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Assiniboine

By James R. Adair UE, Branch President

The Assiniboine Branch held their first General Meeting of 2016 on 12 March at Rotary Villas in Brandon with a good turnout of members. Dominion President, Barb Andrew UE, presented the Assiniboine Branch Charter, dated 25 October 2015, to Branch President, James Adair UE, making our Branch the twenty-eighth of the UELAC. Reg Hickmott UE gave a very interesting presentation on his Loyalist Ancestor, Simon Girty UE. Prairie Regional Vice-President, Gerry Adair UE, gave a presentation on how to apply for UE certification. Discussions took place regarding the future promotional activities of the Branch and also finding an electronic method of real time participation in meetings by members absent due to distance, health or weather.

Loyalist Day in Manitoba was celebrated by the Assiniboine Branch on 12 June at the lovely historic home of Reg and Heather Hickmott in Brandon. The formal ceremony began with the Trooping

of the Colours by members, Lorraine Cook and Cathy Darbell, followed by the Royal Anthem. Toasts were given to Queen Elizabeth, our Lovalist Ancestors, and the Assiniboine Branch. Dominion President. Barb Andrew. addressed the gathering. Mr. Len Isleifson, the PC **MLAfrom Brandon** East, read out and presented a copy of the proclamation that was read in the Manitoba Legislature on 09 June 2016, declaring 12 June 2016 to be recoanized as United

Empire Loyalist Day in Manitoba. Mr. Isleifson was presented with a copy of Loyally Yours, 100 Years Of The UELAC by Branch President, James Adair, during the thanks to the speakers and guests. Deputy Mayor, Mr. Shane Berry, brought greeting from the City of Brandon. Prairie Regional Vice-President, Gerry Adair, read a Loyalist Prayer to the gathering. Following the singing of the National Anthem, a wonderful time was enjoyed by all during our pot-luck lunch.

The Assiniboine Branch Loyalist Day Celebration was recorded by Branch Publicity Chairperson, Dave Stantial, and a video has been posted on the Assiniboine Branch Facebook page. He is also working towards having it broadcast on the WCG TV Channel 12 network.

We are especially excited that the twenty-five Assiniboine Branch members who signed up on 14 November last year have grown to forty-four. As well our Branch Genealogist, Liz Adair, has helped two members apply for and receive UELAC certificates. We intend to have these certificates presented at our fall meeting.

There were thirteen Assiniboine Branch members, including five Founding Charter members that have another home branch, attending the UELAC Annual AGM and Conference held from 07 to 10 July 2016 in Summerside, P.E.I. The Conference was excellent, with many learning opportunities during the presentation sessions. The bus tour was really enjoyed as we travelled through the fabled "Green Gables" countryside. We met many old friends from across Canada and the United States during the Conference and made many new ones as well. The majority of us stayed extra days to travel and meet relatives who live in the Maritime Provinces. The Maritime Provinces are very scenic and the sea food menus were well appreciated.

The Assiniboine Branch will continue working towards reaching our goal of making participation in our branch activities enjoyable for all of our members. We also intend to become effective in communicating the UELAC Mission Statement "to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists."



Assiniboine Branch Members at the 2016 UELAC AGM and Conference: Rear L–R: Gord Hammell, Marg Hammell UE, Liz Adair, Dianne Farris UE, James Adair UE. Front L–R: Patricia Groome UE, Carl Stymiest UE, Lance Lidster, Joyce Lidster UE, Cathy Darbell, Lorraine Cook UE, Bonnie Schepers UE, Barb Andrew UE.

Bay of Quinte

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

The Branch's year began with a January Pot Luck at the Lennox and Addington County Museum and Archives in Napanee. Archivist, Shelley Respondek, gave the members an informed tour of the site, and we look forward to a return visit.

In March, the Members met at Hilton, north of Brighton, for Dan Buchanan's presentation on the local nineteenth century murderer, Dr. King. The location of the March meeting was Hilton Hall Heritage Centre, the picturesque 1861 stone building that once served as the municipal offices for Brighton Township. In May we returned to Adolphustown for our AGM and Parks Canada historian, Bob Garcia's, talk about fortifications in the Kingston area.

Park events have kept us busy and Branch members hosted a BBQ for the campers' annual clean up day in April. The big project for this year is the replacement of the aged roofing on the Museum. Members were back at the Park on 19 June for the annual UEL Day Flag-Raising. The Branch also hosted a multi-time period re-enactment weekend in May.



Ruth Waite UE (Loyalist ancestor: Richard Ferguson UE) and Angela Johnson UE (right) at Hilton Hall Heritage Centre. Photo 12 March 2016 by Merton Davis UE

Brian Tackaberry UE (left) presents speaker, Bob Garcia, with a gift. 14 May 2016.



Calgary

By Linda McClelland UE

The Calgary Branch is moving into the 21st Century with a new web-site that was designed by our new President, Suzanne Davidson UE. On it you can find children's book reports written by a junior member, Haruna Beer UE (photo right).

David Hongisto UE handed over the gavel and the President's Badge to Suzanne Davidson UE at this year's spring dinner that was held in the Canadian Room at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel on 01 May.

(See photo below right.)

At this meeting, Neil Garlough UE, of Red Deer, received his UELAC certificate, and Lorna Laughton explained how our collection of books, donated by Evelyn DeMille, is all organized on the shelves of the Alberta Family History Society. There are ninety items catalogued, with a large Ontario collection, and local prairie histories. Suzanne gave us an update on possible places where a plaque could be established.

Neil and Suzanne. >>>

Suzanne and David. >>>

Below: Attendees, from left: Back Row: JoAnne Brown, Pat Brown, Wendy Stremlaw, Layla Briggs, Susan Garlough, Neil Garlough, Elaine Rewcastle, Don Rewcastle, Sharon Terray, Louise Ferriss, Jacquie McGowan. Front Row: Linda McClelland, Barbara Hongisto, David Hongisto, Suzanne Davidson, Lorna Laughton, Camille Murray.









Chilliwack

By Marlene Dance UE, Branch Genealogist, Vice-President and Newsletter Editor

2016 got off to a wonderful start with Branch Member, Deleine Perrie UE, providing us with a report on the Honouring Ceremony that took place late in December 2015 at Yale Secondary School, in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Deleine is the "Cultural Support Worker" at her school, and one of her students, Alice Ned, in Grade 12, was being honoured by the Abbotsford School District as the "District's Female Aboriginal Role Model." During the ceremony, Alice's family also wanted to honour five women who were important mentors and role models to Alice as she blossomed into the lovely young woman she is today. Deleine was one of those honoured. The ceremony was very spiritual and the positive energy in the building was electric.

Branch member, Koralee Heibner UE, attended Winter Carnival in Quebec from 28 January to 02 February with twenty-one fellow-students and three teachers from her school, Mt. Slesse Middle School, Chilliwack, British Columbia, as part of the French programme. She then wrote a lovely report for the April issue of our Branch Newsletter, the *Link Up*. A full schedule of sightseeing, carnival events, sleigh rides and more were jammed into five days. They came home very tired but happy.

Our February meeting agenda featured Black History Month and a special report on architect, Thomas Hooper, who was responsible for designing many important buildings throughout British Columbia, and especially in Chilliwack. They include the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, formerly known as City Hall, as well as the original Carman United Church building that was moved to its present site in Sardis and is still used regularly and where our Branch holds most of its meetings. UEL certificates were presented to David Avery and his daughter, Sarah, for their Loyalist ancestor, Richard Carman UE.

April saw us making a special event of Queen Elizabeth II's birthday. On 21 April, a large group met at "Dickens of Chilliwack" for a lovely luncheon with special toasts to the health of Her Majesty. A full page of photos was featured in our newsletter in June. Owner, Anne Hails, had prepared a large and tasty cake that she shared with all patrons that day. The restaurant was decorated in a festive



From left: Lynn Bokamyer UE, Margaret Strocal UE, and Shirley Dargatz UE, at Loyalist display.

Below, top to bottom: Deleine Perrie UE [left] with Alice Ned. Koralee Heibner UE in her blue toque.

David Avery UE, with his daughter, Sarah Avery UE.







Sarah Cramer UE with her daughter, Evie Cramer.

manner and everyone was greeted by a flag at the entrance announcing the birthday celebration.

Family History Day was hosted by the LDS Church in Abbotsford in May. Marlene Dance UE presented two of the twenty-two workshops scheduled: the first on "Finding your Loyalist Ancestor" and the second entitled "Canada's British Home Children." This event is well-run and draws a good crowd. It is a wonderful way to meet people interested in genealogy and it also creates opportunities for finding new members for our Branch. We talked with a lot of people



From left: Brad Merritt UE; Marlene Dance UE, Branch Genealogist; Corinne Merritt Gray UE.

and have three new members as a result. Our display was colourful and drew a good deal of attention.

Our Branch Meeting in May featured Carl Larsen, Director of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, starting with the origins of heraldry, the parts of a coat of arms, and then moving on to how you can design and get your own. Carl took us step by step through the process. illustrated with a number of designs belonging to important Canadians, Many Coats of Arms have become closely identified with those individuals or corporations who have adopted them.

Brad Merritt, bass guitarist for the well-known Canadian rock band, 54-40, and his sister, Corinne Merritt Gray, were presented with their Loyalist certificates, at the annual Family Reunion picnic held on 31 July 2016 at Centennial Beach Park in Tsawwassen, BC. This family event takes place yearly and is rotated about the province from Kamloops to Prince George to Vancouver. Many family members have already been presented with their certificates. Their Loyalist ancestor is Joseph Merritt UE of Twenty Mile Creek, Lots 3, 4 & 5, Niagara Region, Smithville, Ontario.

Our branch continues to be busy and remains active in the community. The next report will feature the wonderful UELAC Conference in PEI, BC Loyalist Day, Fur Brigade Days, the Fall Fleet Celebration and our Christmas gathering. Please stay tuned.

Correction

In Volume LIV, No. 1, Spring 2016: Picture bottom right on page 29–Her Honour, Lt. Governor Judith Guichon, was incorrectly identified as Sharon Gaetz. Our apologies to Chilliwack Branch.

– Robert C. McBride UE, Editor.

Colonel Edward Jessup

By Barbara Law UE, Branch President

We held our forty-eighth Annual Meeting at the Addison United Church in April with a very interesting guest speaker, Peter Alexander, talking about long guns that he makes for re-enactors.

In May some of our members attended a church service in Loyalist outfits for the Settlers Trek. This was a group of people who followed in their ancestors' footsteps. Back in March 1816, about forty immigrant families from Scotland left Brockville after spending the winter at the military barracks and headed to Perth, about one hundred kilometres to the North West, to start their new lives. After the church service, lunch and speeches by local dignitaries, the Trekkers were on their way on foot, horseback, or in wagons. Sadly, it started to rain just as everyone left the church, but that didn't stop anyone, as they were all excited about the six-day trip to Perth.

The people going on the Settlers Trek were from different cities in Ontario and one family even came over from England to learn what their ancestors had to deal with in their new land. For more information go to <u>www.settlerstrek2016.ca/</u> We realize that these people were not Loyalists, but our ancestors would probably have attended the church service to wish these new Canadians well on their trip, as other people had done for them.

Along the route, the Trekkers would stop to rest overnight and the people in the towns and villages would come out to wish them well and give them a meal or a place to stay overnight. Myrtle Johnston UE, our Past President and Genealogist, attended one of the breakfasts that was put on for them and she said that everyone was enjoying the trip and the people they met along the way.

In July, our Branch attended the Thirtyseventh Annual Farmersville Exhibition in Athens, Ontario. Lucky for us, the booths were put inside the arena so we didn't have to sit out in the hot sun for two days. A number of people showed interest in the UELAC, but time will tell if any of them follow up on becoming members or not.

In August we had our booth at the Mallorytown Village Fair. This is a small village just west of Brockville and it is always a lot of fun as they have many activities going on all day. Later in the fall we will have a joint meeting with the Leeds & Grenville Branch of OGS as we have done for the past few years.

We are all looking forward to our Branch Charter meeting on 01 October 2016 with guest speaker, UELAC President Barb Andrew UE.

Colonel John Butler (Niagara)

By Carol Clifford UE, Branch President

What an exciting time we have been having here at the Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch! We have had some excellent speakers, some tales on artefacts, a record-breaking attendance at our annual Flag Raising Ceremony, and a wonderful trip to Prince Edward Island to attend the annual Conference.

First our Speakers:

Karen Richardson told us about the Grand River Navigation Company that ran between Dunnville and Brantford, Ontario. This was a booming area in its time.

David Webb spoke about The Ontario Farm Service Corps: Farmerettes. These were women who helped farm the Niagara area while the men went off to fight in World War I.

David Hemmings spoke about Canadians in World War I.

Geoff Bowden explained The Language of the Fan and Other Strange Tales.

Our own Jon Jouppien described some artefacts from his personal collection, an 18th century soup bowl and a corner stone from one of the Victualing Stations set up during the Revolutionary War that was located in St. Catharines.

Loyalist Week was celebrated in the Niagara area with the City of St. Catharines raising the Loyalist Flag at City Hall and allowing it to fly all week. Forty-plus members attended the Flag Raising ceremony in Niagara on the Lake. In attendance were the Lord Mayor and our own Dominion President, Barb Andrew. We all enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Irish Harp Pub afterwards. Here is the link to the photos: http://snapd.at/eeww2qq.



L-R: Roy Johnson, Gail Woodruff, and Dale Flagler.

Conference 2016 was my first conference and it was such a pleasure to meet people from across Canada and the United States who share the same interests for our Lovalist roots. I commend the organizers for a job well done! Everything was excellent: the venue, the entertainment, the food and the information sessions. I can't commend the weather but we did stay longer and it did improve as the week went on. Betty Ellsworth won the door prize at the end. How she got it home is a story she will have to tell. It was a huge basket with all kinds of goodies collected from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. I am looking forward to next year's conference in London, Ontario.

Gail Woodruff UE and her granddaughter, Madelene Battis UE, laid a wreath in honour of our Colonel John Butler (Niagara) Branch ancestors at the memorial service for the Battle of Chippawa. David Ellsworth UE and I, (Carol Clifford) laid the wreath at the 202nd anniversary of the Battle of Lundy's Lane.

Elizabeth Malone's new book, Recipes and Remedies in Upper Canada by Hannah Peters Jarvis, edited, compiled and published by Dr. Elizabeth Oliver-Malone, is available at the Willowbank School of Restoration Arts in Queenston. The price is \$25.00. If interested, you can contact their secretary at (905) 262-1239.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year, with more interesting speakers that Janet Hodgkins has scheduled for us to listen to and the surprise artefacts that Jon brings in.

Edmonton

By Betty (Chrysler) Fladager UE

The Edmonton Branch held the Annual Meeting on 20 February 2016, as a dinner meeting. Primary discussions centred on the 2016 Conference in PEI and who would be representing the Branch. The elections took place and the following members elected to the respective positions:

President: Len Thornton

Secretary/Editor: Val Thornton Assistant Genealogist: Bob Rogers UE Treasurer: Earle Fladager

Vice-President: Vacant Genealogist: Dave Rolls UE

Membership Chair: Betty Fladager UE Web site/Social Media: Len Thornton A regular Meeting was held at the King's University College. Member Neil Lund UE gave a visual and narrative presentation on his ancestral background in Scotland. Loyalist Certificates were presented by President, Len Thornton, and Genealogist, Dave Rolls UE, to new members; Sally Hammel, and her two boys. The Branch celebrated its Twenty-ninth Anniversary with a brunch at the First Presbyterian Church. We received a Proclamation from Edmonton's Mayor, Don Iveson, relating to the Anniversary. Following the Brunch, members visited the Burr Oak Tree planted on the Government Legislative grounds. The tree was planted by the Branch in recognition of the Queen's visit in 2005 to celebrate Alberta's One hundredth birthday.

Other Executive meetings discussed the coming Thirtieth Anniversary of the Edmonton Branch in 2017 and plans are afoot about activities.

Governor Simcoe

By Douglas W. Grant UE

Loyalist Day, 19 June 2016

On a beautiful summer day, Toronto and Governor Simcoe Branches celebrated Loyalist Day at the guest flag pole at Queen's Park. The Loyalist flag, that is stored on the premises between Loyalist Days, was raised with pomp and ceremony appropriate to the occasion. Official remarks were given by Soo Wong MPP, Deputy Speaker of the House. Complimentary comments were offered by Julia Munro MPP. Julia had done considerable research into the Loyalist era and, as a possible UEL

Col John Butler Branch, from left: Eugene Oatley, Rod Craig, Dale Flagler, David Ellsworth, Carol Clifford, Bev Craig, and Roy Johnson.

descendant, provided a deeper sense of what our ancestors had gone through at the time.

As is our wont here in Governor Simcoe Branch, we create a ceremony for the presentation of a Loyalist



From left: Nancy Conn UE (Gov. Simcoe Branch), Linda Young UE and Diane Reid UE, both of Toronto Branch.

Certificate. This one was special in the sense that it was Loyalist Day, and the people who participated. The recipient was Joyce Deyong UE, who proved to her third great-grandfather, Andrew Denike UE.

The Denikes were originally French Huguenots who immigrated first to Holland and then to New York; thus the spelling 'Ten Eyck' is sometimes seen.

Andrew was born in 1759 in New York. He served with the New Jersey Volunteers, received a grant of land in Kingston Township, and married Catherine Bird. He did not cultivate his land, but rather became a master mariner, obtaining a ferry permit in 1807, and gave assistance to the Royal Forces as late as 1812.

In Kingston, he settled on Gore Street, built and kept a tavern that extended from Gore to lower Union Street, in 1808. In his later years, Andrew moved his family of ten to Fredericksburg, Upper Canada, and passed his last years in Marysburg Township, Prince Edward County, where he died in 1839.

Since his eldest son, Samuel, was killed in the War of 1812, it fell to Andrew Junior, the second son, to become the head of the family and he began to farm the land with his family.

After the ceremony, the group gathered inside Queen's Park for a reception, enjoyed by all.

Hamilton

By Ruth Nicholson UE

The Social Studies curriculum has recently been changed to include First Nations and immigration aspects in nearly every elementary grade level. Pat Blackburn, Jean Rae Baxter, and Ruth Nicholson made presentations to over 1,700 students from Grades Three to Eight in just six months. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday to Your Majesty"

Our Branch continues to take part in events outside our usual Branch events. In April, President Pat Blackburn spoke at a volunteer meeting for members of the Ireland House. in Burlington. In May, Canon David Ricketts, appointed by our Branch, attended an important meeting of the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association. In April, David and Ruth Nicholson represented the Hamilton Branch UELAC at the Monarchists' League of Canada event in Toronto to celebrate Her Majesty's upcoming 90th birthday. Our Hamilton Branch recognized a number of hard working volunteers at this year's Ontario Volunteer Recognition Awards evening. Pins were given out to Judith Nuttall, Marilyn McDonald, Rowena Jeffreys, Frank Rupert, Francis Showers Walker, and Gloria Oakes.

Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Awards – This award recognizes people who have made outstanding contributions to the understanding and preservation of Hamilton's history and heritage. Colin Morley, through the Hamilton Branch UELAC, and Ruth Nicholson, through the Griffin House of Ancaster, received these awards this year.

Loyalist Day was once again celebrated indoors at the Hamilton Art Gallery, due to construction work on the building behind our Lovalist monument. 17 June was a beautiful day, with a piper leading the colour party. Our guest speaker, Barbara Andrew UE, Dominion President UELAC, spoke about recent changes within our organization. Hamilton Branch President, Pat Blackburn, presented Barb with a local print of our historic downtown fountain. Taylor Gibson of the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Oshweken, opened our ceremony with a blessing and closed it with a Ganyohonyohk - Hodinhnosyonih thanksgiving, given in his traditional language and in English.

Four of our members: Pat Blackburn, Gloria Howard, Joan Gibson, and Ruth Nicholson, represented our Branch at the Dominion Conference, Loyalists, Lighthouses and Lobsters, held at Summerside, Prince Edward Island. It was a remarkable event, giving all a flavour of fabulous East Coast hospitality. We enjoyed the music, the food, the sites and the fun! On 01 August, our table and presentation board was set up at the annual Joseph Brant Day celebrations held at LaSalle Park in Burlington. George Hamilton Day is recognized annually in Hamilton with Canon David Ricketts present, as one of this founding father's descendants.

Heritage

By Robert C. Wilkins, Branch President

On 28 April 2016, Heritage Branch held its Annual General Meeting at the Maison Forget in Montreal. Following completion of the business items (approval of the 2015 financial statements, re-appointment of the Branch auditor, receipt of reports of the officers, and election of the Executive for the coming year), a most interesting DVD was shown, concerning the moving and restoration of the Paul Holland Knowlton House in Knowlton, Quebec, the original home of Loyalist descendant, Paul Holland Knowlton (1787-1863), founder of the municipality bearing his name. The Central East Regional Vice-President, Anne Redish UE, and the Branch President, Robert Wilkins UE, and his wife, Maura, had attended the official rededication of the House, on its new site on the grounds of the Brome County Historical Society (BCHS), on 15 August 2015, and Heritage Branch has contributed to the restoration and ongoing development of the House



From left: Marilyn Hardsand, Jean Rae Baxter, Ruth Nicholson and Colin Morley at Hamilton Wentworth Heritage Awards.

as a museum for the BCHS's collection of artefacts relating to the Loyalist and other pioneers of the Eastern Townships. Cynthia Grahame, one of the principal persons involved in the moving and restoration of this historic structure, attended the AGM, provided further background information, and answered questions about the project, its origin and development. All Heritage Branch members were invited to visit the House during the coming summer months.

Heritage Branch continues to sell copies of <u>The Loyalists</u> of <u>Quebec 1784-1825</u>, as well as poems and essays collected from UELAC members across Canada. In addition, the Branch's extensive collection of Loyalist-related books and papers continues to be available to the public at the Library of the Quebec Family History Society.

The Branch Librarian, Mark W. Gallop UE, continues his valuable work of culling and upgrading, with appropriate new titles, the large Heritage Branch collection of Loyalist-related books and documents housed at the Library of the Quebec Family History Society in Pointe-Claire, Quebec. At the Annual Meeting of the Branch, on 28 April, it was decided that those materials could now be made available for borrowing by QFHS members, rather than being categorized as exclusively for "reference," but that they should remain a discrete collection of the Branch, separately identified and displayed separately from the other materials forming part of the QFHS collection in the Library.

Branch Genealogist, Susan McGuire, continues to familiarize herself with her role in order to be ready and able to perform her functions effectively. She will be studying the new application form and guidelines for Branch Genealogists when they are released by the Dominion Office.

Branch President, Robert Wilkins UE, in the spring of 2016, performed once more the functions of Administrator of the nomination and election process for the selection of incumbents for the positions of Regional Vice-President and Regional Councillor for the Central East Region of the Association. The candidates elected by acclamation within the Region in this selection process, Anne Redish UE of Kingston and District Branch, and Robert C. McBride UE of Kawartha Branch, were later duly re-elected to those offices respectively, for the year 2016-2017, by the qualified delegates present and voting at the Annual General Meeting of the UELAC, held in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, on 09 July 2016.

Heritage Branch continued, in the reference period concerned, to network with other groups in the Greater Montreal area, in particular the St. Andrew's and St. Patrick's Societies, the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, the 78th Fraser Highlanders and Black Watch Regiments, and the Quebec Family History Society.

Two new members have joined Heritage Branch in recent months. One is the owner and occupant of the manor house of Sir John Johnson at Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. It is hoped that she and the other new member will pursue their interest and, if applicable, apply for certificate membership.

The problem of attracting new members and convincing members to assume executive responsibilities in the Branch continue. At present, the position of Branch Vice-President is vacant. These problems appear to be shared by other Branches, but they are especially serious in Heritage Branch, given the decline in numbers and the ageing of Quebec's English-speaking population. Nevertheless, a few new people periodically choose to join.

Kawartha

By Grietje McBride UE, Branch President

Kawartha Branch held our Annual General Meeting on 17 April 2016. Our guest speaker was Dan Buchanan, speaking about the shipwreck of the *HMS Speedy* off Presqu'ile Point during a blinding snowstorm on 08 April 1804. An animated and knowledgeable speaker, Dan entertained our members with extremely interesting details about the controversy surrounding this historic event.

During this meeting, a Loyalist certificate was presented to Shelley Buxton UE for her Loyalist ancestor, Sarah Kast McGuinness UE. We also presented our 2016 – 2017 slate of Officers with the addition of Bob McBride UE as First Vice-President, Donald Smith UE as Second Vice-President, and Pam Dickey UE as one of the Directors. Many thanks are due to Keith Borland UE who is stepping back from his duties as Photographer and Director, and to Doreen Thompson UE, who has moved to Belleville.

Preparations for our nineteenth Flag Raising ceremony, held on 17 June, claimed our attention for the rest of the spring term. It has become a tradition to offer a service in both Peterborough and Lindsay. Students from Mrs. Jenning's class in Peterborough and Ms Byer's class in Lindsay sang, *Land of the Silver Birch* and *O Canada* for the assembled crowd in each location. Later we were able to meet the Grade Three students from King George Public School in their classroom to teach them more about the Loyalists and how they came to different parts of Canada.

Our next event was to join as many members of our Branch as possible at the Annual Conference and AGM held in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, from Wednesday, 06 July 2016, to Sunday, 10 July 2016. At this conference, one of the highlights was the presentation of the UELAC Dorchester Award to our own Joan Lucas UE for her tireless work in her role as the UELAC Genealogist Support for many years. PEI hospitality is legendary and the members of all three Maritime Branches, who worked together to put on this conference, deserve our gratitude and thanks for the down-home experience of music, entertainment, speakers, and tours that rounded out our Island experience. On top of this, the re-enactors from the 84th Regiment, who camped on the hotel grounds for the duration of the conference, demonstrated camp life and answered many questions from conference guests.



From left: Bob McBride UE, Anne Redish UE and Grietje McBride UE, enjoyed each other's company at the Gala Banquet during the 2016 UELAC Conference and AGM.


From left: Graham Hart UE, of CHEX TV and Master of Ceremonies at Peterborough City Hall Flag-raising Ceremony; Grietje R. McBride UE, Kawartha Branch President; Nicola Jennings with her Grade 3 & 4 class at the Peterborough City Hall Flag-raising Ceremony.



Swearing in of new Kawartha Branch Executive Members, from left: Grietje R. McBride UE, Branch President; Pam Dickey UE, Branch Director; Robert C. McBride UE, Kawartha Branch First Vice-President; Don Smith UE, Kawartha Branch Second Vice-President.

Now that we have had a break for the summer, we are once again throwing our energy into planning speakers and ways to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary as a country.

Our guest speaker for 18 September was Jennifer DeBruin UE, author of <u>Daughter of Conflict</u>, a novel written for adolescent and mature readers. Our speaker for the fall banquet was wellknown historian, John Boyko, speaking about *How Canada almost didn't become a country.*"The formal banquet was held at George Street United Church, 534 George Street, Peterborough, on 22 October 2016 at 6:00 p.m. On 11 November, members of the Kawartha Branch will march in the Peterborough Remembrance Day parade and a wreath will be laid. Kingston

By Nancy Cutway UE

On 12 June 1784, Governor Frederick Haldimand received at Quebec the following proclamation from King George III: "His Majesty approves the plan you have proposed for settling some of the Loyalists at Cataraqui and places adjacent."

According to the late historian, Larry Turner, "Previous settlements comprised of colonial officials, soldiers and Indian agents at Niagara and Detroit are regarded as strategic bases rather than permanent communities and Haldimand's decision ... [to settle the Loyalists at Cataraqui] was the spark that transformed the wilderness peninsula north of Lake Ontario and Erie"

Allegiance: the Ontario Story

For the past decade, the Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada has celebrated "Loyalist Day in Kingston" each 12 June by raising the Queen Anne flag on the city flagpole opposite City Hall.

About a dozen members of the local Branch, accompanied by a fife and drum unit of the Fort Henry Guard, and special guest, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen, as well as dozens of excited tourists, watched as the Loyalist flag was raised. After the

event, tourists asked to pose for photos beside our costumed members. A tourist from England asked several questions about who the Loyalists were, so we did accomplish our goal of education and consciousness-raising.

Photo below:

Kingston Branch, with a fife and drum unit of the Fort Henry Guard at Flag-Raising, from left: Terry Hicks, Anne Redish, Loralee Martin, Donald Roy, Fort Henry Guard, Nancy Cutway, Deputy Mayor Richard Allen, Branch President and former Speaker of Canada Peter Milliken, Carol Davy. Photo: Lorraine Sherren



Kawartha Branch President, Grietje R. McBride UE, thanked our guest speaker, Jennifer DeBruin UE, for her presentation at the 18 September 2016 meeting.



Little Forks

By Bev Loomis UE, Branch President

We opened the schoolhouse in the early spring with a Work Meeting to organize the tasks needed: washing windows, mowing the grounds and erecting a decorative rail fence. In March, three members were interviewed at the schoolhouse and videoed by two Bishop University students who wanted to hear about the early history and the preservation of the Little Hyatt One-Room Schoolhouse. They were caught up in the nostalgia of the classroom. We are now on their website. In May, we enjoyed a visit from Christine Cauiola and friend from Cottonwood, Arizona, while they were here in the Townships doing genealogy research. Christine is lacking one proof that will grant her UE status. Fellow-member, Jim Bruce UE, paid us a visit and we were very pleased to have him represent our Branch at the UELAC Conference. Two members attended the Townshippers' Luncheon at which time we were granted \$500.00 to go towards the purchase of media equipment for the schoolhouse. Members attended Volunteer Night in Lennoxville. Volunteer Night in Waterville, and the launching of the E.T. Archives Portal - Eastern Townships Research Centre, Bishop's University, Husband, Milt, and I motored to Knowlton and attended the Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch Luncheon and Annual meeting in June.

We members are delighted to own this remarkable heritage building, known as District No 2, in the original Township of Ascott, located in the Hamlet of Milby, surrounded by the St. Barnabas Anglican Church (1874) and the Milby Covered Bridge (1873), making it an historical walking path for visiting tourists. We consider this schoolhouse a real treasure!

The student working here this summer, Mark Freedman, is currently studying a double major in Secondary Education and Social Studies at Bishop's University.

Other than spreading the love for learning about local heritage, Mark's tasks include 'teaching' guests about the history of the schoolhouse through informative tours and giving a feel for what it could have been like to be a student from 1822 to 1948.

Manitoba

By Diane Heather UE

The 2016 Church Parade of the Manitoba Branch was held at historic Little Britain United Church on Sunday, 15 May 2016. Members of the UELAC were joined by the Monarchist League. After the church service, members of the Branch and the Monarchists gathered for brunch at Larter's Golf and Country Club to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Members of the UELAC Manitoba Branch, Jennifer Swanston and Margaret Carter UE, along with the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, were at the reception at Government House in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday.

United Empire Loyalist Day in Manitoba June 12, 2016

AProclamation of United Empire Loyalist Day in Manitoba took place at the Manitoba Legislature on 09 June 2016. Attending in the visitor's gallery to hear United Empire Loyalist Day proclaimed were: Cathy Darbell, Linda Campbell, Rev. Robert Campbell UE, Bryan Purdy UE, Margaret Carter UE, Dianne Nerbas UE, Mary Steinhoff UE and Rod Nerbas. Records in *Hansard*, 09 June 2016, outline the significant purpose of this day, set aside to honour our United Empire Loyalist heritage. **Red River Heritage Fair** - Mary Steinhoff UE and Wendy Hart represented Manitoba Branch of the UELAC at the Red River Heritage Fair at the University of Winnipeg. This is an annual event held for students in Grades 4 to 11 and is good exposure for our organization as well as an opportunity to educate the public on the history of the Loyalists.

The Centennial Cemetery Project of the Manitoba Branch UELAC

Manitoba Branch selected a project to mark as many as possible Manitoba cemeteries where descendants of Loyalists are buried. The first step was to identify these cemeteries. This was done by: canvassing Branch members and doing research. To date, eight urban (Winnipeg and Brandon) and seventeen rural cemeteries have been identified.

The next step was to find a suitable product at a reasonable price. With the help of a \$500.00 grant from the Dominion UELAC, we ordered four markers at a total cost of \$540.00.

Aplaque has been installed at Brandon Municipal Cemetery and another in St. John's Cemetery in Winnipeg. The other two have been delivered to Elmwood Cemetery in Winnipeg and Virden Cemetery. This is a long-term project that is ongoing.

Congratulations to **Ken Swanston** of Manitoba Branch on achieving his "UE"

status by providing acceptable documents to his Loyalist ancestor, Henry Clow UE. Ken's certificate was presented to him on 19 March 2016.

Congratulations to Rachel Stampe, Dorothy Stampe, Sandra Stampe-Sobering, Judith Blanchette [nee Stampe] and Dale Baker, all of whom received their UE status. They are all members of Manitoba Branch and were presented with their certificates at the annual Branch picnic on 18 June 2016 by Manitoba Branch Genealogist, Alice Walchuk.





Nova Scotia Branch members tour Government House in Halifax.

Nova Scotia

By Ann McConnell, Branch Secretary

On 07 May 2016, members of Nova Scotia Branch and guests met in Halifax for a Branch Meeting at the Halifax Central Library followed by tours of the Old Burying Ground and Government House.

The meeting was attended by twenty-four members and guests. Five members received UE Certificates. Among those receiving a certificate was Maddox Jordon UE, grandson of the Past President of the former Halifax-Dartmouth Branch, Ray Blakeney UE. Others receiving certificates were Margaret Nickerson-Dorey UE, Dorothy Cameron UE, Zoe Weir UE, and William Morrison UE who travelled from Ontario for the presentation.

Gwen Trask UE thanked the meeting for the birthday card recognizing her 90th birthday. Gwen has been a member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association for over thirty years and first joined through Heritage Branch in Montreal.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were led on a tour of the Old Burying Ground by Don Lordly UE, an Executive member of the Old Burying Ground Foundation and a former President of the Halifax-Dartmouth Branch of the UELAC. He was assisted by Debra Trask UE, author and Nova Scotia authority on cemeteries and gravestones.

Crossing Barrington Street in Halifax after the tour of the Old Burying Ground, the members and guests were given a private tour of Government House. The tour was arranged in advance so everyone could visit at their leisure to take photographs, ask questions, and enjoy the historic building. It was built by Loyalist Governor, Sir John Wentworth, who started planning for it in 1792, making it one of the oldest official residences in North America.



Nova Scotia Branch members with their new certificates.

Sir John Johnson Centennial

By Evelyn Beban Lewis and Michel Racicot UE

Members and guests of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch enjoyed two very special occasions in June 2016: the 49th Branch Annual General Meeting and Luncheon and a "War of 1812 Plaque Unveiling Ceremony" in honour of Sir John Johnson.

Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch Annual General Meeting

The 49th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch was held on 11 June 2016 at the Lakeview Inn "located in the heart of the authentic Victorian village of Knowlton near Brome Lake." During the luncheon, a special ceremony took place. Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch has been active since 1967. Through these forty-nine years, the Branch has benefitted from the support of many people and organizations and, at the luncheon, we especially wanted to recognize and thank three important partners of our Branch.



Major David Moore, Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry, unveils the plaque.

During the summer of 1967, John Chard UE, then UELAC President, came to visit the Missisquoi Historical Society (MHS) museum at Stanbridge East where he met Ruby Laduke Moore, genealogist of MHS. Several years later, John Chard UE made this comment on his first visit in Missisquoi: "It soon became evident that there was now support for a gathering of the Loyalist descendants." Since that first meeting, the MHS has been a great partner of our Branch. In appreciation for this support, Branch President, Gerald Thomas UE, and First Vice-President, Michel Racicot UE, presented a cheque of \$1,000 to François Reid, MHS President.

In 1967, Ruby Moore had the help of Marion Phelps, the historian, archivist and curator of the Brome County Historical Society (BCHS). In 1969, in recognition of her worthwhile contribution to the Branch, Miss Phelps was made Honorary Member of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch. She helped many members find their Loyalist ancestors. For many years now, you can find the Branch's library and archives in the archives building of BCHS. Branch President, Gerald Thomas UE, and First Vice-President, Michel Racicot UE, presented a cheque of \$1,000 to Donald Gray-Donald, BCHS President For his help and support all these years.

A more recent friend of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch was also recognized during the luncheon, Centre d'interprétation du milieu écologique du Haut-Richelieu (CIME), the owner and guardian of the land where Sir John Johnson Family Burial Vault is located. Since the Branch was founded in 1967, the restoration of the burial vault has been one of our most important goals. This goal was finally attained in 2014 and could not have been done without the help of CIME. In recognition of all their help, Branch President, Gerald Thomas UE, Branch Vault Committee Chair, Raymond Ostiguy, and First Vice-President, Michel Racicot UE, presented a cheque of \$1,000 to Renée Gagnon, CIME General Manager and Michelle Durand, CIME Executive Secretary.

War of 1812 Veterans' Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

On 09 December 2015, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch submitted the application of "Sir John Johnson, Colonel, six battalions Eastern Townships Militia" to "Graveside Project–Honouring Veterans of 1812", a project whose mission is to recognize nationally the graves of the veterans of the War of 1812. The application was approved.

A War of 1812 Veterans' Plaque Unveiling Ceremony honouring Sir John Johnson took place on Thursday, 23 June 2016, at the Johnson Family Burial Vault in Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Québec, in the presence of ninety members and guests of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch UELAC, of Heritage Branch UELAC, of the Glengarry, Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum, Williamstown, Ontario and members of the Canadian Regiment of Fencible Infantry and of the Canadian Voltigeurs.

At the nearby Erablière Charbonneau, the visitors were treated to a talk by Branch President, Michel Racicot UE, about the Burial Vault and its history. He was followed by Branch Member, Raymond Ostiguy UE, who not only talked about Sir John Johnson's role during the war but also presented four other members of his family who participated actively in the War of 1812 and whose remains rest in the Johnson Family Burial Vault: (1) his son-in-law, Colonel Edward Macdonnell, Quarter-Master General to the Forces serving in North America, (2) his son, Captain Robert Thomas Johnson, 100th Regiment of Foot, (3) his son, Lieutenant-Colonel John Johnson Junior, 6th Battalion of the Eastern Townships Militia, and (4) his son, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Gordon Johnson, 6th Battalion of the Eastern Townships Militia, Deputy Superintendent of Indian Affairs and Lieutenant-Colonel of a Body of Indian Warriors. At the end of the luncheon, Mac Robertson, on behalf of the Glengarry, Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum, presented a cheque of \$500 to Michel Racicot to help the Branch in the upkeep of the Vault site.

Toronto

By Martha Hemphill UE

It was a busy spring on top of our regular schedule of meetings. Membership is up and the number of certificates has increased.

On 26 April, Andrew Fleming and Linda Young had the honour of representing Toronto Branch at the annual Toronto West Heritage Fair for the Toronto District School Board - South West and North West Quadrants. It was again held at Fort York, a most fitting location.

The number of exhibitors was down a bit this year although the quality of the work was better than ever. The students work alone or in a group of up to three people to research and prepare an exhibit, usually a poster board, and a short presentation. A wide range of subjects were presented. It is always very rewarding to see the enthusiasm and the knowledge of these young people. As in previous years, Toronto Branch provided a prize for the Best Early Ontario History project. The winning project this year was "Le Fort Roulle" by Charlotte Evans and Camille Podrebarac who attend Humbercrest School.

Toronto Branch was a sponsor of the Ontario Genealogical Society Conference in Toronto. As it was their largest conference ever held, we had very good exposure to 672-plus genealogists of all levels; beginners right through to professionals. The conference weekend started on Thursday with pre-conference tours and we welcomed twelve researchers to our library. Happily, they all left at the end of the day, having furthered their research! Thanks to Linda Young, Chris Moffitt, Trish Groom, Susan Ellsworth, and John Warburton for their contributions to making it a successful venture for the Branch!

Loyalist Day was celebrated at Queen's Park by Toronto and Governor Simcoe Branches as is our custom. MPP and Deputy Speaker of the Legislature, Soo Wong, joined Julia Munro, MPP for York-Simcoe, to bring greetings. Thanks to Diane Reid and Doug Grant for their organization of the event. Lovely refreshments were served following the Flag-Raising.

Vancouver

By Linda Nygard UE, Branch Genealogist

Each January we end the first meeting of the New Year with our annual slide show, **A Year in Review**. It is always a surprise to see just how many activities Branch Members have participated in throughout the previous year.

In February, in honour of Black History Month, our guest speaker was from Passages Canada. Yasin Kirago Misago is the President of the United Black Canadian Community Association. He spoke with passion about the Black Lovalists of Nova Scotia and their connection to the former Vancouver Black Community at Hogan's Alley. To thank Yasin, Vancouver Branch President, Carl Stymiest UE, presented him with a Branch Membership for 2016, a certificate, a Loyalist pin and a copy of Loyally Yours. Yasin was also made a Vancouver Branch Honourable Vice-President for 2016 - 2017.

In March, some Vancouver Branch members participated in the Vancouver St. Patrick's Parade alongside members from the BCGS. Once again, the Little Family's Loyalist Dog was a big hit.

Vancouver Branch members went on a Field Trip to the New Westminster Anvil Museum instead of our April monthly meeting. Our guided tour ended in the Archives where we were able to search drawers for old records of the area. On 21 April, the Vancouver and Chilliwack Branches got together to celebrate HRH Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. A celebration was held in Oliver's Tea Room in Dickens Sweets & British Museum, Chilliwack.

During April and May, a number of Vancouver Branch members once again served as adjudicators for BC Heritage Fairs. Several students were selected for their project boards that best represented our Loyalist History. At our September meeting, these students displayed their presentations for members and received awards for their exceptional work. May was also our **Show and Tell** meeting where members bring their cherished keepsakes and share their stories. At this meeting Lenore Richards received her UELAC certificate for her Loyalist ancestor, Jacob Ball UE.

June brought the BC Highland Games in Coquitlam. We have participated in this popular event for a number of years although this year was much wetter than usual. Diane Rogers, of the British Columbia Genealogical Society, gave a presentation of Genetic Genealogy (DNA testing) at our June meeting. Diane is a genealogist, historian, educator and friend of the UELAC. She is an excellent speaker and helped to shine light on this complicated subject.

Because of the late date of the UELAC Conference, we did not celebrate BC Loyalist Day in July. Instead we had a Branch picnic, along with some members of the Chilliwack Branch, at Brigade Days in Fort Langley on 01 August. We have a large shade tree inside the Fort where we meet each August. Some members chose to walk behind the Piper and re-enactors through the historic town to the river to watch the canoes come down the river.

Victoria

By Karen Borden UE, Branch Archivist and Historian

Victoria Branch welcomed our new President, Dr. Barry Curran, at our February meeting. Dr. Curran was ratified and took the oath of office. He was presented with the President's Medal by Aurelie Stirling, Past President. His wife, Lynda Curran, was ratified as a Director of the Executive Committee and took the oath of office.

Our guest speaker was Commanding Officer Elect, Christopher Mackie, of the 78th Fraser Highlanders, Fort Victoria Garrison.

The 78th Fraser Highlanders were formed in Scotland and travelled to North America to fight in the Seven Years War. They joined with General Wolfe's expedition, fighting in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, and were instrumental in the taking of Quebec City. Following the war, the regiment was disbanded but was later reformed by Lord Lovat to fight in the American Revolutionary War before being disbanded once again. The regiment was not resurrected again until Expo 67 in Montreal. Research was undertaken to reproduce the uniforms and equipment of the 18th century soldiers and, since the



Vancouver Branch members join BCGS at St. Patrick's Day Parade, Vancouver.

1960s, the organization has continued with garrisons/branches in most cities across Canada.

Christopher Mackie provided an entertaining and informative talk about Simon Fraser, 11th Lord Lovat, also known as the "Old Fox." A brief history of the events and activities leading up to his impeachment and trial was given. During the impeachment process, he was not afforded any opportunity to defend himself; he had no lawyer, and could not question witnesses. The outcome was a foregone conclusion and eventually a guilty verdict was proclaimed. Simon Fraser was sentenced to death and beheaded in the Tower of London.

Our guest speaker for April was Melanie Arscott, Past President of the Victoria Genealogical Society. She gave an exciting talk on her history with genealogy and explained what the VGS has to offer members.

Betty Compeer UE, of the Membership Committee, reported that volunteers at our information booths at the LDS Family Day and Seniors Expo had a large number of enquiries about the UELAC. Our next outreach was a two-day event at the Victoria Highland Games.

Our executive was invited to Tea to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, 21 April 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Government House by the Honourable Judith Guichon OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. There were remarks by the Lieutenant Governor and a Toast to the Queen. Members attending were: Aurelie Stirling UE, Betty Compeer UE, and Frans Compeer, Maralynn Wilkinson UE, Mary Lou Rowbotham, Karen Borden UE, and Elaine Gillespie UE, a member of the Kawartha Branch visiting her sister, Mary Lou. We enjoyed the Pipe Major, John Mager, Victoria Children's Choir, and Lekwungen Traditional Dancers.

BarbAndrew UE, Dominion President of the UELAC, was the guest of honour at a dinner on 13 May at Ithaka Greek Restaurant in Victoria, organized by the Compeers.

Our Spring Fleet was held in May with special guests, Barb Andrew UE,

Carl Stymiest UE, Diane Faris UE, Christine Manzer UE, and Mary Ann Bethune UE. Barb Andrew UE spoke about her Loyalist ancestors. Carl Stymiest talked about his forefathers in New Brunswick. Two of our members. Wendy Cramer UE and Mark Bernard, spoke about their Loyalist ancestors.

Five members of the Victoria

Branch attended our UELAC Conference in Summerside, PEI, 07 to 10 July 2016. They were: Karen Borden UE, Betty Compeer UE, Frans Compeer, Catherine Fryer UE, and Grace-Ellen Capier UE. Congratulations to Frans Compeer as he was sworn in as Pacific Regional Councillor at the UELAC Annual Meeting in PEI. It was a great Conference.

Our last event for the season was our Picnic in Beacon Hill Park on 22 July, Loyalist Day in BC. Afterwards, we paid a visit to our Loyalist tree that was planted in the park by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth during their visit in 1939.

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Queen Elizabeth II Birthday, from left: Frans Compeer behind Betty Compeer UE; Maralynn Wilkinson UE; Aurelie Stirling UE; Karen Borden UE; Mary Lou Rowbotham; Elaine Gillespie UE, Kawartha Branch.

Victoria Branch members at the UELAC Conference in Summerside, PEI, 2016. From left: Karen Borden UE, Grace-Ellen Capier UE, Catherine Fryer UE, Betty Compeer UE and Frans Compeer.



Spring Fleet 24 May, from left: Guests from Vancouver Branch: Carl Stymiest UE and Christine Manzer UE, with UELAC Dominion President, Barbara J. Andrew UE.

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COOK (O'BRIEN), Lynne UE

Peacefully at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital, on Wednesday, 16 March 2016, Gloria Lynne Cook (nee O'Brien) of Morrisburg, Ontario, age 71 years, daughter of the late James O'Brien, and the late Irla Jean Deeks, and beloved wife of the late Mahlon Cook UE.

Lynne was born on 05 April 1944 in Cornwall, Ontario, to James John O'Brien and Irla Jean (nee Deeks). At the age of 2, Lynne went to live

with her grandfather, Lee Deeks, and his mother, and was raised by Lee as a daughter. She attended Morrisburg Public School and Grades 9 and 10 in the local high school; then, in 1960, attended Cornwall Commercial College. There was no graduation and she stayed home to look after her elderly great-grandmother for ten years. She did typing for several groups: the Masons, Curling Club, Golf Club, Cancer Society and Morrisburg Old Home Week.

Lynne sold admission tickets at the Morrisburg arena from 1962 to Spring 1986. She was the statistician for the Junior 'B' Hockey League, reported sports to eight newspapers, as well as wrote articles for the *Iroquois Chieftain* newspaper. Lynne was the Treasurer of Knox Presbyterian Church from December 1974 to December 1985, and assisted her grandfather, Lee, with his job for fourteen previous years. She also worked part-time at the Morrisburg Hydro from 1981 to November 1985.

In 1966, Lynne started working on family trees, a passion that continued until shortly before her death. She held many posts including: Genealogist for the Casselman Ancestral Society, and (with the St. Lawrence Branch, Morrisburg), Lynne was a Charter Member, Pro-tem President in 1977, a past editor of the newsletter, Past President, and Branch Genealogist since 1977. Lynne had established a Genealogical Resource Centre in her home, and was kept happily busy until a few months prior to her death, with people calling, e-mailing and helping visitors who came to research the many resources on display in her home. Lynne's passion was her Loyalist heritage and, to that end, she has been awarded numerous UE Certificates from the UELAC.

Lynne has also been the co-ordinator of information on the Strader Family, gathered from various people, publications, and tombstones. Lynne and her late husband, Mahlon, have transcribed the tombstones in most of the cemeteries in Dundas County and surrounding areas. Several of these transcriptions are available at her website, <u>http://www.empey.ca/Lynne/lynnecook.html</u>.

Lynne will be dearly missed by her sister-in-law, Evelyn Robinson (Doug), of Elma, and nieces Ruth Turner (Brian), of Barrie, Ann Moore (Stan), of Cardinal, and nephew, Donald Robinson, of Elma. She is fondly remembered by several cousins and friends.

Funeral service was held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, 19 March 2016. On-line condolences may be made at <u>http://www.marsdenmclaughlin.com</u>

Interment of Cremated Remains: Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston, Ontario.

FOX, Myrna Marlene UE

Please see her obituary on page 11.

HEATH, Catherine Elizabeth Neilina (née MacMillan) UE

30 Jan. 1923 – 02 June 2016 Elizabeth died peacefully with family by her side.

She was the beloved wife of the late Douglas W. Heath UE (2001).

Catherine is survived by her children: Anne Neuman (Daniel), James, Margaret Taylor, Robert (Marivic), Colin, John (deceased 2012), daughter-in-law Jessica, sister-in-law Marion Heath, thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Her parents were James Lewis MacMillan and Catherine McCuaig of Lochiel, Glengarry County, Ontario.



Elizabeth worked tirelessly for the church (Weston Presbyterian), community and WMS. A member of the Weston and Glengarry Historical Societies, she was also an avid Scottish Country Dancer. She travelled with Douglas to churches checking registers, graveyards and archives looking for elusive ancestors. She was a strong supporter of Clan McMillan and Governor Simcoe Branch UELAC. Elizabeth will be greatly missed by family and friends. Inurnment of Elizabeth's Ashes was on Monday, 01 August 2016 at St. Columba Church Cemetery, Kirk Hill.

KELLER, James Arthur (Art) UE



1924 – 2016

Art Keller passed away in Chilliwack, British Columbia, on 23 August 2016 at 91 years of age. He was a founding member and signer of the Charter that created Chilliwack Branch in 1990.

Art was a member and loyal supporter of the Branch for twenty-six years. He was the First Vice-President of the Branch and served on many committees over the years.

We were very proud to have him cut the cake at our anniversary celebrations last year. He enjoyed the celebrations and

especially getting his photo in the paper.

Art's Loyalist connections included: Frederick Keller UE, received in January 1987; Thomas Wagar UE in March 1992; and Johan Everhadt UE in March 1998. He descends from about ten Loyalists.

He was proud of his heritage and encouraged his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to apply for recognition. He was pleased to be at the presentation ceremonies and see two grandsons and a great-grandson receive their Loyalist certificates in 2014.



Born in Camrose, Alberta, he moved to British Columbia in 1936 with his parents, Ross and Hazel Keller, where his father established Keller's Garage in Rosedale, BC. With the coming of World War II, he was active in the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers from 1943 to 1945. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in 1942, training in both Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec. He served as a wireless radio operator in Halifax until the end of the war, returning to BC to work in the family garage. He married his high school sweetheart in 1947 and operated the family business until 1982. Art and Bette raised three children and welcomed six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren to the family.

Art enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and gardening, paying special attention to his roses. An all-round handyman, he kept busy with small wood-working projects.

A Memorial Service was scheduled 01 September 2016 at the Rosedale United Church, 51351 Yale Rd., Chilliwack, BC. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada or an organization of your choice.

Our condolences go to the family.

KREGER, Lewis Steven

10 December 1935 – 05 May 2016 Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch

Lewis Steven Kreger, age 80, died peacefully in his sleep at home on 05 May 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on 10 December 1935, in Princess Anne County, Virginia, the youngest of five with four older sisters. After a stint in the Air Force he earned a BA from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. He and his wife, Roberta Kreger (nee Michaud), lived in



Portland, Connecticut, for more than forty years.

On his retirement from a career at IBM, he co-founded a small networking company just as the internet was taking off. Lewis grew up a waterman, sharing his passion for boating, fishing, and crabbing, and all the beauties of nature with family and friends. His interest in genealogy led him to research American Revolutionary history, especially of the USA–Canada border region. He had a love for good food and was an accomplished, creative cook. Lewis was a brilliant and generous man with a large extended family. In addition to his beloved wife, Roberta, he is also survived by six children and four grandchildren.

Lewis Kreger was a member of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch for many years and participated regularly in the Branch activities. On 13 August 2003, our Branch Annual Picnic was held across the border in Alburgh, Vermont, where we were greeted by Lewis and his wife, Roberta, at their historic summer home, the old schoolhouse. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Our deepest condolences to Roberta and family.

*This obituary was published in **The Middletown Press**, New Haven, CT, on 09 May 2016.

MORGAN, FIt Lt Robert (Bob)

UE, GM, CD, 27 October 1930 - 11 June 2016

On Saturday, 11 June 2016, Flt Lt Robert (Bob) Morgan of St. Albert, peacefully passed away at the age of 85 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 59 years, Lou; children: Lloyd (Shelley), Barb, Phil, and Patti; six grandchildren, and seven greatgrandchildren; brother, Harold (Joan); sisters: Edith (Lawrence) and Shirley; as well as numerous relatives and dear friends. He was predeceased by his son. Douglas. Flt Lt Morgan joined the RCAF in 1949, earning his wings in 1950. He joined 416 Squadron in Ottawa in 1951, flying Mustangs. In his 36 years in the Air Force, he served in Canada, England,



France and Germany. As well as Mustangs, Flt Lt Morgan has flown a variety of aircraft, including Sabres, Harvards, CF 104's, Hercules, and Twin Otters. He was also a controller for Ground Intercept Radar (GCI). In 1957, Flt Lt Morgan was awarded the George Medal for bravery when he pulled an injured pilot from a burning Sabre which had crashed on the runway in Marville, France, in 1955. He was named "Airman of the Year" in 1985. After leaving the Air Force, Bob became a Duty Manager at the Edmonton Municipal Airport until his second "retirement" in 1994. At that time, he was still flying with the Reserves in the Air Force. Since then, Flt Lt Morgan had continued to be involved in aviation through his 35-year membership in the Air Force Association, membership in 700 Wing, 418 Squadron Association, and as President of the Quarter Century Club. As if that wasn't enough to keep him occupied, he coached the Special Olympics Bowling League, did taxes for low income and seniors, and sold poppies every year at WEM. He was honoured to receive the following: 700 Wing Member of the Year Award in 2009 and 2011, RCAF Member of the Year Award in 2012, and a street was named after him in 2015 by the Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Society. At his request, there was no service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. To send condolences please visit: www.connelly-mckinley.com - See more at: <u>http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/edmontonjournal/</u> obituary.aspx?n=robert-morgan-bob&pid=180338904&fhid=14 816#sthash.4gWCZBaJ.dpuf

Bob Morgan's Loyalist ancestors were Adam Young UE and Sergeant Daniel Young UE. He will be remembered for his humour, adventures, storytelling and generosity.

Editor's Note: As Dominion President, on 01 December 2012, I had the distinct privilege of meeting Bob Morgan UE at the Edmonton Branch meeting in Wallace Hall, First Presbyterian Church, where Bob introduced himself to me as a fellow-descendant of the Loyalist, Adam Young UE. Bob told me that he was the brother of Harold Morgan UE, who had visited my wife, Grietje, and me in our home a number of years earlier. That evening, Bob thoroughly enjoyed our portrayal of the lives of Adam Young UE and his wife, Catherine Elizabeth Schremling.





Loyalist-era history is being presented to the public in a variety of avenues ranging from university textbooks to historically-based fictional novels and television documentaries. **The Loyalist Gazette** invites publishers to send publications for review to: **The Loyalist Gazette** Review Editor, Grietje R. McBride UE, B.Sc. E-mail: gazette.editor"at"nexicom.net.

Daughter of Conflict

Author: Jennifer DeBruin

Publisher: Jennifer DeBruin © 2015 Soft Cover, 278 pages

Order from <u>www.jenniferdebruin.com</u>, \$25.00

By Grietje R. McBride UE, B.Sc., Review Editor for *The Loyalist Gazette*

The historical fact is that in 1704 Sarah Allen, of Deerfield, Massachusetts, was one of 112 inhabitants compelled to make a three-hundred-mile trek to Fort Chambly on the St. Lawrence River. The forced march took five weeks with the loss of twenty-eight of their number. As Jennifer DeBruin states: "To know what happened to those led away does not match the brutality of witnessing it." (p. 114). The author's mission was to fill in the historic gaps while sharing the incredible experiences that she discovered about her French Canadian ancestor.

This historical novel begins with twelveyear-old Sarah Allan living with her family in a Puritan frontier settlement along the Mohawk River. The year is 1703. The Indian alliances among the many tribes in the Eastern part of North America were tenuous as French and English leaders vied for trade and control of resources and native groups. The settlements in the Mohawk valley were loosely and ineffectively protected by American colonial troops. The ever-increasing threat of attack by French as well as allied Mohawk and Abenaki warriors kept the inhabitants of Deerfield-and Sarah's family in particular-constantly on alert, living as they did outside the palisaded village. DeBruin takes great care in building the tension and fear experienced by the people of Deerfield, who were "... much like the stars against the backdrop of a



great struggle for continental supremacy ..." (p. 186), too far from civilization to be easily protected as Queen Anne's War spilling over into the colonies.

Through DeBruin's skillful and detailed narrative and the use of Sarah's voice, the reader follows the grueling forced march from Deerfield to the Connecticut River. From there, they march to the junction of the Wells River, northwest and overland to the Wanooski River in the Green Mountains and westward to Lake Champlain and the White Mountains. They follow the east shore to the Richelieu River to the land of their captors and finally to Fort Chambly and Beaurepaire. Slogging through early April snows and cold, with minimal clothing and provisions, feeling demoralized by their treatment and not knowing how far they will travel, was only worsened by physical pain and the loss of the old, the young and the weak.

DeBruin's novel can be appreciated on several levels. For example, the student of Canadian and American history can experience the day-by-day details of the events leading up to the attack on Deerfield and the march to Fort Chambly. The author invites you to visit the Raid on the Deerfield website to learn and judge for yourself the facts surrounding this controversial raid by searching http://1704. deerfield.history.museum/

the reader marvels at the resilience of people in captivity

The simple but controlled Puritan lifestyle and expectations of the captives contrast with the Native culture of their captors, the Silent Enemy and Observant Enemy. Through Sarah's eyes, these two reveal the cultural norms that promoted survival in the native villages. This novel provides an opportunity to learn more about the alliances of both the French and English with tribes in the New York / Quebec regions, particularly how close contact with the Europeans impacted daily life and survival. DeBruin gives the reader insight into the motives for kidnapping the white settlers and how the villages absorbed captives into their culture in order to replace lost family members. On another level, the reader marvels at the resilience of people in captivity and how they coped-transitioning from self-blame to actively learning new skills as survival becomes the uppermost goal with hope as the only anchor to which they could cling.

This historical novel is less fiction than imagined truth. DeBruin has once again produced a wonderful book that brings the distant past closer to our understanding. It can be ordered directly from the author. See details at the top of this book review.



Maple Moon

A picture book by Connie Brummel Crook UE, BA.

By Grietje R. McBride UE, B.Sc., Review Editor for *The Loyalist Gazette*

<u>Maple Moon</u> is a story of how people may first have learned how to make maple syrup. Connie Crook came up with the idea for this picture book when she was doing research for her novel, <u>The</u> <u>Hungry Year</u>, that describes the effects of the famine of 1787–1788 on a Loyalist family living in Upper Canada. She found several legends about maple syrup and learned how the Mississauga native tribe discovered that lifegiving food.

<u>Maple Moon</u> was selected to be a part of an on-line History Fair called *Open Book/Open History*. Open Book Ontario selected one book from each of Canada's main-line publishers to promote Canadian History. From Fitzhenry's books, they chose <u>Maple Moon</u> and asked Connie to answer, in 1,000 words or less, five questions about writing this picture book.

Beginning on 09 September, readers can use the following prompt to view the questions and Connie's thoughtful answers: http://explorer.openbookontario. com/open-history

Grand Forage 1778 The Battleground Around New York City

TODD W. BRAISTED

GRAND

Battleground

Around

New York

City

Author: Todd W. Braisted UE

Yardley PA. Westholme Publishing. 2016. Hardcover. 223 pages.

Reviewed by Peter W. Johnson UE

Some of our Honorary Vice-Presidents have made a name for themselves as published authors and respected researchers. This time it is Todd W. Braisted UE who steps forward with a new and highly anticipated book.

Aside from serving as an Honorary Vice-President, Todd has been involved as a re-enactor for decades with the 4th Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers, a Past President of the Bergen County Historical Society, and a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians. He is descended from a Loyalist who remained in the United States. He also has a website, "The On-Line Institute For Advanced Loyalist Studies" at royalprovincial.com.

The Revolutionary War event highlighted in Braisted's most recent book is the Grand Forage of September and October 1778 that saw over 6,000 British and Loyalist troops range over parts of New York and New Jersey. The British fielded more troops to forage than they had at the better known battle at Saratoga. This British operation was successful but there were no Rebel victories about which historians could crow.

The purpose of the Grand Forage was not to conquer and retain territory, but rather to acquire produce and other necessities needed by the Army. Where opportunities presented themselves, there was also a determination to curtail Rebel operations. For example, the raid on Egg Harbor late in the Grand Forage had that goal in mind. Egg Harbour had been a home base for Rebel privateers whom the British deemed to be pirates.

One of the odder aspects of the Grand Forage was the composition of the opposing forces. The Loyalists who raided Westchester County, including such units as Simcoe's Queen's Rangers and Emmerich's Chasseurs, included men who had come from that area and knew the locale intimately, whereas many of the Rebel units had contingents of New Englanders who would not have been familiar with that area. (p. 42)

This book is not a genealogy but a history. If you have deep roots in the area as I do, don't expect to find your individual Loyalist named. This book gives you 'the big picture' and sets the stage for a better understanding of what your local ancestor would have experienced.

One individual who does stand out is Ann Bates whom I had previously not known. At great risk to herself, she served as a secret agent and made a number of successful forays into the Rebel camp. A teacher from Philadelphia originally, she survived the War and was able to make a Claim afterwards. What happened to her in later years would be wonderful to know as she is clearly a Loyalist heroine and her story needs to be spread. (pp. 36 – 38)

If there is a climax to the book, it is the chapter about the so-called "Baylor Massacre" that occurred near Tappan, New York, at what is now River Vale, New Jersey. There, Gray's British soldiers ambushed a troop of Virginian cavalrymen at night. The British attacked with bayonets as their muskets were not loaded. Thus, when any firing did take place, it immediately gave away the location of a Rebel. Bergen County, New Jersey, had one of the highest percentages of Loyalists and many were ready to assist the British in preparing for the ambush. Make no mistake about it, had the sides been reversed and a Rebel group ambushed the British instead, the word "massacre" would disappear and it would be deemed a "glorious victory" in American history books.

One sultry morning in July 2009, I stood in the Parkette at River Vale, New Jersey, where the remains of some of Baylor's Rebels had been hastily buried. It was a time for reflection and I was sympathetic to their plight if not their Cause. Many times this book has drawn on my memories of that morning.

Todd's book readily puts the Loyalists' experiences into perspective and against the backdrop of the Grand Forage of 1778. If you have Loyalist ties to any of Westchester, Bergen or Orange Counties, this should be essential reading for you. Don't miss it!

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Hope's Journey

Author: Jean Rae Baxter UE

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Reviewed by Nicola Jarvis Jennings, Teacher, King George Public School, Peterborough, Ontario.

<u>Hope's Journey</u>, the fifth volume in Jean Rae Baxter's "Forging a Nation" series, is the compelling story of Hope Cobman, a strong, determined 13-year-old girl whose life as the child of United Empire Loyalists has been deeply affected by the turmoil and dislocation of the American Revolution.

The story begins in 1791, soon after the death of Hope's mother, the only parent she has ever known. Considered an orphan by the authorities in Kingston,



Author, Jean Rae Baxter UE

Province of Upper Canada, she is bound as an indentured servant to Ephraim Block, a lonely, backwoods pioneer, and his embittered, ailing mother. Hope is determined to find the father she has never met and the brothers she barely knew. Her father and eldest brother, Silas, fought with Butler's Rangers; her brother, Elijah, served as a private with the King's Royal Rangers of New York; and a third brother, Moses, was kidnapped by the Oneida. Moses' story is told in Ms. Baxter's Broken Trail and The White Oneida, Hope's mother, alone and pregnant, was forced to flee north to Fort Haldimand, not knowing the fate nor the whereabouts of her husband and sons.

Hope's servitude ends with the death of Mrs. Block, and she sets out on her own, with the help of old friends and kind strangers, to travel to Niagara where she has learned that her father, a shattered, dying man, now lives. The journey is



lonely, filled with peril, frustration and disappointment, but this young woman, so aptly named, refuses to give up.

This book effectively brings to life the hardships faced by the Loyalists whose lives were turned upside down in the aftermath of the American Revolution. It is a story of courage, compassion and determination. Students ages 10 to 16 will learn a great deal about this fascinating period of Canadian history, and will be inspired by Hope's remarkable journey.

Other books by Jean Baxter below.

About the Reviewer

Nicola Jarvis Jennings, an elementary school teacher with the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board for 25 years, has a BA in English and Canadian Studies from Trent University. Nicola especially enjoys teaching Grade Three, the year that children are first introduced to early Canadian history. Each spring, she takes her class to Lang Pioneer Village where they learn about the lives of early local settlers. She has also participated with her students, many of them dressed as pioneer children, in the annual UEL Flag-Raising at City Hall in Peterborough, Ontario.

Nicola is a descendent of Colonel Stephen Jarvis (1756 – 1840) who served under John Graves Simcoe with the Queen's Rangers. Her husband, John Jennings, is a retired Trent University history professor. These avid canoeists, have paddled many rivers, from the Yukon to Northern Quebec. They are working on a biography of Nicola's grandfather, Eyquem de Montaigne (Jocko) Jarvis, who was a First World War fighter pilot in Macedonia.



Reviewer, Nicola Jarvis Jennings

Tracking Down Rebels in Vermont

hen researching the history of Vermont during the tumultuous years of the Revolutionary War, one has to keep in mind that it did not exist as either a Colony or a State. It was disputed territory, and the locals' greatest fear was an unwelcome takeover by New York State. The area was often referred to as the New Hampshire Grants. Statehood did not come until 1791 after the population wavered between forging ahead as a British Colony or as an American State.

The British displayed a certain sensitivity regarding Vermont and did what they could to maintain an uneasy peace with the population. There would be no British invasion of Vermont during the War, and only one battle, Hubbardton, was fought on Vermont soil. Although Bennington is a town in Vermont, even the infamous Battle of Bennington was fought in New York.

Our subject this time is the book, <u>State Of Vermont. Rolls Of The Soldiers</u> <u>In The Revolutionary War 1775 To</u> <u>1783</u>, that was published in 1904 and is available online. It reminds me of another standard work, <u>New York in the</u> <u>Revolution As Colony And State</u> that has been published several times. The latter is certainly the book to consult if you have possible Rebel ancestors from New York during the Revolutionary War. Better still, there is a list of "Suspected Persons" and "Estates Confiscated," so, in essence, the book contains Loyalist lists as well. One problem is that the Index is a little muddled and in trying to locate the occasional entry I have had to consult the actual 1898 edition to match the page number in the index to the page number of the entry.

While the Vermont book does not have equivalent Loyalist lists after the manner of the New York book, it is still worth checking. Apparently anyone who was a Rebel initially but switched to the British was edited out. A case in mind is that of Col. William Marsh UE who switched to the British side in 1777 after having been involved with the Green Mountain Boys from an early date. There are a number of entries for a Col. Marsh but they are post-1777, so cannot refer to William UE. The Leonard Soper, who has one entry, may well be the same man of that name who later settled west of Port Hope in Upper Canada. If so, he was a son-in-law of Col. William Marsh UE. If you don't have Rebel ancestors who served in what is now Vermont, the book might be useful for tracking down siblings of your Loyalist ancestors. Some other Loyalists' names that provide some potential Rebel cousins include Rose, French, Hawley, and Park(e), to name a few. There's even a Zenas Ross! This is a valuable book for giving one 'the bigger picture.'

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Vermont "Lyon" Roars

Etching published: [Philadelphia], 1798.

A crude portrayal of a fight on the floor of Congress between Vermont Representative, Matthew Lyon, and Roger Griswold of

Connecticut. The row was originally prompted by an insulting reference to Lyon on Griswold's part. The interior of Congress Hall is shown, with the Speaker, Jonathan

Dayton; Clerk Jonathan W. Condy (both seated); Chaplain Ashbel Green (in profile on the left); and several others looking on, as Griswold, armed with a cane, kicks Lyon, who grasps the former's arm and raises a pair of fireplace tongs to strike him. Below are the verses: "He in a trice struck Lyon

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Harry Richard James Newman	Joshua (Joseph) Beebe	Col. John Butler	2016-04-13	
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Ruth Ann Croson-Lowney	Johann Leonard Scratch (K	ratz) Bicentennial	2016-04-15	
Note 1	Johan Jost (Joseph) Petrie	Victoria	2016-04-22	
Jason Brent Ellis	Jacob Smith	Hamilton	2016-04-22	
R. James G. Fulford	George Ensor	Nova Scotia	2016-04-22	
Zoe Patronille Weir	Corporal Maurice Peters	Nova Scotia	2016-04-22	
Karyn Knight Mannell	John Wendel Wigle/Weigele		2016-04-24	
Ryan-Mitchell Truax	Jonas Larroway	Kawartha	2016-04-11	
James Laurence Dudley Woodruff		Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	
James Wilcox Woodruff	Lewis Cobes Clement	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	

Matthew Pilon Woodruff	Lewis Cobes Clement	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	Stella Anne Brenda Morgan	Sarah McGinnis (née Kast)	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24
Catherine Michelle Woodruff	Lewis Cobes Clement	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	Alexa Morgan	Sarah McGinnis (née Kast)	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24
Suzanne Brown-Martinsky	Abraham Blois	Nova Scotia	2016-05-06	Grant Maxwell Morgan	Sarah McGinnis (née Kast)	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24
Harry "Richard" McDowell Newman	Timothy Street	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	Alison Browning Sands	George Upper	Toronto	2016-05-25
Harry "Richard" James Newman	Timothy Street	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	Arthur Edgar Claxton	Richard Carman	Chilliwack	2016-05-31
Sarah Joy Newman	Timothy Street	Col. John Butler	2016-05-06	John Joseph Noble	Peter John	New Brunswick	2016-05-31
Arthur Edward Collver	Rev. Jabez Collver	Grand River	2016-05-06	Bradley James Mounce	Joseph Petrie	Thompson-Okanagan	2016-06-02
Bonita June Kerr	Adam Young	Hamilton	2016-05-06	Dawna Jane Rorison	James Stewart Sr.	Col. John Butler	2016-06-03
Elizabeth Annabelle Field	Peter Grant	Vancouver	2016-05-06	Murray John Little	Rudolph Huffman	Bicentennial	2016-06-03
Dani Lee Hagel	James Forsyth	Bicentennial	2016-05-06	Draig Fredric Barraclough	Samuel Aikens	Vancouver	2016-06-03
Joyce Helen Deyong	Andrew Denike Sr.	Governor Simcoe	2016-05-13	Mary Louise Rowbotham	John Wees	Victoria	2016-06-03
Michael John Saunders	Henry Young Sr.	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-13	Mary Louise Rowbotham	David Wees	Victoria	2016-06-03
Alexandra Jean Martin	Henry Young Sr.	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-13	Maureen Wurch	Martin Tofflemire	Bicentennial	2016-06-03
Mary Kerfoot	David Bisell	Toronto	2016-05-18	Susan Mary Rowbotham Enfield	John Wees	Victoria	2016-06-10
Jasper Marsland Corupe	Joseph Pringle	Toronto	2016-05-18	Catherine Sarah Siobhan Enfield	David Wees	Victoria	2016-06-10
Bonna Louise Weiser	Adam Cline	Grand River	2016-05-18	Gerry Fernelius Kriekard	Parshall Terry	Toronto	2016-06-10
Barry Curran	Peter Etter	Victoria	2016-05-18	Ivy Frances Trumpour	Richard Ferguson, Sr.	Calgary	2016-06-10
Bonna Louise Weiser	Adam Rupert	Grand River	2016-05-19	Linda Mae Taylor Homan	William Ketcheson Sr.	Bay of Quinte	2016-06-10
Grace-Ellen Capier	Joshua Gidney	Victoria	2016-05-19	Ruth Ann Croson-Lowney	Alexander McCormick	Bicentennial	2016-06-24
Barbara Ann Seitz	James Matthews	Grand River	2016-05-24	Patrick James McAdoo	Conrad Gunter	Calgary	2016-06-10
Barbara Ann Seitz	Margaret Matthews	Grand River	2016-05-24	M. Stephen Botsford	Jacob Thompson	Bicentennial	2016-06-24
Judith Ann Berndt	Valentine Detlor	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24	Karyn Arlene Mannell	Johann Leonard Scratch (K	(ratz)	
Lisa Ann Berndt	Valentine Detlor	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24			Bicentennial	2016-06-24
Peter William Johnson	Jeremiah French Sr.	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24	James Edwin Sloane Scott	Reverend John Bethune	Vancouver	2016-06-24
Stella Anne Brenda Morgan	Lt. George McGinnis	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24	Kevin Richard Hammell	Conrad VanDusen	Assiniboine	2016-06-24
Alexa Morgan	Lt. George McGinnis	Bay of Quinte	2016-05-24	Kevin Richard Hammell	Owen Roblin	Assiniboine	2016-06-24
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Highland Drummer

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