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Sir Guy Carleton Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada invites you to a Loyalist flag raising by His Worship, Mayor Jim Watson Ottawa City Hall, 16 June 2017 at 11:00 a.m. There is no charge. Attendees must arrange their own transportation. Those wishing to attend are requested to contact the Sir Guy Carleton Branch at: carletonuel@hotmail.com. Everyone is welcome!



Message from the President

Hello to all our members!

I hope you are all planning on coming out to our flag raising at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall on June 16th. Period dress is encouraged. Even if you have a mob cap or a tricorne hat it will provide a bit of colour to our group. The summer is filled with activities to whet your appetites for all things Loyalist. To mention just a few, there is a Regional Day on June 20th in Kingston, the U.E.L.A.C. Conference in London June 22 to 25, and a weekend of re-enactment in Adolphustown, June 30th to July 2nd. At any or all of these you can celebrate your Loyalist roots. Have a happy and interesting summer and return to the Branch in the fall ready to enjoy our fall activities.

Best Wishes to you all.
Marg Hall U.E.

Report on the Spring Social/AGM – April 22, 2017

A small but enthusiastic group of 23 members and guests attended this years' Spring Social/AGM. Anne Redish, Central East Regional Vice-President made the journey up from Kingston to join us. Unfortunately, Branch President Marg Hall was not in attendance due to illness, but, our Vice-President Rosemarie Pleasant picked up the torch and ran with it.

The program changed slightly from previous years as flag-bearer Barry Gilmore was also absent. After a brief introduction by Rosemarie, the toasts to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to King George III were given by Ron Richards, followed by the singing of God Save the Queen. The group then enjoyed an excellent meal supplied by Café 1274.

After the meal, the Annual General Meeting was held. The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm. The minutes on the Annual General Meeting from 2016 had been distributed by secretary Penny Minter. As there were no comments or questions regarding the minutes, it was moved by Bob Adair and seconded by Dorothy Meyerhof that the minutes be accepted as written. **All in favour.**

Bob Adair then presented the 2016 Final Statement of Income and Expenses for the branch. There were several questions concerning the life membership rebate from Dominion Office which is no longer received, fund availability for the 2019 conference and funding for the flag raising. After these questions were satisfactorily responded to, it was moved by Bob Adair and seconded by Dorothy Meyerhof that the financial statement be accepted. **All in favour.**

Gary Bagley, the branch genealogist stated that he is working on one application at present. He also presented a certificate to Penny Minter for her Loyalist ancestor Frederick Shaver.



(Penny Minter after receiving her certificate with Gary Bagley & Anne Redish)

Dorothy Meyerhof presented her report on the branch library collection which currently stands at 965 titles, 26 periodicals. There have been 27 new titles added since the last AGM. She thanked Sue Moss and Penny Minter for their volunteer work with the City Archives as well as those who have made

donations to the collection. She reminded everyone that donations should be given to her directly and not the Archives as they need to go through triage before being added to the collection. The City of Ottawa Archives holds several collections from various historical societies including Historical Society of Ottawa, BIFHSGO, Ottawa Branch OGS, C. Robert Craig Memorial Library, United Church Archives as well as our own branch library. Sylvia Powers presented Dorothy with the book "Reporting the Revolutionary War : Before it was History, It was News" by Todd Andrlik for the collection.

Sylvia Powers then gave a brief update on the plans for the 2019 Dominion conference which is being hosted by SGC Branch. The organizing committee is hoping to have a reception at Rideau Hall on Thursday. There will be presentations and a banquet on Friday and Saturday nights. The committee is looking for suggestions for possible speakers as well as donations for a silent auction. Beth Sweetnam briefly mentioned that the committee is considering Christ Church Aylmer for the Sunday church service. This church is the oldest church in the area and is celebrating its' 175th anniversary this year.

Anne Redish, Central East Regional Vice-President then spoke on the challenges which all branches are facing at this time and encouraged everyone to consider thinking outside the box when it comes to attracting new members. She mentioned that Kingston Branch will be holding the Annual Regional meeting on June 20, 2017 and encouraged everyone to attend. There will be a genealogy research speaker as well as mini workshops and brainstorming sessions. Anne also mentioned that those not attending the conference in London could vote by proxy. The information on how to do this is on the Dominion website, uelac.org.



(Executive members Gary Bagley, Bob Adair & Rosemarie Pleasant with Anne Redish) (Bob Adair thanking our speaker Romaine Honey) (photos courtesy of Phil Sweetnam)

There were no elections at this years' AGM as the current officers who must be elected remain the same. Thus, concluded the Annual General Meeting.

Nancy Richards then introduced our guest speaker, Romaine Honey who is a Local History and Genealogy Librarian at Ottawa Public Library. Her topic was Ottawa Public Library : Treasures for Genealogists. Romaine began her presentation with a brief introduction to the OPL web page and explained that there are over 50 online resources available to library patrons. Although some are only accessible through the library on-site (Ancestry, Généalogie Québec), several are available from the comfort of your own home (Early Canadiana Online, Globe & Mail Historical). Romaine also mentioned the numerous print resources available to genealogists such as census records, family histories, passenger lists, historical atlases and local & county histories to name but a few.

After her presentation, she was thanked by Bob Adair who then presented her with a cheque for the Ottawa Public Library genealogy collection.

The singing of O Canada concluded the afternoon and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Select Titles/New Additions from the Branch Library collection

Dorothy Meyerhof

17 April 2017

The following books are new additions to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Library. Thank you to Sue Moss for donating "Historic Prince Edward County". The History of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch includes the text submitted for "Loyally Yours: 100 Years of the UELAC", submissions to the Loyalist Gazette under Branch News Highlights and a list of the Executive Members since the Branch received its Charter in 1962. The decision to purchase the two volumes of Egerton Ryerson's "Loyalists of America and Their Times from 1620 to 1816" was purchased to complete the set and provide a new copy of Vol. II. The Branch copy was very old a missing a few pages. The other books were purchased to further the usefulness of the Library for those seeking information on their Loyalist ancestors. Please take some time to visit the City of Ottawa Archives, and become familiar with the Loyalist book collection.

325.2071 RYE 2014 Vol.	Ryerson, Egerton	Loyalists of America and Their Times from 1620 to 1816, Vol. I
325.2071 RYE 2014 Vol. II	Ryerson, Egerton	Loyalists of America and Their Times from 1620 to 1816, Vol. II
325.2071 NEW	Newman, Peter C.	Hostages to Fortune: The United Empire Loyalists and the Making of Canada
971.3587 PRI	Taylor, David R.	Historic Prince Edward County
367.971384 SIR 973.341 SAL	Sir Guy Carleton Branch Salmon, Stuart	History of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, UELAC The Loyalist Regiments of the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783
971.3 MCK Obits 1872	McKenzie, Donald A.	Obituaries From Canadian Presbyterian Periodicals 1872-1896
973.524 COX	Cox, Kenneth G.	The War of 1812 in British North America, Searching for your Ancestor's Elusive War Records

Loyalist ancestors

A selection of proven Loyalist ancestors represented by current and past members within Sir Guy Carleton Branch. Names are published in no particular order.

Henry Swarts; Amos Ansley; William Avery; Thomas Cutler; James Dawson; Lewis Dunham; David Embury; Samuel Embury; Henry Hoople; Daniel Lloyd; John Loney; John Marcellus (Marselis); Frederick Shaver; William Sheets; Leonard Scratch; Francis Weaver

John Ruch Memorial Bursary in Canadian Studies

The Bursary for 2017 was awarded to Carleton University student Saad Shakeel.

Interesting websites / resources

<http://www.nnyacgs.com/index.html>

Northern New York American-Canadian Genealogical Society

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/>

New York State Library

<http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/>

New York State Genealogical and Biographical Society (membership required)

<http://lostvillages.ca/>

Lost Villages Historical Society and Museum

Prince Edward Island:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/archives/parosearch/>

This is the standard search. I searched using loyalist* truncated and pulled up 4 photographs, 18 textual items. The material is petitioners asking for redress, the info includes name, year, action and a scanned image.

Use the 'Advanced Search' for genealogy and vital statistics.

Under 'Search our finding aids': <http://www.archives.pe.ca/atom/>

You will be able to locate their collections/fonds. I did a subject search 'loyalist' and found the UEL collection:

<http://www.archives.pe.ca/atom/index.php/united-empire-loyalist-collection-1769-1836>

The Robertson Library at the University of Prince Edward Island has the newspapers on microfilm and limited digital format: <http://islandnewspapers.ca/>

Conference 2019 update – The Capital Calls – May 30-June 2

By Sylvia Powers

The Capital Calls Loyalists conference is drawing nearer. While it is still 2 years away, a lot has been accomplished so far. The Doubletree Hilton Gatineau-Ottawa has been booked. The rates given us are better than the rates for the hotel in London for this year's conference so I am glad that we have a contract that is firm so far ahead. For the same rate, we can have a room with 2 Queen-sized beds and a sofa, a king-sized bed with an extra sitting room and 2 TVs, or 2 Queen-sized beds. Book yours early to get the style you want. When making reservations refer to The United Empire Association of Loyalists or CDTUAE. Phone toll-free 800-807-1088. Arrive early to take advantage of the lovely golf course near the Ottawa River.

Elder Albert Dumont will welcome us to Algonquin Territory at the reception on Thursday night. On New Year's Eve he was honoured to light the eternal flame at parliament hill. In January he received the DreamKeepers Citation for Outstanding Leadership at the Martin Luther King celebrations sponsored by the City of Ottawa. Since October 2016 Albert has been serving his community as one of 13 Elders on the Elders Advisory Committee of the Ministry of the Attorney General. He worked as Elder for the

Parole Board of Canada at Elder Assisted Hearings from November 2013 to March 2017. He was employed by Correctional Services Canada for three years as a spiritual advisor for the Aboriginal men incarcerated at Millhaven Institution's J Unit located near Kingston, ON. He is an activist, a volunteer and a poet who has published 5 books of poetry and short stories. In recognition for his work as an activist and volunteer on his ancestral lands (Ottawa and Region) Albert was presented with a Human Rights Award by the Public Service Alliance of Canada in 2010.

Albert has dedicated his life to promoting Aboriginal spirituality and healing and to protecting the rights of Aboriginal Peoples particularly those as they affect the young. You may learn more about him by going to his website [Turtle Moons Contemplations](#).

Plans are being made for tours on Friday. Brian Tackaberry will be the guide for the Rideau Valley Tour. Many other options are being considered for the Ottawa area.

Speakers are still being considered for the Friday and Saturday banquets. One of the Saturday afternoon presenters could be Marilyn Schwartz who has a slide presentation of the historical statues on Parliament Hill.

George MacManus who has attended our socials a number of times has agreed to be our treasurer with Barry Gilmore as co-treasurer.

To make the conference a success volunteers are required to help with the tours, registration, displays, web design, marketing & ticket sales. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out, please contact the Conference Chair, Sylvia Powers at Sylvia.powers@gmail.com

"OTTAWA WELCOMES THE WORLD", OTTAWA CITY HALL WELCOMES THE QUILT OF BELONGING : FIBRES DU MONDE – JUNE 24 – JULY 5, 2017, 9:00AM – 7:00PM <https://www.quiltofbelonging.ca/>

The Quilt of Belonging has 263 squares representing 71 Aboriginal groups and 192 immigrant nationalities found in Canada. The finished quilt measures 36 metres (120 feet) long by 3.5 metres (10 feet) high.

The quilt is the dream of Esther Bryan, an artist who had a great vision. This project had hundreds of volunteers to complete the quilt and many more volunteers as it travels to special exhibitions, like the one we are fortunate to have in the City of Ottawa as part of Canada 150.

For me personally, I watched the quilt being made and I have been fortunate to see it six times and plan to see it at OTTAWA CITY HALL.

Contributed by : Shirley A Charbonneau U.E.

Upcoming Events

Ontario Genealogical Society Conference 2017 : Jun 16-18, 2017, "Our Canada – Your Family : Building a Nation" at Algonquin College, Ottawa, ON, hosted by Ottawa Branch – **Registration is now open** <https://conference2017.ogs.ca/>

3rd Annual Conference American Revolution in the Mohawk Valley – Jun 8-11, 2017
info@fortplainmuseum.org ; www.fortplainmuseum.org

Sir Guy Carleton Branch Loyalist flag raising ceremony, Jun 16, 2017, 11:00 a.m. Ottawa City Hall

Conference 2017 : Jun 22-25, 2017, at the Delta Armoury Hotel in London, ON, co-hosted by London & Western Ontario Branch and Grand River Branch <http://www.uelac.org/londonuel/index.shtml>

BIFHSGO Fall 2017 Conference: 29 Sep - 1 Oct, 2017 <https://bifhsgo.ca/>

Conference 2018 : Jun 7-10, 2018, “Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies”, at the Temple Gardens Hotel and Spa, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, hosted by Saskatchewan Branch

Conference 2019 : May 30-Jun 2, 2019, “The Capital Calls”, hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch
<http://www.uelac.org/Carletonuel/>

New York State Family History Conference – September 13-15, 2018, Tarrytown, NY
<http://www.nysfhc.org/index.html>

Editor’s Note

Please consider receiving the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. If you would like to change your mailing preferences, please contact the Membership Chair, Gary Bagley at gary-bagley@sympatico.ca

Newsletter submissions gratefully accepted. Do you have interesting articles about your Loyalist ancestor? Have you read a new work on the Loyalists and would like to submit a review? Please feel free to send me any suggestions that you might have at keziah1@rogers.com



Sir John Johnson House National Historic Site of Canada, Williamstown, Ontario
http://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/dfhd/page_nhs_eng.aspx?id=566, (accessed 2017)

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