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Message from the President

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello everyone

Thank you for having me serve as your President. I am very fortunate that Marg Hall and others have done so much to make this easy for me. I am retired, having worked in a federal library for my career. I do some part time work, paid and volunteer. I have Black Loyalist ancestry (out of Nova Scotia), but unfortunately haven't had the time to get the information together for my certificate. The next year will be challenging for the whole Branch as we get ready to host the Dominion Branches at the national AGM. Sylvia Powers and the entire conference committee have done an incredible amount of work to make it a success.

Message from the outgoing President

By Marg. Hall U.E.

Hello all my fellow Branch members. I want to say how much I have enjoyed being your President. However, I could not possibly have managed had it not been for my capable, efficient and congenial executive. Please consider joining the group. You will find them welcoming, dedicated and also a lot of fun. I leave my post (but not of course the organisation) in very good hands. Rose is very pleasant, and you will find her a proficient and capable President. The post of Vice President is now vacant and our Treasurer wishes to retire. As well, we need at least one more member at large to help with the various responsibilities of the Branch. Hope to see many of you at the next event, and I do hope that my request for new additions to our executive will be heard and answered in the affirmative. Loyally

Heritage Day – February 20, 2018

By Gary Bagley

On Heritage Day, February 20th, 2018, I represented the Sir Guy Carleton Branch at Ottawa City Hall with an array of Loyalist related books. Heritage Day, part of the national Heritage Week encourages residents to explore their local heritage by visiting a local museum, archive or historical site. Traffic was light,

perhaps due to being assigned a space in the hallway rather than the main room. Free coffee and pancakes were available.

Report on the Loyalist Period Clothing presentation – March 10, 2018



A small, but, enthusiastic crowd attended the Loyalist Period Clothing presentation by Anne Redish. Anne is a United Empire Loyalist of many ancestors initially from the Kingston and Bay of Quinte area. She is the Central East Regional Vice President, the Genealogist and Acting Secretary for the Kingston Branch. Her parents were each the president of the Kawartha Branch at different times. Her study of Loyalist Clothing developed during teaching Theatre Costuming Design and Construction at Queen's University along with being an active Stage Costume Designer and Stage Manager in Eastern Ontario over the past 20 years.

Anne gave a very informative presentation on the styles of clothing which our Loyalist ancestors would have worn. She brought many examples of the clothing itself as well as different types of material. She also emphasized that when planning your period clothing ensemble, consider the time period you want to represent, ie before the exodus to Upper Canada when they had a well established lifestyle, or afterwards when they were starting over with very little. For authenticity, consult primary sources (museum, art work from the period) and try to use materials that would have been available at the time (no spandex!). The handouts included a listing of print and Internet resources as well as instructions on how to make a Colonial man's shirt and a lady's cap. The afternoon was enjoyable and all who attended were impressed with her enthusiasm and subject knowledge.

Report on the Spring Social/Annual General Meeting – April 28, 2018

By Penny Minter

Approximately 30 Branch members and guests attended the Spring Social which was held at Best Western Plus Ottawa City Centre, 1274 Carling Avenue, Ottawa. Following lunch, a brief Annual General Meeting was held. Reports were given by the Treasurer, the Genealogist, the Librarian. As Rosemarie Pleasant has assumed the role of President, the role of Vice-President is now vacant. Marg Hall administered the oath of office.

Before the end of the social, Sylvia Powers gave an update on the UELAC conference which will be hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch in 2019.



Marg Hall administering the oath to Rosemarie Pleasant

This year's guest speaker, Jennifer DeBruin was introduced by Branch Secretary Penny Minter. The subject of her presentation was "The Lost Villages of the St. Lawrence River".

Jennifer is a dynamic speaker with a vast knowledge of the Lost Villages and a personal connection to the area. She is an author, entrepreneur, genealogist and historian who has written 3 historical fiction novels and is currently working on a fourth. She has been published in several magazines and most recently in the Feb/Mar issue of Our Canada.



Guest speaker Jennifer DeBruin

Her presentation included many photographs of the Lost Villages (largely settled by the United Empire Loyalists) and the surrounding area, before, during and after the construction of the St. Lawrence

Seaway. Some of these villages disappeared completely while others were drastically changed. Her stories of the places and people affected by the inundation 60 years ago brought to life the struggles and emotions of the 6500 persons who were displaced, the homes, villages, farms and livelihoods which were forever lost under the water.

Attendees were encouraged to visit the Lost Villages Museum, located at 16361 Fran Laflamme Drive, Long Sault, ON to learn more about the fascinating history and to perhaps better understand the drastic changes which took place. <http://lostvillages.ca/>

After her extremely interesting presentation, Jennifer was thanked by Branch Treasurer Bob Adair.

Library Report

By Dorothy Meyerhof

Eight new titles will soon be added to the collection:

Call No.	Author	Title	Donor
325.20713 NEV	Neville, George	Loyalist Land Grants Along the Grand (Ottawa) River 1788	S. Moss
B MOO (MOO)	Moody, James	Lieut. James Moody's narrative of his exertions and sufferings in the cause of government, since the year 1776; authenticated by proper certificates. The second edition	R. Moody
391.009 WRI	Wright, Merideth	Everyday Dress of Rural America, 1783-1800: with Instructions and Patterns	Purchase
391.009 MON	Monture, Joel	Instructions for a Colonial Man's Shirt	A. Redish
971.3 HOU	Houston, Susan E. and Alison Prentice	Schooling and Scholars in Nineteenth-Century Ontario	T. Meyerhof
325.20744 MAA	Maas, David E.	Divided Hearts: Massachusetts Loyalists 1765-1790, A Biographical Directory	Purchase
	Cox, Kenneth G.	Searching for Canadian Militia Records following the Fenian Threat and the Red River Expedition, 1866-1872	Purchase
391.009 BRI	Brigade of the American Revolution	Women's Dress During the American Revolution: An Interpretive Guide	Purchase

Conference 2019 update

By Sylvia Powers

Below is the Schedule of Events for the upcoming Conference 2019. Please plan on attending and participating with your fellow Loyalists. More information will be published in upcoming newsletters and on the Branch website. Donations are being accepted for the Dutch Auction. Items do not need to

be Loyalist related, but, should be valued at @25.00. For further information, please contact the Conference Chair, Sylvia Powers.

Thursday, May 30

8 -12 Registration

10am – 12am Genealogist Meeting

1pm – 3 pm Membership Meeting

1 pm-4 pm Registration

2-3 pm George Neville: “Loyalist Land Grants along the Ottawa (Grand) River in 1788”

3-4 pm Marilyn Schwartz: “Capital City Treasures”

4-5 pm Hospitality Suite

6-9 pm Reception: Elder Albert Dumont

Friday, May 31

8-8:30 am Registration

9 am Buses load up

Tour A: Rideau Valley Tour with lunch at Merrickville led by Brian Tackaberry

Tour B: Ottawa Tour led by Harry MacKay to War Museum, Rideau Hall, Museum of History

Tour C: City of Ottawa Archives 9:30 to 12 - Research

12-1 pm Lunch

3-4 pm Valerie Knowles: “Jonathan Sewell: Chief Justice of Lower Canada”

4-5 pm Hospitality suite

4 -5 pm Registration

5:30 – 9:30 pm Banquet

Entertainment: Carolynne Davy Godin with Edith Troup: Medley of popular songs of Early Settlers

Saturday, June 1

7-9 am Buffet Breakfast

9-12 pm AGM

12-1pm Lunch

2-4 pm Jean Rae Baxter Workshop: “Writing Loyalist Family History”

2-3 pm Jennifer DeBruin: “Loyalist Spies”

3-4 pm Lesley Anderson: “Loyalist Resources through Ancestry”

9am -4pm Vendors, Dutch Auction

5:30 -9:30 pm Gala Banquet

Speaker: Glenn Wright: “From Controversy to Compromise: The Origins of Canada’s National Flag”

Sunday, June 2

10 am check out, store suitcases

10 am Leave for church: Christ Church Aylmer; Service led by Rev. Eric Morin

12 pm Lunch at Denny’s

1 pm Goodbyes

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.

Matthew Benson; Abraham Blois; John Cameron; David Cole; Thomas Dakin; Michael Dennison; William Fairfield Sr.; William Frank; Joseph Haines; William Havens; Caleb Howe; Robert Land Sr.; Archibald MacGillivray; William Marsh; John Parlow.

Interesting websites / resources

<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/loy/index.shtml>

Lots of links to resources, including books, muster rolls, other sites, etc. good starting point for newbies. There is a free newsletter listing upcoming genealogy events. Resources are both online, and print. Loyalist focus is Ontario centric.

<http://www.revwartalk.com/>

American Revolutionary War Talk – some Loyalist content

<http://help.onland.ca/en/home/>

Ontario Land Registry Access – virtual Land Registry Office where you can currently search historical books, but, in future will be able to search writs, documents and property title records

Upcoming Events

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 <http://uelac.org/conference-2018/Saskatchewan-Conference-2018.php>

American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference, June 7-10 2018, Fort Plain Museum, Fort Plain, N.Y. <http://fortplainmuseum.com/conference>

Palatines to America German Genealogy Society National Conference, June 13-16, 2018, Buffalo, N.Y. featuring John Colletta, Baerbel Johnson & others. <https://www.palam.org/>

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

Last Post

Ronald R. Richards, Capt (N) RCN (Ret'd)

August 26, 1937 - March 11, 2018

Ron passed away peacefully at home in Ottawa on March 11, 2018. Born August 26, 1937 in Victoria B.C., he was the son of the late Stanley T. Richards and Victoria E. Richards (nee Keeper) and beloved and cherished husband of 57 years of Nancy (nee Frank). Devoted, and much loved father of Lorraine Dunn (Jim); Stephen Richards (Larisa); and Angela MacIsaac (Glenn). Proud and greatly cherished grandfather of Christine (Jeremy), Wendy, Alyse, Leah, Graham, great grandfather of Hannah and step grandfather to Christian and Armin. Ron is fondly remembered by loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many wonderful friends and neighbours. Ron was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth Gudgeon, brothers-in-law Clark Gudgeon and David Frank and great nephew Ryan Goyette. Ron proudly served his country in the Royal Canadian Navy for 39 years, as a professional Engineer. His Naval career began at HMCS Venture, Victoria B.C. and included serving on several naval ships, as well as at National Defense Head Quarters, Ottawa and at CFB Halifax as Senior Staff Officer Dockyard Development and as Commanding Officer at 2CFTSA in Montreal. He and Nancy greatly enjoyed his last posting to Japan where Ron served as the Canadian Forces Attaché, Canadian Embassy Tokyo. Ron especially enjoyed reading, golfing, skiing and sailing with his family. In retirement

he also took great pleasure in cruising, researching his genealogy and travelling the world with the love of his life, Nancy. His family joined them on several exciting adventures. He was a founding member of The Friendship Force, Ottawa. Ron had a sharp mind and always enjoyed a good joke. His keen sense of humour kept those around him smiling at his quick wit throughout his life.

Visitation will be held at Beechwood, Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. in Beechwood's Sacred Space. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron's memory may be made to the Canadian Memorial Trust - HMCS Sackville or to The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation.

Note: Ron was a previous Branch family member and was always willing to help with the Branch functions. He gave the toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as well as King George III at Branch activities and often helped with the flag ceremonies. The Branch offers our sincere condolences.

Fenian Raid Medal

By Penny Minter

In January 2018, I donated my great-great grandfather's Fenian Raid Medal to the Canadian War Museum. This medal was awarded to Gideon Grisdale, a Sergeant with the Welland Canal Field Battery. He was taken prisoner by the Fenians on June 2, 1866 during their raid on Fort Erie and the Battle of Ridgeway. There were only 77 of these medals struck and they were presented by the County of Welland. It is the only medal of its kind at the War Museum.



Branch Secretary Penny Minter and Jennifer Potter of the Canadian War Museum

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

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