

## **BAY OF QUINTE BRANCH**

### **1963 April**

The opening of the Quinte Loyalist Museum took place on Saturday, June 16th, with a number of members of the Toronto and Governor Simcoe Branches attending. It was a fine summer day and a picnic lunch was enjoyed under the trees in the beautiful park that surrounds the Museum and borders on the Bay of Quinte. Short addresses were made by the President, Miss Allison, Miss Kay McFarland, Dr. Walton-Ball and others. A portrait of Governor Simcoe was presented to the Museum by the Governor Simcoe Branch and deep appreciation for the gift was expressed by the President. Members of the Adolphustown Women's Institute were present and presented two flags to the Museum, a Red Ensign and a Union Jack, on behalf of the now disbanded United Empire Loyalist Branch of the Imperial Order of The Daughters of the Empire of Napanee. Also presented by the women's Institute was the Tweedsmuir History of Adolphustown. During the summer months the Museum was opened with Mr. Maurice Young the Curator, in charge; and visitors came from nearly every province in Canada, many states of the U.S.A., England, Ireland and India.

In September a meeting was held at the Adolphustown Town Hall. Miss Kay McFarland, Chairman of the Museum Committee, gave a detailed report to date. Short addresses were made by Gordon Osborne, Miss Myrtle Barnum, Mrs. Jack Roblin, Mr. Peebles and Miss McFarland giving their impressions of Upper Canada Village. Following the meeting the members visited the Museum, and then adjourned to St. Albans Anglican Hall where refreshments were served.

In November a well attended meeting was held in the Corby Public Library at Belleville. A report of the Museum Committee, prepared by Miss McFarland, was read by the President, Miss Edith Allison. Most informative addresses were given on four religious denominations in the early days: Mrs. Donald Hough, Methodist; Mrs. Malcolm Love, Lutheran; Mrs. Peter McKinnon, Anglican; and Mrs. Leonard Wiltse, Quaker.

### **1963 November**

The museum in Adolphustown Park on the Bay of Quinte was open from June 15 to Sept. 22; the hours during July and August from 2 to 5 p.m. daily except Monday. unless Monday was a holiday when it was open at the regular hours. On Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during June and September, the museum was open from 2 to 5 p.m.

Mr. Maurice Young, the Curator reported 1,263 visitors with many from the United States and some from Europe.

The Annual Meeting was held on May 1 at Adolphustown. Miss Kaye McFarland gave a summary of "1967 Centennial in the Making" and piano solos by Mr. Cleland Blakely added to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Two new memberships were reported: Mrs. Lorna P. Thompson, Glenora Road, Picton, and Mrs. Zelma M. Tordiff, 33 Kempenfeldt Drive, Barrie.

Mr. Stanley Honsberger, Q.C. of Toronto, President of the Dominion Council, was the guest speaker at the September 4th meeting at Adolphustown. Mr. Honsberger's subject was "The Loyalists of 1963". In his address he spoke of the debt we owe our pioneer forebearers in our great heritage of parliamentary

government, of law and order and education, and our obligation to maintain these rights and liberties by every effort and particularly in the exercise of the franchise when there is an election.

The Branch lost two active members through the deaths of Mrs. Grace Bennett of Newcastle, and Mr. E. Claude Young of Wellington. Mr. Young was our charter president. His interest in the Branch made him a valued member, particularly for the great amount of time and effort he spent in preparing genealogical information of Loyalist families in the district.

### 1964 April

The November meeting, in Belleville, had for guest speaker Mr. Gerald Boyce, President of the Hasting County Historical Society, whose subject "A Pictorial History of Belleville Area" was illustrated with many interesting slides of Belleville in the early days.

At the Picton meeting in January Mr. Allan Dempsey gave an informative talk on "Crests and Badges" with slides.

At the March meeting in Napanee Dr. H. C. Burleigh, the Branch Genealogist, read "Lieutenant Henry Simmons' Journal, 1777-1778" and showed maps illustrating the route taken by Lieutenant Simmins in the journey from Claverack in New York State to Quebec. Lieutenant Simmons led 437 men, women and children of Jessup's Loyal Rangers in the first settlement of Ernesttown in June 1784. (see LG April 1964 p4)

Five new members were received into the branch:

- Mrs. Paul Foster, 28 College St. E., Belleville (Associate)
- Miss Meribeth Cameron, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. (Cole.)
- Mrs. George Bennett, Bellevue Apts., Belleville (Post, Alger.)
- Mrs. Evelyn L. Collins, 1271 Willowdale Ave., Ottawa 8 (Bogart, Roblin, Campbell, Davis (Ruttan, Huffnail.)
- Robert, C. Mitchell, R. R. 7, Belleville (Capt. Abraham Maybee.)

The Branch has lost two members: Mrs. Cora McFarland, Napanee and Mr. Lewis N. McFaul, Wellington, Ontario.

by Miss Helen Fraleck

### 1964 November

The Annual Meeting was held on May 6th, 1964, at Adolphustown. Col. W. A. Davern gave a report on the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Council in Toronto and advised that one of the Branch members, Miss Helen Fraleck, had been elected second vice-president.

Six new members were received into the Branch:

- Mrs. Flavelle Taillon, Apt. 2, 155 Gilmour St., Ottawa (Canniff).
- Mrs. E. J. Wood, 59 Wilton Ave., Ottawa (Canniff)
- Mrs. Robt. C. Mitchell, RR 7, Belleville (Babcock, Hubble)
- Miss M. M. Diamond, Bellevue Apts., Belleville (Diamond)
- Joseph A. Blackburn, 272 Charles St., Belleville (Alger, Huff)
- Mrs. Diane Haskins, Crosby, Ont., (Simmons, Pruyn)

The guest speaker at the September meeting was Col. W. A. Jones, O. B. E., Professor Emeritis of Radiology, Queen's University, who gave a most interesting illustrated account of a trip to the Arctic in 1961 as Medical Officer on the government ship C. D. Howe.

The Branch suffered the loss of the following members: Dr. H. M. Roblin, Syracuse; Nesbitt Haggerty, Toronto; Rush M. Blodgett, Laguna Beach, Cal., and Donald M. Trumpour, Picton.

by Miss Helen Fraleck

### 1965 April

The November meeting was held at Belleville when Mrs. Nathan Jones gave an interesting description, with many pictures, of a motor trip that she and her husband had made through India. At the January meeting in Picton the entertainment was an illustrated talk by Mr. Ron Johnson, Special Events Officer, S1. Lawrence Parks Commission, in which he told of the formation of Upper Canada Village. The March meeting was held in Napanee at which Dr. H. C. Burleigh of Bath was the speaker. Dr. Burleigh gave an account of an engagement that took place in the Revolutionary War involving a number of Loyalists who settled along the Bay of Quinte. This was the attack on the Block-house at Bergen Wood when seventy-five men held off an attack by a corps of nearly two thousand rebels with seven pieces of cannon.

The following account of the episode is found in the Public Records Office in London, England, in letter No. 100, of the papers of Sir Henry Clinton, the British Commander in New York. It is addressed to Lord George Germain and reads as follows:

*"East Hampton, Suffolk County, Long Island, the 20th August 1780.*

*My Lord,*

*I have the satisfaction of communicating to your Lordship an instance of courage which reflects the greatest honour on a small body of the refugees.*

*About seventy of them had taken post on a part of the opposite shore of the North River called Bull's Ferry, where they had fortified them selves with a Block-house and stockade to be protected in cutting wood, the labour they were employed in for their maintenance.*

*A copy of nearly two thousand rebels under their General Wayne, Irving and Proctor, with seven pieces of cannon made an attack upon them on the 21st ultimo. Notwithstanding a cannonade of three hours, almost every shot of which penetrated through the Block house, and an attempt to carry the place by assault, they were repulsed by these brave men with the loss of a great many killed, including three officers and many wounded. The exertions of the refugees did not cease after having resisted so great a force. They followed the enemy, seized the stragglers and rescued from them the cattle they were driving from the neighbouring district.*

*I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,*

*Your Lordship's Most obedient and most humble servant, H. Clinton"*

Six new members were welcomed into the Branch: Dr. John Bingham, Toronto (U.E.L. ancestors John Everett, Gilbert Purdy; Miss Candace Spencer, Watertown, N. Y, (William Sherman); Mrs. Marion Bonham, Sillsville, Ontario, (Abraham Brown, Matthew Howard); Mrs. Vera Ostrander, Picton, (Edward and John Hicks; Mr. J. W. Haight, Kitimat, B. C., (James Canniff); Mrs. J. W. Haight, Kitimat, B.C., (William Ruttan.)

It had been reported that the Duffett House in Adolphustown, erected in the early 1800's and now owned by the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, was in danger of being razed and efforts are being made to preserve this fine old house for historical purposes.

The Branch has lost two members in the deaths of Miss Edith Forester, Vancouver Island, and Mrs. Estella Fraser, Picton. Sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

by Helen Fraleck

### 1965 November

The Ontario Historical Society held their annual meeting at Picton, Ontario, June 17th-19th, 1965. During a tour of the Hay Bay area on June 18th about one hundred members of the Society visited the U. E. L. Museum and the U.E.L. Cemetery at Adolphustown, Ontario. Much interest was shown in our unique display of maps, illustrating the many routes that the Loyalists took to the shores of much that was wilderness. The Loyalists left by ship from New York and suffered a severe winter winters at Sorel and then continued their weary journey in the spring up the St. Lawrence river to the first town (Kingston) and so on to the fourth town (Adolphustown), the Hay Bay and the Bay of Quinte area, landing during the summer of 1784. These maps were painted and donated by Mr. Orval Madden, A.O.C.A. of Toronto and Napanee, Ontario. During the visit tea was served to our distinguished guests by the ladies of the Quinte Branch of the U.E.L. Association. It was much appreciated by Mrs. Wanamaker and myself as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Museum to be asked to represent the members of the Bay of Quinte Branch, U.E.L. at the annual dinner of the Ontario Historical Society, held at the Picton Yacht Club.

It is of interest to note that Miss Kaye McFarland UE who is a past president of the Bay of Quinte Branch, was re-elected President of the Ontario Historical Society for 1966.

By C. L. R. Wanamaker

### 1966 April

At the November meeting in Belleville the speaker was the Rev. J. M. G. Souter, Rector of the Anglican Church at Wellington. His subject "Journeyman for God" was the story of the Rev. John Langhorn, the first official Church of England missionary to Upper Canada in 1786. Though his real mission field was Ernesttown and Fredericksburgh, he frequently visited other areas such as Prince Edward and those parts of Hastings County then settled. His record of marriages and baptisms is preserved at Kingston, a copy of which can be found in Vol. I, Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society.

The speaker at the January meeting in Picton was Mr. Allan Dempsey whose subject was "The Red Schoolhouse". This was a school built in 1827 on Lot 86 in the First Concession of the Township of Ameliasburgh in Prince Edward County. It is still in use as a school.

Dr. H. C. Burleigh, Genealogist of the Bay of Quinte Branch, was the speaker at the March meeting in Napanee. In his address "The Loyalist Settlement of Prince Edward County" he showed that the settlement along the Upper St. Lawrence River and the Bay of Quinte, in the summer of 1784, had all the features of a military campaign. The area was divided into townships and the several Loyalist military units were allocated to the various townships, still under the command, of their officers who acted as administrators until such time as civil authority could be established. The first group to ascend the St. Lawrence was the band of Mohawks destined for the Tyendinaga Reservation. Dr. Burleigh gave the names of the different regiments in the order of their arrival, the places where they were settled, and the names of some of these Loyalists. " In the U. E. L. Museum at Adolphustown Park there are copies of the official lists from the Archives at Ottawa of those who settled in Prince Edward County and in the Adolphustown area in the summer of 1784.

Fourteen members have been welcomed into the Branch: Mrs. Colin Hepburn, Belleville (U.E.L. ancestors, Joseph and James Morden), James C. Hepburn, Napanee, (Joseph and James Morden), Mrs. Basil Bums, R.R. 2, Dresden, Ont., (Cyrenius Parks, Henry Gordinier, Jacob Huffman), Mrs. Eldon L. Clossen,

Belleville (Robt. Perry, Geo. Rutter), Mrs. F. K. Hodgen, Halloway, Ont. (Conrad Sills, Geo. Sills, Jacob Miller, John Caldwell), Mrs. Oliver Owen, Belleville, (Michael Grass, John Everett, Wm. Marsh, Ruliph Ostrom), Miss Jane R. Scott, Belleville, (Nicholas Lake, Alexander Laughlin), Wm. Y. Searles, Vancouver, (Wm. Sharrard), Mrs. W. P. Sanson, Penscoola, Florida, (Wm. Sharrard), Cameron R. Stewart, Temple City, California, (Wm. Sharrard), Donald D. Thompson, Picton, (Peter Collier, Philip Kellar, John Cannon, Conrad Bongard), Mrs. Wm. J. Thomson, Toronto, (Robert Perry, Geo. Rutter), Mrs. Dan Walter, North Battleford, Sask., (Wm. Sherrard).

The Branch suffered the loss of five members through the deaths of Robert S. Carmichael Mrs. Marjorie Kayler, Mrs. Minnie McKee, D. Rae Roblin, W. W. Allison.

*(Editor's Note: Dr. Burleigh's paper will appear in a subsequent number of the Loyalist Gazette).*

By Helen Fraleck

### 1967 Spring

At the annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, held on May 4, 1966, the following officers were elected: Pres. E. Cummings, Daverne, Napanee; 1st Vice-Pres. C. L. R. Wanamaker, Belleville; 2nd Vice-Pres. C. F. Young, Picton; 3rd Vice-Pres. Mrs. Don Thompson, Picton; 4th Vice-Pres. Allan Dempsey; 5th Vice-Pres. Mrs. J. W. Sergeant, Belleville; Recording Secretary, Gordon F. Osborne, Napanee; Treasurer, Helen Fraleck, Belleville; Genealogist, Dr. H. C. Burleigh, Bath.

The September meeting was held at Adolphustown. Dr. H. C. Walton-Ball was the guest speaker at the November meeting held at Belleville. He stated that the cradle of United Empire Loyalist history was the Bay of Quinte district and that many of the pillars of our Dominion Council had come from this area. He outlined briefly the Simcoe Story and told of his trip to Wolford Chapel in Devonshire, England, on September 27, 1966, when the deed was handed to Premier Robarts on behalf of the Province of Ontario. Some interesting coloured slides were shown of the reception at Wolford Lodge and the ceremony at Wolford Chapel.

At the January meeting in Picton Mr. Willis Metcalfe gave a talk on "Ships and Ship Building in Prince Edward County." It is a well known fact that transportation in the early days and for many years depended solely on the waterways. It was natural that ship building should fill an important place in the history of Prince Edward County, almost entirely surrounded as it is by water. Records show that shipyards were located at Point Traverse, South Bay, Black River, Smith's Bay, Picton Harbour, Roblin's Mills, Rednersville, Wellington and Hillier. Ships of various types were built at these places, the first ones being schooners, some of them carrying a vast amount of sail. The mariners who manned these sailing vessels were a hardy breed, but history recounts many tragedies where lives of men, women and children were lost.

Following the schooners were the steamers which made regular trips to points up and down the Bay, carrying freight and passengers, running excursions and Sunday School picnics. Among these were the "Varuna", "Hero", "Aletha", "Ella Ross" and other larger boats.

Mr. Metcalfe was assisted by Mr. Victor Lord who showed many interesting pictures of ships and of beauty spots in Prince Edward County.

It was moved by Dr. H. C. Burleigh that the branch give encouragement to the Ontario Teachers' Federation in their effort to preserve Newburgh Academy as an educational museum.

The following new members have been welcomed into the Branch: Mrs. Morley Lovelace, Belleville (U.E.L. ancestors John H. Minaker, John F. W. Minaker); Harry L. Softly, St. Boniface 6, Manitoba (Simon Van Kleek, Josiah Cass, Joseph P. Cass); Richard P. Eckels, Sarasota, Florida (Lieut John Dulmage, Capt. Phillip Dulmage); Miss Vera M. McKee, Trenton (Major Peter VanAlstine); Mrs. J. N. Hartt, Belleville (Major Peter VanAlstine); Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, Portland, Oregon (Philip Reddick); Mrs. J. R. Scott, Belleville (Jeptha Hawley, Samuel McCoy.)

We regret to report that the Branch has lost two members through the deaths of Colonel W. H. Craig, Kingston, and Miss Emily Parker, Stirling. Miss Parker was a granddaughter of Edward Fidler, one of the first settlers where the village of Stirling now stands, which was originally known as "Fidler's Green." Miss Parker would have reached the age of one hundred years, had she lived one more month.

By Helen Fraleck

### **BAY OF QUINTE - CENTENNIAL PROJECT**

**R**ecording the location of all the final resting places of Loyalists that can be found and identified is the Centennial project of the Bay of Quinte Branch. Started as a private project several years ago by Dr. H. C. Burleigh, Bath, Ont., it was formally taken over by the Branch in May 1965.

Most of the work is being done by Dr. Burleigh and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. R. Wanamaker, Belleville, Ont. The Wanamakers, who began their own private project over four years ago, have listed all the markers in 64 cemeteries in Prince Edward County and have a good start on those in the "Front" townships of Hastings County.

From the records compiled, Dr. Burleigh, Branch Genealogist, will select for the project those names that can be identified as U.E. Loyalists. Eventually the Wanamakers will present a copy of their Prince Edward County register to the library in Picton.

In many instances these grave markers are the only records now available of Ontario residents who lived and died before official vital statistics were started in the Province, shortly after Confederation. Already, according to Mr. Wanamaker, many of these markers - and the information recorded thereon - have been lost through neglect and vandalism.

For example, what happened to the markers that were in the cemetery opposite the old Hay Bay Church, reported to have been there 30 years ago.

Some of the names recorded on the old head-stones - some of them scratched on native field stones - bring a smile today: Patience Sherriff (woman), Content Blunt (woman), Consider Haight (man), Patience Haight (woman), Freedom Chase (man), Waity Hudgin (woman). Salem Hubbs (man) and Wealthy Platt (woman). One inscription on a stone in the old St. Mary Magdalene (Anglican) Church-yard in Picton attracted the attention of Ripley's "Believe It or Not". It reads: "Wm. Pierce who died Feb. 31, 1860. Aged 73 years".

### **1967 Autumn**

**A**t the Spring meeting held in Napanee, the president, Mr. Daverne, welcomed guests and members, Mr. Wanamaker reported on the U.E.L. plaque to be unveiled in the Parliament Buildings. Dr. Burleigh chose as his talk, "Where is the Bay of Quinte?" From the archives he quoted, "Prior to 1790 the Loyalist settlements were scattered along the Upper St. Lawrence, Bay of Quinte, Niagara Frontier and the Detroit River." The Bay of Quinte settlement embraced Kingston, Ernestown, Fredericksburgh, Adolphustown and Marysburgh Townships. Subsequently Sophiasburgh, Ameliasburgh, Sidney, Thurlow

and Richmond were added as well as Tyendenaga Reservation. All of this was considered to border on the Bay of Quinte.

When, in 1947, a sign bearing LAKE ONTARIO appeared on highway 33 in the vicinity of Bath, Dr. Burleigh and others were able to have the sign removed and later an investigation by Dr. Burleigh of many authoritative sources convinced him that the Bay of Quinte does extend from Trenton on the west to a point near Kingston on the east. This was a very instructive address by the genealogist, H. C. Burleigh, M.D., at the Napanee meeting.

The annual meeting was held at Adolphustown in May. Mrs. Mildred Wanamaker reported on the Annual meeting of Dominion Council. Mr. Wanamaker gave a report on what had been accomplished in recording the names of U.E.L. pioneers to be found in cemeteries and burying grounds in the Bay of Quinte district. Seventy-four cemeteries in Prince Edward County, and some cemeteries in the front townships of Hastings County have been listed. Mr. C. L. R. Wanamaker requests some help in compiling more complete records in this area.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows:

President, C. L. R. Wanamaker;  
Vice-Presidents, Chas. F. Young, Mrs. Donald Thompson, Allan Dempsey, Mrs. J. W. Sargent,  
Gordon F. Osborne;  
Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Morley Lovelace;  
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Closson;  
Genealogist, Lt. - Col. H. C. Burleigh, M.D.

The annual U.E.L. church service was held the 18th of June at Church of St. Alban the Martyr at Adolphustown when Bogart W. Trumpour, Q.C., gave a fine address to an almost packed church.

The museum had a very successful season for 1966 attendance was over 2700 which was greater than any previous year.

The following applicants were welcomed into membership: John Terence Dorland, Terrace Bay, Ontario (U.E.L. ancestor Paul Trumpour), Mrs. Andrew T. Mackie, Carrying Place, Ontario, (Robt. Perry, Wm. Lewis, Sam Babcock, Edward and John Carscallen, David Fraser), Mrs. G. C. Gorsline, Belleville, Ontario. (John Trumpour).

We regret the passing of Mrs. Lois Ann Proctor of Picton, Ontario.

### **1968 Spring**

**T**he annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held on May 3rd at Adolphustown, Ontario. A new slate of officers was elected.

The second meeting was held in September at Adolphustown. J. A. C. Rogers of our branch spoke on the "Bicentennial Commemoration of the James Rogers Settlement at Dunbarton, New Hampshire". He illustrated his interesting talk with pictures, documents, and books pertaining to Col. James Rogers.

At our November meeting held in Belleville. Dr. Russell Scott introduced Dr. J. C. Dillane as guest speaker. Dr. Dillane gave an interesting talk on the May 18th celebration at St. John, New Brunswick and the presentation of the Charter to reorganize the Saint John branch.

In January 24 members of the branch met at the Royal Hotel in Picton to hear a paper read by our Branch Genealogist, Dr. H. C. Burleigh in part as follows: "From the number of irregularities which have come to my attention in the past 11 years as branch genealogist, it leads me to believe it is time that we reviewed our reputed aims and objects. Are we developing into a group of loosely connected branches, each with its own beliefs, rules and regulations, admitting to membership those who might well be rejected by other branches? Are we drifting away from the precepts instituted so many years ago by Lord Dorchester's Order - in - Council which is very clear that the ancestors in question must have joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783 and his name must be in the U.E. lists. On these several lists of Loyalists you will find after each - U.E. not U.E., or not privileged, or expunged, or settler. From these lists it is clear that in 1784-1796 there was a clear cut separation of U.E. Loyalists from the other names on the Land Board lists.

The Land Boards were in a position to know who were true U. E. seeing that many of their members were themselves of the category. Moreover, these were their kind of people. All had lost everything and had suffered for the duration of the conflict with their wives and little ones.

With a strong desire to keep "bright the spirit of loyalty" our association was born February 28, 1896 and among other things the qualification was "All persons of either sex, resident in Ontario or elsewhere, who can trace their lineal descent by either male or female line from U.E. Loyalist shall be eligible for membership."

As in former years, our U.E. Loyalists' museum had a very successful year. The object of the branch in displaying part of our U.E. heritage has been well rewarded with over 2700 visitors at Adolphustown.

We welcome the following members:

Mrs. Lola Jean Reid, (John Van Cott, James McTaggart) 128 Yeomans Street, Belleville.  
Hiram Frederick Van Cott, (John VanCott), Picton.  
Mrs. Mary Louise Van Cott, (Wm. Hudgin, Peter Collier, Conrad Bongard), Picton.  
Dr. Glendon Frederick Van Cott, (John Vancott, Wm. Hudgin, Peter Collier, Conrad Bongard)  
288 Regent Street, Kingston.  
Mrs. Dorothy Adelaide MacLean, (Robert Clarke, Martin Stover), 18 Boswell St., Belleville.  
George Stevenson Greer, (Peter Ruttan, John Canniff, Samuel Petting ell e) 215 Kingston Street,  
Trenton.  
Raphael Woodrow Young, (Lieut. Henry Young, Capt. Barret Dyer,) Picton.  
Frank Edgar Dulmage (David Dulmage, Phillip Kellar,) Picton.  
Dr. Allen Walters (Everhard Wager, William Wager,) 104 Clung Drive, Toronto.  
Mrs. Margaret Alexander Austin (Barnabas Hough, Alexander Nicholson) 230 Glenwood Cr.,  
Oshawa.

### **1968 Autumn**

**T**he March meeting was held in Napanee with a good attendance. Dr. H. C. Burleigh gave an interesting and informative talk on the story of the early settlement at Adolphustown.

At that meeting we welcomed 13 new members and one associate member:

Mrs. Alice Aileen Foster, R#I, Bloomfield (anc. John Babcock, Nehemiah Hubble, Henry Redner).  
Ralph D. Maybee, 11 Sproule Street, Westbrook, Ont.(anc. Abraham Maybee).  
Mr. Ross Leland Foster, R.#I, Bloomfield, Ont. (anc. John Canniff, Garrett Miller, Wm. Ketcheson,  
Philip Roblin, Conrad Sills, Wm. Cadman, John Babcock, Nehemiah Hubble, Henry Redner).  
Mr. John Leuius Empey, 23 Wellington Crescent, Belleville. (anc. Philip Empey Sr., Peter Empey).



Mrs. Phyllis Doreen McFaul, R#2, Consecon, Ont. (anc. William Marsh, Matthias Marsh).  
Mr. David George Harris, Box 301, Stevenson, Washington 98648, USA. (anc. David Palmer, David Harris).  
Mrs. Mada Blanche Hart, R.R. #4, Picton, Ontario. (anc. Eben. ezer Washburn, Dimon DeFor. est, Conrad Bongard, John Henry Minaker, John Frederick William Minaker).  
Miss Marjorie A. Gough, Bloomfield, Onto (UE anc. Lt. Henry Young, Capt. John Stinson).  
Mr. Harold Clealan Blakely, 24 Ontario St., Picton, Ont. (anc. James Blakely).  
Mrs. Florence Ruth Blakely, 24 Ontario St., Picton, Ont. (Associate Member).  
Miss Edith Ann Blakely, 24 Ontario St., Picton, Ont. (anc. James Blakely).  
Miss Marion Louise Blakely, 24 Ontario St., Picton, Ont. (anc. James Blakely).  
Mrs. Evalyn VanDeusen Drew, Main Street East, Picton, Ont. (anc. Conrad VanDeusen, Ebenezer Washburn, Simon DeForest, Paul Trumpour).  
Stephen Edgar Maybee, Box 66, Westbrook, Ontario. (anc. Capt. Abraham Maybee).  
James Norris Bruce Scott, 200 John Street, Belleville. (anc. Christopher Lake, John Lake Sr., Alexander Laughlin.)

In May we held the annual meeting at Adolphustown. The following were elected as officers for the coming year:

Pres., Mr. Gordon F. Osborne;  
1st Vice. Mr. Charles Young;  
2nd Vice . Mrs. Sherry Mackie;  
3rd Vice . Mrs. Donald Thomp son;  
4th Vice. Mr. Donald Thompson;  
5th Vice . Major Ralph D. Maybee;  
Genealogist . Lt. Col. H. C. Burleigh, M.D.;  
Treasurer . Mrs. Marjorie Lovelace;  
Secretary . Mrs. Mary Ellen Closson.

The Branch held their commemorative annual church service at St. Alban's Church in Adolphustown on June 16 with a good attendance. The president, Mr. G. F. Osborne delivered an exceptionally fine address for the occasion.

The executive held a meeting late in July in the form of a picnic at the Adolphustown park and the U. E. Loyalist Museum.

The U. E. Loyalist Museum at Adolphustown reported another good year. Attendance was down a bit from 1967, but this was to be expected.

The September meeting was held at Adolphustown on Sept. 4. Before the business portion of the meeting everyone met at the Museum and spent a very interesting hour browsing among the many valuable and fascinating loyalist displays.

### **The U.E, Mark of Honour - How Determined**

**T**he Dominion Council Researcher, Mr. K. A. Benson, reports that the Council has purchased from the Public Archives of Canada a Xerox copy of the original roll of each district which indicates who is or is not entitled to the U.E. Mark of Honour. The list reference is RGI, L 7, 52 (A) of which a copy may be obtained from the Public Archives of Canada, Mr. Benson advises that all branches make use of the Dominion Council's copy, or better still purchase one for their own use. The approximate cost is \$45.50. Mr. Benson states that branch member's sometimes confuse Land Board List with the U.E. List in checking the authenticity of an applicant's genealogy. Sometimes to obtain final proof of authenticity other data in the Public Archives have to be consulted, such as petitions affidavits, etc. Mr. C. L. R. Wanamaker of the

Bay of Quinte Branch genealogical reports that their branch purchased two copies of the U.E. Lists for their use.

### 1969 Spring

The Bay of Quinte Branch held their regular meeting in November in Belleville. Program for the evening was Religions of the Early Pioneers. We heard accounts of Lutheran, Methodist, Quaker, Anglican and Presbyterian. Each was interesting, informative, and reo presented a great deal of research. The January meeting was held in Picton. We heard part of the story of the Roblin Family from Mr. and Mrs. Loral Wanamaker, but because of lack of time it was decided it would be better to finish it at a future meeting.

New members welcomed to the Branch are:

Mr. Ray Bolton Dame, 7712 Tomlinson Avenue, Cabin John, Maryland 20731 (U.E. ancestor Allan McDonell of Kingston),

Mr. Wentworth Henry Smith, Box 402, Kingston, Ontario (U. E. ancestors Sgt, Peter Smith of Kingston and Patrick Smyth of Sorel and Kingston).

Deaths: We were sorry to announce the passing of three members - our esteemed life member Mrs. W. H. Gutzeit, also Mrs. Harold Martin, and Mrs. D. Greer.

The U.E.L. Annual Memorial Service is to be held at St. Alban's Church, Adolphustown, June 15, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. Miss Kaye McFarland will be the speaker.

### 1970 Spring

The Bay of Quinte Branch held their January meeting at the Royal Hotel in Picton, Ontario. Mr. Wanamaker, the Secretary, welcomed two new members: Mrs. Audrey Lorraine Kirk of Streetsville, and Mr. Mark Bogart Dugid Trumpour of Kingston, both of whom had been granted membership at the last meeting. Mrs. Kirk's ancestors were Asa Richardson, Thomas Richardson and Samuel Brownson, all of the early settlement of Third Town or Fredericksburgh, now the Napanee area; Mark Trumpour's five UE ancestors were all original settlers of Fourth Town, now Adolphustown. They were Paul Trumpour, Gilbert Bogart, Abraham Bogart, Alexander Campbell and Archibald Campbell.

Applications for membership were confirmed for the following: Evangeline Lillian Carter, 7 Grenville Rd., Kingston, Ont. (UE ancestors: William Marsh and Mathias Marsh); Rev. George Wilson Moore, Route 1, Houser Rd., Henryville, Indiana. (UE ancestors: Frederick Fox and Jacob Corbman); Mr. Earl Winfield VanBlaricorn, 1260 Kelglen Cres., Kelowna, B.C. (UE ancestor: Elisha Algar); Georgina May Evans, 38 Wendover Rd., Kingsway Park, Toronto. (UE ancestors: Jeremiah Schram and John Dingman); Mrs. Phyllis Margaret Moore, Route 1, Howser Rd., Henryville, Indiana. (UE ancestors: Jeremiah Schram, John Dingman and Benjamin French); Mrs. Helena Beatrice Sparling, 627 Minoro Blvd., Richmond, B.C.

Mr. Mark Trumpour in an interesting and informative address skilfully traced the devious ways by which members of four widely separated racial groups left troubled Europe eventually to find a haven first in British North America and finally in the settlement of Fourth Town in Canada West to us known as Adolphustown.

The Bay of Quinte Branch had a welcome out of-town guest in the person of Mr. Arless Flint of the Toronto Branch. Such reciprocal visits should be encouraged.

## 1970 Autumn

The County Memorial Building in Napanee was the scene of the Spring meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

President Ralph Maybee, presided. After the opening ceremonies and a brief transaction of business, the following new members were welcomed: Mrs. Marjorie Helena (Swayne) Van Damme, 19 Livingstone Road, Sharon, Mass.--UE ancestor Lucretia Howell Morden, Joseph Morden, Richard Morden, John W. Williams; Mrs. Shirley (Mikel) Foster, Consecon, R R #2 Ontario--UE ancestors: Godlove Mickel and Elizabeth Lott, Peter Wanamaker: Jean Esther ( Schell ) Daverne, 12 Graham Street, Napanee, Ontario--U E ancestors: William Ruttan, John German, Sr., John German Jr., and Garrett Vanderberg; Sharon Jean Daverne, 12 Graham Street, Napanee, Ontario--U E ancestors: William Ruttan, John German, Sr., John German Jr., and Garrett Vanderberg.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. H. C. Burleigh of Bath, Genealogist for the Bay of Quinte Branch of the U. E. Association. The setting of the story is the beautiful American State of Vermont, and the tale takes up back over two hundred years. It was told to Dr. Burleigh in the Bennington Museum by the curator, who opened one of the many storage drawers to show Dr. Burleigh the contents. There in a gray white pile lay the remains of a human skeleton--the bones of David Redding.

The story is an unhappy one. It has elements of both hate and violence and concerns the death of a Loyalist in whose fate Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys played a part. Prior to the outbreak of the Revolution, a band of young men of Vermont led by Ethan Allen were waging a fairly successful small - scale war against the neighbouring state of New York over territorial rights as defined by uncertain boundaries. Upon the outbreak of war, feuds were forgotten and the Green Mountain Boys became an important part of the Revolutionary Army.

In 1775 Ticonderoga fell to the Vermonters and in 1777 Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga. Among the captured British soldiers were David Redding and his brother, Francis, who were both at that time members of the Queen's Loyal Rangers. Francis Redding lived to reach safety, at last, in Canada, but David was not so fortunate. Twice he escaped only to be recaptured, and eventually hanged in Bennington on May 19, 1778. The conviction was largely due to the bitter animosity with which Ethan Allen regarded the prisoner. The charge? Not murder, arson, espionage or treason, but simply for the alleged theft of a horse! Twice David Redding was tried and twice condemned. Much disagreement followed the first trial, which was considered illegal, there being only six jurors instead of the required twelve. The second jury, reported to have been influenced by Ethan Allen, upheld the verdict of the first. Thus David Redding's fate was sealed.

As a soldier, he at least should have been accorded the dignity of dying before a firing squad. Certainly, there was confusion and much doubt concerning the fairness of the procedures. Certainly too, the original documents and the transcript of the trials unaccountably vanished. Indeed an investigation was begun but had to be dropped because there was no available reference material.

The hanging accomplished, the body was not buried, but handed over to the brother of the local sheriff, who was a doctor. By the use of lye and quicklime the flesh was removed from the bones and for almost two hundred years the skeleton of David Redding was used for demonstration purposes in the Williamstown Medical School. Then in 1927 it was given to the Bennington Museum, where it may be seen on request.

One wonders: Should the bones of David Redding be brought to Canada and given decent burial in some Loyalist Cemetery or in a Redding family plot beside his kinfolk?

Footnote: In pioneer times, cattle thieves, according to law, could 'be hanged but this penalty was rarely invoked except in the case of gangs of professional cattle thieves who pillaged the countryside. It seems

reasonable to presume that David Redding appropriated a horse to assist in his escape. In those days armies consistently foraged for supplies. This was considered a soldier's privilege, not a simple act of theft. This, then, may be the explanation of the charge laid against him.

A report from the Nominating Committee which consisted of Miss Kaye McFarland, Chairman, R C. Daverne and Gordon F. Osborne, was presented by Mr. Osborne. The slate of officers nominated was as follows: President: D. Donald Thompson, Picton; First Vice-President: Mr. Charles Young, Adolphustown; Second Vice-President Miss Helen Fralick, Belleville; Third Vice-President : Mrs. Harry Foster, Bloomfield; Fourth Vice-President Mr. Clelan Blakely, Picton; Fifth Vice-President Mr. Bogart Trumpour, Kingston; Genealogist: Dr. H. C. Burleigh, Bath; Secretary: Mrs. MedaHart, Picton; Treasurer: Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Picton; There were no nominations from the floor. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Burleigh.

It was moved and adopted that the Adolphustown Museum Committee for the next twelve months should consist of: Mr. Chas. Young, RR #1, Bath; Professor and Mrs. Stinson, 20 Wellington St., Kingston; Mr. R.M. Daverne, RR #1, Bath; Mrs. Donald Hough, RR#2, Napanee Dr.; H. C. Burleigh, Bath; and Captain Ray Young, 26 Paul St., Picton, Ontario. ,

The meeting closed with the singing of "O Canada", followed by a social hour.

The May meeting (of the Bay of Quinte Branch) was held at Adolphustown in St. Alban's Parish Hall. The meeting came to order at 8:15 on May 6, 1970 with Major Ralph Maybee in the chair. Following the opening exercises two new members were accepted. They were: James Robert Meachem of 65617 Katherine Court, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, U.S.A. UE ancestor: Peter Ruttan and Michael Sloat; Robert Franklin Kirk, Associate Member, passed by Dr. Burleigh as the spouse of our member, Audrey Lorraine Kirk, UE.

The event of the evening was the election of officers which was by acclamation.

Notice was given of the annual church service at Adolphustown. This service at the beautiful church of St. Albans will take place on June 14, 1970, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Gordon Smyth will be the speaker. The Bay of Quinte Branch of the U. E. L. Association extends an invitation, not only to members of all branches, but to all persons interested. It commemorates the 1784 landing of the Loyalists at Adolphustown, on the shores of the Bay of Quinte, on that June day, so long ago, and if you have not already done so, visit the United Empire Burial Ground in nearby Adolphustown Park.

The retiring president, Mr. Maybee, gave a very fine address which contained such excellent constructive criticism that a motion was made by Captain J. A. C. Rogers, and seconded by Dr. Burleigh that a copy be forwarded to The Dominion Council and to each branch and also that it be printed in the Loyalist Gazette.

### **1971 Spring**

**A**t an Autumn meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, Adolphustown, Ontario, the following new members were welcomed: James Robert Meacham, West Palm Beach, Florida (Ancestor: Peter Ruttan, Michael Floom) and Robert Franklin Kirk (Associate Member), Streetsville, Ontario.

A letter of appreciation was read from Mr. Michael Spohn on behalf of the Dominion Council for the hospitality extended to them during a weekend in June.

Attention was drawn to the Branch that the scenic beauty and historic interest of the highway between Adolphustown Ferry & Kingston was in great danger of being destroyed by industrial development, particularly the erection of a cement plant; and that the fate of a graveyard where many Loyalist settlers were buried was also causing great concern. A letter was authorized bringing this matter to the attention of Lennox and Addington County Council; Mr. Whitney, M.L.A.; Premier John Robarts; Department of Health; Cemetery Branch; Dominion Council, United Empire Loyalists' Association; Kingston Historical Society and Lennox and Addington Historical Society.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Margaret Angus, President of the Ontario Historical Society, her subject being "The Old Stones of Kingston", based on a book she had written and published under this title. Coloured slides showed the old limestone houses and public buildings and illustrated the fact that these buildings have not fallen in the way of "progress", and that the city retains its original character and beauty.

The November meeting was held in Belleville. The death of an old member, Miss Kathryn Asselstine of Windsor, was reported. The speaker was Miss Edith Allison who gave an interesting description of Expo 1970 which she had visited last summer, and showed slides of great beauty of Expo, Japan, and Thailand. She compared the Canadian Expo of 1967 to that of Japan, favouring the Canadian - perhaps because it was Canadian but also because it was located on a natural site whereas Japan was artificial.

### **1971 Autumn**

**T**he March meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, Adolphustown, Ontario, was held at the County Memorial Building, Napanee. Due to illness of the President, Mr. Donald Thompson, the chair was occupied by the first Vice-President, Mr. Charles Young. After a brief business session the following new members were welcomed: Mrs. Kathleen Druillard, 628 Sidney Street, Belleville; Ontario (ancestors: William Ketcheson, Patrick MacDonnell); Dr. Hugh R. MacCrimmon, 83 University Avenue West, Guelph, Ontario (ancestors: Donald MacCrimmon., Nicholas Wetzell).

Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of two members who had passed away: Mrs. Roscoe Vandewater and Miss Kathleen Asselstine.

Mrs. Thompson gave a short account of the Dominion Council meeting at Toronto. on February 27th. Mrs. Thompson informed the meeting that Dr. Dillane was making a gift to support the U.E.L. Museum at Adolphustown.

The following were appointed delegates to the Dominion Council meeting to be held in St. Catharines on May 8th. Mr. Charles Young, Miss Helen Fraleck, Mrs. Harry Foster, Mr. Bogart Trumpour, Mrs. Noxon Foster, Mr. Richard Daverne, Mrs. Marjorie Lovelace, Mrs. Jack L. Roblin.

The Nominating Committee brought in a list of officers to be submitted to the annual meeting in May. Major Maybee introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. H. C. Burleigh, who took as his subject "The Freemans of Freeman's Farm". This was of particular interest as they were ancestors of Dr. Burleigh's, and on its own account, as the scene of decisive battles at the close of the Revolutionary War. Freeman's Farm was on high ground on the west bank of the Hudson overlooking the marshlands and the river. With immense labour Freeman had cleared twelve or fifteen acres in front of his house on land sloping east and south. A log cabin first served as a shelter. for the pioneer family, but by 1777 a frame house of sorts had been built; the log cabin had become a barn and there were other log buildings. It was here on the 19th of September that the Battle of Freeman's Farm, or first Battle of Saratoga, was fought. The result was a victory for the British under. Gen. Burgoyne and General Reidesel and his troops. Burgoyne kept his army at

Freeman's Farm for three weeks. On October 7th the second Battle of Freeman's Farm, known as the second Battle of Saratoga, took place between the British armies of General Burgoyne and Gen. Reidesel, and the Americans under General Gates. After two days of fierce fighting the British were forced to make a hasty retreat and leave the American army victorious and the Revolutionary War was at an end.

We regret to announce the passing of Lieut.-Col. Gerald Allison, C.St.J., C.D., M.B., M.D., UE, Picton, and Mrs. Aileen Vandewater UE, Foxboro, Ontario.

We welcome the following new members: Gay Curran Husband UE, (Mrs. James L.), 94 Glenbrook Drive, Richmond, B.C. UE. Ancestor: Amos Pine UE).

The Annual Meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held at St. Albans Church Hall at Adolphustown on May 3, 1971, with Mr. Donald Thompson, the President, in the Chair. Mr. Thompson spoke briefly of the past year and expressed regret that, through illness, he had missed several of the meetings. He extended a welcome to a new member, Mrs. James L. Husband, 94 Glenbrook Drive, Richmond, B.C. (UE ancestor: Amos Pine).

The Treasurer reported that nineteen new members and one life member had been accepted during the past year and expressed regret at the death of four members.

The secretary advised that application blanks were available for the trip to the Mohawk Valley in New York State which has been arranged by the Dominion Council for the Thanksgiving weekend. An announcement was also made of the annual service at Deseronto commemorating the landing of the Mohawks on the shore of the Bay of Quinte, to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Neville R. Clarke, Bishop of James Bay and Suffragen Bishop of Moosonee.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. C. F. Young; 1st Vice-President, Miss Helen Fraleck; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Harry Foster; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. Bogart Trumpour; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Noxon Foster; 5th Vice-President, Mr. Richard Daverne; Treas., Mrs. Evelyn Drew; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John Roblin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Morley Lovelace; Genealogist, Dr. H. C. Burleigh.

A brief report was given of the Museum and the following were appointed to act as an advisory committee in this regard: Mr. Maurice Young, Miss Edith Allison, Miss Kay MacFarland, Mr. Richard Daverne and Dr. H. C. Burleigh.

### **1972 Spring**

**H**and-Crafted Pioneer Furniture Topic of Mrs. Jeanne Minhinnick Loyalists Meet at Adolphustown  
"The Furniture of Pioneer Prince Edward" was the topic of Mrs. Jeanne Minhinnick when she addressed members of the Bay of Quinte Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada at St. Alban's Church Hall, Adolphustown, Ontario, September 1.

No one has made more detailed study of hand-crafted early furniture than the guest speaker, who enjoys a more than national reputation. Her employment to choose furniture and furnishings for Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Ontario, when it was established followed years of study of pioneer designs and craftsmanship.

Mrs. Minhinnick remarked that pioneer workmen, making furniture, often stayed in a home, receiving board and room only, while they handtooled chairs or tables from maple, oak, cherry or sumac.

Colour slides, with running comment by the guest speaker, showed ladder-back chairs with hand-woven cane seats, and many other products of artisans such as round or oval tables, some with inlay, and with symmetrical and special design of legs. A combination secretary, chest of drawers, with bookcase on top, handcrafted, with local bird's eye maple inlay, on walnut drawers, - with cherry hand-turned spiral design of spindles at both sides of the front, was shown on one slide.

One should realize that a beautiful ladder-back maple chair sold for 50 cents new in pioneer days, Mrs. Minhinnick said. Now, most of the early furniture has gone from pioneer homes into dealers' or buyers' hands from outside; in many cases, the owners did not know or appreciate the beauty or monetary value of what they were selling. Corner cupboards of maple or cherry were among these pioneer pieces.

Mrs. Minhinnick was introduced by Mr. Don Thompson, immediate past president of the Branch, who said that the speaker is a great-great-great granddaughter of Thos. Weibanks, who settled at Black Creek in 1790. She is the author of the book entitled "At Home in Upper Canada".

Mrs. Minhinnick remarked that she spent part of her childhood in Prince Edward, for the last 30 years she has owned a home and has spent part of each year here. "Always I have been interested in old homes, and I have purchased pieces for myself and for 'foundations'," she said.

President Charles Young expressed the thanks of U.E.L. members for the most interesting address.

Major Ray Young was standard bearer, placing and retiring the Union Jack. Meeting opened with "God Save the Queen", and closed with "O Canada".

A unanimous vote endorsed a resolution requiring a letter of congratulations to Colonel R.S. McLaughlin of Oshawa, who celebrated his 100th birthday on September 8, 1971.

Members stood for one minute's silence as tribute to the memory of Mrs. Clealan Blakely, and Wallace Ray Freeman.

This was the first meeting of the current season. Quarterly meetings are held at Napanee, Picton and Belleville on the first Wednesday of November, January, March and May.

We welcome the following new member: Alice Maude Pollock, (Mrs. Marcus E.) UE, 678 Grand Marais East, Windsor 12, Ontario (Ancestor: Nehemiah Hubble UE)

We regret to announce the passing of Mrs. R.W. Camm (nee Phyllis Marion Hough)

The November meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held at the Research Laboratory, Belleville, with the President, Mr. Charles Young, in the chair. Mr. Young welcomed the members and guests present from Napanee, Bath, Adolphustown, Picton, Wellington and the Belleville district.

Dr. Burleigh, the Branch Genealogist, brought up the matter of obtaining the names of pioneers from burying grounds in Lennox and Addington and Prince Edward Counties. This had been the centennial project of the Branch to be carried out by a committee under the convenorship of Mr. Loral Wanamaker. Although the project had not been completed, a great deal of information had been obtained. This material is in the hands of Dr. Burleigh who suggested that it be typed under his supervision and published in pamphlet form to be sold to anyone interested. A motion was made and passed that this should be done.

Dr. Burleigh introduced the speaker, Mr. Robert Kirk of Streetsville, an historian and genealogist, and associate member of the Toronto and Quinte Branches, whose subject was "You and the U.E.L."

At the close of the American Revolution a mark of honour was granted by Order in Council, passed at the City of Quebec, November 9, 1789, conferring upon the loyalists and their descendants as follows: "Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of Empire and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their children and their descendants by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following capitals affixed to their names "U.E." alluding to their great principle "The Unity of the Empire". The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario was formed in Toronto seventy-five years ago. On May 27, 1914, The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada was incorporated by special Act of the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Kirk referred to the Association as a lineage and patriotic society whose purpose is to unite the descendants of the U. E. Loyalists, to preserve their history and collect and preserve data and material pertaining to their times. It is estimated that there are approximately three and a half million descendants of those early pioneers who chose exile and the hardship of carving out a new home in the wilderness rather than the easier choice under the circumstance of rebellion. A great increase of interest is apparent of late years in genealogy and history and the growing admissions into museums shows the trend in this respect.

The regular March meeting was held in Napanee. Dr. H. C. Burleigh, the Branch Genealogist, was the speaker. Dr. Burleigh took for his subject the early days of Masonry in the village of Bath. It was natural that there should be members of the Masonic Order among the soldier settlers of Bath and that they should foregather whenever possible. As a consequence one of the earliest lodges in Ontario (Number 13) became an integral part of the village. Records show that it installed its first officers in 1803. So successful was the venture that in the spring of 1812 the erection of a frame lodge room was begun.

The War of 1812 broke out and for the next three years the building was used as a barracks for the local militia. When the war ended additional work was carried out on the building and the lodge activities resumed. Three years later the building was burned to the ground. Plans were then completed for reconstruction on a grander scale and three years later the foundation was ready for the laying of the cornerstone. Records show that this ceremony was most colourful. Officers from Grand Lodge and brethren from Picton and Kingston, supporting local members, marched in a grand procession through the village to the foundation where they encircled it, following which the Officers of Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone in the first ceremony of its kind in Masonic circles in Upper Canada, whilst fully a thousand of the yeomen and gentry of the countryside lined the streets and occupied every point of vantage. The two-storey brick building proved to be too ambitious an undertaking and owing to various misfortunes - an anti-Masonic campaign in the United States and a decrease in membership - the situation became critical and in 1832 the building was sold to one of the members and the lodge handed in its Charter.

### **1972 Autumn**

"Life in East Africa" was the topic of an illustrated address to the Bay of Quinte Branch members at their January meeting in Picton, Ontario. George Elson and his wife showed colourful and informative slides with running commentary by each of them in turn. These colour slides of people and scenes in Tanzania included Dar es Salaam, capital city on the Indian Ocean, with 250 thousand people, independent of Great Britain since 1961. Citizens of this country are "not an ignorant savage people. They are building a new, modern concept, while they strive also to preserve their past culture," George Elson said. The Elsons went to East Africa in 1968 and returned to Picton last summer where Mr. Elson is vice-principal of the collegiate.



Mrs. David R. Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Kidd, delighted the members by a group of three vocal selections.

Mr. Don Thompson gave notice of motion "That the January meeting be discontinued, the inclement weather often prevailing at this time making it difficult for members to attend". There would still be four meetings a year namely, Napanee, Belleville, Adolphustown and Picton.

Mr. Lindley Calnan read briefly from a volume entitled "The Settlement of The United Empire Loyalists on the Upper St. Lawrence and the Bay of Quinte in 1784", a documentary Record inscribed and edited by Brig.-Gen. Cruikshank, L.D., F.R.S.C.

It was reported that Black Creek printers of Toronto sell a booklet at cost which contains the locations of settlement by U.E.L. Pioneers.

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### **1973 Spring**

The Bay of Quinte Branch U .E.L. held their regular fall meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, Ontario. After Mrs. Jean Daverne presented the Flag, Mr. Young, the President, welcomed those present and proceeded to conduct the business of the meeting. During this period, Mr. Young reported to the Branch on the Historical Committee's splendid efforts for their display at Dominion Headquarters on October 28. He gave a brief summary of the thought-provoking talk given by Mr. R. K. Armstrong, Head of tire History Department at Thos. A. Stewart Secondary School, Peterborough. In his summary, Mr. Young revealed that he had previously met some twenty students from Mr. Armstrong's classes, had been given an opportunity to speak with them and had been most impressed by their knowledge of our historic past and their enthusiasm for this particular branch of their studies.

Two new approved applications were accepted by the members and Mrs. Effie L. Ellerbeck of Kingston and Mrs. Joan Pritchard of Ottawa were welcomed by the President as new members of the Bay of Quinte Branch.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith, an active member of our Branch, was introduced by our Genealogist, Dr. H. C. Burleigh, and gave an illustrated talk on the historic village of Bath with its past and some predictions for the future.

Mrs. Smith revealed many little known facts about the village and gave an insight into some phases of its past which are known to few and yet showed the importance of this area of Eastern Ontario during the nineteenth century.

Mrs. Smith summarized the present industrial growth of the area and very aptly pointed out our losses and our obligations if we are to maintain any semblance of the past and keep the heritage presented to us through the hard work and dedication of our ancestors.

Following the address Dr. Burleigh spoke on the historical significance of the Parish Hall and gave this as only one incident in the life of the village. He deplored the fact that it may soon be razed and he, along with other members, gave their full support to a local organization interested in its preservation.

### **1973 Autumn**

Sixteen new members were welcomed by Mr. Young, President of Bay of Quinte Branch, at the March meeting held at the County Memorial Building, Napanee, Ontario.

Another memorable event was the presentation to the Branch by Mr. Allan W. Dempsey, Belleville, of a copy of the new Armorial Bearings, in colour.

The members were very happy to have Dr. Burleigh speak to them on the subject of the qualifications for membership in The U.E.L. Association through the early years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmor were welcomed as visitors from Toronto, Mr. Gilmor urging as many as possible to attend the annual convention in May. Delegates to the convention and their alternates were appointed as follows: Delegates: Mrs. Jean Burns, Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith, Mrs. Irene Bateman, Mrs. Verna Stratton. Alternates: Mrs. Shirley Foster, Mr. Clarence Hogeboom, Mr. and Mrs. C. Daverne.

Delicious refreshments by the Napanee ladies brought to a close another interesting and informative meeting.

The annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held in the Municipal Hall, Adolphustown, Ontario, on May 2.

Mr. Charles F. Young, Branch President, in his annual report brought forth many important facts gained through experience in U.E.L. work. A two-year term is necessary in order for a president to acquire the knowledge of the organization involved. Our branch is one of the largest and is growing thus involving a few members to carry a heavy load; thus there is a need for a paid secretary. Mr. Young also proposed that perhaps a fee should be given to a genealogist to assist many who are seeking help to become members of our branch. More publicity should be given our branch through the newspapers.

Mr. Young has enjoyed participating in the meeting of Dominion Council and feels that Mr. E. J. Chard deserves much credit for his keen interest and special attention given to all fields of U.E.L. work. He closed by saying, "More hard-working people are needed in our organization. "

Dr. Burleigh spoke concerning the printing cost of a book he has recently written on Loyalist Graves In the Bay of Quinte Region. Mr. C. Daverne made a motion that the Executive be empowered to have the book printed at the best possible price, seconded by Mr. Wm. Vankoughnet.

### **1974 Spring**

**T**he regular meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch of Adolphustown was held at Benson Hall, Picton, Ontario, on Sept. 5.

During the business session the offer of free introductory membership in The Heritage Foundation of Canada was accepted on motion of Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Thompson.

Two new members were received, namely: Mrs. Pearl E. Davis of Brockville and Mr. J. Donald Huff of Mississauga.

The highlight of the evening was a paper given by Mr. Young outlining the history of his ancestors through the Buck family. Much research had been done to trace the many families belonging to this interesting branch. He suggested that each member of the executive be asked to trace his or her ancestry even if it were time-consuming.

Mrs. Drew extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Young.

Mrs. Smith reported on the cost of a bus trip to Bennington and asked all concerned to give thought to the matter.

The retiring of the flag and the singing of O Canada brought the successful meeting to a close.

Another regular meeting was held on November 7 at St. Andrews Church, Belleville, Ontario. The guest speaker was Mr. Charles Fraleigh of Bloomfield who gave an interesting in depth report on a study which he himself researched on the Fraleigh family.

This meeting was attended by members from Ottawa, Oakville and London, Ontario, as well as from the Bay of Quinte area.

The book on "Loyalist Graves in the Bay of Quinte Region" is now available from Mrs. Gwen Smith, RR. 1, Bath, Ontario. The first two copies were presented to Dr. H.C. Burleigh and Mrs. Gwen Smith for their contributions. (Price \$2.00 plus \$0.25 mailing charges. )

The Bay of Quinte Branch is planning a U.E.L. Homecoming weekend to the Mohawk Valley on May 18, 19, 20, 1974. The total cost for registration which includes transportation, accommodation (two nights), museum admission is only \$52.00 per person. Registration forms are available from the following people: Mr. Bill Vankoughnet, Box 684, Napanee, Ontario; Mrs. Kathleen Drouillard, Belleville, Ontario; Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Box 560, Picton, Ontario, Mrs. Gwen Smith, RR #1, Bath, Ontario.

This trip is open only to members of the Bay of Quinte Branch up to March 1, 1974 at which time if vacancies exist other Branches and U.E.L. family members will be registered. It is hoped that members will pre-register for \$5.00 so that final arrangements can be made in the early months of 1974. The Branch is fortunate to have Dr. H.C. Burleigh as commentator on this trip.

### **1974 Autumn**

A goodly number of members attended the March meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, held in the County Memorial Building, Napanee, Ontario.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith spoke concerning the trip to Bennington scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20.

Mrs. Evelyn Drew stated that the membership was at par with that of other years although there had been many deaths and resignations. Five new members were accepted.

A notice of motion was made to have the January 1975 meeting in either Bath or Kingston

Mr. Charles Young introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Burleigh, who gave a most interesting and informative paper on "The Old Masonic Hall" at Bath. Dr. Burleigh traced the history of this building from its erection until the present time which can only show a few old door frames and stones located in some of today's modern structures. Although grass covers its former location, its history lingers on, never to be forgotten.

The Bay of Quinte Branch held its annual meeting in Adolphustown, Ontario, at the Municipal Hall on May 1.

Mr. Edwin A. Livingston gave an interesting and informative slide presentation of what can be expected on our branch trip through the Mohawk Valley to Bennington, Vermont, on May 18, 19 and 20. Mr. Charles F. Young, outgoing President, gave his annual report and thanked those who have helped him in his role as president. Mr. Young reported that a general improvement had taken place over the past three years in the Dominion Council. It was interesting to note that the Bay of Quinte Branch has members from all parts of North America.

The chair was turned over to the new President, Mrs. Gwen Smith. The new officers for 1974-1975 are: Past President, Mr. Charles F. Young, Bath; President, Mrs. Gwen Smith, RR 1 Bath; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Shirley Foster, RR. 2 Consecon; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. Richard M. Daverne, RR 1 Bath; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. Patrick Galt, RR 1 Bath; 4th Vice-President, Mr. William J. Vankoughnet, Napanee; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. Bernice Milligan, RR 3 Bath; Secretary, Mrs. Meda Hart, Picton; Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Drew; Genealogist, Lt. - Col. H.C. Burleigh, M.D. Bath; Membership, Mrs. Lorne P. Thompson, Picton.

The September meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held at Benson Hall, Picton. The increase in attendance indicated that our trip to the land of our forefathers in May of this year had created much interest within our Branch.

Discussion centred around the Newsletter which had been sent out with the Notices of Meeting and those in attendance voted overwhelmingly to have it continued. Mr. Richard Daverne reported that attendance at the museum had increased by several hundreds over last year's attendance. The Museum Committee will work with the Executive in regard to meeting with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission representatives to discuss the future of the museum and other points of interest in our area.

The president reported that the U.E.L. cemetery on the property of Canada Cement LaFarge Limited, Bath, had been fenced and landscaped by the company and plans will be made to hold a reconsecration ceremony there in the spring of 1975.

Dr. H. C. Burleigh expressed his delight in proposing the acceptance of his sister, Mrs. Grace Lakins as a new member.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Mrs. Olive Hogan and Mr. Wm. Vankoughnet of the Mohawk Valley Tour in Review. Mr. Vankoughnet showed slides and Mrs. Hogan capably presented a resume of our trip.

There may be other trips so watch your Newsletter!

Mrs. Evelyn Drew and her committee served refreshments while members enjoyed the fellowship of friends

### **1975 Spring**

**M**rs. Wm. Hogan, Programme Convener, Bay of Quinte Branch, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Andrew Maracle, Sr., at the November 6th meeting which was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Belleville, Ontario.

Mr. Maracle captivated his audience with stories of the Indian peoples of Canada. Stressing the fact that they had remained loyal to the Crown, he used as an example, a boyhood friend, Huron Brant of the local Reserve, whose bravery at the Beach of Anzio in Italy, in World War II, led to his being awarded the Military Cross. This young soldier was later killed in battle.

Mr. Wm. Vankoughnet thanked the speaker, noting that the Mohawk Indians are mentioned in the description of our New Armorial Bearings.

Mrs. Crawford Smith, president, read a letter she had received from the Curator of the Museum at Bennington, Vermont, in reply to one she had written concerning the proposed burial of the bones of our late Loyalist, David Redding. The Branch has been invited to assist in formulating plans for this event during the Bicentennial in 1976. Of special interest was the fact that the new Curator of the Bennington Museum is a native of south-western Ontario.

Mrs. Marjorie Lovelace and her committee served delicious refreshments during the business half of the meeting.

The January meeting of this Branch will be held in the Loyalist Room, City Hall, Kingston.

### **1976 Spring**

**A**t the September meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association, held at Benson Hall, Picton, the Branch went on record as offering their support to the Quinte Parkway Association in their efforts to have Highway #32 declared a Parkway. However, on a motion from the floor, which was carried by the membership; the Branch recommended that the name should be Quinte-Loyalist Parkway, rather than Loyalist Parkway, in view of the fact that old maps refer to that part of the waterway bordering this highway as the Bay of Quinte. One of the ferries at Glenora also bears the name "Quinte Loyalist".

The largely attended meeting dealt with such items as the Dominion convention which the Branch will host in May, 1976, and the setting up of a Membership Committee to deal with the ever-increasing number of enquiries from prospective members. Six new members, Mrs. Frances McGillivray, Belleville; Mrs. Dorothy Harper, Bridgeton, New Jersey; Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, Glenburnie; Mr. Donald S. Paul, Napanee; Mr. Gordon Smithson, Kingston and Mr. Benjamin Cole, Picton were accepted at the meeting. Mrs. McGillivray was the only new member of the Branch unable to be present to receive her certificate.

Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Dominion President, and a member of the Bay of Quinte Branch, outlined membership requirements as contained in the By-laws passed at Dominion Council in 1970.

Mr. Richard Daverne, Museum Committee Chairman, reported the attendance at the U.E.L. Museum at Adolphustown Park as being over 2,000 during the current year. Recent additions to the library at the museum include a Ruttan Family History by Henry Ruttan, Toronto; The Kakiat Patent in Bergen County, New Jersey by Dr. A. C. Wilson, West Hartford, Conn., U.S.A. and Milton Cemetery List by Mrs. Gordon Smithson, Kingston.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association, with Dominion Headquarters in Toronto, now has 20 active Branches in Canada. The Bay of Quinte Branch, with well over 200 members, is the second largest Branch in Canada. Mr. Donald S. Paul, R. R. #4, Napanee, is the new Membership Convenor

The November meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch took the form of a tour of the Hastings County Museum, through the kind cooperation of Mr. Drury Denyes, one of our Vice-Presidents. Dean R. Fleming of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston provided the members with first hand information about this historic building at the January meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch. Increased attendance at both meetings indicates the rising interest in The U.E.L. Association in our area.

Inclement weather prevented many from attending the March meeting, which was held in the County Memorial Building at Napanee, but those present debated the proposed new Bylaws for the Branch and enjoyed the fellowship afforded at such a gathering. Of special interest was the fact that Mr. Wendell Camm of Stirling, Malcolm Smith of Bath and Susan Smith of Lahr, Germany, were accepted into membership on the 131st wedding anniversary of their ancestor, Peter Smith and Louisa Sawyer, who were married March 3, 1845 near St. Mary's, Ontario. Louisa Sawyer was the daughter of Noadiah Sawyer and his wife, a daughter of James Ferguson, U.E.

The president of the Bay of Quinte Branch is Mrs. Gwen Smith, R. R. I, Bath, Ontario, K0H 1G0.

Dr. H. C. Burleigh's Publications The Shoreys, the Perrys and the Walkers, \$3.00. The Fate of McCarthy the Martyr, \$2.00. The Freemans of Freeman's Farm, Saratoga, \$2.00. Journey to the Land of Our Forefathers, 1974, \$2.00. The History of the United Church, \$2.00.  
Please enclose \$0.25 to cover cost of mailing.

Available from the Bay of Quinte U.E.L. Branch, Mrs. Gwen Smith, R.R. 1, BATH, Ontario.

## 1976 Autumn

### AREA LOYALISTS RETURN TO FOREFATHERS' LAND by Alice Hogeboom

**D**escendants of the Loyalists, who had upheld their allegiance to Britain during the American War of Independence returned recently to the land from which their forefathers had been forced to leave. Although, at one time, they had been considered as the enemy, they were given a warm welcome wherever they went.

The party was welcomed at Fort William Henry (built 1755) by a genial group who showed a moving picture, The Capture of the Fort by the French from Canadian territory prior to the American Revolution. The cruelty and terror of the battles of the past were brought home to both sides.

A military guide, dressed in the period costume, demonstrated the use of the guns the soldiers had been issued during the battle. A tour of the old fort gave a further picture of the past.

At Bennington it was with awe that the story of the defeat in 1777 of 700 Loyalists surrounded on all sides of the hill where they had taken their stand by over 2,000 American Revolutionists was heard. But it was at Bennington, too, that cars stopped to give the right-of-way to the busload of 'rebels' who had come back.

Other points of interest to the Loyalists were visited. Among them were a cemetery near North Dorset where the descendants of Colonel William Marsh dedicated a Loyalist grave marker in his memory and a burial spot near Hudson's Falls where one Jane McCrae was buried.

Her story, although tragic, offers a taste of romance to the history of the people who opened up southern Ontario from below Kingston to Niagara Falls for settlement.

In fleeing to safety during the strife, Jane was shot and scalped on the property of William Bell who had several descendants on the tour. Bell saw to her burial on his own property the cornfield where she was killed. Later her lover's remains were removed from the Barbara Heck cemetery to be buried beside her. The graves have been marked off with a protective fence as a historical spot in that area.

The tour of the Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts gave the tourists a further trip into the past. Buildings, including the unique round barn, date back to the early 1800s.

The oldest pulpit and church bell in America, brought from Holland in 1656 with 25 beaver skins (accepted despite having been damaged in transit) were visited in Albany, N.Y. An hour glass on the pulpit had helped limit the 'olden day' sermons to three hours.

Theodore Roosevelt's pew still boasts his name and many of the ,tourists had the privilege of opening the small door which kept draughts away from his feet in a cold church to sit where the great gentleman had once worshipped.

The tour was under the auspices of the Bay of Quinte Branch of United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada and under the direct organization of Mrs. Crawford Smith of Bath and Mr. William Vankoughnett of Napanee.

*Kingston Whig – Standard*

Inclement weather resulted in a small attendance at the March meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, which was held in the County Memorial Building, Napanee.

The proposed By-Laws were discussed and recommendations for changes were made. A nominating committee of Mr. Cummings Daverne and Miss Kaye McFarland presented a slate of officers for the new year.

The following members were accepted into membership: Miss Nancy Hartman, Miss Jennie Pringle, Malcolm C. Smith, Miss Susan A. Smith, R. Wendell Camm and Mrs. Alice Hogeboom (Associate).

Thirty-six members attended the annual meeting which was held at Allison House, Adolphustown, on May 5. Two minutes of silence was observed in memory of Maurice Young and Oliver Owen. Convention plans were discussed and preparations were proceeding according to schedule.

Reports from the various standing committees were received, and the Bay of Quinte Branch is indeed flourishing.

Plans were again discussed regarding the burial of the bones of David Redding and the president was asked to contact the curator of the Bennington Museum for further details.

The following new members were accepted into membership: Mrs. Jennifer K. Clarkson, Mrs. M.O. Raynes, Peter Raynes, Miss Vivian O. Henderson, Mrs. Marjorie B. Ptolemy, Mrs. Muriel Walton, Mrs. F.R. McFarlane, Charles E. Pringle, Neil Pringle and Sidney E. Pringle. Certificates were also presented to members who were accepted at the March meeting.

The By-Laws, with amendments, were approved.

The following officers were elected for a two-year term: President, Mrs. Gwen Smith. Mrs. Smith has agreed to continue for one year only.

Vice-Presidents: R.M. Daverne, Wm. J. Vankoughnet; Directors: Jack Rogers, Frontenac; Drury Denyes, Hastings; Patrick Galt, Lennox & Addington; Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Prince Edward; Treasurer; Miss Susan Hogan; Secretary: Open; Genealogist: Donald S. Paul.

As the president's report had been mailed to each member, it was not repeated. Mrs. Smith thanked all who had assisted in any manner to make the past year such a successful one. Mrs. Drew, Dominion President, moved a standing vote of thanks to Mrs. Smith for her tireless efforts in the interest of the Branch.

Dainty refreshments were served by the ladies of Adolphustown, and everyone inspected the museum and noted the improvements, especially the drapes which were made by Mrs. Olive Hogan. The Bay of Quinte is looking forward to another successful year in 1976-1977.

## 1977 Spring

### Loyalists Learn About New Book

**T**alk about bringing coals to Newcastle! Belleville publisher Nick Mika took a U.E.L. book to the Bay of Quinte branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association. Mr. Mika, who combined with his wife, Helma, to write, assemble and publish the book, spoke about the well illustrated publication and autographed several copies for members. The meeting was held at St. Andrew's Church hall.

A New Canadian, he described his interest in the United Empire Loyalists, which began when he first heard someone state that this person was a "Loyalist". He described his search into the past in a very interesting, educational and humorous way.

Introduced by Drury Denyes UE and thanked by branch president, Mrs. Gwen Smith, Mr. Mika was presented with a sketch of the U.E.L. Museum at Adolphustown made by Miss Hannah Schell.

United Empire Loyalists, Pioneers of Upper Canada, has 256 pages, more than 300 pictures and drawings and 24 colour plates. The large hardcover book sells for \$25.00 purchased from Mika Publishing Company, 200 Stanley Street, P.O. Box 536, Belleville, Ontario K8N 5B2.



The first meeting of 1977, Bay of Quinte Branch, was held on Wednesday, January 5, at the Royal Military College in Kingston.

The 42 members and three guests present were welcomed to Curry Hall by Captain Jack Rogers UE who also introduced Dr. J. Pike, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Curator of the Museum, and Historian. Dr. Pike gave an interesting address on the history of R.M.C. Dr. Pike and Captain Newell conducted the group on a tour, which included the library and Fort Fredrick.

Mr. C. Watts, Chief Librarian, received the group at the library, and gave a brief outline of its contents and its use. It is the largest library of its kind in Canada and second largest in North America. It was noted by Mr. Watts that information had been obtained from the R.M.C. library by a delegation of U.S. citizens in preparing for their Bicentennial celebrations, although New York City has the largest Public Library in the world.

The collection of Dresden China, uniformed figurines, drew much attention. It is the only collection of its kind. Of special interest in the library was one of the handwritten journals of General Wolfe.

The museum in Fort Fredrick proved to be of great interest as well to the U.E.L. group. Of special interest to three members of the association, who were Perry descendants, were items pertaining to Major General A. B. Perry, commissioner of the Royal North West Mounted Police, native of Napanee. He was one of the first 18 cadets to attend R.M.C. when it opened in 1876. They are historically known as "The Old Eighteen"

The walk across the grounds of R.M.C. from Fort Fredrick to the Officers' Mess was a pleasant experience in itself, as the full moon glistened on the new fallen snow. On this crisp winter's evening the grounds of the Royal Military College held a beauty that could not possibly be revealed by even the most balmy summer's day. One could almost sense the past and those who had walked before on other such occasions.

At the Officers' Mess a short business meeting was conducted by the president Mrs. Gwen Smith. One new member was accepted into the association, Mr. Keith Reynolds, who had driven from Peterborough for the occasion.

Dr. Pike was thanked by Miss Susan Hogan who presented him with a copy of "United Empire Loyalists - Pioneers of Upper Canada", written by Nick and Helma Mika of Belleville.

Mrs. Smith thanked Captain Newell and Mr. C. Watts who helped to make the U.E.L. Association, Bay of Quinte Branch meeting a pleasant as well as educational experience.

An enjoyable social hour was spent concluding an interesting meeting.

*From the "Heritage" -- Picton and Amherstview.*

### **1977 Autumn**

The September meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held at the St. Mary Magdalene Church in Picton. The evening began with a tour of the fine museum connected with the church. Mr. D. MacDermaid of Picton acted as guide, answering the many questions the group had concerning the exhibits.

Mr. Richard Daverne, the new branch president, opened the meeting with the usual presentation of the flag, after which he thanked the group for giving him the opportunity of holding office, pointing out how well the previous president, Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith, had carried out her duties.

Two minutes' silence commemorated the late Mrs. Gena Branscombe Tenney, a former member of the group.

New members accepted during the evening were Mrs. Esther Madelene Purcell Paul who traced her ancestor through William Hudgins and Mr. William Arthur Goodfellow who traced his ancestry through Peter Valleau. Mr. Ross E. Barnhardt of Stouffville was accepted as a member but was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Donald Paul made all the presentations of certificates. Mr. Donald Paul is Genealogist of the Bay of Quinte Branch and lives at R.H. 2, Napanee, Ontario. He also suggested having a workshop to advise would-be members as well as those already established as descendants of Loyalists how to go about tracing their ancestors.

After the meeting lunch was served under the direction of Mrs. E. Drew

### **ADOLPHUSTOWN LOYALISTS REVERSE ANCESTORS' TRIP** by *Alice E. Hogeboom*

**I**t takes a great deal of imagination to relive or reverse history as a group of United Empire Loyalist descendants found during Dominion Day weekend.

The United Empire Loyalist Museum Board Adolphustown, under the direction of William Vankoughnet organized a tour back to Quebec City via Sorel for members of the Bay of Quinte Branch. The trip reversed the trek their ancestors had made nearly 200 years ago to reach the area in and around Kingston and throughout the Bay of Quinte region.

Rolling along in an air conditioned bus with the use of many modern motel or hotel facilities proved to be a far cry from the hardships their foreparents suffered as they made their way in bateau, and often on foot when rapids intervened, in the opposite direction to settle in a forest covered region where they laid the foundation for the future of southern Ontario.

Their first visit en route was at Sorel to see the 193-year-old Christ Church founded by Loyalists who had stopped there, too, on their way west to "Upper Canada", in the summer of 1778.

Barracks had been erected for the pioneers' winter stay after which the majority moved on to the Bay of Quinte area. Many of the old and sickly remained near Sorel where they were cared for until their deaths.

Mr. George L. Van Koughnett welcomed the touring group to the town and introduced their Loyalist Branch historian, Walter White, who gave an interesting outline of the Loyalists' role in both the church and the town. It was interesting to note that the first worship service of the pioneers was held in a Roman Catholic chapel, and, with all working together, a church, an old building, was found as a place of worship. Soon a better building was secured, one to which they were able to add a steeple and bell. That bell is still in use in the large church now in Sorel.

Even today, although the Christ Church is ostensibly Anglican, people of many faiths worship within its doors. Working together, once again, they have been able to add a parish hall.

The modern day tour moved on to Quebec City reaching the famous Chateau Frontenac in a very few hours - a very different tale from the long struggle of former UELs to cover the same distance.

After an excellent dinner, they enjoyed the Dominion Day celebrations going on in the Old City - street music and singing, dancing in the square, a drive in a horse-drawn surrey. a display of fireworks – all were there for the evening's entertainment.

On Saturday a three-hour bus tour through the city where old and new mix together with gracious results proved to be an exciting lesson in both history and progress.

The driver - guide who modestly claimed to be the best guide in the city (in truth, it would have been hard to find better ). and then added to the dismay as passengers viewed the steep inclines and narrow streets (where he drove the wrong way on one-way narrow passages). that he was the worst driver. but "Going down these hills. if you are worried, you can close your eyes just like I do." put all at ease again.

In spite. or perhaps because of his banter. the tour was most informative. From a newly painted replica of Cartier's ship. through the French holding of Quebec, to the Battle of the Plains of Abraham with the deaths of two heroes and the victory of the British forces, the tourists enjoyed a taste of their country's past before the tour took a change of pace which treated them to a picture of progress - the new buildings, the green parks, the new city all to see and hear about from a well-versed guide.

The afternoon was free for visits to the sidewalk cafes, the street art exhibitions, and the shops, some old and quaint, many new and modern.

Sherbrooke was reached that evening where a smorgasbord was served at the Holiday Inn thoughts went back nearly 200 years to the travellers of yesteryear - would they have believed that such service would exist for their descendants? How had they managed to get a bite to eat or a "smidgen" of comfort during their arduous travelling?

The next day was on to the Brome County Museum near Knowlton in Quebec for another taste of the past as artifacts used by early settlers were viewed. Lunch was served in the Brome County Inn, and then the group moved on to visit the Cornell Mill Museum at Stanbridge. Besides the exhibits in the museum, there was a store fitted out exactly as the early country shops had been with everything from the checker board on the cracker barrel to very early advertisements. homemade soap. and old laced corsets.

The Sir John Johnston Branch of the United Empire Loyalists, descendants of pioneers who settled in and around that area, showed the group through the St. James Anglican Church in Stanbridge East where they were welcomed by the Rev. John Carr.

Greetings were given from the past president of the historical society as well as the UEL branch after which a delightful tea was served in the nearby parish hall with Mrs. Gwendolyn Norris Fuller, immediate past president of the branch, presiding at the tea table.

*The Whig Standard, Kingston*

**Obituary: Charles Edward Pringle UE**

**A**fter a year's illness, Charles Edward Pringle passed away on September 29, 1977, at Lenadco Home, Napanee, Ontario, in his 71st year. He was a prominent farmer in the Selby area where he had lived all his life on the family farm until a year ago.

Mr. Pringle was a former member of Richmond Township Council, a member of Selby United Church, Selby L.O.L. Argyle Lodge, L.O.F. and the Bay of Quinte Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

He was a descendant of Joseph Pringle, U.E. one of the original settlers who came to the Bay of Quinte area in 1784 after the American Revolution with Major James Rogers' Corps of the King's Royal Rangers N.Y., along with his father Joel, and brothers Joel, the Younger, Timothy, William and Doctor Pringle and sister Lois who was married to John Dafoe, Jr.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen (Price) Pringle, sons Sidney of Napanee and Neil on the family farm, Selby, and daughters Mrs. Leo Kent (Muriel) of Belleville, Mrs. Clarence McTaggart (Edith) of Empey Hill, and Mrs. Raymond Stephens (Lois) of Oshawa. A sister, Jennie A. Pringle of Oshawa and twelve grand children also mourn his loss. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mrs. James A. Henderson (Olive) in 1947 and Mrs. W.H. Bell (Frieda) in September 1977.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Boyce Elliott of Selby in the Tierney Funeral Home, Napanee. Interment was in the family plot in Riverview Cemetery, Napanee.

### 1978 Spring

The January meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association was held at St. Margaret's United Church Hall on January 4.

New members accepted into the branch were Mr. and Mrs. Faith Thomas of Montreal. A letter from Heritage Branch in Montreal recommended Mrs. Faith Thomas and expressed their regret at having lost her from their membership.

Dr. Burleigh attended the meeting to give some of the history of the branch which, he informed the group, was formed in the summer of 1956 with the first meeting being held in Bloomfield, Prince Edward County.

Captain J.A.C. Rogers announced that on January 10 Judge Matheson, Honorary vice-President Loyalist Association of Canada, would be speaking at the Kingston Monarchist League meeting. Captain Rogers also announced that in September the Kingston Historical Society will be inviting the Governor Simcoe Foundation to hold its annual meeting in Kingston. The exact time and date will be announced.

On June 2, an ecumenical service commemorating the accession to the throne of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II will be held at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston.

A motion by Mr. Cummings Daverne, because of the possibility of Adolphustown becoming part of Fredericksburg township was seconded by Jack Roblin and passed as follows: "Move that the Adolphustown Council and the County Council of Lennox be sent a recommendation that no steps be taken to liquidate Adolphustown; that Adolphustown remain a township as now in consideration of the fact that there are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of people in Canada to-day whose ancestors lived in Adolphustown, and in recognition of the part played in the early history of Ontario and in the development of government provincially and municipally. "

Rosemary Gibson, Archivist at Queen's University, spoke on the resources to be found at Queen's Archives which would be of benefit to members wishing to research their ancestry.

Bay of Quinte U.E.L. Branch met in the beautiful museum in Napanee on March 1 with Mr. Richard Daverne, President, in the chair.

New members accepted into the branch were: Mr. Arthur E. Hell who traced his ancestry from William Bell; Mrs. Albert Latham (ancestor William Shewman); Mrs. Ian McLachlan (ancestor Moses Read); Mrs. Rudy Pechmann (ancestor William Shewman); Mr. Stuart N. Hagerman (ancestor John Hagerman).

Delegates to the Dominion Council to be held in London, Ontario on May 6 were chosen as follows: Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, Mr. Donald Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Smith with alternatives Mr. and Mrs. David Cory, Susan and Mrs. Hogan.

A tour of the Niagara Peninsula was reported for the long weekend in May.

Other reports were given concerning publication of meetings in local newspapers, request for photos of the executive to be sent to Headquarters in Toronto, insurance for the museum of Adolphustown, and advance notice of amendment of by-laws re the museum. Mrs. Drew convened a study and question period regarding a Position Paper on Nomenclature in the Association with Dr. Allan Walters giving historical data and fielding questions from the assembly.

Mrs. Alice Hogeboom drew the attention of the group to the labelling and derogatory remarks made in an article in the February issue of *Chatelaine* and was advised to write to that magazine giving facts about the Loyalists who settled in the uninhabited lands of Southern Ontario.

A request was made asking all members to write to their representatives in parliament asking for special attention to be given to the bicentennial of the coming of the Loyalists to Canada.

The meeting closed with "O Canada" and a delightful lunch was served by the Napanee women.

### **1978 Autumn**

The September meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held at Benson Hall, Picton, on September 6th. New members introduced by Mr. Wendall Camm, were: Mr. Franklin Hough Camm, Mr. Richard Wendell Camm, Mrs. Barrie Evans, Mr. Bruce Martin Hough, Mr. Duncan John Hough, Mr. Robert Harold Hough, all having the common ancestor John Hough; Mrs. A.G.W. Lamont, (ancestor Francis Van de Bogart) and Mr. John E. Buck (ancestor George Buck).

Mr. Richard Daverne, President, read a letter from Mr. John Aikman, Dominion President in connection with the formation of a new Kingston branch. Mr. Daverne also read Mr. E. J. Chard's enthusiastic letter. Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas were appointed to assist Mr. Jack Rogers with his Bicentennial Committee arrangements for 1983. Mrs. Evelyn Drew spoke about the Museum in Picton saying that it had been a most successful year, far beyond expectations, with 2000 people having viewed it, four hundred more than last year. Mrs. Drew further stated that three students had been hired from Young Canada Works Program grant to assist during the summer months.

Mr. Wendall Camm presented the meeting with slides of the most recent bus trip to Niagara and gave an interesting running commentary on the history connected with them. The evening came to a close with coffee and refreshments served under the auspices of Mrs. Jean Daverne.

### **GRANT RECEIVED**

Young Canada Works Program provided a grant for three students to assist the Bay of Quinte Branch, with its Museum. The three - Jeff Brookfield, Ann Finlay and Elaine Farley were busily engaged with painting, cleaning, typing, cataloguing, etc., at the UEL Adolphustown Museum which presents UEL history of the area based on maps, books, documents and artifacts. Bently Steers continued as student curator.

The Museum Board Members would be most happy to receive family sketches to add to their expanding library to which visitors have come from the USA, Hamilton, Havelock, Bolton, and other areas to do research.

## **MEMORIAL CHURCH SERVICE**

On Sunday, June 18, 1978, Adolphustown UEL Memorial Church celebrated its 94th anniversary. Like that of another neighbouring church (St. Alban the Martyr) it was built in 1884 to commemorate 100 years of Loyalist growth in this area. During the service, Mrs. Jennifer Clarkson, on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Gwen Smith, who was holidaying in Germany, presented the congregation with a UEL flag and a framed copy of the UEL Armorial Bearings. Mrs. Smith will have the names of her several loyalist ancestors placed on the back of the Bearings for future reference. Music was provided by a group of students from N.D.S.S. and the combined choirs of Conway and Adolphustown United Churches, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Wright. Rev. Manley Sadler is the minister of the Adolphustown charge.

## **HISTORIC TOUR**

Bay of Quinte Branch's annual bus tour, under the direction of the Museum Board, with Mrs. Olive Hogan and Mrs. Gwen Smith as conveners, proved to be a most memorable occasion. This year's tour took the members to the historic Niagara region, where many Loyalists settled and during the war of 1812-14, many of them again showed their loyalty to the British Crown as they fought to defend their new homeland.

Passengers from as far east as North Augusta joined the group in Kingston and passengers were picked up along the way as far west as Oshawa. Proceeding to Hamilton, the group visited Dundurn Castle and the UEL Memorial, Battlefield House at Stoney Creek and Beaver Dam's church, before checking in at the Sheraton Brock in Niagara Falls. Mrs. Esther Summers of Beaver Dams who met the group at the church, related many stories about Laura Secord. The torrential downpour of the evening did not dampen the spirits of the bus passengers either as they viewed the Falls, or later too, advantage of a night's entertainment on the town.

The blossoms added to the beauty of the drive along the Niagara Parkway. On Sunday the group visited Butler's Burying Ground in Niagara-in-the-Lake before attending divine service at St. Mark's Anglican church. As a token of the love and respect between the members of the Niagara and Bay of Quinte Loyalists, a UEL flag was presented to the church by Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Smith. This historic church is the keeper of the silver chalice from which Sir Isaac Brock was served communion, and is brought out of safekeeping only on historic occasions. It was a fitting tribute to the Bay of Quinte Branch members when they were served communion from this chalice. Members from the Hamilton Branch joined those from the Bay of Quinte for this service.

After lunch at Oban Inn, the group visited Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum and the Laura Secord home before visiting Queenston Heights where they dined in the restaurant there. Through the courtesy of the bus driver, the group was given a special view of Niagara Falls by night.

Monday morning found the group in Toronto at Dominion Headquarters where they were met by members of Headquarters' Committee. Library displays had been set up so that each visitor was able to view research materials available to members. Lunch at Black Creek Pioneer Village and a tour of its well-kept buildings and grounds brought to a close the 1978 tour of the Bay of Quinte Branch. Passengers returned home, a little more familiar with another part of their Loyalist heritage. Plans are already being formulated for 1979's annual bus trip.

## **1979 Spring**

### **MUSEUM BUS TRIP**

The annual historical bus trip this year will tour part of the State of Vermont. Bus leaves the County Memorial Building, Napanee on June 30 at 6:00 a.m., travels via Bath, Kingston to Wolfe Island and Cape Vincent. N.Y. Travel continues to Tupper Lake, Lake Placid, and White Face Mountains making visits to historic sites en route. The day ends at Shelburne, Vermont. Dominion Day is to be spent touring Shelburne Village and historic Burlington. Early on July 2 a visit is scheduled for Philipsburg, Que. and the oldest Methodist Church in continuous use in Quebec built by Samuel Embury. The tour returns by way of Montreal to Napanee.

Cost per passenger is \$80.00 with meals being extra. No refunds after June 1. Information is available from Mrs. Olive Hogan, R.R. 3, Bath, Ontario K0I 1G0.

Recent meetings of the Bay of Quinte Branch have been highlighted by addresses given by two excellent speakers. For the meeting on November 1, which was held in the hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Belleville, the arrangements were made by the Hastings County representative on the executive, Mr. Wendell Camm of Stirling. The guest speaker was Gary Toffoli, vice-chairman of the Toronto Branch of the Monarchist League of Canada and one of the editors of the magazine, "Monarchy Canada". Gary told the members and guests that although the government's constitutional amendment bill expired when the last session of parliament ended, the battle was far from over. He said the next attempt by the federal government to amend the constitution would offer an even greater threat to the role of the monarchy than the attempt through Bill C-60. A report of Gary's speech appeared on the front page of the Belleville Intelligencer the next afternoon. The speaker was introduced by Mr. Wendell Camm and thanked by Mr. Donald Paul of Napanee. Mr. Arthur Bousfield, the Dominion editor of "Monarchy Canada", as a follow-up to Gary's address, showed a sound film consisting of many examples of the monarchy's connection with the city of Toronto.

An equally attractive meeting was enjoyed on January 3. Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, the Frontenac County representative on the executive, arranged the meeting held in the Delahaye Room of the beautiful Kingston Public Library. Some idea of the wide territory covered by the Bay of Quinte Branch is shown by the fact that a member from Stirling travels sixty miles to the meeting held in Kingston. The Branch vice-president, Mrs. Evelyn Drew, presided in the absence through illness of Mr. Dick Daverne.

Gwen Smith was elected chairman of the Museum Board for the year 1979 and Mrs. Edith Hartman was elected treasurer. Mrs. Eva Gonu was present to receive her membership certificate which was presented by her cousin, Mrs. Gwen Smith. Mrs. Gonu and Mrs. Smith share a dozen or more Loyalist ancestors. Mrs. Olive Hogan presented a report of the planning being done for a Museum Bus Trip the first of July week-end, with the destination as Shelburne, Vermont. During the meeting, the members placed their signatures on the five letters that were to be sent to the five local members of parliament requesting information regarding the plans of the federal and provincial governments for the forthcoming bicentennial celebration of the Loyalists' coming to Canada.

Mrs. Sharon Cadieux gave a few words of introduction for Dr. Margaret Angus, the special speaker. Dr. Angus was born in the U.S.A. and has given much time during her life in Canada to the preservation of our architectural heritage. Her book that gives histories of a sample of the older structures in Kingston is highly acclaimed. Queen's University has honoured her with an honorary degree. In recent months, she has been working on an assignment dealing with Fairfield House located on No. 33 Highway. She has discovered many details of William Fairfield and his family that she described in connection with the history of the house built in 1793 and now under the care of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission. At present, plans for its restoration are in progress. Mrs. Evelyn Drew thanked Dr. Angus for her informative and interesting address. The meeting was followed by delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Jean Daverne and her committee before the forty-one members and guests present for the meeting left the library to venture out

into a violent snow storm to return homeward. Special commendation is given the Picton members who experienced a rather rough crossing on the Glenora ferry at the midnight hour.

### 1979 Autumn

The March 7 meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch held in the hall of Trinity United Church in Napanee was highlighted by the official visit of John A. Aikman, the Dominion President. His address, "The Aims of Our Association for 1979" urged all members to look ahead to the future and the opportunities awaiting our association and to make an effort, at the same time, to pass on to the new generations a knowledge of the Loyalists' contribution to Canada's development. Mr. Aikman, thinking of the bicentennial years, made suggestions regarding the various ways the members could celebrate that historic occasion.

The Bay of Quinte President, Mr. Richard Daverne, called upon Mr. Wendell Camm, to present details of a project that he feels would be a good Branch Bicentennial effort. This takes the form of an endowment fund to which each member of the Branch could contribute as much as possible during the five years preceding the Bicentennial. The interest earned from the capital thus accumulated would, ever after, be used by the Branch to promote the education of the young people of the Bay of Quinte area in the matter of their Loyalist heritage. The sending of trained speakers into the schools, the preparation of interesting films, the purchasing of historical books, and so on were all suggestions of how the project might be implemented. Further action was to be taken at the May meeting.

Evelyn Drew as chairperson of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 1979-1980; Past President, Richard Daverne; President, Susan Hogan; Secretary, Wendell Camm; Treasurer, Susan Smith; Genealogist, Donald Paul; Councillors, (i) Hastings, Keith Reynolds, (ii) Lennox and Addington, Sid Pringle, (iii) Frontenac, Sharon Cadieux, (iv) Prince Edward, Evelyn Drew; Vice Presidents: Mary Mackey and Keith Reynolds; Representatives from the Museum Board, Gwen Smith, Edith Hartman, and Olive Hogan.

Jean Daverne and her committee served delicious refreshments and in the social hour many were able to chat with Mr. and Mrs. Aikman.

New members are made welcome regularly at branches of the United Empire Association of Canada. Some of these qualify as associate members, some as affiliate, and others as regular members, and each has a contribution to make. The Association, however, is always grateful when a member does persevere in the documentation of her/his descent from a Loyalist ancestor. By doing this, proof is recorded on paper for others to use, and as the years go by, it will be increasingly difficult to fill in the gaps that often become apparent when a candidate for membership attempts to secure the needed documents.

At the May meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch at the U.E.L. Museum in Adolphustown, Mrs. Hilda Jackson, who recently transferred from the Toronto Branch which she joined in 1962 before documentation was required, experienced the happiness that comes from persisting in a search for proofs of her descent from the Loyalist, Barnabas Day down to her own father, Dr. H.E. Day of Kingston. She received her certificate from the hands of the retiring president, Mr. Richard Daverne who congratulated her and suggested that other members might follow her example by completing their own documentation.

One of the weekly papers in the Quinte area, The Quinte Scanner, published in Deseronto, featured an interesting article about Hilda's achievement. It made clear to the reading public that people qualifying for regular membership in the U.E.L. do not reach this goal without effort and without contributing to the recorded history of the area. In her interview with the reporter, Hilda is quoted as saying: "The U.E.L.'s



were really the first D.P.'s. The Association is not an ethnic group. It's multicultural. There were French, Scots, English, and others in the U.E.L. groups which came to Canada."

The first meeting of the 1979-1980 year of the Bay of Quinte Branch was held on September 5 in the attractive Prince Edward County Museum in Picton, converted from an historic church building. The adjoining rectory, Macaulay House, in the process of being restored, was visited prior to the meeting with the Macaulay House Committees very generously providing guides for the tours. Sixty members and friends attended this meeting at which Edith Hartman, Olive Hogan, and Doris England presented slides with commentary of the U.E.L. Museum Bus Trip to Vermont and Quebec, 30 June-2 July. Great interest was shown in the slides of Philipsburg Chapel which this year is celebrating 160 years of continuous use as a chapel. The stained glass windows of the chapel are memorials to Loyalist families. Members of the Sir John Johnson Branch were present to help the visitors benefit from their short stay. Mr. Mac Bradshaw, the President, welcomed the Bay of Quinte visitors, assisted by Mr. Murray Mason, the Founding President. Edith, Olive, and Doris gave a good presentation particularly welcomed by those unable to take the trip.

Dr. Ethel Dempsey was pleasantly surprised towards the close of the meeting by a presentation to her by Mrs. Olive Hogan on behalf of Bus Trip Committee for her kind assistance professionally on this 1979 trip and on previous trips.

#### Obituary: **Peter Perry Smith**

**T**he oldest member of the Bay of Quinte Branch, Peter Perry Smith, passed away on September 24, 1979, after a brief illness. Born at Dorchester, Ontario in 1883, he was the eldest of eight children born to Aaron Smith and Mercy Ann Hogle, and was the last surviving member of his family. Brothers and sisters who predeceased him were Frank and Roy of London, Ontario, Nellie (Mrs. W. Hunt), Burnaby, B.C.; Mabel, (Mrs. T. Elsom) of Summerville, S.C.; Mary, (Mrs. C. Schreiner of Seattle, Wash.; Tom, (killed during W.W.I) and Stella. He was also predeceased by his two wives, Ann Stephenson of Thedford, Ont. and Grace Wright Craig of Lanark, Ont.

Mr. Smith was the father of three daughters and one son -Evelyn (deceased), Crawford H. of Bath, Geraldine (Mrs. H. Stafford) of Amherstview and Bernice (Mrs. H.C.B. Leitch) of West Vancouver, B.C., and the grandfather of Susan Smith, Jennifer Clarkson, Ian, Craig and Henry Leitch, Malcolm Smith and Deborah Leitch. One great-grandson Peter Clarkson, Jr., also survives.

On his mother's side, Mr. Smith descended from such well-known Loyalists as Robt. Perry, John Lake, Sr. & Jr., James Hogle and Wm. Cadman, and on his father's side he claimed descent from Jacob Ferguson and his wife Elethar, whose daughter Sarah married Noadiah Sawyer of St. Mary's, Ont.

Two personal friends, Rev. R. Quick and Dr. Vic Stonehouse conducted the funeral service from the "Chapel on the Corner," Kingston, to the Stafford family plot, Olivet Cemetery, Seeley's Bay, Ont.

#### **1980 Spring**

#### Obituary: **Keith Reynolds**

**T**he sudden death of Keith Clement Reynolds of 42 Village Drive, Belleville, Ontario, is regretfully reported. He was participating in the regular meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch in the Delahaye Room of the Kingston Public Library on the evening of 9 January, 1980, when he was stricken as he presented a report. His death occurred shortly afterwards in the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston.

The documentation of his ancestry to the Loyalist Gilbert Orser had been a project that Keith had taken a great interest in. On the completion of this in 1976, he was received as a regular member of the Bay of Quinte Branch. He soon became active in promoting the work of the Branch, and in 1979 became a vice-president of the Branch and served as well as director for Hastings County. The setting up of the Bicentennial Endowment Fund as one of the projects of the Bay of Quinte Branch had been greatly aided by his help, and his efforts to get this project into operation are gratefully remembered.

Born in Hallowell Township, Prince Edward County, Keith was the second child of Byron and Viola (Vincent) Reynolds. Although his work eventually took him away from his birthplace, he remained a loyal "County" son. It was fitting that his funeral on Saturday, 12 January, was held in Picton and that his resting place is in Glenwood Cemetery in Picton.

Keith's paternal great-great grandfather, Jacob Reynolds, is listed by Esther Clark Wright as a Loyalist of New Brunswick. About 1802 Jacob Reynolds settled in Hallowell on the farm where Keith Reynolds was born. In a recent visit to New Brunswick, Keith was investigating his Reynolds ancestry, and he had formulated a plan to research the many "County" families listed in an early census as having New Brunswick origins. His last afternoon, 9 January, was spent in the reference room of the Kingston Public Library where he was happily doing some reading and research. He was interested too in documenting other ancestors such as Henry Young and Henry Zufelt.

Keith's working life covered a period of over forty years. He graduated from the O.A.C. at Guelph in 1931 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture specializing in Dairying. He derived satisfaction from the fact that others of his family followed his footsteps and went to Guelph for their training. The thirties were not an easy period for young people trying to get started. Keith spent several years in the manufacture of dairy products, and followed this with fourteen years of farming at R.R. 3, Picton. He then served fifteen years as a civil servant with the Government of Ontario in the position of a Dairy Branch Area Fieldman for Renfrew County and later as a Supervisor of Field Staff.

An interest in his happy home life and his family was evidenced by Keith Reynolds. He married Merle Bernice Calnan, a native of Prince Edward County who survives along with their six children, all married: Glynn of Belleville; Douglas of Picton; Patricia (Mrs. Carman Hamilton) of Lindsay; Sandra (Mrs. Marvin Stacey) of Belleville; Brian of Plantaganet; and Mervyn of Brockville. There are seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Prior to moving to Belleville, 1 December, 1977, Keith had lived at 1 Cartier Court in Peterborough. Since retirement, being anxious that his grandchildren have some lasting knowledge and record of their heritage, he had compiled a family history entitled "My Search for Identity". It was while doing research for his book that he became interested in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Keith Reynolds was a friendly person of good ability and judgment, and he used his talents for good purposes. He is remembered with affection by his sorrowing wife and family and by his many acquaintances who are better for having met him.

## 1980 Fall

### Obituary: **DR. H.C. BURLEIGH**

**T**he United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and particularly the Bay of Quinte Branch have lost a highly respected and, to those who knew him well, admired member in the death of Dr. H.C. Burleigh on September 13, 1980.

His contribution to the Branch and to the Association as a whole can only be measured by his dedication and the enthusiastic interest he displayed in furthering the role played by those loyal people who, in most

cases, gave their all to adhere to their beliefs in the Empire. Perhaps the contributions he made can best be measured by those with whom he came in frequent contact and who appreciated the depth and versatility of his researches - researches that eventually lead to the compilation of well over eight hundred files of families most of whom were of Loyalist origin. His interests, were many and varied but genealogy was his chief forte and it was while he was attending the first fall meeting of the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society of which he was a founding member that he was stricken.

Herbert Clarence Burleigh M.D. C.M. was born at Hartington near Verona, Ontario, in 1893 the son of United Empire Loyalist parents and after attending elementary school, completed his secondary school education at Sydenham. He entered Queen's University and graduated with a degree in Medicine in 1926. After graduation, he spent a year at Albany Memorial Hospital and from there moved to Newton Falls in northern New York State where he worked with a large paper company. He then set up practice in Theresa, New York. In 1935 he returned to Canada with his family so that his children would grow up under the monarchy. He chose Bath as the site for his future endeavours where he practised his profession for forty years. His activities, however were not confined entirely to the Medical profession for not only did he provide the village with a full time family doctor but he also found time to become involved in a Board of Trade for the village in 1937 he was President of the first Bath Historical Society and in later years became chairman of the Bath Planning Board.

In 1956, Dr. Burleigh assisted Mr. Claude Young to form the Bay of Quinte Branch of our Association. He continued as its charter genealogist for nearly twenty years, the longest serving genealogist in the Association. For his contributions in this respect and for his activities in the actual formation of the Branch, he was honoured at a banquet in Bath where in 1973 he was presented with a life membership. In 1976 he was given Most Honourable Order of Meritorious Heritage within the Association by the Heritage Branch of Montreal. Still not content with his accomplishments, he published numerous pamphlets and booklets in 1973 brought out his first book Forgotten Leaves of Local History - Kingston. This was followed by The Romance of Fort Frontenac, Samuel Sherwood's Account Book 1785-1810 and in 1980, Tales of Amherst Island. At the time of his death, he was preparing still another book on Bath and the Old Bath Road. In later years, too, his interests turned to the starting of another U.E.L. branch and assisted Mr. Charles Young in the formation of the Kingston and District Branch in 1979. In the same year, he presented and unveiled a monument to Finkle's Tavern - a most historic spot in the history of Bath. In his career he served in two world wars, was with the Department of Veterans' Affairs from 1946 to 1949 and retired from the army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

His career over the years was enriched by a happy family life. He married in September of 1927 Dorothy Howard and in time, two sons and two daughters completed the family circle. He also left to mourn his loss nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. At the banquet in his honour in 1973, he was described as a soldier, a humanitarian, a doctor, a writer, a friend and a devoted genealogist. As one speaker so aptly described him "He was very much a character - a man of his own". He wrote his own epitaph in one of his books "The satisfaction of a job well done is of more value than all the tea in China" .

### 1981 Spring

**T**he Bay of Quinte Branch met at Bath in January. During the business portion of the meeting. Mrs. Edith Hartman and Mrs. Jessie Demaine were appointed co-chairmen of the Adolphustown UEL Museum Board. Mrs. Gwen Smith was appointed its treasurer. Mrs. Clifford Reid of Belleville was accepted as an associate member.

Members decided to conduct workshops to assist those who wish to become members of the association. The first of these workshops will be held in the EDU Centre, Bloomfield, during late January or early February.

Mrs. June Usherwood of the Kingston and District Branch delighted the audience with a discourse on her ancestor Daniel Fraser. A veteran of the Battle of Bennington, he with other Loyalists claimed land in the Bay of Quinte area. Of Presbyterian affiliation he was one of the Loyalists instrumental in bringing Rev. Robert McDowall to the area.

Daniel Fraser erected the mill on Mill Creek and it was known as the Daniel Fraser Cloth Factory, until it was taken over by his son-in-law, and was later known as Asseltine's Mill. This mill was dismantled and moved to Upper Canada Village some years ago and is in operation there. The speaker was thanked by Cora Reid.

All arrangements for the meeting were under the direction of Miss Helen Stagg.

The announcement that Revenue Canada had granted an Official Registration Number to be used for donations to the Bay of Quinte Branch's Bi-centennial Endowment Fund, highlighted the regular meeting of the Branch, which was held in the Memorial Hall, Napanee, on March 7.

Interest from the Fund's capital will be used by the Branch to further educational studies during the year of the Bi-centennial (1984) and thereafter. Wendell Camm, who was initially responsible for the Fund's establishment will serve as its treasurer. Senior trustee is John Roblin of Adolphustown, assisted by Mrs. Mary Mackey of Bloomfield, and Bogart Trumpour, Q.C. of Kingston.

Douglas Bird of Stirling was welcomed as the Branch's first Life Member since the requirements for this type of membership have been reviewed. Certificates were also presented to Harold Bird of Stirling, and a long-standing member, Mrs. Jean Hough of Sillsville. Lawson Staples of Adolphustown was welcomed as a member by transfer from the Toronto Branch, and Henry Ruttan, of the Toronto Branch, will also hold membership with the Bay of Quinte Branch, Cummings Daverne, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted the following slate of officers for 1981-82: Past president, Mrs. Gwen Smith, Bath; President, Mrs. Mary Mackey, Bloomfield; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Picton, and Wendell Camm of Stirling; Secretary, Mrs. Blanche Reid, Belleville; Treasurer, Roy Hartman, Odessa; Directors -Hastings, Clarence Bird; Lennox & Addington, Sidney Pringle, Napanee; Prince Edward, to be filled; Frontenac, Helen Stagg, Kingston. Donald Paul will continue as genealogist. The officers will assume office following the May annual meeting.

Mrs. Edith Hartman and Mrs. Jessie Demain, who share the chairmanship of the Museum Board, reported on meetings they will be attending, and the president commended these two ladies for their excellent service to the Branch in this respect.

The annual convention will be held in Ottawa, May 28-30, and will be attended by delegates Mary Mackey, Evelyn Drew, Edith Hartman, and Wendell Camm, and four additional appointees will act as alternates.

Donald Paul presented an interesting discourse, mentioning ways one may acquire knowledge when researching family trees. Using his family tree as an example, Don emphasized the fact that our origins may be rooted in many countries of the world. A workshop, to enable prospective members to be assisted by members, will be held in the Lennox & Addington County Museum on April 4, 1 :30 - 4:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Several knowledgeable persons will be on hand to assist Don with this project.

Mrs. Jean Daverne, assisted by Mrs. Elda Gray, served delicious refreshments, and all arrangements for the meeting were the responsibility of Sidney Pringle. The excellent attendance reflected the keen interest in the Bay of Quinte Branch's activities.

## 1981 Autumn

### EXCITING PROJECT PROPOSED FOR QUINTE LOYALISTS

The Bay of Quinte Branch held the first meeting of its new year on 2 Sept., at the Educentre in Bloomfield. Mrs. Mary Mackey presided for the first time since her election in May as president. and Mrs. Blanche Reid began her duties as Recording Secretary. The meeting proved to be an interesting one for the forty in attendance.

Miss June Foster, the curator of the Lennox and Addington County Museum, spoke of the Museum's plan to make a more complete inventory of the manuscript collection stored in the Museum and belonging to the Lennox and Addington Historical Society. The project would make the important collection of Loyalist documents accessible to researchers and would encourage the publication of significant documents relating to the Loyalists. The Museum is thus preparing to make an important contribution as the Loyalist Bicentennial in 1984 approaches. Mrs. Jennifer Bunting of Newburgh enlarged upon Miss Foster's remarks. Mr. Cummings Daverne and Dr. Earle Thomas introduced a motion that a letter of support be sent by the Bay of Quinte Branch to the Lennox and Addington County Museum to make clear the importance the Branch attaches to this Loyalist heritage Project. This motion was enthusiastically supported by the membership.

Mr. Carl Thorpe, Supervisor of the Historical Conservation and Promotion Section in the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, was present to give an enlightening explanation of the Ministry's plans for a provincial celebration in 1984, marking the two hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Ontario. He stated that the provincial cabinet had only recently confirmed the use of 1984 as the year of celebration rather than 1991 as some had proposed. In using 1984, the importance of the first large scale settlement of the province by the Loyalists in 1784 was being recognized. Members of the Association had actively encouraged the Ontario government to make the choice of 1984. Mr. Thorpe stressed that the Association through its branches in Ontario has a rare opportunity to show today's inhabitants of the province that the Loyalist tradition has an important influence now, two hundred years after the first arrival of the Loyalists. The speaker was equally emphatic about the importance of having a celebration in 1984 for the benefit of the whole population of the province and not exclusively for the actual descendants of Loyalists. Funding will be available from provincial sources for projects that will give the people of Ontario as a whole a clearer understanding of the role of the Loyalist settlers.

Dr. Earle Thomas introduced the guest speaker, and Mrs. Crawford Smith thanked Mr. Thorpe and on behalf of the membership presented him with a gift, a very fitting one as it was a new historical publication dealing with Prince Edward County, the site of the meeting.

Important business matters were given attention. Mrs. Sharon Cadieux was given authority to purchase the supplies needed to complete the indexing of the genealogical files of the Bay of Quinte Branch, a project she is carrying out on a voluntary basis. The Bay of Quinte membership regards highly Mrs. Hancock's adherence to the requirement that an applicant's request for regular membership must contain suitable documentation. A third motion recommended that Dominion Council consider sponsoring an annual workshop of Branch genealogists to acquaint newer genealogists with the requirements necessary for documented membership.

The meeting adjourned until November when the usual Belleville meeting will be held. During the lunch and social time, there was an opportunity for guided tours in the museum on the lower floor of the Educentre which contains interesting exhibits of educational equipment and materials.

Obituary: **DOUGLAS SLATER WRIGHT**

The U.E.L. Association of Canada has lost one of its faithful members in the person of Douglas Slater Wright. Mr. Wright died suddenly in Edmonton, Alberta, on 7 August, 1981, in his 66th year. He was the beloved husband of Mary Holg. and the father of Mary (Mrs. M. Fehr), Clark, Graham, Leslie, John, and Hamish. A niece, Mrs. Susan Gibbon of Kingston, also mourns his passing. Mr. Wright was a member of both the Bay of Quinte and the Kingston Branches, and had worked actively to record his family's history. Just a year ago, he fulfilled a wish to visit Kelvendon Hall, Essex, England, the home in 1551 of an ancestor, Sir John Wright. A memorial service was held in Cataraqui on 12 August.

## 1982 Spring

With the approaching celebrations for the bicentennial of the arrival of the Loyalists, the Bay of Quinte Branch has been working actively to double its membership. Many applications for fully documented membership are being received.. and the Branch genealogist, Mr. Donald S. Paul, is being kept busy processing these. At the meeting on November 4, 1981, held in the auditorium of the art gallery in Corby Library, Belleville, five new members were present to receive certificates: Mrs. Clifford Reid, (John Embury UE); Mr. Allen Gibson, (Russell Pitman UE); and three sisters, Mrs. Allan Wells, Mrs. Jack Bush, and Mrs. Clayton Thompson, (Andrew Denike UE). In addition, two associate members, Mr. Donald Moss and Mr. Neil Lee, were welcomed. Mr. Paul also announced that six additional applications had been forwarded to the Dominion Headquarters and two others were being processed. For this meeting Mr. Clarence Bird had arranged for the showing of the recently released film from the National Film Board, "The Royal Wedding". Mrs. Winsome Lewis assisted in the presentation of the film.

The meeting in Layercake Hall in the historic village of Bath on January 9, 1982, was an opportunity to honour Mr. Donald S. Paul. It was fitting that Mr. Paul, a native of the township of Ernesttown, should be honoured at this meeting held in his native township. Mr. Paul's wife, their three sons and their wives, and the nine grandchildren were present to see Mr. Paul receive a life membership in recognition of his devoted service as the genealogist of the Branch. Fifty members and friends were present for the dinner held at noon. Mrs. Gwen Smith gave the laudatory remarks, and Mrs. Mary Mackey, President, made the presentation. In his genealogist's report at this meeting, Mr. Paul had eight new members for the Branch's acceptance: Mrs. Stanley Sills (Russell Pitman, U.E.); Mr. Allen Locke, (John Shibley, U .E.); Mr. Arnold Steenburg, (Ebenezer Slocum, U.K); Mr. Stewart Babcock (David Babcock, U .E.); Mrs. Patrick Wade David Babcock, U.E.); Mrs. Anthony Kacan (David Babcock . U.E.); and two associate members, Mr. Gerald Boyce and Mr. Clifford Reid.

It was announced that Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, a member of the Branch's genealogical committee, had made good progress in her voluntary commitment to alphabetize all names given in the Branch's collection of 525 membership files. Sharon was complimented for the effort to make these files more accessible.

Mr. Alan Cohoe, a retired banker living in Kingston, was the speaker using the topic: *Early Commerce in Upper Canada*. He was introduced by Miss Helen Stagg who was responsible for organizing the Bath meeting. Mr. Cohoe used examples from the history of -Bath and of Ernesttown to illustrate his points, and took the opportunity to encourage everyone to preserve any documents still available from the Loyalist period. He referred to a notebook kept by Henry Simmons in Ernesttown when Mr. Simmons acted as a money lender before any banks existed. Mr. Cohoe told of his discoveries during his research of the founding of a Freeholders Bank at Bath in 1836. The Branch welcomed the announcement that Mrs. Jessie Demaine, a devoted worker of the Branch, had accepted the responsibility of a second term as chairperson of the U.E.L. Museum Committee with assistance being given by Mrs. Edith Hartman and Mrs. Faith Thomas. Mrs. Gwen Smith also accepted the position as its treasurer.

One of the Branch members, Mrs. Aileen Foster. received congratulations on the recent publication of her book. "The Calnan Family, 1832-1981".

Mrs. Gwen Smith, member of the UE.L. Education Committee presented the book United Empire Loyalists: Pioneers of Upper Canada, Mika Publications, Belleville. Ontario, to Whitehorse Yukon Regional Library on the occasion of her visit, October 21. Accepting the book is Miss Barbara Campbell. Librarian.

## 1982 Autumn

### THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

By Olive L. Hogan

The United Empire Loyalist History  
Was fully realized in Seventeen hundred and eighty-three.  
Before and after this Historical date.  
They experienced the result of dreadful hate.  
When through Southern Colonies rebellion tore,  
They made their way to the Northern Shore.  
Those loyal to Britain bravely fought.  
Great loss was suffered as freedom they sought.  
The confiscation lists steadily grew,  
As they left all behind to seek the new.  
To Shelbourne, Quebec, Montreal and Sorel  
Many reached a haven, although many fell.  
Families divided came to be  
As they struggled on foot to a new country.  
In Spring of 1783 Canada was truly blessed,  
When a bateaux convoy headed west.  
Up the St. Lawrence River they made their way,  
Along the shores of inlet and bay.  
They settled on land that must be cleared.  
Cabins to build - food to gather before winter appeared.  
Many trials in this virgin land they faced,  
As by the British Government on lots they were placed.  
This rugged and brave people anew began,  
To carve a life in a Northern Land.  
There are stories to-day yet to be told,  
Of the suffering caused by hunger and cold.  
There are many of us who can proudly say  
We owe our heritage to such bravery.  
The roots go deep from this Family Tree,  
And its branches reach from sea to sea.

Written in *Memory of Dr. H.C. Burleigh.*

A good crowd attended the March 6 meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch in the Memorial Building, Napanee. Mr. Sidney Pringle arranged the programme and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Mel Hill of the Mohawk Band Office. R.R. 1, Deseronto. Mr. Hill spoke about his inheritance as a Mohawk Loyalist. It was appropriate that a descendant of a Mohawk Loyalist should be asked to address the meeting in

Napanee situated as it is so close to the Tyendinaga Reserve. Mr. Hill and other descendants of the Mohawk Loyalists are of course eligible for regular membership in the U.E.L. Association of Canada. The name of Captain Isaac Hill, Mel Hill's ancestor is inscribed on the cairn in the Tyendinaga Reserve where the landing place of the group of 122 Mohawks who arrived 22 May, 1784, is located. The Bay of Quinte President, Mrs. Mary Mackey, thanked Mr. Hill for his interesting talk.

Mrs. Jessie Demaine of the U.E.L. Museum Board reported on the meetings that had been held with the municipal councils of Ernesttown, South Fredericksburgh, and Adolphustown to seek financial support for the U.E.L. Museum and to acquaint the councils with the plans being made for celebrating the Loyalist Bicentennial in the Quinte area in 1984. The formation of a general council to co-ordinate the different celebrations is being promoted.

Two regular members were received: Mrs. Beulah Sills, Belleville and Mrs. Noreen Foster Smith, Hillier Township. Mr. Drury Denyes gave the auditor's report and was complimented for doing this faithfully since 1963.

The Bay of Quinte Branch held a workshop on April 3, 1982, in the Educentre, Bloomfield, to give assistance to those seeking help in applying for membership in the U.E.L. Association of Canada. The weather was of a tempestuous nature, but, in spite of the strong wind and the teeming rain, the centre was filled all afternoon with inquirers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirk were present to assist Mr. Donald S. Paul, Mr. Allen Dempsey, Mrs. Gwen Smith, Mrs. Sharon Cadieux, Mrs. Mary Mackey, Mrs. Evelyn Drew, and others in supplying information. Like the similar workshop held in 1981 in Napanee, the response to the one in Bloomfield emphasized the need for such events.

Saturday afternoon, May 15 was the occasion of the annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte Branch, held in the historic United Empire Loyalist Memorial United Church in Adolphustown Township. This church had its cornerstone laid on Saturday, 14 June, 1884, by the late Mrs. Joseph Allison, whose grand-daughter, Miss Edith Allison, recalled some interesting bits of history of the church and of her own Loyalist forbears.

Nine new members were received, eight of whom had documented their descent. These were Mr. A.C. Davis, Picton, with his daughter, Mrs. Jean Norry, Perth, and granddaughter, Miss Mildred Norry, Maple Ridge, B.C.; Dr. Eileen Roberts, St. Albans, U.K.; Mrs. Lois Hoare, Belleville; Mr. Douglas Hoare, Belleville; Mr. Jack M. Bush, Frankford; and Mr. Lorne Uens, Belleville. There are many applicants seeking to qualify as regular members and working to secure their proofs. One of these, Mrs. Maureen McKay, Gwynne, Alta., was received as an associate member.

Reports for the 1981-1982 year were received from the Branch Genealogist, Mr. Donald S. Paul, the Museum Board Chairperson, Mrs. Jessie Demaine, the Museum Board Treasurer, Mrs. Gwen Smith, the Branch Treasurer, Mr. Roy Hartman, the Bicentennial Endowment Fund Treasurer, Mr. Wendell Camm. Mrs. Mary Mackey reminded the Branch that Saturday, 16 June, 1984, has been set aside for the Branch's Bicentennial Celebration in the U.E.L. Park at Adolphustown. Citizens from the Quinte area will be welcomed.

Four delegates were named to attend the Annual Convention in Waterloo: Dr. Ethel Dempsey, Rednersville; Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Picton; Mr. Donald S. Paul, Napanee; and Mr. Wendell Camm, Stirling. Mr. Cummings Daverne installed the officers for 1982-1983, assisted by Dr. Ethel Dempsey, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

### **1984 December**

**O**n June 16, 1984, just ten days before the twenty-eighth anniversary of a charter's being granted to the Bay of Quinte Branch, this Branch sponsored a Loyalist Day of Celebration in Adolphustown



Provincial Park to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Loyalists in the Quinte area. Close to two thousand spent the day enjoying a well-prepared programme. A good percentage of those in attendance were wearing costumes appropriate for a Loyalist event.

Tom Tomkow. Reeve; Harold Allison. Warden; Wm. Vankoughnet, M.P.; Mrs. Evelyn Drew, a past Dominion President; Dr. Allen Walters. speaker; Wendell Camm. President. Bay of Quinte Branch. Chief Earl Hill (Mohawk Band); Dr. Ethel A. Dempsey. Mrs. Gwen Smith. Dominion President; Jim Pollock M.P.P.

Following the signing of the historic register a good crowd joined the processional at 11:00 a.m., led by piper, Doug R. Burns. Belleville, for the memorial service at the obelisk, erected in 1884 in the Loyalist burying ground in the park near the spot where Loyalists landed in 1784. The participants in the service were the Rev. David Kirby, St. Alban's the Martyr Loyalist Memorial Anglican Church and the Rev. Karl Schweder, The United Empire Loyalist Memorial United Church, gave the opening and closing prayers, Mrs. Lily Rombough Froese, Lansdowne, soloist, Bruce Caughey, Stella, gave the memorial address, Gregory Mackey, Picton, representing the Loyalist young people, read a memorial list, and Chief Earl R. Hill of the Mohawk Band laid the memorial wreath.

An old-fashioned picnic lunch was enjoyed with music provided by the Concert Brass of Belleville. Lunch for special guests was arranged by Mrs. Evelyn Drew and Mrs. Claire Lamont, both of Picton. Dr. Allen Walters, Toronto, was the major speaker on the topic, "The 1784 Settlement of the U.E. Loyalists on the Bay of Quinte." The speaker had done extensive research. Dr. Walters was introduced by Dr. Ethel A. Dempsey, Rednersville, and thanked by a former Dominion President, Mrs. Evelyn Drew, Picton. Mrs. Gwen Smith, Bath, brought greetings as President of the national organization, and was presented with a nosegay by Annabelle Galt, Fredericksburgh Township, representing the Loyalist children. Chief Earl. R. Hill brought greetings on behalf of the Mohawk Band. William Vankoughnet, M.P., Napanee, and Jim Pollock, M.P.P., Stirling, representing respective members of parliament in the area gave short speeches congratulating the Branch on its endeavours. Likewise, Harold Allison, Adolphustown Township's reeve. and warden of Lennox and Addington County and Tom Tomkow, Reeve of South Fredericksburgh did likewise for their respective groups.

New members were received under the direction of Mrs. Vanessa Bacola, the Branch genealogist, assisted by her four-year-old daughter, Meredith. There were twenty-four regular members and three associate members. Wendell Camm, President, presented the certificates. The children enjoyed a variety of games and contests organized by Allan and June Dafoe and George and Vanessa Bacola, of Belleville and the release of the Haldimand balloons, arranged by Sidney Pringle, Napanee, and Archie Lamont, Picton. Ice cream for the children was an added pleasure. The band of Pinecrest Memorial School, Bloomfield, under Eric Bradley's leadership, played, and the Mohawk Children's Dance Group performed under its leader, Mrs. Lorraine Hill. The Scottish Country Dancers, Belleville, and the Pioneer Square Dancers, Napanee, were enjoyed. A group of students of the Prince Edward Collegiate, Picton, produced an original play that vividly portrayed the early years of the Loyalist settlements. Clarence Bird, Belleville, was the Master of Ceremonies, and Wendell Camm, Stirling, President of the Bay of Quinte Branch, welcomed everyone, and paid tribute to the founders of the Branch by presenting a corsage to Miss Edith Allison, Adolphustown, the first secretary of the Branch.

Displays of an historical nature, many involving pioneer crafts, such as rush weaving, were viewed in the large tent throughout the day. It was fitting that Larry Turner should be present, author of his new book *Voyage of a Different Kind*, The Associated Loyalists of Kingston and Adolphustown. The Bicentennial Quilt was on display in the tent, and Mrs. Donnah Cameron, Rednersville, who creatively designed and sewed the quilt. Tickets were sold under the leadership of Clifford and Blanche Reid and Ine and Lucy Smith, of Belleville. The winning ticket was held by Mrs. Marion Lockwood, Hamilton. The profits from

the quilt project of \$2,556.02 were partly used to provide the Branch's share of a Wintario budget of \$1,750.00 for the celebration's expenses.

Over 700 visitors toured the Bay of Quinte Branch Museum that is open each year for the summer season. Mrs. Mary Mackey, Bloomfield, who oversees the museum, assisted the visitors, along with the curator, Ian Taylor, Picton.

An unexpected bonus resulted when John Blenkiron, an official of Canada Post Corporation, announced the July 3, 1983 unveiling of the new Loyalist stamp in Adolphustown Provincial Park; he extended an invitation to all to attend.

The Loyalist Day of Celebration, June 16, 1984, was truly an occasion for descendants of Loyalists to share an enjoyable historic event with their many guests, including some from California, Massachusetts, and British Columbia: and guests who were not of Loyalist descent. The Branch had reason to be pleased that it had indeed promoted greatly the "Celebrating Together" theme earlier adopted for Ontario's Bicentennial 1984.

### **1990 Spring**

**T**he highlight of our activities in 1989 has been the Dominion Convention in May at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec. The eleven members who attended agreed that it was the largest and best convention in years. The Royal atmosphere brought by His Royal Highness The Prince Phillip was largely responsible for the harmony, goodwill and thoroughly enjoyable time experienced by all. Let's invite a member of the Royal Family to every convention!

At our Annual Branch meeting in the historic Adolphustown Town Hall, the entire executive was re-elected with Russell Sills as president. Our guest speaker was Past President Gwen Smith who gave a most revealing talk on her research into the plight and status of women during the Loyalist settlement years in Upper Canada. Most members were surprised at the control exercised by the government, authorities and men in general over their womenfolk. Thank God for the change!

Bay of Quinte Branch held its first (ever) meeting in Northumberland County in April, thanks to the efforts of Kate Gibson, our Director for that area. Allan Birney, a native son of Cramahe Township gave an eloquent, human interest talk on his genealogical research to a full house at Brighton United Church.

On June 16, two events took place to commemorate the 205th Anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists in the Bay of Quinte area. President Russell Sills, on behalf of the branch, presented a carved, wooden replica of the UEL Coat of Arms to Mayor George Zegouris of Belleville. This will be displayed in the Capt. John W. Meyers U.E. Room of the newly renovated Belleville City Hall. Capt. Johannes Walthmeyer, as he was known during the Revolutionary War in Jessup's Corp, was the founder of Belleville.

In the evening, a Commemorative Dinner was held at the Ramada Inn in Belleville, with Dominion President Frank Cooper as our guest speaker. Also present was the only UEL member of parliament, the Honourable William VanKoughnet MP, UE, of Napanee.

Several UEL and Heritage Church Services were held in our area. These included: The Heritage Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Belleville, when 20 of our members escorted the Loyalist Flag down the aisle; the Loyalist services at St. Alban's Anglican Church and the Adolphustown UEL Memorial United Church, both in Adolphustown; the UEL Service at White Chapel in Picton and the Annual Pilgrimage at the Old Hay Bay Church. The annual Branch Church service was held at the Old St. Mary Magdalene Church, now a museum and part of Macauley Heritage Park, in Picton in September. All of these services were well attended and are a tribute to the continuing signs of religious faith in the Bay of Quinte area.

The UEL Museum at Adolphustown Provincial Park is enjoying another busy year under the direction of Mary Mackey. Grants from both donations and the admissions, continue to enable us to preserve our UE heritage for the education and enjoyment of many thousands of people each year.

Another project of our Branch, to further publicize the loyalist fact and encourage membership, is our new brochure. Although quite expensive it is reasoned that this attractive and informative leaflet is necessary to achieve the aims of our organization.

Our August meeting was held in the newly renovated Picton Fire Hall. The guest speaker was Loyalist descendant Robert Douglas Watt, the newly appointed Chief Herald of Canada. Mr. Watt's well prepared, meaningful talk was enjoyed by an over-flow crowd.

### **1992 Fall**

The "Heritage Day" committee of Grafton Village-Haidemand Township invited Bay of Quinte Branch, UEL to have a display at their "Day". Three Brighton members were present to answer questions. Other displays featured pioneer crafts and artifacts. There was quite a crowd all day.

### **OLD HAY BAY CHURCH CELEBRATES A CENTENNIAL**

*The old Hay Bay Church, erected in 1792, was the first Methodist Church to be built in Upper Canada. Standing against the scenic background of Hay Bay on the Bay of Quinte, it has the proud distinction of being the oldest United Church edifice in Ontario. Dating back to the Loyalist times, it is also one of the oldest historical buildings in Canada. Celebrating its bicentennial in 1992, The old Hay Bay Church stands as a testimony to the faith, courage and hope of the early pioneers*

This quotation on the back of the Order of Service for the 200th anniversary service gives a brief history of this wonderful building, second oldest in Ontario to the Royal Mohawk Chapel in Brantford.

Hay Bay Church was completed by late 1792, its construction having been the dream of Methodist preacher William Losee, (who was also a Loyalist veteran of the rough and ready Westchester Cowboys.) The building stands on the original property of Paul Huff, U.E., and the list of original subscribers contains numerous Loyalists, including the surnames; Embury, Frederick, Van Dusen, Ruttan, Dafoe, Roblin, Ketcheson, Huff, etc.

To mark the bicentennial, special services were sponsored by various groups throughout the whole summer, as opposed to the usual single service per year every August. Bay of Quinte Branch, for example, hosted a service on September 20th. The main anniversary service, however, was held on August 23rd.

Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Charles Yrigoyen from the United Methodist Church in the U.S., presented a plaque designating Hay Bay Church as a Methodist historic site, the first to be so designated outside the States.

A large crowd was anticipated and over 500 were present with seating and loud speakers available for those who didn't squeeze into the church. There were also some pre-service activities. A visiting group from

England, and several ministers arrived on horseback, dressed as Circuit Riders. U.E.L. members Angela and Peter Johnson talked about local Loyalist families and regiments, and an honour guard of King's Royal Yorkers was present. Certainly the busiest person was Rev. Bill Lamb making sure things went smoothly. You may recall Bill's finely crafted model of the church from the UEL convention in Toronto, 1991.

At the close of the service, a group photo was taken. The two children in period costume at the centre window are little Johnsons. This shot was published in Kingston's *Whig Standard*.

Numerous descendants of the original subscribers were present, and perhaps the largest group were descendants of Paul and Solomon Huff. The youngest participant was my infant daughter, Laney, whose vocal demonstration led to an early exit during the service, although she returned for the group photo. Wouldn't it be nice if she could return for Hay Bay's 300th anniversary!

By Peter W. Johnson, UE, Toronto and Bay of Quinte Branches

### 1993 Spring

#### **LOYALIST CULTURAL CENTRE COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR - *Adolphustown, Ontario***

**T**he Loyalist Cultural Centre, formerly the U.E.L. Museum, completed its 1992 season here with improved premises, increased attendance and money in the bank.

Museum curator, Mary Mackey, at considerable personal sacrifice, did much to continue the services rendered there, but more help was needed.

The concept of a Loyalist Cultural Centre, supported by local M.P. Bill Vankoughnet, U.E., is simple. It invites anyone interested in the U.E. heritage, regardless of U.E. blood connection, to join in maintaining a singular facility in their midst, which lends character and historic interest to the entire community.

Individuals plus five local church and community organizations have lent their support, financially and materially.

Kathy Staples took over the Director's job with formidable energy and enthusiasm. Wife of Lawson Staples, Loyalist and Township Reeve, the couple contributed many uncounted extra hours on L.C.C. improvements. Other locals have developed money raising plans; one particularly successful program is a "Founders Signature" quilt.

#### **Allison House**

This 1870's brick mansion is still sound, although in need of new heating and exterior repairs. Its owner, the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, has agreed to an ongoing repair program working in conjunction with volunteer and local help.

The tea room will blossom into a five day-a-week venture in a larger more convenient surrounding. Many visit the old mansion from curiosity, but stay to see the rich collection of Loyalist memorabilia. Hostesses tell about the coming of the Loyalists and their great contributions.

The important genealogical services of the Centre will be continued and enhanced into a year round service. New genealogical information is constantly being received (more is always welcomed).

There are few, if any, other places in Ontario where so much Loyalist history is concentrated into so few acres.

More events are being planned. These ideas reflect the imagination and enthusiasm of the L.C.C. committee members. It's a state of affairs which may prove contagious.

## **1993 Fall**

### **Adolphustown Cultural Centre Success**

**T**he Loyalist Cultural Centre at Adolphustown, UEL Bay of Quinte Branch, ended its 1993 season with substantial gains in attendance, receipts and community interest.

1993 marks the move from experiment to commitment of a full time tea room as a means of becoming self-sustaining. Designed to attract tourists, as well as generate funds, the community-run facility at the old Allison brick mansion, served 950 guests and helped draw 1,400 paid attendance.

Manager, Kathy Staples, has worked tirelessly to improve the premises, supervise activities of the tour guides and some fifty helpers, who not only contributed food for six days a week, but also helped serve it.

Women's groups from Conway, Sillsville, Adolphustown and St. Albans Anglican Church performed stalwart service throughout the year, as did members of the Bay of Quinte Branch. Many made their own period costumes to contribute to the attractive setting.

Attendance is helped by return visits of satisfied customers bringing new guests to share a delightful afternoon.

### **IT'S AN ADOLPHUSTOWN SELLOUT**

It only took a year for the creation of a Founders' Signature Quilt to raise funds for the Loyalist Cultural Centre at Adolphustown, raising \$5,200. The quilt is to honour the Loyalist families who first landed at Adolphustown in 1784. They were solicited for ten dollars per signature to be incorporated into a commemorative quilt to go on permanent display at the Loyalist Cultural Centre.

Chaired by Jean Hough, UE, the idea rapidly took fire and names started coming in from across Canada, and some parts of the U.S. Some families took entire blocks of sixteen signatures, which are arranged in wheel form on each various block. To ensure legibility, the signatures are all transposed into similar script executed in India ink.

Now the task of sewing and quilting remains to be completed by 1994, on the anniversary date of the Loyalist landing, June 18. Plans are afoot to have a "Bicentennial Plus Ten" homecoming for all family members stemming from the Adolphustown group. At this time there will be an official unveiling of the quilt and a dedication ceremony. Don't miss it.

### **DIAMONDS FROM NEW MEXICO**

When an American tourist named Diamond from Albuquerque stopped by the Loyalist Cultural Centre this year, he was only searching for a washroom. While in our centre, he discovered a comprehensive record of the Diamond family which had local roots in the community.

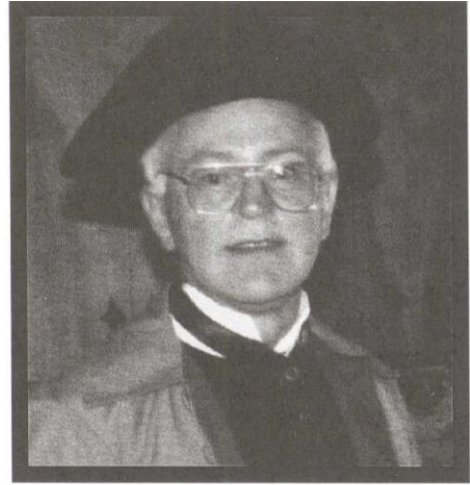
The flabbergasted Mr. Diamond found information he didn't know existed, in a place he had never intended to visit, from a group he'd never heard of. He promised to send pictures of his family and return next year. His generous donation will be used to purchase signatures on the Founders' Quilt.

The genealogical records at the Centre are being improved yearly. About a dozen visitors weekly come to search and many leave well-rewarded. Inquiries are also handled by mail throughout the year for a modest fee. Mailing address is Box 112, RR #1, Bath, Ontario KOH IGO.

### 1996 Fall

#### Obituary: **Robert Wendell Camm 1919-1997**

Robert Wendell Camm UE, President of the Bay of Quinte Branch from 1982-1984, died suddenly in London, Ontario on 21 May 1997 at the age of seventy-eight. An ardent genealogist, he began his life-long researching at the age of fourteen when he made notes as his paternal mother answered his questions about their family. Her statement that the oral tradition said that hers was a Loyalist family was the impetus that eventually led to his proving his Loyalist ancestry through Jacob Ferguson. In the meantime he did the proofs and applications for his wife, Phyllis Hough Camm, his children, Marion Evens, Frank Camm and Richard Camm and many family members. He also assisted dozens of people in the Quinte region with their research and applications and was delighted to substantially increase the membership of the organization for which he worked with such dedication at the local and Dominion Council levels. In the pursuit of these activities he made many friends.



Wendell's life-long passion for history, which he taught along with English for seven years in the public schools of Ontario, made him especially eager to make the Bicentennial celebrations of the Quinte Branch a fitting tribute to the Loyalists. He worked tirelessly for the two years of his presidency and was very pleased by the creation of the Bicentennial Endowment Fund to help educate school children in the Quinte Region about the Loyalist heritage of the area. A highlight of his term of office was the visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at the unveiling of the gates to the Loyalist Parkway. The day of the celebration on 16 June 1984 at the Adolphustown Park was enjoyed by a large gathering of people, many of whom were costumed.

After Wendell moved to London in 1985, he was also active in the London Branch and enjoyed helping with school visits as he was always an inspiring teacher, even in retirement. During these years, he completed four family histories replete with scholarly documentation as well as oral and anecdotal history. The Camms of Dsborne. The Barnett Atkinson Family. The Magee-Lawson Family and his last work, which he completed shortly before he died, The Sawyer-Hazlewood Family History, are a lasting memorial to a man who cared deeply about keeping the past alive for present and future generations.

By Marion Evans, UE, London, Ontario

### 1998 Spring

**S**tirling writer, historian and researcher Lewis Zandbergen was guest speaker at the November meeting held in Westminster Church, Loyalist Wallbridge Road, Belleville. Topic: his children's maternal

heritage which can be traced back to 1625 in Hampshire U.K. He also displayed binders filled with research materials as well as the 20 foot-long genealogical chart compiled by him and his son Peter.

Article by *Community Press*

By Mary M. MacKey

### 1999 Spring

The Bay of Quinte Branch is embarking on an annual celebration of the June 1784 landing at Adolphustown. The launch will coincide with the second United Empire Loyalists' Day in Ontario, on Saturday, June 19th.

The re-enactment will take place in Adolphustown U.E.L. Park at the site where the Van Alstine party landed June 16, 1784.

The tall ship brigantine *St. Lawrence II* from Kingston will accompany bateaux filled with costumed reenactors as they disembark and draw lots for their new homesteads on the Bay of Quinte and Hay Bay. Other reenactors and interested individuals are also invited to take part in what is hoped to become a major annual U.E.L. celebration. Those wishing to participate or seeking more information can contact BoQ Branch Vice-President Bill Daverne at 613-354-4562 or [davcom@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:davcom@fox.nstn.ca).

There is plenty of parking and camping space available at Adolphustown U.E.L. Park for all those wishing to participate or observe the celebrations. Attendees are invited to explore the many exhibits in the on-site Loyalist Cultural Centre, and examine the headstones of the original Loyalists in the Park's U.E.L. Memorial Cemetery.

The 72-acre park is now operated by the Bay of Quinte Branch under Ontario Government ownership, but title to the historic parklands and the Allison House housing the Loyalist Cultural Centre is currently being transferred to the Bay of Quinte Branch. It is hoped this important new ownership may also be celebrated on June 19th.

Adolphustown U.E.L. Park is located in Adolphustown Village, on Hwy. #33, two miles east of the Adolphustown Glenora Ferry and 35 miles west of Kingston. Travellers can easily reach the Park by heading south from Napanee or east from Picton, the two closest county towns. Boaters will find the Park at the west end of Adolphus Reach, immediately north of Loynes's Island

### 1999 Fall

Here are some photos of the Loyalist Days festival at Adolphustown, 19 June 1999. The highlight for me was the presentation of a UE certificate to my grandson, Jonathan Daniel Godin, a member of the crew of the brigantine *St. Lawrence II*. This ship led the flotilla of bateaux for the re-enactment of the 1784 Loyalist landing at Hagerman's Point. Through my husband, Peter Davy, UE, Jonathan is a fourth great grandson of Tunis Hagerman, for whom the Point was named.

By Carol Davy UE

### 2003 Spring

Our Branch received its charter June 26th, 1956, the same year the Bay of Quinte UEL Memorial Cemetery and Park were created by the Province of Ontario. In 2002 the heritage centre, day use, and camping facilities were combined into one registered charity and became known as the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park. A Heritage Director and Park Manager are employed to oversee the 72-acres of nationally historic significance.

### **2003 Events**

Three exciting weekend events are planned for Adolphustown this summer. **Loyalist Landing** - June 13, 14, 15 - this year's event is expanding to a three day event. There will be an inaugural dinner on Friday night for the Loyalist Legacy - Hall of Honour. The Legacy project will seek nominations for UE descendants who have achieved distinction in their chosen field. They could range from Duff Roblin, former premier of Manitoba (and Bay of Quinte UELAC member), to Thomas Alvah Edison, to Jack Ruttan, Hockey Hall of Famer and former Toronto Maple Leaf.

**Quinte Spirit Festival**- July 19,20- this will be the sixth annual event that features folk, country and roots-based music. Held for the first time on Adolphus Reach, in Napanee.

**Thunder-on-the-Reach** – August 30,31 - for a number of years we have been trying to get the KRRNY and the Northern Brigade to return to Adolphustown to practice their craft. The weekend will feature marine tactical events using available reproduction bateaux.

**Quinte Bateaux Brigade** – After the first Loyalist Landing, Adolphustown became the homeport for two reproduction bateaux, the 31ft *Gusty* and the 17ft *Sarah Magin*. During the summer of 2002 bateaux master Peter Ferri started using Adolphustown as the homeport for his 27ft *Sonja B*. In December 2002 we acquired the 27ft *Black Snake* from the Thousand Islands River Heritage Society in Mallorytown, Ontario.

Both the *Sonja B* and *Black Snake* have trailers and are available for events throughout Ontario and the north-eastern United States. Before that happens though, the *Sonja B* and *Gusty* will be replanked and refitted in the spring.

### **Website**

Look for the launch of [www.uel.ca](http://www.uel.ca) for further information on these events. We hope to have the web domain operational by March. If you are interested in visiting, camping or volunteering we can be reached at [1784@uel.ca](mailto:1784@uel.ca) or 613-373-2196.

### **Queen's Golden Jubilee Medals**

In 2002 the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal was awarded to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada. The Bay of Quinte Branch has three members who received the honour: Mr. Godfrey Barr UE, *Deseronto*; His Worship Major John Fisher CD ADC UE, *Barrie*; Mr. Brandt Zätterberg UE, *Napanee*.

### **Ontario Trillium Foundation**

As part of a four member collaborative the UELHC&P has received a \$25,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to create joint advertising and promotional product between us, the Lennox and Addington Historical Society, Lennox and Addington County Museum and Allan Macpherson House and Park (Napanee, Ontario). With a \$35,000 project budget the collaborative plans to invite other area heritage sites to participate in future advertising initiatives.



### **Land O'Lakes & Loyalist Country**

Another 2003 marketing activity that we will benefit from is that of the Land O'Lakes Tourism Region. Each year they publish a tourism guide. For 2003 they have received a considerable grant from the provincial government and have rechristened their guide *Land O'Lakes and Loyalist Country*. "One of the initiatives involves the development of market-ready tourist products", according to Chris Leger, of LOLTA. "These are packages, like \$250 weekends including meals, accommodation, sightseeing and entertainment. They are common elsewhere but not yet available in the Land 'O Lakes."

By Brandt Zätterberg UE

### **2005 Fall**

**O**n 18 June 2005 the Bay of Quinte Branch and the UEL Heritage Centre & Park held its annual Legacy of Loyal Americans ~ Hall of Honour dinner at Westminster Church in Hastings County. This year's inductees included Gwen Lazier Braidwood, Anson McKim, Whitford Julian Van Dusen, Dr. William Canniff, and Maj. General Aylesworth Bowen Perry, CMG.

To-date, the 2005 summer tourism season has been our most successful on record. On target for 27,000 visitors, the UEL Heritage Centre & Park remains the second busiest tourism attraction in Lennox and Addington County and one of the largest in the Bay of Quinte region and St. Lawrence corridor. Given that the most of the larger sites are government owned and taxpayer-funded, the success of Bay of Quinte Branch's Adolphustown heritage properties is a testament to Adelaide McLaughlin's vision and the dedication of past and present members of the Association.

Next year, 2006, is the 50th anniversary of both Bay of Quinte Branch and UEL Heritage Centre & Park. Our Loyalist Landing Festival will be held in Adolphustown 16 – 18 June 2006.

By Brandt Zatterberg UE

### **2006 Spring**

**T**he Bay of Quinte Branch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary throughout 2006 and all branches are invited to help us recognize this milestone. On 16 June 1956, Premier Leslie Frost dedicated the Bay of Quinte UEL Park, which is now the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park at Adolphustown, Ontario. During that same year, the Bay of Quinte Branch UEL was being formed and the Branch received its original Charter on 26 June 1956. To celebrate the 50th birthday of both, several events are now being planned.

The first event will be the Branch's Annual General Meeting, to be held on Saturday 13 May 2006 at 1:30 p.m. the historic Adolphustown Township Hall, also now owned by the branch. That meeting will feature presentations on the history of the branch, and recognition of several members who have been active for the entire fifty years of the branch. The dates of June 16th through 26th will be declared as "*UEL WEEK*" in the Municipality of Greater Napanee, and will include Loyalist Flag raising ceremonies in Napanee and Belleville, a re-enactment of the original Loyalist Landing in Adolphustown on June 17th, which will include various displays, encampments, wreath laying, other activities and entertainment along with the bateaux landing, and UEL memorial church services on Sunday June 18th.

There will be other activities throughout the summer in the park and the Quinte region to help celebrate the events. The celebrations will continue into September with a fundraiser dinner and Loyalist Hall of Honour inductions. More detailed information will be sent out to the branches as the events get closer. You may also visit our branch web site at [www.uel.ca](http://www.uel.ca) for contacts and more information.

Submitted by Brian Tackaberry UE

## 2006 Fall

### CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Bay of Quinte Branch of the UELAC celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary this summer. On 16 June 1956 the Bay of Quinte UEL Memorial Cemetery and Park was officially dedicated by the Province of Ontario Premier Leslie Frost due to the efforts of many prominent Toronto area Loyalists including Adelaide McLaughlin UE. A week later, the Bay of Quinte Branch received its charter from Dominion and, within a year, had grown to over one hundred and sixty members. The Branch has enjoyed a strong connection to the park throughout its fifty years and in 2001 gained full ownership of the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park from the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and the province of Ontario.

The Branch began its anniversary celebrations at its Annual General Meeting held in historic Adolphustown Township Hall on 13 May 2006, marking the beginning of the fiftieth year of the group. At that meeting many members received certificates from Branch President Brian Tackaberry UE recognizing membership of over thirty years in the Branch. We were also very pleased to recognize several members there who were Charter-year Members from fifty years ago. The highlights of the meeting were the cutting of two cakes to celebrate both the park and the Branch, and a social hour that followed the meeting.

The next event was the successful Loyalist Landing and Market Days held in the park on 17 June 2006. This event included military and civilian re-enactors encamped on the grounds, a recreation of the landing of the Loyalists on the same site on 16 June 1784, performances by our own Loyalist Fife and Drum Corps and a solemn wreath laying ceremony at the Loyalist Cemetery and Monument on the site. Wreaths were laid by several government representatives, Dominion President Peter Johnson UE, Bay of Quinte Branch President Brian Tackaberry UE, and both Kingston and Col John Butler Branch members. There were over twenty historical and genealogical displays and sales tables from other UEL and OGS branches, historical societies and area researchers and publishers. Entertainment was also provided by the *Grampas Goodtime Group* from Picton. In the afternoon, there was a ceremony that included talks and greetings from Dominion President Peter Johnson UE, Rob Leverty of the Ontario Historical Society, ex-MPP Harry Danford who was responsible for the establishment of UEL Day in Ontario, and Branch President Brian Tackaberry UE who gave a short talk on the history of the establishment of the park. In addition, other long-time certificates and Past President medallions were handed out to several Branch members. Loyalist Week was also proclaimed by the Town of Greater Napanee to help us celebrate.

On Monday, June 19th, the Branch continued its celebrations at the UEL Day Flag Raising event held at the recently restored UEL monument in downtown Belleville. This event included members of the Yorkers and our Fife and Drum Corps and was also attended by singer Jeff Nelson, local politicians including Belleville Mayor Mary Ann Sills, and Dominion President Peter Johnson UE. After the flag raising, speeches and singing of the anthems, the group met for a social time and cake cutting to continue our celebrations.

The next event of the Fiftieth Anniversary was the Open House for the UELHCP on Wednesday August 2nd. This was a free daytime pass to the park to any UEL member and people in the Bay of Quinte area as a special “*THANK YOU*” for supporting the Branch and park for the past fifty years. In addition to the regular Executive Meeting of the Branch Executive during the day, the Mountain View Women’s Institute held a meeting and display. There were also a few re-enactors present on the grounds. The highlight of the day was a free performance by the HMCS Ontario Sea Cadet Concert Band, from Kingston, made up of over seventy top cadet musicians from across Canada.

The Official Anniversary Celebrations concluded on September 9th with the Fiftieth Anniversary Hall of Honour Dinner and Fundraiser Auction for the UELHCP. More details on this event will follow in the Spring edition of the *Gazette*.

By Brian Tackaberry UE

### **2007 Fall**

On 16 June 2007 the Bay of Quinte Branch UEL celebrated the 223rd anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists in Adolphustown at the site of our own United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park. This year's theme was celebrating our musical heritage and featured an afternoon of musical entertainment linked back to the Loyalist era. The main performers for the afternoon were Sarah Burnell and her Celtic band, who hail from Ottawa, Ontario. Sarah has studied Celtic traditional music throughout Canada and has even performed at the NAC in Ottawa. She and her band keep alive the traditions of music of the early times.

In addition, our own Loyalist Fife and Drum Corps performed several tunes and discussed the importance of fifes and drums during the times of the American Revolution and the subsequent settlement of the Loyalist Corps in Canada. The final performer for the day was Chris Mayell, an operatic tenor Masters graduate from the University of Western Ontario, who performed several traditional ballads and drinking songs from the early years of the Loyalists onward. We were also pleased to have several members from the Royal Yorkers who performed some military drills and had a small encampment on display during the afternoon.

In addition to the Musical portion of the afternoon, the Bay of Quinte Branch members paid tribute to Loyalist descendants inducted into the branch's Hall of Honour in the past and displayed this year's inductees. Dominion President Peter Johnson UE was present at the event and brought greetings to the branch. A special tribute was made to honour former MPP Harry Danford, who was responsible through his private members' bill, for establishing UEL Day in Ontario and ensuring the teaching of a unit on UEL history in elementary schools in the province. Harry was inducted into the Loyalist Hall of Honour that afternoon and presented with certificates of appreciation by Branch Vice-President June Dafoe UE. Branch President Brian Tackaberry UE acted as emcee for the day's activities.

Continuing the celebrations of the importance of the Loyalists, the branch held its second annual flag-raising event on 19 June 2007 at the UEL Monument in Belleville, Ontario. This was attended by several branch members as well as members of Belleville City Council and former MPP Harry Danford.

By Brian Tackaberry UE, Branch President

### **2008 Spring**

Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Agnes Macdonald, portrayed by re-enactors Brian and Renee Porter, were guests of the Bay of Quinte Branch at their November meeting. The presentation featured a talk from the 1887 era by Canada's first prime minister and provided some very interesting insights into the public and private life of this prominent Canadian. The presentation concluded with music written in honour of Sir John. It is hoped that they are able to pay another visit to the Quinte area in the near future.

### **2009 Fall**

Our January 2009 meeting was our annual potluck luncheon and a presentation about the history of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Napanee by Mary Matheson. At our March meeting in Belleville, James Maracle spoke about the Oriskany Alliance. Our branch also participated in the OGS Gene-O-Rama in Ottawa in March and at the OGS Region 8 meeting in Brockville in April.

May was our Annual General Meeting and election of officers in Adolphustown, with a presentation made by Bob and Grietje McBride on the history of one of Bob's Loyalist ancestors, Adam Young UE, and his wife, Catherine Elizabeth Schremling.

We participated in Kingston's Historica Fair in May and made a presentation to Sir Guy Carleton Branch during that month. Various power-point presentations were made to a number of church groups and service clubs in the spring regarding the UELAC Conference 2009 and the 225th Anniversary of the Loyalists in Ontario.

We continue to own and operate the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park in Adolphustown, which is a 72-acre park, campground, museum and research centre, and the historic Loyalist Cemetery and Landing site from 1784.

As part of the group we have outreach through the Loyalist Fife and Drums and Herkimer Bateaux Brigade who perform at re-enactments throughout the area. Much time is needed from the executive to assist with park activities and management. We also have charitable status for donations to the UELHCP. We added some new displays and artefacts at the Museum this summer, especially a large display which tells the Loyalist story that was transferred to us from Kawartha Branch.

We organized and hosted Loyalist Settlement Experience 225, the 2009 Dominion UELAC Conference, at Napanee and Adolphustown, held from 12 to 14 June 2009. The event also included a huge anniversary celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Loyalists in Ontario, open to the public. The event included military and civilian re-enactors, presentations to school groups, talks by authors, and displays and sales from various historical and genealogical groups.

By Brian Tackaberry UE, Branch President

## **2010 Fall**

Our year began with the annual January potluck in Napanee. The speaker was Peter Johnson who spoke about locations in New York and New Jersey where a number of Quinte families originated. Some of the places included Tappan, Fishkill, Sleepy Hollow and the Mabie Farm near Rotterdam Junction, all in New York, and Mahwah in New Jersey. The presentation included images of these locations. Some of the names referred to included Wannamaker, Redner, Johnson, Maybee, Huff, DeLong and Van Tassel.

In March we met in Belleville where Bill Morris gave us an informed history of the Allen family who have contributed to Adolphustown Township for generations. The Allens originated in New Jersey and there's a link to the New Jersey Volunteers.

Our annual meeting was held at the Adolphustown Township Hall in May, complete with elections. While little has changed on the Executive, it is a pleasure to welcome a new Director, James Maracle. There were two speakers including Norman Hawley who spoke about the Hawley family and showed us a copy of the very rare Hawley Book that is over a century old. Only one hundred were ever printed. Jack Roblin also spoke about the history of the Township Hall that was built in 1864 utilizing some material from the former 1796 Court House.

At the time of writing this report, Bay of Quinte Branch anticipates a memorable flag-raising at the Loyalist Monument in Belleville on June 19th and a successful season at the Park and the Research Centre in Adolphustown. After some smoke damage last winter, the Research Centre is cleaned up and *sparkling* and waiting for enthusiastic researchers!

One of our members, Linda Smith, submitted fourteen applications at once. I suspect that is a record. Furthermore, two of her applications were for the same UE Loyalist, William Marsh UE, through different branches. We've often seen father and son UE Loyalists where both were of age to have served. However in Linda's Hawley family, three generations of UE Loyalists served. Congratulations Linda!

By Peter W. Johnson UE

### 2011 Spring

In September, the Branch met in Ameliasburgh where the members were treated to a presentation by UELAC President Fred Hayward UE. It was also the meeting at which the Loyal Americans Hall of Honour Inductees were recognized: Major John H. Sills UE, Rev. Canon Alexander Wellesley Macnab UE, Charles Canniff Jones UE and our current and much beloved member Eleanor Carleton Moulton UE. For November the venue shifted back to Belleville where Bob McBride UE delivered a presentation on the Masons and the Loyalists. Bob is very active in both groups and he is currently the UELAC Senior Vice-President. This meeting also provided us with an opportunity to debut the Bay of Quinte Branch DVD: *Unity of Empire: The Loyalist Settlement in Canada*.

2011 began with a potluck in Napanee. The speaker was Dr. Greg Baran who gave us a vivid presentation on *Doctors in the Loyalist Period*. In March we will meet in Frankford where the topic will be Grave Marker, speaker: Peter W. Johnson UE.

Members of the Bay of Quinte Branch Executive were busy scurrying about in the fall with donated copies of Connie Brummell Crook's historical novels. This was an outreach programme wherein books were presented to schools within the Branch's jurisdiction. Our thanks to Connie for the generous donation.

On a happy note, Bob and Nora Barber UE celebrated their 50th anniversary on 04 November 2010. We were also pleased that Branch member Norman Hawley was able to present UELAC certificates to Michael Hawley UE, President of the Hawley Family Association, at that group's annual meeting in the United States. Norman was certainly delivering the Loyalist message to our '*Rebel*' neighbours -- and returned safely to tell the tale! On a more sombre note, the members mourned the passing of Charter Member, Jack Roblin UE, in November; the United Church at Adolphustown was packed for the funeral service.

ROBLIN, John Lewis "Jack" UE

Passed away in Napanee on 11 November 2010 in his 92nd year. He was predeceased in 2009 by his wife of sixty-seven years, Mildred Jane Rikely. He is survived by his son Herb (and wife Carol), grandchildren Barbara and Eric and two great-grand-daughters. Jack had been a member of Bay of Quinte Branch UELAC since its founding in 1956 and was involved in numerous local projects and groups including Old Hay Bay Church, the restoration of Adolphustown Township Hall and the United Church at Dorland, to name a few. He also had a distinguished career in the Masons and was a Past Grand Steward.

Jack was such a '*going concern*' that his absence will be felt most keenly. His Loyalist ancestry included the early Roblins of Adolphustown.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

### 2011 Fall

This Branch has certainly had a busy first half of 2011. In January we welcomed Dr. Greg Baran to our meeting in Napanee. He spoke about period doctors, bloodletting, amputation and other tricks of the trade. Our March meeting was held in Frankford and Peter Johnson UE spoke about symbols and images on grave markers. The Branch AGM was held in May at Adolphustown and President Brian Tackaberry UE's topic was Loyalist Settlements Along the Rideau.

Members Susan Brose UE, Merle Burns UE, Thelma Coulter UE, Jim Gubb UE and Russell Sills UE received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. Congratulations!

Angela and Peter Johnson UE attended a regimental event at the Mabee Farm Historical Site near Schenectady, NY in May. For possibly the first time ever, a Branch UELAC table was set up in the Mohawk Valley – deep in Rebel territory. Angela was not molested by the Rebels, but she did receive questions such as, “Where’s Quinte?” and “How do you pronounce Quinte?”

On Loyalist Day, June 19th, the Branch celebrated the occasion at the park in Adolphustown, with the flag raising. The honoured guest was Gordon Schermerhorn, Mayor of Greater Napanee, and a contingent of King’s Royal Yorkers participated.

Our major Branch project is to repair the oldest Loyalist monument in Canada, in Adolphustown, Ontario. It is leaning after sitting in the same location for almost one hundred and thirty years.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

### **2012 Spring**

The Branch was very pleased to receive a donation of four paintings from Edmonton Branch’s Robert J. Rogers UE. The paintings were by noted artist, Ken Darling, and depict various stages of the Loyalist exodus and arrival. Robert, of course, has deep Quinte roots as his ancestor was the famed Major James Rogers UE who commanded (Roger’s) King’s Rangers. The Major died at Sandhurst in 1790. Bay of Quinte Branch is always interested in donations of artefacts for the Heritage Centre at Adolphustown.

Three more names were inducted into our Loyalist Hall of Honour at the September meeting. They were Colonel Roscoe Vanderwater UE, Allan Dempsey UE and Audrey Kirk UE. The Branch also took care of repairs to the Kirk cemetery marker at Frankford. Audrey passed away in 1991.

Our September meeting was attended by two of our most distant members: Deborah Spence UE from Northern Manitoba and Linda Smith UE from Florida. Both have a significant number of Loyalist ancestors. Linda and Deborah share some Loyalist ancestors and are also related to other Bay of Quinte Branch members.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

### **Obituary: Moulton, Eleanor**

22 December 1929 – 30 December 2011

The genealogical community in general and the UELAC in particular, lost a great friend and supporter with the passing of Eleanor last December. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Harry and Edith (Walker) Carleton and is survived by her three children: Robert, Julie, and Carol; seven grandchildren; and her brother, William. She was predeceased by a brother, Edmund. Eleanor grew up in Norwood and studied in Peterborough.



It was impossible to have been involved with genealogy in Ontario over the past several decades without meeting Eleanor. If one could claim the title of *Ms Genealogy*, it was Eleanor and, once you met her, you were her friend for life. She tackled with enthusiasm every query that came her way and the answers she provided usually extended far beyond the scope of the initial query. The query need not be about one of her own family lines. She helped everyone and they could expect a response any time of day or night!

Years back Eleanor was a dedicated member of both Toronto Branch UELAC and Toronto Branch OGS. She was heavily involved with the Loyalist Lineages book project, was co-Dominion Genealogist for a time, and more recently she was Branch Genealogist for Bay of Quinte Branch UELAC. She held that position until late 2009 when ill health prompted her to settle in a Retirement Home in Tweed. Eleanor was also an authority on the Dafoe family, and she organized a large Dafoe Reunion in Kingston in 1984. Eleanor's claim for Loyalist ancestry was through the well documented Dafoes. In 2010 Eleanor was honoured by being inducted into Bay of Quinte Branch's "*Loyal American Hall of Honour*" an award not generally bestowed upon living Loyalist descendants.

There are more good Eleanor stories than space permits but one thing she was legendary for was the extent of her collection of genealogical books and papers. When she moved from Scarborough to Tweed in the 1990s, the superintendent of the apartment in Scarborough breathed a sigh of relief. There had been the real concern that the weight of her collection would collapse the apartment floor! Her last residence in Belleville was actually two apartments – one for living in and one for book storage!

Eleanor passed away in Belleville on 30 December 2011. The Service was held on 02 January 2012 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Roslin, Ontario. There was a full house for the Service and at least one-third, if not more, of those present were there because they knew Eleanor through various genealogical societies as she did belong to more than just the UELAC and OGS. Spring interment will be at the graveyard by the Church, the place where her parents are buried.

I had the pleasure of knowing Eleanor for almost forty years. UELAC member, David Kanowakeron Hill Morrison UE, met her more recently and I thought his remarks via e-mail were especially appropriate. He commented:

*"I credit Eleanor for introducing the UELAC to me and will always be grateful for her friendship and vast knowledge, both of which she graciously shared. She will be missed and always remembered for her wit, enthusiasm and engaging friendliness."*

It's been said that anyone can be replaced. Actually some people can't, and Eleanor Carleton Moulton UE is one.

By Peter W. Johnson UE  
Photo sent by her daughter, Julie Reid

## 2012 Fall

2012 kicked off with our annual Pot Luck at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Napanee. It was well attended and featured a Show 'n' Tell. James Maracle UE presented the Branch with an elaborate framed certificate from the Independent Order of Foresters and signed by the famous Dr. Oronhyatekha. It was over a century in age.

In March we met at the Masonic Hall in Frankford for a presentation by Maria Moncur, a PhD candidate at Queen's University. Her topic focused on changing views of the War of 1812 over the years. Carol Evans UE presented the Branch with two 1984 UEL Commemorative Branch Rubbings that have been framed.

In April we hosted our first Genealogy Workshop in a few years, and it was held at our facilities in Adolphustown. The attendance was in the neighbourhood of fifty, and the event was considered a great success.

On May 12th we were back at Adolphustown for our Annual Meeting. Our speaker was David Smith UE who appeared in a uniform of the Canadian Fencibles. He talked about local grave markers found for Veterans of the War of 1812 such as Nicholas Hagerman and Charles Doller and plans to honour these men.

The OGS Annual Conference was in Kingston this year so fairly close to our area. Bay of Quinte Branch had a table at this event, and it proved to be quite a busy place. It provided good exposure for both our Branch and Kingston Branch UELAC.

Our yearly flag-raising was held 18 June 2012 at the park in Adolphustown. Guests included Gordon Shermerhorn, Mayor of Greater Napanee, Betty Martin representing the local MP and MPP, and those involved were our Town Crier, Bruce Bedell UE, Brandt Zatterberg UE, June Dafoe UE, Brian Tackaberry UE and yours truly. To mark the beginning of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 a contingent of Canadian Fencibles under David Smith UE was present along with some King's Royal Yorkers and the Loyalist Fifes and Drums. The troops arrived at the park after having visited various local cemeteries where 1812 Veterans were interred.

The biggest local re-enactment of the year was staged 29 June to 01 July at Bath and the theme was the Escape of the Royal George, about that craft that managed to elude the American Fleet during the War of 1812, and also the American raid on Bath during the War. Once again the Canadian Fencibles and Loyalist Fifes and Drums were heavily involved and there was even a group representing the 44th Regiment who had come all the way from England. The Loyalist Fifes and Drums also played at the evening Tattoo at Fort Henry. Of course the Branch had a table at this event. Congratulations to David Smith UE and those who helped staged this ambitious event.

As you can see, Bay of Quinte Branch has had a very busy year so far.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

## 2013 Spring

**O**n 1 August 2012, the Branch hosted a day, free to UELAC members, at the UEL Park at Adolphustown.

Our September meeting is always an important one because of the induction of more names to our Loyalist Hall of Honour. The 2012 recipients included E. John Chard UE, whose long history of service to the



Association is well-known nationally. He was a charter member of this Branch in 1956. A second recipient was the late Jeanne Minhinnick, an historian who specialized in early households and furnishings. She was involved in the development of Upper Canada Village and is the author of the highly-regarded book, At Home in Upper Canada. This meeting was held in Ameliasburgh. Guest speaker, Diane Berlet, did a presentation on the Loyalist tiles of St. Alban's, Adolphustown, now presented handsomely in a book reviewed in a past issue.

For our November meeting, we were back to Belleville for an afternoon with Peter C. Newman, who has become a local resident while he researches an anticipated book on the Loyalists. Peter read from the opening chapter of the forthcoming book, in which he put the American Revolution and experiences of the Loyalists into context. He also brought a vintage Hudson's Bay Company flag and a genuine beaver hat. Peter C. Newman is now an Honorary Member of Bay of Quinte Branch.

Congratulations to Branch President Brian Tackaberry UE who was presented a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in September. Well-deserved!

At the time of writing, we look forward to our buffet and show-'n'-tell in Napanee in January, a meeting in Frankford in March, and a genealogy workshop at Adolphustown in April.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

### 2013 Fall

Our first meeting of the year was the traditional potluck/show 'n' tell at Napanee. As was observed: *No one left hungry!* In March our meeting location shifted back to Frankford where we were entertained by "Mr. History," Gerry Boyce, well known for his books on local history and a key figure in the founding of the Hastings County Historical Society.

Our genealogical workshops have proven popular in the past and once again we hosted one at Adolphustown on 13 April with attendees from as far afield as London, Ontario. There were presentations pertinent to genealogy to begin the day and then plenty of time for research. Angela and I were kept busy with a constant number of researchers with questions and stories.

In May the Branch held its AGM at Adolphustown and it was a pleasure to welcome Dominion President, Robert McBride UE, and his wife, Grietje McBride UE. It was also a time for a *changing of the guard* as Branch President, Brian Tackaberry UE, retired after a decade at the helm. Under Brian's term much has been accomplished ranging from mundane but essential tasks of updating the bylaws to ushering in major projects such as the restoration of the UELAC monument in our park. We thank Brian for his many years of service and we are pleased that he will still be involved.

For the Branch, the late spring and early summer was rather clouded over by the passing of two members who have been extremely important to the success of the Branch. First there was the passing of John Chard UE in May, and then the passing of Norman Hawley UE in July. The Branch is poorer for their departure but we appreciate their contributions.

Finally the annual Ketcheson family picnic was held in late July. While not a Branch activity, this year we really encouraged descendants of William Ketcheson UE to obtain their UE certificates and to have them in place for a large presentation next year in Adolphustown.

By Peter W. Johnson UE

**Norman James Hawley UE**

30 May 1938 – 12 July 2013

**N**orman passed away in Cobourg, Ontario on 12 July 2013. He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Thomas; step-children, Karol and Michael; five grandchildren; and sisters, Wanda Hill and Barbara Heppler. He was the son of the late William James Hawley and Adrienne Fraser, and a 10th-generation Hawley in America.

Norman was a valued member of the Bay of Quinte Branch and received his UE certificate for Ichabod Hawley UE in May 2008. He had been a UELAC member since 2007. While that may not seem like a long time, Norman's contributions on both the Branch Executive and Park Board were enormous.

Initially Norman served as our Director for Northumberland County and, because of his financial expertise, joined the Management Board for the UELAC Heritage Centre and Park at Adolphustown. In 2009 he was heavily involved in the Branch's hosting of the UELAC Conference and he was elected Vice-President of the Branch.



Norman was keenly interested in the Hawley history and was the first Canadian member of the Hawley Association. He introduced a Loyalist flavour to that organization and was instrumental in helping its President, Michael Hawley UE, to acquire UE certificates in 2010. Norman was able to attend annual Hawley Association gatherings and visit some of the ancestral sites, including Arlington, Vermont. It was his dream to have the Hawley Association hold an annual meeting in the Quinte area. To date no annual meeting has ever been held in Canada. He was also the proud owner of an original copy of the 1890 book, The Hawley Record. Recently he was the recipient of an Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

A memorial service for Norman was held in Colborne, Ontario, on 19 July 2013 with interment at Napanee at a later date. Several Branch members were in attendance and there was a Loyalist Honour Guard.

By Brian Tackaberry UE & Peter W. Johnson UE

**2014 Spring**

**W**e were saddened by the passing of nationally-known broadcast journalist and author, Roy Bonisteel UE, on 16 August 2013. His Loyalist ancestors included Capt. John W. Meyers UE, George Finkle UE, James McMasters UE and Nicholas Peterson UE. He was inducted into our Hall of Honour in 2004.

On 14 September, two Loyalist descendants were inducted into the Branch's Hall of Honour during our meeting at Ameliasburgh. The first, Marie Dressler UE (1868-1934), an early film actress, was a descendant of Ruliph Ostrom UE and William Marsh UE. Farley McGill Mowat OC was the second inductee. His acclaim as an author is well known, but it is less appreciated that he is the descendant of Loyalists Ephraim Jones UE, Archibald Thompson UE and William Ruttan UE. The September meeting also featured two speakers: Diane Godbout and Hugh Heal, friends from 7th Town Historical Society.

Our Branch was presented with a nice gift from Quinte Branch Ontario Genealogical Society at their October meeting. It was an original Land Patent complete with wax seal, dated 1802. The Patent was for a lot in Murray Township granted to Isaac DeMille UE. It will be of great interest to the many DeMille descendants. The Patent was on display at our November meeting. Our thanks to Quinte OGS!

In November we met in Belleville for an informative presentation by history teacher, Geoff Audas. His topic was the War of 1812 as it affected the Quinte area.

Early in 2014 we held our annual Potluck Show 'n' Tell at Napanee. One of the highlights was a detailed display about the Randall family courtesy of Richard Randall UE.

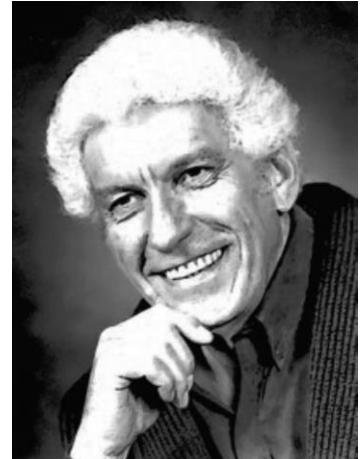
The ongoing project to restore the UEL Monument at the United Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park at Adolphustown is of continued importance to us and, we hope, of national interest. It is the oldest monument to the Loyalists in Canada, dating from 1884. Please consider a contribution.

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

**Roy Earnest Bonisteel UE, CM**  
(29 May 1930 – 16 August 2013).

Roy's Loyalist ancestors included Capt. John W. Meyers UE, George Finkle UE, James McMasters UE and Nicholas Peterson UE.

Mr. Bonisteel was born in Ameliasburg, Ontario, a seventh generation native of the Quinte West region. He began his journalism career with newspapers in Belleville and Trenton. In 1951, he started in radio at CJBQ in Belleville, Ontario. He moved to CKTB in St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1953. After 12 years at CKTB he entered into an agreement with the United Church of Canada to produce a 15-minute program, *Checkpoint*. He became director of broadcast for the United Church in Vancouver in 1965. Bonisteel started a religious open-line radio programme titled *God Talk* on CKWX.



In 1967, Roy began hosting a new CBC series, *Man Alive*, that would explore man's religious dimensions. In the next 22 years, Bonisteel interviewed: Malcolm Muggeridge, Mother Teresa, 14th Dalai Lama and many others.

After retiring from journalism, Bonisteel was a citizenship judge for seven years. In 1999 and 2000, he served as director of journalism and communication at the University of Regina.

Bonisteel died the morning of 16 August 2013 from cancer at his home in Johnstown, Quinte West Ontario; he was 83. He is survived by daughters, Lesley and Mandy Bonisteel, his son, Steve Bonisteel, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A winner of awards of excellence in broadcast journalism, Bonisteel also received six honorary doctorates. In 1994, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada. Bonisteel got the Canada 125 Medal in 1992, the Distinguished Canadian Award from the University of Regina in 1994. He received two ACTRA awards; the Gordon Sinclair award for excellence in broadcast journalism. He was called the "best television host in Canada."

He published three books: Man Alive the Human Journey, In Search of Man Alive and All Things Considered.

Roy Bonisteel once summed up his philosophy: “We are moulded into a materialist world where we do a lot of eating, drinking and making merry until we ask the basic questions ‘Who am I? Where am I going? What is our purpose in life?’.”

## 2014 Fall

**I**t’s been a busy year for the Bay of Quinte Branch. The year began with our annual Potluck/Show ‘n Tell, held in January at Napanee. In March we were entertained by Don Galna UE who talked about his excellent book on Loyalist houses in the Brockville area. We met in Frankford in March, then back to Adolphustown for our AGM in May, which featured respected author, Jennifer DeBruin UE. Our September meeting is in Ameliasburgh.

Once again our UEL Day Flag Raising in June was held at the park in Adolphustown. An added feature this year was the presentation of a UE certificate to Glenda Griffin UE.

To mark the UELAC’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our main Branch project was the refurbishing of the UEL Monument at our Park. It’s the oldest such monument and dates from 1884. I’m happy to report the project was concluded in July, and the Monument looks like new again! I want to especially thank Brian Tackaberry UE and June Dafoe UE for their efforts.

A re-dedication, coupled with a re-enactment, is scheduled for 23 and 24 May 2015. In May 2014 the Park hosted a gathering of the Ketcheson family.

One of the more unusual events this year was a visit by CNN broadcaster, Jake Tapper, who is well known in the United States. Turns out he has local roots and is a descendant of early settler, Solomon Huff, and the Palmateer family. He spent the day filming at Old Hay Bay Church (1792), the UEL Park, Loyalist landing site and museum. Some Huff descendants, including me, were on hand, and his visit should generate some publicity for the UELAC when it is featured on his television show in the States. As an American citizen he was interested to find he had ancestors who fought on the British side in the War of 1812!

Speaking of television shows, the summer genealogy series, *Who Do You Think You Are*, featured an episode with actress, Rachel McAdams. She happens to have deep Quinte roots and Loyalists such as William Ketcheson UE, Matthias Marsh UE, and William Marsh UE.

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

## 2015 Spring

**B**ay of Quinte Branch hosted the successful Ketcheson Reunion at the UEL Park in Adolphustown last July, and that was covered in the last issue.

Since then we have had three meetings up to reporting time. In September the Branch gathered in Ameliasburgh to hear coooper Pete Bradford who gave a wonderful presentation, largely because he is so enthusiastic about his line of work. It was also the occasion for our annual Loyalist Hall of Honour inductions. We honoured Tom Longboat UE and William Charles Mikel UE.

In November we returned to Belleville where a presentation was made by Brian Tackaberry UE. He is co-author and co-editor of the book, The Lost Generation of Mississippi Mills: WW1 Casualties. The book emphasizes how hard the Great War hit communities in Eastern Ontario. The same month I had the pleasure of placing a War of 1812 Veteran's plaque at the grave of John Johnson at Stockdale. The ceremony was well attended by relatives, history buffs, the Legion and politicians.

Our January meeting in Napanee featured a pot-luck and show 'n' tell. Among the items on display was a souvenir coin of the 1761 Coronation of King George the Third and a sample entry from the War Losses Claims discussed in the '*Historian's Corner*' article in this issue.

Don't forget on 23 and 24 May, the Bay of Quinte Branch will be hosting a War of 1812 Weekend at our UEL Park at Adolphustown. There will be the usual re-enactment activities, a re-enactment of the James Fitzgibbon wedding, historical displays and vendors and, on Sunday, the UEL Monument will be re-dedicated. You're invited!

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

**Last Post: SMITH, Gwendolyn Marguerite UE**  
15 August 1921 – 16 September 2014

Gwen (Meeks) Smith grew up in Bellrock, Ontario, resided for years near Bath, Ontario, and passed away in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She was the daughter of the late Claire Meeks and Mary Rosetta Reppard. She was also predeceased by her husband, Crawford Smith UE, and daughter, Susan Simpson. She was survived by her son, daughter, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Locally, Gwen was President of the Bay of Quinte Branch, which she joined in 1957, in 1974-1976 and again 1980-1981. Nationally she was Dominion President 1984-1986. She had numerous Loyalist ancestors including: Jephtha Hawley UE, Jehiel Hawley UE, Sheldon Hawley UE, James Johnston UE, Philip Switzer UE, Joseph Jenkes UE, Amos Martin UE, and Matthias Rose UE. One of her proudest moments was being presented to Queen Elizabeth II at the opening of the Loyalist Parkway in 1984. In 2003 Gwen was inducted into Bay of Quinte Branch's Loyalist Hall of Honour.



By Peter W. Johnson

## 2015 Fall

**I**t's no secret that our Branch's focus for 2015 has been the re-dedication of the UEL Monument at Adolphustown, an event covered in a separate article. Nevertheless other activities have also taken place at the Branch.

Our year began with our annual pot luck and show 'n' tell at Napanee. The earliest item on display was a 1761 token from the Coronation of H.R.H. George III, courtesy of Brian Tackaberry UE. In March the Branch made use of the Masonic facilities in Frankford where we were entertained by Deseronto Archivist, Amanda Hill and Norman Clark, Mayor of Deseronto. It was a well-received and informative presentation, supplemented with a lot of visual images.

On 09 May, we were back at Adolphustown for our AGM, with featured speaker: author and historian, Roy Macskimming, who is currently researching the early life of Sir John A. Macdonald. Sir John had a number of connections to the Quinte area. Some of his younger years were spent at Hay Bay, and his first court case was in Picton. He had been accused of assault and he defended himself. He won but, had he lost, he would not have been able to continue as a lawyer, which in turn means he would not likely have ventured into political life. It was a small case but the implications for the history of our country were enormous!

This fall we look forward to meeting in the Ameliasburgh area in September and back in Belleville to close out the year.

By Peter Johnson UE

## 2016 Spring

Our September meeting is held traditionally in Ameliasburgh, Prince Edward County, and this year was no exception. Guest speaker was John Schaeffer whose topic was the new Canadian Museum of Fraternal Societies in Napanee. This facility is rather unique in that it includes several such societies and no single focus. Thus organizations such as the Masons, Orange Order and Knights of Columbus, are all represented.

We also inducted two notable individuals into our Hall of Honour. They were the late Dominion Genealogist, Libby Hancocks UE, and Sir Gilbert Parker.

Our November meeting in Belleville featured Lt. Col. John Enrig (retired) of the Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment. He had on display a remarkable quilt from 1940 that featured the names of hundreds who served in that Regiment.

The main project at Bay of Quinte Branch is fund-raising for required roof repairs at our Museum/Heritage Centre at Adolphustown. The time has come to ensure that our books and artefacts will be safe from water damage and unwanted guests via the roof!

By Peter W. Johnson UE

## 2016 Fall

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.

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

## 2017 Spring

On 27 August, several Branch members attended 'Roots 2016' at Old Hay Bay Church near Adolphustown. The focus was on descendants of the twenty-two Founders in 1792, the majority of whom were Loyalists. I appreciated the chance to give a couple of presentations on those Loyalists and the Huff family.

In September, the Branch met, as usual, in Ameliasburgh Town Hall. Brian Tackaberry UE inducted Harvey J. McFarland UE into our Hall of Honour. Harvey was a successful construction company owner whose influence went far beyond Picton, and he was also the longest serving mayor of that town. His Loyalist ancestors were Jephtha Hawley UE and James Bradshaw UE. Our speaker was Ernie Margetson, who talked about the history of the hamlet of Melville in Prince Edward County. This history was of special interest to me because my maternal grandfather was Minister there for a time, and my parents met there.

In November we met in Belleville and were entertained by C.W. (Bill) Hunt who spoke about the wartime air training fields at Deseronto and Tyendinaga. Sadly, Mr. Hunt passed away at the end of 2016.

Books were a definite focus in the later months of 2016. The anticipation for Peter C. Newman's book on the Loyalists is well known and a review can be found in this issue. As well, there was the Keith Jamieson and Michelle Hamilton biography of Dr. Oronhyatekha, again reviewed in this issue. Last, but not least, our own Brian Tackaberry UE published a book about World War I Valour Award Recipients from the Almonte area of Eastern Ontario.

We look forward to 2017 with a Genealogy Workshop in April and a special re-enactment event centred on 30 June and 01 July, "Loyalist Roots on the Loyalist Parkway." Details will be available in Loyalist Trails as the dates draw near.

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President