



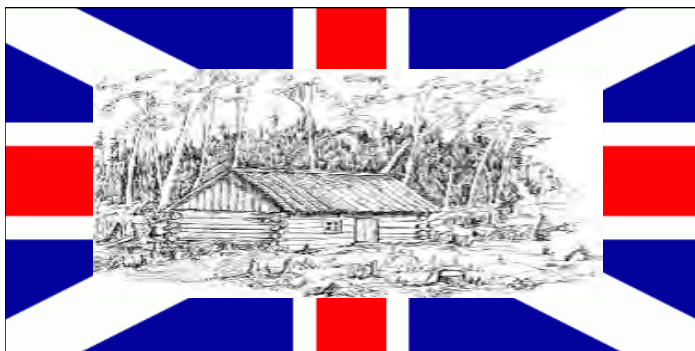
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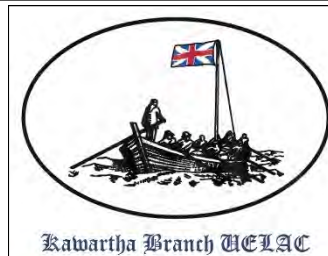
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The President's Message

Well, we had an enjoyable flag raising on June 19 at Peterborough's City Hall. We started at 10 a.m. and, with overcast skies, we beat the extreme heat! We will do the same next year. This year we welcomed a newcomer and Member of our Branch, Brandon McDermott UE, who piped us in and out of the ceremony (a very nice touch to the activity). The Aces of Harmony guiding us in singing God save the King and O Canada. My brother-in-law, Richard Staples, handled the four flags and their protocol as we marched before and after the service. It was reassuring to know when to raise and lower the flags properly. Three government officials spoke (representing the Mayor, County Warden and office of the MP). Grietje and I read the poem, *Our Canada, My Country*, written by John L. Flanagan and published in *Peterborough This Week* on January 4th 2019. I really enjoy reading it because it really hits home with the theme of history, pride and values. Those in period attire, including Patricia Staples, Bill Atkinson, Bob and Grietje McBride, really added to the day. Bill Russell and I raised the Loyalist Flag as we watched this 27th Flag Raising event for our Branch. We missed having Frank and Joan Lucas attend and wish them good health. Bill Russell, the UELAC National Vice-President, attended and we were glad to see him speak. Our prayers go out to his wife, Meg, who also had a set-back. Graham Hart did his magic, being our MC and making the day run smooth, as usual.

I attended two not-for-profit open houses, at the YMCA and at Empress Gardens, giving out a lot of our brochures and explained the purpose of Kawartha Branch



to folks. Many were interested as well as informing me of their own organization. The more we get known and the more activities we have, the more people may be moved to join our Branch.

We are organizing an old-time picnic on July 21. All are invited to attend for fun, games and prizes

followed by a pot luck supper organized by Grietje and Bob McBride. (**Note: This event has been postponed.**)



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After a break for the rest of the summer, we will plan our next General meeting in-person at Activity Haven on Barnardo Street on September 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meanwhile, have a safe and happy summer break.
Ken Spry UE
President, Kawartha Branch UELAC.



From The Editor's Desk

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Here in Kawartha Branch, we feel that we have a great deal to offer to our Members as we continue into the future.

To maintain an informative and interesting newsletter, we are actively seeking your family history or passed-down stories of Loyalists and their family adventures.

I trust that you find this Spring - Summer 2024 issue of our *Kawartha Periodical* newsletter of interest and we look forward to hearing from you !!!

Sincerely and loyally yours,
Bob McBride UE,
Kawartha Branch
Newsletter Editor.



Genealogists' Report

Not everyone is fortunate enough to find written letters or records left by someone who lived and interacted with their ancestors so that their descendants can experience a piece of their family history.



Good news, Mr. Smith!...

I think most of us can relate to the thoughts in this poster:

I wish I had realized that *family history* is a **PERISHABLE COMMODITY**. It disappears with time, as memories fade, and as loved ones pass on. I wish I had known that the most important aspect of family history is *preserving a record* **OF THE PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE.**

- Guy Black

thegenealogygirl.wordpress.com

Even if you have already proven your Loyalist, there is usually more to discover.

Currently we are working on several applications and have submitted one of them to the UELAC head office in Cornwall.

We are hoping to present Certificates in person at our first meeting on 15th September 2024.

Information passed down from generation to generation can give you an idea about who to talk to and where to start your research. Talking to the elders in your family in a privilege.

As your co-genealogists, we can send you a planning sheet that allows you to organize your research and list how you will prove child to parent relationships. Carefully document each generation as well, giving birth, marriage and death dates as you go. It's a good idea to document where you found this information so you can find sources later.

It is time-consuming but important, especially if you have an item that you want to use as proof in your Certificate Application.

Focus on one ancestor at a time but set up a file and document (so you can find it later) other ancestors who you come across so you can focus on them later.

We are happy to meet you to talk over what you have discovered and where we can help you.

Enjoy your time discovering new leads, meeting people with common interests and learning.

Grietje and Bob McBride UE
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Treasurer's Report

For the period November 30, 2023 through June 30, 2024
 Opening bank balance November 30, 2023: \$645 (all figures rounded)



Received 2024 Branch dues and UELAC per capita dues	\$1735
Received Branch sales	\$40
Received from CIBC Wood-Gundy investment portfolio	\$7000
Paid office expenses	\$ 149
Paid Ancestry.com search-aid renewal	\$ 338
Paid Newsletter printing	\$ 118
Paid UELAC Zoom license renewals (2)	\$ 296
Paid UELAC per capita dues	\$ 865
Paid guest speaker Jane Simpson	\$ 100
Paid printing expenses	\$ 29
Paid UELAC Conference rebates (7)	\$1,680
Paid Friends of St. Alban's Restoration Fund	\$1,000
Paid Old Hay Bay Church Restoration Fund	\$1,000
Paid Fleming College bursaries (4)	\$2,000
Paid Easter Seals Charity	\$ 100
Paid June 19th Flag Raising costs (Aces of Harmony (chorus) and Brandon McDermott (Piper))	\$ 100
Paid bank fees	\$ 45
Closing bank balance June 30, 2024:	\$ 1,600

Respectfully submitted,
 Frank Lucas, Treasurer.

Hoping to retire soon !!!

Frank has been our Kawartha Branch Treasurer for many years and would like to retire.

If you are interested or know of someone, please let anyone on the Executive know your thoughts !!!
 Thanks !!!



Membership Report



Thank you to all the Members who renewed their Membership in 2024. To date we have 84 Members and 5 Honorary Members. Your support means a great deal to the growth and activity in Kawartha Branch UELAC. For those who haven't renewed to date, you can renew at half-price starting July 1st. See the photo gallery in this edition for coverage of activities and meetings that have kept us busy and entertained since February. Our April speaker was Gordon Pitts, who spoke about J.C. Dale and the rise and fall of family fortunes and the bank he started in Madoc. Many in the Gerow family have members who knew about this local story and brought guests to hear about it. Kawartha Branch members completed our Flag Raising ceremony on June 19 in very warm temperatures. We were piped to and from the ceremony by Piper and Branch Member, Brandon McDermott UE. It is thrilling to see the Loyalist Flag proudly waving atop the Flag Pole.

By now you will have received your **Loyalist Gazette** published through the National Office in Cornwall. Be sure to read the article published by Bill Russell, immediate past President of Kawartha Branch, and now National Vice-President. One of his duties is to oversee the design and completion of the 2024 Spring and Fall **Loyalist Gazettes**. This is a great time to write about your Loyalist ancestor, his or her life and times and send it to Bob McBride < uelbob@nexicom.net > for consideration to be published locally or nationally!

As Membership Chair for Kawartha Branch, I attended the National Conference on June 6-9 in Cornwall. Our Treasurer was authorized to cover the cost of registering for the conference for up to 20 Members and eight people took advantage of this offer. The Conference allows Members to meet many people with like interests in our Loyalist legacy and provides many excellent speakers and demonstrations in one venue. It is well worth attending. Next year's conference will be in St. John, New Brunswick, with all East Coast Branches working together to plan it.

Kawartha Branch is putting on an old-time family pot luck and games afternoon, where families can gather, socialize and visit or play games on July 21 between 1 and 6 p.m. (**Note: this event has been postponed.**) Please contact Grietje or Bob McBride < maplegrm@gmail.com > or < uelbob@nexicom.net > to register and bring an item for the potluck. This will be fun for all!

Sincerely and loyally yours,
Grietje R. McBride UE,
Kawartha Branch Membership Chair.



Up-Coming Kawartha Branch Meetings:

September 15 in-person and Zoom at Activity Haven

November 17 via Zoom only

February 16 via Zoom only

April 20 Annual General Meeting in-person and via Zoom at Activity Haven

Special Events are being planned during the year. Look for poster announcements in your inbox. They may include theatre opportunities, dinner celebrations at Kelsey's in Peterborough and pot luck/games afternoon gatherings.

Our aim is to celebrate what connects us as Kawartha Branch Members and share our memories, experiences, frustrations, and successes with each other.

As Membership Chair, I invite feedback from you about how we can serve you better.

If you have an idea about an interesting person who could entertain or inform our Members, please contact anyone on the Board.



FROM THE HISTORIAN'S CORNER:

Our Kawartha Branch UELAC Historian, Joan Lucas UE, has offered to share with you an article in each up-coming issue

of *The Kawartha Periodical* newsletter.

Here's the one that she wrote for this issue:

LAND SETTLEMENT POLICIES IN ONTARIO

From 1778 onward people came into Quebec and later Ontario, displaced by the American Revolution. These were people, some of whom were original early American settlers, who wanted to continue living under British institutions and laws, and United Empire Loyalists displaced by war. Suddenly the Governor of the day was faced with a dilemma. What was he to do with all these homeless people who needed a place to live? These new people as well, wanted to own their new land, and wanted representative government as they settled on this new land. The need was great and there was a lot of virgin land on which to settle them.

The first land to be settled was along the lakes and rivers to facilitate the movement of people and goods. It was decided that each family was to have 200 acres, later reduced to 100 acres, and the land was to be received as a grant, or later as a purchase. Land was valued at one dollar an acre and could be purchased over four years. A patent of ownership was issued in two years provided certain rules were followed. In the case of the Loyalists the amount of land granted to them depended on the rank of the soldier.

A petition for land had to be made first to the Governor-in-Council, then it went to the Executive Council. If the petition was accepted, a document was taken to the Commissioner of Crown Lands and to the Surveyor General's office, where a location ticket was issued. There was lots of "red tape" and "hoops to jump through", even in those early days! The settlers had to complete the rules of the day. They were required to clear an amount of land, fence the front of their property and maintain a road along that front. After this was completed and attested to, an affidavit was placed before a Justice of the Peace and a Crown Deed was issued. There were irregularities in the distribution of land and the taxes paid, that caused delays and led to unrest and to rebellion in the 1830's.

By this time, emigrants were coming in large numbers seeking a new home without the restrictions imposed by old homelands. This caused the formation of the Canada Company in England, and the government of the day sold about two million acres of prime land to it, called the Huron Tract.

The Act of 1791 stipulated that one seventh of the land was to be held as Crown Reserves for the Anglican Church clergy, and later for the Church of Scotland as well. These lands were called the Clergy Reserves. The Canada Company supplied maps and literature to the new buyers. Agencies were set up in several parts of the province where settlers could obtain information and choose their location.

Who were these settlers?

They were ex officers of the army and navy, discharged soldiers who could commute their half pay status into cash to buy land, private gentry some professional or mercantile, who went on to develop the towns and villages, and the poorer people having enough money to pay their own way. The Canada Company sold them the land they needed and settled them on it. Today as we look at land records we often see the land was originally purchased from the Canada Company. The colonists resented the holding of land as Clergy Reserves, because they were mainly left unused, and were an obstruction to settlement. Clergy Reserves were abolished in 1854 and opened to settlement. We can see these Clergy Reserved lots on early township maps.

For those of you wanting to know more about the early settlement of Ontario, look at "*From Grant to Patent: A guide to Early Land Settlement Records, ca. 1790-1850*", at the Ontario Archives. There you will find information on:

- ◇ The Ontario Land Records Index
- ◇ Applying for a Land Grant: Land Petitions
- ◇ First and Second District Land Board Records
- ◇ Settling Disputed Land Claims: The Heir and Devisee Commission Reports
- ◇ Promoters of Land Settlement: The Canada Company, Thomas Talbot, and Peter Robinson

- ◇ Township Papers
- ◇ Researching the Land: Descriptions, Surveyor's Notes and Crown Lands Correspondence

- ◇ Maps and Plans
- ◇ Acquiring Ownership of the Land: The Patent
- ◇ Land Registry Office Records
- ◇ Resources on Early Land Settlement

Excerpts from an article by the Rev. Thomas Williams UE were also used in this edition of "*From the Historian's Corner*".

Joan Lucas UE
Kawartha Branch Historian
05 Feb. 2024

RAIL SPLITTER.



Courtesy of Dr W Perkins Bull K.C.

FENCE VIEWERS.



Rail Splitter And Fence Viewers
Jefferys, Charles W. 1945
The Picture Gallery of Canadian History
Vol. II, p. 95.

C. W. JEFFERYS





SURVEY PARTY 1793

David F. Thomson's drawing of *Surveyors of 1793* appeared in the Calendar of the Toronto Art Students' League for 1897, one of a series of booklets that today are among the rare items of Canadiana. Besides being a vivid and remarkable imaginative reconstruction of a feature of early Canadian life, it is a masterpiece of pen draughtsmanship, suggesting the colour and atmosphere of the wintry forest.


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**How does
the ocean
say hi ???**

It waves!





We need volunteers to serve as:

- Second Vice-President.**
- Branch Secretary.**
- Branch Treasurer.**
- Social Convenor.**
- training and mentorship provided for each position !!!**

If you are interested, please contact our any Member of our Board of Directors !!!



Our Immediate Past Kawartha Branch President, and Senior Vice-President of the Association, Bill Russell UE, thought that you would enjoy reading this article:

CLAUDIUS SMITH AND THE RAMPOS COWBOYS

During the early part of the Revolutionary War, Westchester County in New York was considered neutral grounds. This area lying between the British Army, quartered in New York City, and General Washington's Continentals spread out along the Hudson River between Fort Montgomery and Newburgh were infested with lawless bands of marauders, called "Cowboys" and "Skinners"

The Cowboys were loyal to the British side and the Skinners were loyal to the Patriot cause. Both sides engaged in plundering the inhabitants of their livestock and valuables. The inhabitants in this area endured much suffering from both these gangs. If the residents took the oath of fidelity to the Patriot cause, they would be plundered by the Cowboys. If they did not, they would be denounced as a Tory and their property and possessions would be confiscated by the State or plundered by the Skinners.

One of the inhabitants of the area, Joshua Smith, stated that *"No one slept safely in their houses at night. Many families hid themselves in the barn and returned to their houses in the morning being thankful their houses had escaped the flames."*

The Cowboys hid their loot and livestock in the caves of the Rampos Mountains. Almost all communications between Canada and New York City passed through these mountains. The caves served as a stable for the livestock and provided a source of clean water for the men and animals. The Cowboys would steal silverware, money, horses and livestock and sell them to the British Army in New York City. Because they provided a steady supply of goods to the Army, they were given the protection of the Crown and earning them the name of *"Cowboys of the Rampos"*.

There were two gangs of Cowboys operating in the area, one led by Claudius Smith and the other by John Mason. Claudius Smith was the step-son of my UE ancestor, George Galloway's aunt, Elizabeth Galloway, who was the second wife of David Smith. The Galloways lived in Smith's Clove, (now known as Munroe). The village was named after David Smith, Claudius's father. Claudius Smith was the most well-known leader of the Cowboys and would terrorize the Patriot families of the area.

The following incident will give some indication of the serious ways in which the Cowboys operated: John McLean was given a dispatch to carry to General Washington who was stationed in Newburgh. While travelling on the Shawngunk Road, several men leaped from the bushes, seized and gagged him. They tied him to a tree and robbed him of the dispatch. It was a cold winter's night and they left him bound and unable to free himself. Not until morning did a traveller come along and free the severely frost-bitten man who was near death.

Another episode: they captured another elderly man carrying important papers and they threatened to throw him down a well unless he told them where he had hidden the documents.

Claudius and John Brown broke into a Continental Army enclosure housing oxen. Before they could get away, they were captured by the soldiers and jailed in Kingston, New York. The Sheriff brought them to Orange County to stand trial. The Cowboy gang raided the jail in Goshen, seized the Sheriff, and released Claudius and John Brown. They stole the Sheriff's guns, ammunition and horses and made their escape.

Another exploit of the Cowboys deals with the gang raiding the farm of Col. Jesse Woodhull, who was hosting a tea for the locals. Smith stole the Colonel's prized stallion and rode it up to the house and yelled in defiance to the Colonel. One of the guests leveled his pistol at Smith through the window. As he was about to squeeze the trigger, the Colonel knocked the pistol out of his hands stating "*If you miss him, he will certainly come back and kill me and my family.*"

On the morning of October 7th, 1778, the Cowboys raided the home of Major Nathaniel Strong during the early morning hours. The Major interrupted the thieves and pointed a gun at them. One of the Cowboys shot the Major. Before he died, he told his wife it was Claudius Smith.

The murder of Major Strong evoked a storm of protest. The residents sent a plea to Governor Clinton. He acknowledged the pleas and set a reward for the capture of the Gang.

Named in the Proclamation were Claudius Smith, his sons, Richard and James, George Galloway (my 5th great grandfather), Philip and Edward Roblin, and Henry Dyer (George Galloway's brother-in-law). The reward for Claudius was \$1,200.00 which is equivalent to \$20,000.00 in today's money. An amount of \$600.00 was placed on the rest of the Gang. It is a fitting testament to the effect Claudius Smith had on his fellow countrymen. He is described on the wanted poster as being a fierce-looking man, 7 feet tall! Had that been an accurate measurement of the man, he would have stood out in a crowd like a Redcoat at a Patriot encampment mess hall. Claudius was actually 5 feet, 9 inches tall. With the heat now on, the gang left for New York City where they were given protection by the British. Once behind enemy lines, the gang dispersed, Smith headed to Smithtown, Long Island, where he could find sympathetic relations and friends to hide him. Galloway, Roblin and Dyer joined the Loyal Refuge Volunteers, and worked cutting trees to provide the British Army with firewood and constructing Block Houses.

In a previous article I wrote about George Galloway receiving a letter from his father, John. This letter is still in the possession of my cousin, John Galloway.

In the letter, date 1773, George's father wrote some fatherly advice to his son. John stated "*to always get your living by following some honest employment, as you tell me you now do, which is a great satisfaction to me.*"

As George was off the rails morally while thieving with his fellow Loyalists (who were known for their rough ways with their victims, including burning down their houses post-robbery), John's "*great satisfaction*" in hearing that George had straighten himself out and gained legal employment makes sense. You can almost hear John's long satisfying sigh of relief. George never saw his family again and immigrated with Michael Grass's company to Kingston Ontario.

Meanwhile, Claudius Smith's luck was running out. He rented a bedroom from a widow in Smithstown and kept a low profile. Continental Major Jesse Brush had lived in Smithtown before crossing over to Connecticut to escape the British. He left his farm and other holdings in care of tenants. He would occasionally make clandestine visits back to Smithtown to check on his properties and on one occasion he heard of rumours that Claudius Smith was staying with a widow he was acquainted with. Upon returning to Connecticut, he contacted a friend, Mr. Titus. Titus was originally from Long Island also and he agreed to join the Major in a daring plan to capture Smith for the lucrative reward. They contacted Governor Clinton and he gave them permission to retrieve Smith. They engaged three other men to assist them, armed themselves with muskets and pistols, and prepared a whale boat to transport them to Long Island. On a November night, under the cover of darkness, they crossed Long Island Sound. Reaching the shore about 11:00 p.m., they guided the boat that bore them into a small bay just north of Smithtown. Leaving one of the members in charge of the boat, they proceeded to the widow's house.

Major Brush, who was acquainted with the widow, asked her if Claudius Smith was in the house. She replied, "*He is in bed, I will go and call him.*"

Instantly the Major retorted "*No, Tell me where he lodges.*"

"*Upstairs in the bedroom,*" replied the puzzled widow.

The Major warned the widow to remain silent. He promptly took a candle, and leaving one of his companions below, he, with two others, crept up the stairs. The three men barged into the room.

Smith awoke with a start and made a violent attempt to withdraw his pistols, which he had hidden under his pillow. His captors lost no time in binding him and, without incident, took him back across the Sound to Connecticut.

When back home, they placed Smith in irons and placed a guard over him.

Major Brush sent word to Governor Clinton in Poughkeepsie that Smith was safely in his custody. The Governor directed him to take Smith to Fishkill, New York, and turn him over to Sheriff Colonel Isaac Nicoll of Orange County.

On the 20th of November, Governor Clinton's accounts show that 480 pounds was paid out to Major Brush for apprehending and securing the body of Claudius Smith.

Smith was transported to Goshen, New York, and his trial was held two months later. He was cast into a cell, ironed hand and foot and chained to a steel ring in the floor. An around-the-clock guard was posted outside the cell with orders to shoot Claudius if the Cowboys attempted to liberate him. The prisoner had previously escaped from this jail the year before and the Sheriff was taking no chances.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1779, Claudius was brought to trial in the Goshen Court House. Three indictments were brought before court, all for theft by John Earls, Ebenezer Woodhull and William Bell.

He was not charged with the murder of Major Strong. It is alleged that he conducted himself with admirable firmness during the trial.

When the verdict of guilty was rendered and the sentence of execution by hanging was read, he was asked if he had anything to say in his defense. "*No,*" he said, "*If God Almighty cannot change your hearts, I cannot.*"

On January 22, 1779, nine days later, Claudius Smith was marched to the gallows, comprising of a cart over which a noose ominously hung, dangling from a tree. A huge crowd flocked to watch the hanging. Dressed in a suit of rich broadcloth, adorned with silver buttons, the Cowboy presented a noble appearance as he strode with a manly air to the cart. His eyes were fixed on the hills, hoping to see his gang coming for his rescue. He bowed to several men he knew in the crowd and showed no sign of emotion.

Among the early legends about Claudius was his mother's early detection of his criminal ways even in his youth. She predicted that, "*You will die like a trooper's horse, with your boots on.*"

To prove his mother wrong, he calmly unbuckled and kicked off his boots.

The cart was pulled away from him and he was swung into eternity.

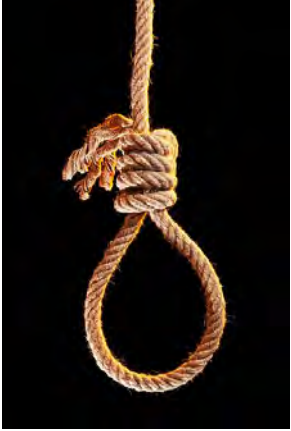
After being buried, his skull was retrieved from the grave and placed behind the Keystone of the Goshen Court House where it remains today.

The tree he was hanged from remained standing until 1920, when it was cut down due to disease.

During the first half of the 19th century, rumors still ran amok about vast treasures that were buried in the Caves of the Rampos Mountains by the Cowboys. About 1823, two sons of Edward Roblin, a Cowboy involved in the thefts, journeyed from Canada to Munroe.

They had instructions from their father stating where the treasure was buried. They remained for several days and were unsuccessful after a thorough search.

The rumours still persist today that the treasure is buried in the Rampos Mountains and the New York Walking book states, "*Some of Smith's loot was never recovered and is said to be still awaiting an exploring pick in the recesses of the hills.*"



Orange County. By the Honorable Jonathan Hobart Esq, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and Elihu Marvin and Theunis Kuyper Esq., Judges of the Court of Common pleas in Orange County and Justices of the peace in the said County, Commissioners of a Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Gaol Delivery now holden at the Court House in Goshen in Orange County aforesaid.

To the Sherif of Orange County and to the Constables of the said County and each of them & to the Keepers of the Gaol at Goshen. Whereas John Mason, late of Goshen precinct in Orange County, schoolmaster, & Nathan Miller, late of Cornwall precinct in Orange County, Farmer, stand indicted before the said Court for Felony and the Robbery of Nathaniel Satterly Esquire in his dwelling house in Cornwall precinct aforesaid, and whereas Philip Roblin, late of Cornwall precinct aforesaid, Farmer, George Galloway, late of Cornwall precinct aforesaid, Farmer, and Hendrick Dyer, late of Cornwall precinct aforesaid, Farmer, severally stand indicted as accomplices to the said Felony. Therefore you the said keeper, the constables and each of you are hereby authorized, required, and commanded to apprehend and take the said John Mason, Nathan Miller, Philip Roblin, George Galloway, and Hendrick Dyer and each of them respectively convey to the Common Gaol of Orange County situated in Goshen precinct to answer in the premises. And you the said keeper are hereby required and commanded to receive the Bodies of them the said John Mason, Nathan Miller, Philip Roblin, George Galloway, and Hendrick Dyer into your custody in the Gaol aforesaid and each of them there safely to detain and keep until they shall respectively be themselves delivered by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands & Seals at Goshen aforesaid this second day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

Jonathan Hobart
Elihu Marvin
Theunis Cuypon



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We believe that the study of the United Empire Loyalists and their contribution to the development of Canada should be promoted, encouraged and communicated to the public through education, genealogical research, the teaching of Loyalist history in schools and the preservation of Loyalist records and artefacts; for the legacy from our Loyalist ancestors has been a significant factor in forming the strong roots that makes Canada the best country in the world in which to live.



40 Old Time Illnesses and Their Current Names

Ablepsy: blindness

Ague: flu-like symptoms likely caused by malaria

Apoplexy: stroke

Barrel fever: alcoholism

Biliousness: jaundice

Black dog: depression

Blood poisoning: sepsis or septicemia

Breakbone: dengue fever

Bronze John: yellow fever

Camp fever: typhus

Chalkstones: swelling with pain that probably was caused by rheumatoid arthritis or gout

Congestive fever: malaria

Consumption: tuberculosis

Domestic malady: depression or another sort of emotional breakdown

Dropsy: swelling caused by fluid retention

Dropsy of the brain: encephalitis

Double personality: manic depressive

Falling sickness: epilepsy

French pox: syphilis

Frigid: Low sex drive

Green sickness or green fever: anemia

Grip, gripe or grippe: flu

Idiot savant: Developmentally delayed and exceptionally talented

Jail fever: typhus

Leprosy: Hansen's disease

Lumbago: back pain

Mad cow: Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

Melancholia: severe depression

Mortification: gangrene

Palsy: problems with muscle control, such as tremors or paralysis

Quincy or Quinsy: tonsillitis

Retarded: developmentally or cognitively delayed

Scrumptox: impetigo

Ship fever: typhus

St Vitus dance: chorea.

Swine flu: H1N1 virus

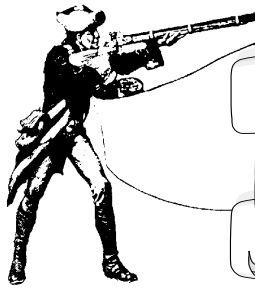
Change of life: menopause

The shakes: Parkinson's disease

Winter fever: pneumonia

Went under: had anesthesia

Old death certificates show these causes of death but they are not what we call them today.



Loyalist Corner



Each of these UE ancestors have been highlighted in issues of *The Kawartha Periodical* :

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Volume 18, Issue 2	- Major the Reverend James Donald Howson UE is 104
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Volume 20, Issue 2	- Memories of World War Two by Members of Kawartha Branch
Volume 21, Issue 1	- Troy Easter UE restores tombstones
Volume 21, Issue 2	- War of 1812 Veterans: Alexander McDonnell Captain Charles Rubidge Francis Brockell Spilsbury
Volume 22, Issue 1	- Loyalists As Absentee Owners by Allan McGillivray UE
Volume 22, Issue 2	- General James Wolfe, Sir Guy Carleton, Chief Joseph Brant THAYENDANEGEA
Volume 23, Issue 1	- A Descent into Heritage Research by John Hooper UE
Volume 23, Issue 2	- "Christmas With The Loyalists" by Marcus Van Steen (originally published in the <i>Family Herald</i> , No. 26, December 21, 1967, pp. 33, 35.
Volume 24, Issue 1	- "Frederick Keller UE, a United Empire Loyalist" By Brandon Edward Thomas McDermott UE

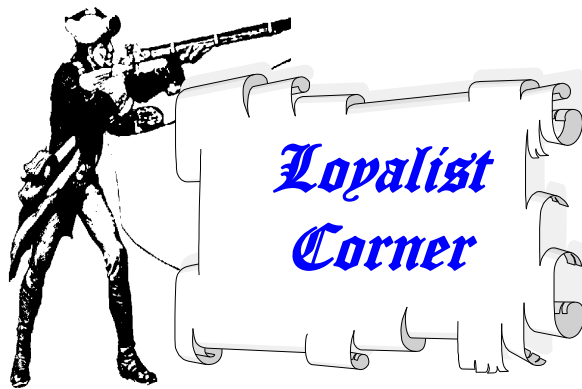
Reminder

Please send any change of address or contact details to **Grietje McBride UE** so that we can keep our **Kawartha Branch Membership List** up-to-date !!!

She can be reached at:

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Here for your reading pleasure is an article from one of our newest Members of the Kawartha Branch UELAC:

***FREDERICK KELLER UE,
A UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST***

By Brandon Edward Thomas
McDermott UE

All of us who are either a part of the UELAC or are one of thousands upon thousands of Canadians who are either aware or unaware of their Loyalist ancestry all share one familiar story. That statement can be made even more true when one looks at the list of the largest Loyalist families in Canada and, at the top of that list is the name: Frederick Keller UE. Frederick over his lifetime sired 24 children, one being my 5th great-grandfather, connecting me, like so many other people to Frederick and, like me, I like to imagine, when one learns that they belong to the largest family of Loyalists

in Canada, many questions appear in one's mind.

Who was this man? What did he do? How did he end up in Canada?

These questions I hope to shed some light upon with a mixture of my own personal research, information from the UELAC website, and information provided by Jim Keller, and his website.

Frederick Keller was baptised on the 01st of November 1760, in Albany, New York. He was the child of Christian Keller and Elizabetha Backus. Christian's family was one of the earliest German settlers of New York, having been planted in the virgin country, and appearing on the roll calls of families present there on the Hunter List of 1710.

By the outbreak of the American Revolution, the Kellers, like many families, had a difficult decision to make: to side with the British or to join the Patriot cause.

The Kellers would end up, like most families, with members on both sides, but in the Kellers particular case, the majority remained loyal to the crown.

Frederick, like most younger men at the time, would become directly involved in the war.

Frederick would go on to travel to St. John, New Brunswick, in 1780, where he would join the King's American Rangers (also known as just the King's Rangers).

At the time of his enlistment, Frederick stood 5' 10" tall and was the age of 28 and a half. He would serve under Captain Henry Richards for a period of 3 years and 9 months. The Rangers were not what one thinks of when conjuring up pictures of 18th century British soldiers.

They did not wear the bright and distinctive red coats, instead opting, like most Loyalist regiments, to wear green, and again, unlike what most people think, they did not fight in close rigid line combat. Instead, their method of combat was that of light infantry, the main objective being to act as scouts, and to harass enemy units instead of fighting them head on.

The exact details of Frederick's doings while in service to the crown are unknown, but when the war came to a close in 1783, Frederick, his father, his eldest son, and several of his siblings were all resettled in Fredericksburg, Lennox and Addington County, now Ontario, Canada.

It is here that Frederick would continue to live his life, as well as claim losses of property and goods for his service to the king. Some of the items that Frederick would claim were: one cow, one horse, two sheep, a half-acre of Indian corn, along with tools and other farming supplies.

It is also here in Ontario that Frederick would remarry, having originally married in what is now the United States, to his first wife, Hannah Guise, who was also the mother of his eldest child whose name was also Frederick. Hannah Guise died sometime in the 1780's and so he married his second wife, who was also name Hannah, in 1785. He would go on to have four children with her, including my 5th great-grandfather, John Sterling Keller.

Hannah would die in 1790, however, leading him to marry his third wife, Elizabeth Peters, with whom he would have an astonishing eleven children.

Elizabeth passed away sometime after 1812, leading to Frederick marrying his fourth and final wife who yet again was also named Hannah.

Hannah Sixbury and Frederick would go on to have eight more children together, Frederick being 71 years of age at the time of his last child's birth.

Frederick died in 1849 at the age of 92 in Fredericksburg, thus bringing a close to his story.

Frederick Keller, my and so many others' grandfather story is one told time and time again from that turbulent time. Having made a decision to join the British cause so late in the conflict when the tide of the war was no longer in their favour, and staying committed to that decision, is one based on great bravery and perhaps where I inherit my stubbornness.

I think I speak for all his descendants when I say that I am thankful for his decision, whatever the true cause of it may have been, as our entire existence may have hinged on it, and again I feel like many of my fellow Members of the UELAC.



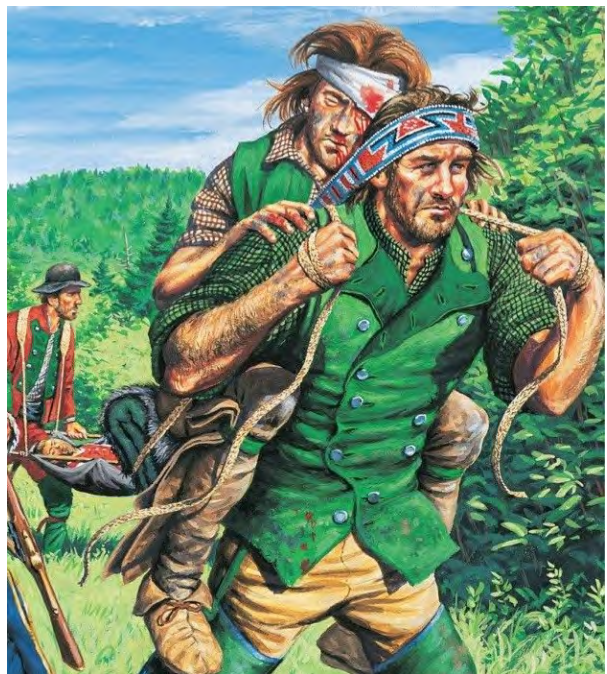
I am proud to not only be a descendant of someone who stood firm in the face of conflict and held true to his beliefs and way of life, even going so far as to take up arms to defend those beliefs and, yet still in the face of defeat, gathered themselves and what little of their belongings they could and headed northward to start anew in a hard and almost entirely untouched

country, where their descendants continue to honour and share their stories, and to always remember the great sacrifices that they made.

Editor's additional information about the King's American Rangers:



King's American Rangers (also known as just the King's Rangers)



The King's Rangers, also known as the King's American Rangers, was a Loyalist provincial ranger unit raised in Nova Scotia for service during the American Revolutionary War.

Formation

After Colonel Robert Rogers left the Queen's Rangers in 1777, he went to Nova Scotia. He obtained approval from General Sir Henry Clinton to raise the King's Rangers in 1779. ^[1] The formation of the Rangers was authorized to contain two battalions, each divided into 10 companies. ^[2]

Early actions

By September 1779 recruitment for the unit was underway and the Rangers were stationed at Fort St. John on the Richelieu River. Robert Rogers assumed command of the unit with his brother, James Rogers, commanding the second battalion of the Rangers. ^[3] Despite Robert nominally being in command of the Rangers, he was inefficient and the burden of recruitment often fell to his brother. ^{[4] [5]}

Despite recruitment issues being faced by the Rangers, the second battalion was active in scouting and recruiting along the frontiers of New York, Lake Champlain and the area that was to later become Vermont. ^[6] They also engaged in the taking of Patriot prisoners of war. ^[3]

A year after the formation of the Rangers, the area in which they were able to recruit from was extended with the permission of General Sir Frederick Haldimand. Due to the relatively small size of the Rangers, Haldimand restricted their operational capabilities to conducting reconnaissance for other corps, constructing fortifications, executing general garrison duties, assisting refugees in Quebec, aiding the escape of Loyalist families, and guarding prisoners of war.

Later engagements

In February 1781, a number of soldiers from the Rangers were involved in the capture of Patriot leader Peleg Wadsworth. ^[7] The Rangers were disbanded in 1783, having seen little to no action during the conflict.

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Source: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King%27s_Rangers

The Loyalist Corner

Needs Your Stories !!!



Many years ago an appeal was made for Kawartha Branch Members to submit a summary or vignette of their Loyalist ancestor. When I revived our Branch Newsletter in the spring of 1997 with Volume 5, Issue 1, Joan Lucas UE, then our Branch President, provided me with seventeen vignettes of varying lengths that had been submitted to her over the years from Branch Members. Now, having published over fifty vignettes, we have none left in our archives. Thus we are in desperate need of new material to ensure the continuation of the *Loyalist Corner* in future issues. You will find a complete listing of what is in our archives and the vignettes that have been published in the past issues on page 16 of this newsletter. Vignettes or histories of your Loyalist ancestor need not be lengthy nor fully documented. Our readership is most interested in the story of your Loyalist ancestor and it is best described in your own words.



Please help !!!

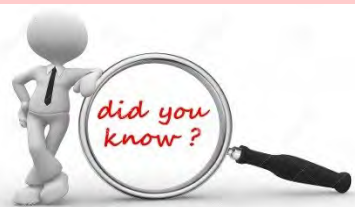
NOMINATIONS REPORT

2025 is the year that our April Annual General Meeting takes place.

We are accepting Nominations for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Social Convenor, and First-Vice President.

Mentor guidance is available and will make every position on the Board much easier for volunteers.

**Please contact: Bob and Grietje McBride UE, Ken Spry UE or Bill Russell UE.
(See contact information on Page 8.)**



DID YOU KNOW ???

If you haven't already ordered your UELAC Ribbon with your Loyalist ancestor's name plate(s), please contact Patricia Groom UE at: Patricia Groom <patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com>.

**A number of us here in Kawartha Branch have already bought our own and they are fabulous !!!
You can also order other Loyalist items at uelac.ca**





Kawartha Branch meets five times a year: in February, April, June, September, and November. Elections are held every April.

The June meeting is our annual Loyalist Flag-Raising ceremony at Peterborough City Hall.

Did You Know ??

UP-COMING EVENTS!!!



**Thursday, August 08:
6:00 p.m. Fourth Line Theatre with Swiss Chalet Dinner at 4:00 p.m.
Contact Grietje or Bob McBride for details !!!**



**Sunday, September 15:
2:00 p.m. General Meeting at Activity Haven
Speaker to be announced.**




Important Reminder of Dues

Wait until November 2024 to renew your 2025 membership in Kawartha Branch and the UELAC.

Our Branch Constitution and By-laws state:

AR-16.06

The Treasurer shall, upon receipt of membership dues, provide a membership card of the year to each member the Branch and shall maintain records of the Branch membership in consultation with the Branch Genealogist and Branch Membership Chairperson. These up-to-date membership lists will be made available for distribution to the Executive upon request, with copies being supplied to the Branch Genealogist, Branch Membership Chairperson and the Branch Newsletter Editor.

AR-16.07 The Treasurer shall work with the Membership Chairperson who will record payments electronically using civiCRM. He or she will pay all appropriate per-capita dues to the UELAC on an annual basis by 01 February. Using data from all sources, he or she will complete the Membership form, as well as *The Loyalist Gazette* choice of paper or e-copy, and submit these to the UELAC for the up-to-date Branch Membership records.

Kawartha Branch Fees are:

- Individual Member pays \$40.00 add \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Individual half-year pays \$20.00 add \$10.00 for Branch operation.
- Family pays \$55.00 and adds \$10.00 for each Member including self.
- Family half-year pays \$27.50 and adds \$10.00 for each Member including self.
- Student pays \$20.00 and adds \$10.00 for Branch operation.

Mail your Dues Cheque to:

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e-mail: maplegm@gmail.com**





United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Web Site:
<http://www.uelac.org/> and <http://uelac.ca>

Kawartha Branch's Web Site: <http://www.uelac.org/Kawartha/>

VIEWS IN AND AROUND KAWARTHA BRANCH

On Monday, 12 February 2024, Kawartha Branch Members met at Kelsey's Restaurant in Peterborough for a Valentine Luncheon:



This was followed by a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, 18 February, with a presentation by Jane Simpson, author of **Soldier, Settler, Sinner: The Remarkable Life of Charles MacDonald**, presented her latest book, **Shades of Allegiance: Hidden Loyalties of the Giraud/Gerow Family in the American Revolution**. Five years of research have uncovered her relatives' exciting story, as well as their roles in the American Revolution. Jane's book is an amalgam of real people, real events, and real locations

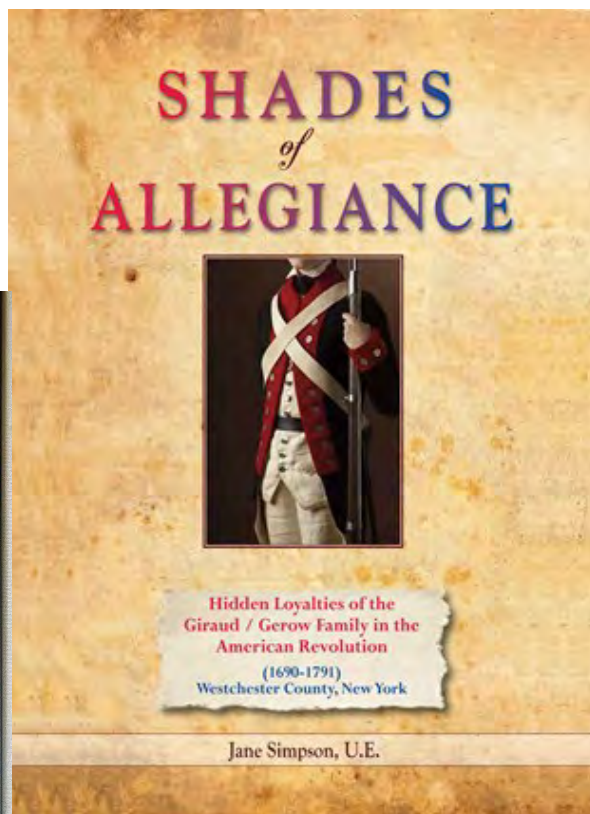
told in a literary fashion. Attendees, whose ancestors lived through these perilous times, appreciated exploring the day-to-day exigencies that affected the Gerow family, and possibly affected their own.

This family saga opened as Daniel Giraud, a Huguenot, escaped the French king's clutches in the 1690's, in the southwest of France. Fleeing to New York City; he, his wife, and small child sought safety and religious freedom. The family joined other Huguenots on Long Island Sound. Now grown, his son persuaded him to move north in Westchester County to become a tenant-farmer of the land-owning Van Cortlandt family. Hard work was rewarded by prosperity.

Years later, the grandson and inheritor, Daniel Gerow, served in the Westchester militia in both the French and Indian Wars, and in the American Revolution. Life for Daniel and his family became one of chance and fate as Cortlandt Manor became a nucleus for both Revolutionaries and the British Army.

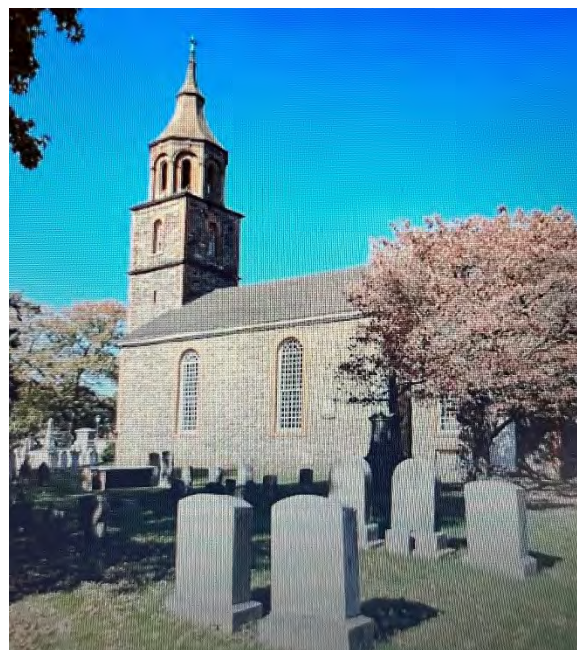


Gerow family members perished or were exiled in the conflict. The author wove fact and fiction as she traced her family's history as tensions rose through the intricacies of deceit, loyalty, and dangers of the American Revolution.



Books may be ordered from

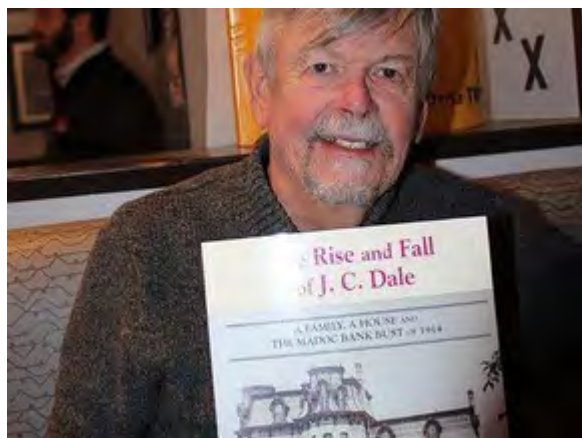
<< www.turtlepointbooks.com >>





On Thursday, 21 March, Kawartha Branch President, Ken Spry UE, and Grietje McBride UE, presented a talk via ZOOM about the United Empire Loyalists to the Kawartha Branch of the Ontario Historical Society.

Then, on Sunday, 21 April, Kawartha Branch held an in-person meeting with a ZOOM component, where we hosted Gordon Pitts who spoke about The Rise and Fall of J.C. Dale: A Family, a House and the Madoc Bank Bust of 1914.



THE INTELLIGENCER

Acclaimed journalist and Madoc native, Gordon Pitts, said in a recent interview that his latest book, called The Rise and Fall of J.C. Dale, was “*a labour of love*.”

The warm, knowledgeable and skillful writing certainly backs up his comment.

As a journalist, Pitts has held positions at the *Ottawa Citizen* and the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, plus other publications, and a teaching position at Brighton’s East Northumberland Secondary School, where he met his wife, Elaine, the librarian.

The book talks about an incident that royally shook not just the Madoc community, but a wide swath of Hastings County from customers in Belleville through to Maynooth.

Author, Gordon Pitts, a man who has had a distinguished career as a journalist, has now taken up writing as a hobby. The one he is displaying here is his latest and eighth.

Making this book more interesting is the fact that, as a young lad who attended both public and secondary school in Madoc, Pitts has personal memories of many of the people and the community most involved. In his retirement, Pitts continues to work as a free-lance journalist, focusing on finance-based stories, which was his key role as a full-time employee. This also is his eighth local history book, reflecting his hobby in this area. “*I don’t write books for the money,*” he said.

This book involves a strong business motif, tracing early banking institutions, especially the small privately-operated banks in many rural communities more than a hundred years ago.

The story stems from a significant event at the Madoc Dale Bank, a financial institution that the community had come to trust and rely on. On April Fool’s Day, April 1, 1914, the bank did not open at its usual hour, with a sign on the door reading “*payment stopped for 10 days*”. That sign generated ominous feelings amongst the bank’s 1,400 depositors.

For farmers, it was coming on seeding time and they relied on the bank for advance funds.

J.C. (Jimmy) Dale, was a man who had earned community trust in numerous roles for many years. All of a sudden he had disappeared, leaving a shuttered bank behind.

A sum of \$2,000 was also recorded as missing.

The news spread like wildfire among customers and the region, to Marmora and through North Hastings.



Also left behind was a ravishingly beautiful mansion Dale had built for his family, called the Dale House, which went into abandonment and became a playground for local youngsters in that state, until various new owners took it over.



At the same meeting, on Sunday, 21 April, Margaret Pulver UE retired from her position as Kawartha Branch Secretary, after twelve much appreciated years of service to the Branch.

Congratulations!





On Wednesday, 19 June, Kawartha Branch UELAC met at the Peterborough City Hall to celebrate and honour our Loyalist ancestors with the twenty-seventh Flag Raising Ceremony.



Peterborough County Councillor, Ron Black, summed up the day with these words: *“It is very important that we respect, acknowledge, and remember where we came from. Today, we honour the perseverance and resilience of the Loyalists, while reflecting, both critically and with appreciation, the values and complex history that has made Canada the place it is today.”*

Peterborough City Councillor,

Kevin Duguay, on behalf of Mayor Jeff Leal, shared these thoughts: *“Today we honour the United Empire Loyalists who, through their desire and determination, were instrumental in the creation of Upper Canada, which would become the Province of Ontario. On this day, we reflect on the province’s motto: ‘Loyal she began ... Loyal she remains’”*



Councillor Kevin Duguay then read the Proclamation from the Mayor, Jeff Leal:



PROCLAMATION
United Empire Loyalist Day
June 19, 2024

WHEREAS United Empire Loyalist Day is an opportunity to reflect on the role that Loyalists played in shaping the future province of Ontario;

WHEREAS The United Empire Loyalists migrated to Canada from the Thirteen Colonies during and after the American Revolution;

WHEREAS The creation of the province of Upper Canada, now known as the province of Ontario, through the Constitutional Act of June 19, 1791, was the direct result of the hard work and influence of the Loyalists who settled in Ontario; and

WHEREAS We recognize their heritage as an integral part of Canada's multicultural identity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Jeff Leal, Mayor of the City of Peterborough, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2024, as United Empire Loyalist Day in the City of Peterborough.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Leal".

MAYOR
CITY OF PETERBOROUGH



“As United Empire Loyalists, we honour and respect the first people whose knowledge of the land and the interdependence of animals and plants has been learned since time began. We realize that it is past time to learn the Truths about not only the injustices of the past and present, but how to live in respectful relationship with the land through our own actions going forward.”





A big thanks to:

Graham Hart UE - M. of Ceremonies.

Brandon McDermott UE - Piper

Guest Speakers:

**Member of Parliament,
Michelle Ferreri, represented by
Cindy Mello**

**County Warden, Bonnie Clark,
represented by Ron Black,
Deputy Mayor of Selwyn**

**Mayor, Jeff Leal, represented
by Peterborough City Councillor,
Kevin Duguay**

**Bill Russell UE,
UELAC Senior Vice-President**

Aces of Harmony Barbershop Quartet



IN MEMORIAM

**Remembering:
Richard John Lucas UE
11 June 1965 - 04 April 2024
Age: 58 years, 09 months, 24 days**

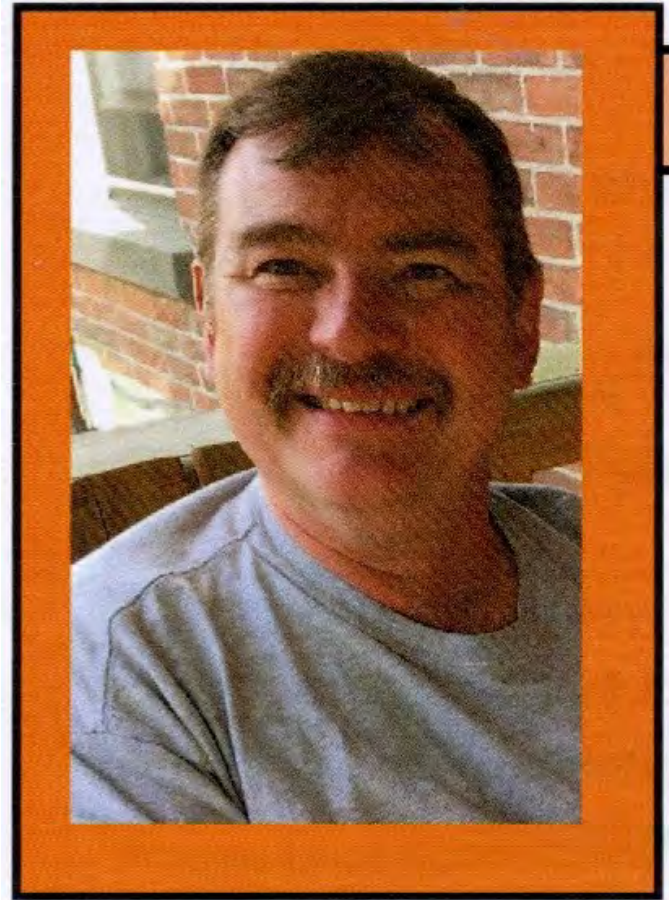
It is with great sadness that we announce, on Thursday April 4th, 2024, the passing of Richard John Lucas U.E., peacefully, at St. Joseph's at Fleming, in his 59th year. Richard leaves behind his loving wife Susan and three children; Madeline (Chad), Josie (Chuck) and Geoff (Sam). He predeceases his Father and Mother: Frank and Joan Lucas, of Peterborough, and brothers: Timothy (Deborah) and Grant (Robin). His grandchildren, Ella and Rowan, will remember Pappa with fondness, as well as his nieces and nephews: Emily (Sam), Ben (Laura), Jacob, Olivia (Eric), Amy, Abbi (Joe), Sophie, Stephanie (Kyle) and Matthew (Amber). Extended family includes his mother-in-law Phyllis Watson, Barry (Val) and Shaun (Lori). A special thank you is extended to Meridith Marsh and Rachel, for the many visits and coffee excursions. He was also a longtime friend of Bill and Dr. Bob. While his stay was brief, many thanks to the countless staff members at St. Joseph's at Fleming, who looked after Richard "Dick", providing excellent care in a spiritual and loving environment. Anyone who knew Richard felt the kindness he exuded, and his spirit and gentleness will be missed by many friends, family, colleagues and affiliates. His career path started as a licensed carpenter, then to being an R.N. working with acquired brain injury. He then received his Teaching Certificate at Queen's University. He was a member of the Ontario College of Teachers, while teaching construction and being department head for technology at LCVI, City of Kawartha Lakes. He was a Past Master of Keene Masonic Lodge. Richard was also a volunteer firefighter for the City of Kawartha Lakes, Janetville, Station Number 9. A Celebration of Life will be held in his honour at Highland Park Funeral Centre, 2510 Bensfort Road, Peterborough ON, on Monday, April 15th, 2024. A Firefighter Honour Guard and Masonic Service will begin at 11 AM. Memorial service and reception to follow. Interment at a later date. Donations made to the Alzheimer's Society or the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com.

Published online April 8, 2024 in ***The Peterborough Examiner***.



A Masonic Memorial Service for Richard was held on Monday, 15 April, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. There were close to thirty (30) Brethren from various Lodges throughout the Peterborough District in attendance.



Richard "*Dick*" John Lucas UE was a direct descendant of the following United Empire Loyalist ancestors:

Johannes Alguire UE, William Bell Sr. UE, "*Old*" John Conklin UE, Abraham Dafoe UE, Captain John Ernst Dafoe UE, Daniel Fraser UE, Robert Graham UE, John Hough Sr. UE, John Holcomb Jr. UE, James Lake Sr. UE, John Lake III UE, Peter McPherson UE, William Rogers UE, Gysbert Sharp (Fredericksburg Township), William Shewman UE, David Wees Sr. UE, John Wees Sr. UE (Ernestown Town), John Williams Sr. UE, and Simeon Wright UE,

to name a few !!!

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most
troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of
footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you
and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*



*Will the circle be unbroken
By and by Lord, by and by
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky.*

Richard's father, Frank Lucas, composed this tribute to his son, that he read during the Memorial Service at Highland Park Funeral Centre:

Hi Dick,

You have been a wonderful man in my life and I thank God and your mother, Joan, for bringing you to me June 11, 1965. What a joy you have been from a boisterous baby and preschooler to an inquisitive youngster, teenager, adult and a great man.

You were my "*back yard mechanic*" at Cedarbrook Farm, getting all the machinery running in the spring ready for the summer's work. Rototiller, chain saws, riding lawnmower, push lawnmower, tractors, truck, Mott mower, water pump, all the tractor attachments: you fixed them all and made them run. What a great mechanic and a great help to me as I "*farmed by moonlight*" and travelled the world for GE Canada.

Then you started and finished your journeyman carpenter apprenticeship under Hilliard Berridge and continued helping me with farm renovations, later making our back yard a "*Garden of Eden*" at Windermere Ave. in readiness for your wedding reception with Sue in 1995. And building a garage there too with room for our car, firewood, a wood stove and lumber storage.

Not only that, but you "*ram-rodged*" building our large cottage addition at Lorimer Lake in the late 90's when all of our family pitched in and helped build a 4-bedroom "*castle*" on Piper's Cove. Your excellent carpentry skills and vision made the cottage a happy gathering place for all our family members.

Building, boating, water skiing, fishing, BBQ's, campfires, sing songs, your banjo tunes with Grant on guitar gave us some happy times there.

Then we had Terry McIlwain build our Glenforest home for us and you put finishing touches on it too: trim, crown molding, garage steps, back yard deck and canopy, tool shed, hot tub room, my man cave; all expertly done using your well-developed carpentry skills.

You even passed some of your woodworking skills on to your daughter, Madeline, so she can "*swing a hammer*" at her Hopkins Ave. house with confidence and skill.

You remodeled your Fleetwood vintage farmhouse for several years, both inside and out, with fine carpentry and innovative upgrades. All well done and very attractive.

You became a Mason at Keene Lodge when I was the Peterborough District Deputy Grand Master in 1995 and accompanied me on many visits to other Lodges, was Master in 2001, and Lodge Secretary for several years afterward. A valuable and faithful Lodge Member, you inspired your two brothers, Grant and Tim, to become Masons too and serve as Masters in 2009 and 2010. You were letter-perfect with the "*Traditional History Lecture*" in the Third Degree! Well done Brother!

A volunteer Firefighter at Janetville, you drove the big pumper, and was “*firefighter of the year*” one year. Taught your fellow-firefighters how to safely use chainsaws, which you first learned cutting many cords of firewood at the farm as a teenager.

And finally as a shop teacher at Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute, where you passed on your carpentry skills to young men and women to make them “*job ready*” as they entered the work force. They all respected and admired you for your friendly teaching skills and wood shop expertise.

Well done my loving son, friend, carpenter, mechanic, musician, teacher, nurse, Mason, and all-round “*good guy*”.

Love, Dad

February 2024.

Joan adds:

“Richard also built the very attractive Kawartha Branch Display booth within the International Ploughing Match grounds at Mather’s Corners, near Peterborough, in 2006”



Left to right:

Richard (aka *Dick*),
Grant,
Tim.

On Saturday, 18 June 2022, Kawartha Branch UELAC took part in three cemetery unveilings: Warkworth Cemetery, Stone's Cemetery, and Crahame Hill Cemetery near Morganston.



Left to right,

Top row: Grietje McBride UE, Vandra Husar UE, Bill Husar, Sue Lucas, Bob McBride UE, Bill Atkinson UE, Carol Atkinson.

Bottom row: Richard Lucas UE, Joan Lucas UE, Frank Lucas

Bidding a fond farewell

to

W. Bro. Richard (Dick) John Lucas UE !!!

We will cherish his memory

in our hearts !!!



***Sometimes you will never know
the value of a moment
until it becomes a memory.***



IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sympathy to the family of Arnold Vernon Weirmeir UE that we announce his passing on Sunday, 19 May 2024, age 94.

**Arnold Vernon Weirmeir
19 APRIL, 1930 – 19 MAY, 2024**



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Arnold V. Weirmeir.

Predeceased by his wife, Ruby of 56 years. Survived by their two children, Clifford (Sandra) and Julie Anne Weirmeir (Trevor). Grandfather to Clifford Jr. (Jessica), Kayla (Cody) and Sarah (Cory). Great-grandfather to Maya, Logan and Ruby.

He was a dedicated father and hardworking man. Arnold joined the R.C.A.F. in 1950 as Airman. He rose through the ranks and retired as a Major in 1982. He took a civil service position for 14 years for a total of 46 years of service with DND. He was a Tactical Director (CF-18) of aircraft operational support and equipment (1982-1996).

Arnold also completed university for his Bachelor of Engineering Science and Masters of Engineering. Proud member of United Empire Loyalist (UEL). A Celebration of Arnold's Life will be held at a later date.

As we grieve, we take solace that he is now with his loving wife, Ruby, at Lakefield Cemetery.

"If you want to know what true love is look at us"



**Arnold with Elaine Gillespie UE,
Flag Raising Ceremony,
Peterborough City Hall, 19 June 2016**



**Arnold with his daughter, Julie Anne Weirmeir, 11 May 2019,
Ball Room, Holiday Inn, Peterborough**

**Arnold was an Honourary Member of the Kawartha Branch UELAC.
We will cherish his memory in our hearts.**

**Sincerely and loyally,
Kawartha Branch UELAC Executive**

**By proving his descent, Arnold received Loyalist Certificates
from Frederick Keller UEL and Cyrenius Parks UEL.**

List of the Largest Loyalist Families:

Frederick Keller (24 children)

[Note: he has the largest Loyalist family in the UELAC web site.]

Frederick Keller, UE, was born 15 Nov 1757 in Albany, New York, USA. He served during the Revolutionary War with the King's Rangers, and died in 1849 in Fredricksburg Twp, Lennox Addington, Ontario, Canada.

Frederick was married four times. He had only one child by his first wife, whose name was Guise — what happened to her is unknown.

His second wife was Hannah; by her he had four children.

When she died he married Elizabeth Peters and had 11 children.

When she died he married Hannah Sixbury and had 8 more children for a total of 24 children.

The oldest was born 1782 in Brunswick, Rensselaer, NY, and the last child was born 14 Apr 1828 in Ontario, at which time Frederick was 71 years old. He died in 1849 in Fredericksburg at 92 years of age.

Children by first wife:

He married (#1) HANNAH GUISE before 1773. She died between 1782-1784 (her name is in dispute).

Frederick UE Keller and Hannah Guise had the following child:

1. FREDERICK KELLER was born about 1773 in New York, USA.

He died after 1875. He married Lena Hoffman, daughter of Peter Hoffman and Ruth Owen before 1804. She was born before 22 Feb 1784. She died before 1861.

Children by second wife:

He married (#2) HANNAH in 1785. She was born in 1770 and died in 1790.

Frederick Keller UE and "*Mrs. Frederick Keller*" Hannah had the following children:

2. JACOB KELLER was born on 23 Oct 1786 in Fredericksburgh,

(Lennox, British Quebec Province) now (Lennox-Addington, Ontario, Canada).

He died on 06 Mar 1850. He married Deborah Davy before 1811. She was born in 1786. Date of death unknown.

3. WILLIAM KELLER was born in 1784 in Upper Canada.

Date of death unknown. He married Elizabeth Fykes, daughter of Peter Fykes UE before 1802. She was born in 1783 in Upper Canada. She died on 24 Apr. 1872 in Kennebec, Frontenac Co., Ont.

4. JOHN STIRLING KELLER was born on 08 June 1788 in Fredericksburgh, Lennox Addington, Ontario, Canada. He died in 1870 in Fredericksburgh, Lennox Addington, Ontario, Canada.

He married Mary Clement, daughter of Johan Wilhelm Clement UE and Hannah Fralick before Aug 1802. She was born in 1786 in Canada. She died in 1860.

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5. SAMUEL KELLER was born before 01 Jan 1790 in Fredericksburgh Twp.,

Lennox & Addington Co., Ont.. He died in Jul 1829.

He married Rosanna Warner, daughter of Levi Warner UE and "*Mrs. Levi Warner*"

Rosanna on 03 Mar 1807 in St. James Church, Ernestown Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ont. She was born in 1788 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co.,

Ont. Date of death unknown.

Children by third wife:

He married (#3) ELIZABETH PETERS, who may be the daughter of Samuel Peters Sr. and Hulda Youngs (serious research has failed to find a proof of this, and has raised considerable doubts – if you have information, please forward to [Grietje or Bob McBride < maplegm@gmail.com > or < uelbob@nexicom.net >] on 10 Aug. 1791 in St John's Church, Ernestown Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ont.. She was born in 1768. She died after 1812.

Frederick Keller UE and Elizabeth Peters had the following children:

6. JOSEPH KELLER was born on 18 Dec 1792 in Fredericksburg, (Lennox, British Upper Canada, BNA) now (Lennox and Addington, Ontario, Canada). He died on 09 July 1881 in Kennebec Twp., Frontenac Co., Ontario, Canada. He married Mary Burns on 01 Jan 1832 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. She was born before 1814. Date of death unknown.
7. MARY KELLER was born about 1794 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. She died before 04 Jan. 1795.
8. MARY KELLER was born on 04 Jan. 1795 in Fredericksburg, Lennox and Addington, Ontario, Canada She died in 1881. She married Isaac Asselstine, son of Abraham Asselstine on 20 March 1820 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. He was born in 1798 in Adolphustown, Lennox and Addington County, Ontario, Canada. He died on 02 June 1867 in Camden East, Lennox And Addington County, Ontario.
9. CHRISTOPHER KELLER was born about 1798. He died in 1843. He married (1) MARY JANE VAN VALKENBURG before 1852. She was born in 1790 in USA. Date of death unknown. He married (2) MARY ANN MCPHERSON on 20 March 1830 in Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ont. She was born about 1792. Date of death unknown.
10. LANEY MAGDALENE KELLER was born before 30 May 1798 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada Date of death unknown. She married Christopher Young, son of Henry Young UE and "*Mrs. Henry Young*" Eleanor on 06 Feb. 1814 in Frederickburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. He was born before 12 Jan. 1789. Date of death unknown.
11. DAVID KELLER was born before 15 Oct. 1800. He died before 1844.
12. ELIZABETH KELLER was born before 24 Nov 1802 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. She died after 1861. She married Richard Kiser on 17 Feb. 1819 in Frederickburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ont. He was born in 1793. Date of death unknown.
13. PETER J. KELLER was born about 1805. He died on 09 July 1881 in Kennebec Twp., Frontenac Co., Ontario, Canada. He married Mary Ann Keller, daughter of Johannes Keller UE and Lydia Laraway on 24 Feb. 1830 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Canada West. She was born on 07 June 1812. Date of death unknown.
14. HENRY KELLER was born in 1810 in Ontario, Canada. He died in 1891. He married Charlotte Schryver, daughter of John Schryver and Elizabeth Lloyd on 30 Oct. 1832 in Frederickburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ont. She was born in 1816 in Ontario, Canada. Date of death unknown.

15. **MICHAEL KELLER** was born before 04 March 1810 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. He died in 1861. He married Margaret Schryver, daughter of George Schryver UE and Catherine Pickel on 04 Dec. 1832 in Frederickburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Canada West. She was born on 26 March 1812. Date of death unknown.

16. **HANNAH KELLER** was born before 1812. Date of death unknown. She married (1) **JOHN WOOD** on 22 June 1828. He was born before 1810. Date of death unknown. She married (2) **ROBERT SPURLES** on 21 Nov 1831 in Kingston, Frontenac Co., Ontario, Canada. He was born about 1812. Date of death unknown.

Children by fourth wife:

He married (#4) **HANNAH SIXBURY** before 1815. She was born in 1785 in Tyendinaga Mohawk Native Indian Reserve, Bay of Quinte Area, (British Quebec Province, BNA) now (Ontario, Canada). She died in 1844.

Frederick Keller UE and Hannah Sixbury had the following children:

17. **JULIA ANN KELLER** was born in 1815. She died date unknown. She married John Dibble, son of Aaron Dibble and Catherine Diamond before 1837. He was born in 1815. Date of death unknown.

18. **CATHERINE ANN KELLER** was born about 1816 in Canada West. She died date Unknown. She married George Clapper about 1835. He was born in 1812 in Quebec, Canada. Date of death unknown.

19. **ASA KELLER** was born about 1817 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. Date of death unknown.

20. **JOHN KELLER** was born before 1822.

21. **JANE KELLER** was born on 06 Apr 1822 in Ontario, Canada. Date of death unknown.

22. **MARY TEMPERANCE KELLER** was born on 20 Oct. 1822. She died on 17 June 1895. She married Jeremiah Place, son of Uriah Place and Mary Smith on 20 July 1840 by Rev. Joseph H. Leonard in Victoria District. He was born on 29 Aug. 1820 in Pickering, Ont. Date of death unknown.

23. **PHOEBE ANN KELLER** was born on 01 Jan. 1823 in Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Upper Canada. She died on 30 Sep. 1900 in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. She married Henry Sturch on 24 July 1845 in Frederickburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co., Canada West. He was born about 1812 in England. Date of death unknown.

24. **PETER KELLER** was born on 14 April 1828.

— Submitted by Arnold Weirmeir UE

Given & Middle Name(s)	Christian
Surname	Keller
UELAC Status	Proven
Date/Place of Birth	July 1726; Athens, Green, New York, United States
Settled Before War	Albany, New York
Date/Place of Death	12 Sept. 1790 Fredericksburgh Township, Lennox Addington, Ontario

Military Info

Christian Kelder was with Capt. Abraham Van Aernam's Company above Poesten's Mill.

Family History

Christian Keller's grandfather, Christian, came to the American colonies as a Palatine settler.

Family Genealogy

Christian Keller's sister, Anna Elizabeth Keller, was married to Isaac Esselstien. They were parents of the UEL Asselstine brothers, Petrus and John.

Sources & Contributors

Information submitted by Arnold Weirmeir UE
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Cyrenius Parke (18 children)

Cyrenius Parke is my Loyalist ancestor and also the ancestor of countless others. Eighteen of his children reached adulthood, married and populated Ontario.

Before the War

Cyrenius was born in Litchfield, Connecticut Colonial America 22 Dec. 1754, the 5th child of parents James Parke and Sarah Newcombe.

His first wife, Elizabeth Carscallen was born 21 Dec. 1755 in Queensbury Township, Charlotte, New York, USA, died 1788 in Albany Township, Albany, New York. Together they had eight children.

In 1789 he married a second time to Elizabeth Huffman b. 13 April 1770, daughter of Elias Hoffman and Elizabeth, at Camden Valley, New York, USA. She died 09 Dec. 1846 at Hay Bay, North Fredricksburgh Twp., Lennox and Addington Co. They had twelve children.

The War

Cyrenius was a colonist who remained faithful to the Crown during the American War of Independence (1775-1783), otherwise known as The American Revolution, and joined General Burgoyne's British Forces to fight the rebels along with his brother, James Parke. Cyrenius and his brother, James, were both captured and later released with a guarantee not to serve again during the war. He had his land confiscated for his known loyalty to the king. They were driven from their homesteads by the rebels and were forced to flee the country leaving all their possessions behind. Then he fled to Canada in the year of 1780 serving as a Corporal in a company known as the James Rogers King's Rangers. They sailed from New York, reached Lachine, Quebec, and continued to Sorel where they wintered in tents and hastily built cabins. The final stage of their journey was on flat-bottomed boats called "*bateaux*" and they travelled from Lachine up the St. Lawrence River to land at Adolphustown on June 16, 1784.

After the War

He took up permanent residence in Upper Canada 1790. It wasn't until 20 Dec. 1792 that he was granted 290 acres of land in Richmond Twp. Napanee, Ontario, Lennox & Addington Co., Canada. On 17 May 1801 was once more granted 600 acres of land at Hay Bay, Fredericksburgh Twp. Lennox & Addington Co., Ontario, Canada. On Aug. 10, 1801 he was granted more land, 200 acres of land in Sophiasburgh Twp., Prince Edward Co., Canada.

On Jan. 10, 1793 Cyrenius bought a Family Bible at Kingston for 1.10 pounds. The bible is now in the Lennox & Addington Court House and Museum. He has listed there in his own handwriting all names and birthdates of his family, starting with his own parents, and including various marriages and death dates.

In 1796 he settled at Hay Bay, Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Upper Canada Lots 5, 6, 7, Con 4. He died 22 Aug 1828 at age 74. He is buried at the Parks-Sherman Loyalist Cemetery, Hay Bay, Ontario, Fredericksburgh Twp., Lennox & Addington Co., Ontario, Canada.

Children of 1st wife (8) Elizabeth Carscallen

1. Nathaniel b. 21 April 1776 m. Rebecca Pine
2. Sarah b. 07 Dec. 1777
3. Cornelius b. 13 April 1779
4. Joseph b. 27 March 1780
5. James b. 10 Feb. 1782
6. Deborah b. 06 Aug. 1783
7. Archibald b. 04 Jan. 1786
8. Elizabeth b. 10 Jan. 1787

Children of 2nd wife (12) Elizabeth Huffman

1. Clarinda b. 24 Oct. 1790 d.? m. 20 July 1822 William Blake
2. John Cyrenius b.14 Dec. 1791 d. c. 1866 m. 13 Oct. 1812 Catherine Brunk
3. Cyrenius Jr. b. 14 Sept. 1793 d. 16 April 1836 m. 04 Dec 1809 Elizabeth Taylor
4. James Cyrenius b. 27 Feb. 1795 d. bet 1862 and 1870 m. (date unknown) Eleanor Reid
5. Mary b. 03 April 1797 d. ? m. 16 Oct. 1816 John Rightmeyer
6. Elias T. b. 26 Oct. 1798 d. 1837 m. c. 1821 Sarah Pine
7. Daniel b. 25 Oct. 1800 d. 30 July 1880 m. Sarah Wilson
8. Charlotte b. 12 Dec. 1802 d. 25 April 1869 m. 03 June 1826 Peter Huffman
9. Hannah b. 22 Dec. 1804 d. 12 June 1850 m. c. 1827-28 Alexander Forshee
10. David b. 21 Oct. 1807 d. 25 Nov. 1858 m. c. 1829 Nancy Wilson
11. Susanna b. 22 April 1810 d. 07 May 1873 m. 04 Jan. 1830 John Alexander Watson
12. Mylo b. 02 Oct. 1812 d. 20 Feb. 1900 m. 11 Feb. 1834 Bathsheba Rose Lazier

Sources for children: Will (in Ontario Archives) and Langhorn and McDowell baptismal records, Family Bible in Napanee Museum.

— Submitted by Beverly Pulver UE

Prefix/Rank	Corporal
Given & Middle Name(s)	Cyrenius (Cyrenus) Escreynes
Surname	Park (Parke, Parks)
Suffix	(Sr.)
UELAC Status	Proven
Where Resettled	Fredericksburg, Concession IV, lots 5, 6, 7
Regiment	James Rogers' King's Rangers
Date/Place of Birth	22 Dec. 1754 in Litchfield, Connecticut
Date/Place of Death	22 August 1828, Hay Bay, Fredericksburgh

Military Info

Cyrenius remained in the military after the Revolution. In 1809 he was appointed lieutenant of the First Regiment of the Militia in the County of Lennox. In 1812 he was promoted to Captain and served actively in the War of 1812.

Sources & Contributors

Upper Canada Land Petition by Sarah Parke showing her father as Cyrenius Parke UEL

Note: In the 02 June 2024 issue of *Loyalist Trails*, Doug Grant UE wrote:

Last week's *Loyalist Trails* noted the [Last Post: WEIRMEIR, Arnold Vernon, 19 April, 1930 – 19 May, 2024](#) who was descended from two of the three biggest families, Frederick Keller UEL and Cyrenius Parks UEL.



- painting by Garth Dittrick



**Finding your
Loyalist history
is a very
rewarding task !!!**





AWARDS AND BURSARIES REPORT: 28 JUNE 2024

Dear Kawartha Branch United Empire Loyalist Members,

Kawartha Branch UELAC has set \$4,000.00 annually to reward hard-working students at Trent University and Fleming College.

Kawartha Branch offers two bursaries and two awards of \$500.00 each to students chosen for excellence in their field of study. Our \$2000.00 annual donation supports two areas of study at Fleming College. These are the Museum Management and the Artifact preservation Courses.

Bursaries, announced in November 2023, went to Alexis Gago and Hannah Schroeder.

The 2024 award for academic excellence recipients are as follows:

- E. John Chard Kawartha Branch of The United Empire Loyalists Award One:
Presented to a full-time student studying in the Museum Management
And Curatorship program who has demonstrated academic excellence
Donated by: Kawartha Branch of The United Empire Loyalists
Recipient: Laura Brown

- E. John Chard Kawartha Branch of The United Empire Loyalists Award Two
Presented to a full-time student studying in the Cultural Heritage
Conservation and Management program who has demonstrated
academic excellence.
Donated by: Kawartha Branch of The United Empire Loyalists
Recipient: Alexis Kho

The Members of Kawartha Branch should be very proud that our Branch is able to support programs such as these that promote Loyalist values of UELAC.

Submitted by Grietje McBride UE
Bursaries and Awards Chair, Kawartha Branch UELAC.





Kawartha Branch Mugs

These mugs are now available through Kawartha Branch Sales

Perhaps you'd like to buy one or half a dozen.

Cost: \$ 7.00 each



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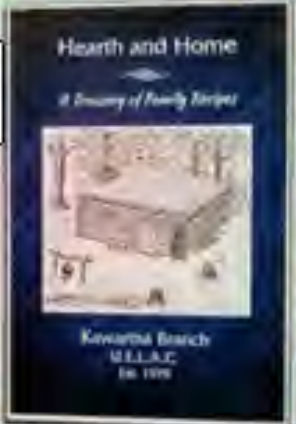
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Kawartha Branch UELAC



REMINDER

Please send any changes in contact details to Grietje McBride UE so that we can keep our Kawartha Branch Membership List up to date.



Memberships in Kawartha Branch can be renewed at half-price after 01 July. You will receive a dues card and a thank you letter as well as two Branch newsletters informing you of local historical events and opportunities to meet others sharing your interest in the Loyalist era.

Regular renewals for 2025 Membership begin on 01 November.

You can use the registration page at the back of this newsletter to complete and mail to me with a cheque written out to Kawartha Branch UELAC.

You can also renew online by searching <<< uelac.ca >>>

Why renew?

- * To read about what is happening in your area and to learn about Loyalist history.
- * To make or renew friendships in the Branch.
- * To share your research that you have spent up to a lifetime gathering.
- * To hear interesting presenters talking about books they have researched and written.
- * To access the Branch Co-genealogists who will review your research and help you to apply for your UE Certificate.
- * To access regional and national news through the online **Loyalist Trails** UELAC Newsletter.



- * To find a place to publish your photos or stories or break-throughs in family research.
- * To buy Loyalist memorabilia such as rings, pins, clothing, badges, mugs and the like.
- * To share fellowship when we meet to eat together at a local restaurant like Kelsey's. Watch for up-coming dates !!!
- * To support your local Branch which has been active in this community since 1979.

Thank you to those Members who renew their membership regularly.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Grietje McBride UE
Membership Chair.



Kawartha Branch UELAC

Note: Your Renewal Form is to be used after 31 October 2023:



Kawartha Branch Membership Renewal Form

Branch: Kawartha Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
c/o G. McBride, 2260 North Esson Line,
Indian River, Ontario, K0L 2B0

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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ANCESTORS you are researching

There are many ways you can volunteer at Kawartha Branch:

- Join a Branch Meeting,
- Help someone research their Loyalist ancestor,
- Write to the Newsletter Editor about something you found or discovered,
- Come to an in-person Meeting,
- Offer to help in some way.

Here is a handy chart to find your Membership renewal fee for 2025.

Kawartha - Individual =	\$ 50.00 or Individual Student = \$ 30.00
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