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Next meeting **Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** in St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 137 Queen Street (at Montreal). Speaker **LEIGH SMITH** will present "Pack Up Your House and Sail!" – the story of the Castine Loyalists from Maine who founded Saint Andrews, New Brunswick. Join us for a hot buffet **lunch (11:30 a.m. for noon seating)**. Cost just \$4.00 for those not asked to bring food. A great way to meet your fellow Loyalist descendants! Do bring a friend, visitors are always welcome.

Kingston & District Branch UELAC 2019

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Replacements URGENTLY needed for NEWSLETTER and WEB – need not be local, all work can be done online. SECRETARY and VP needed – must be able to attend local meetings.

**HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY
TO KINGSTON AND DISTRICT
BRANCH UELAC!**



Nancy Cutway UE lights 4 and 0 sparklers. Photo: Karen Little

NOVEMBER 24, 2018 MEETING



Ruth Nicholson spoke to us about “**Three Loyalist Heroes**”.

Ruth’s definition of a “hero” is someone “who puts him or herself ‘out there’ for a controversial stand, a warrior or a soldier fighting for a cause,” a courier performing undercover work in the name of protecting a great truth, and a politician being on the ground floor of creating a new nation. “This is what I see when examining the lives and actions of Robert Land, Isaac Ferriss and John Cornwall.”

Robert Land is an important figure in the early settlement of Hamilton, Ontario. During the Revolutionary War he served as a courier for Colonel Clinton as well as recruiting for the Crown. He was captured once but managed to escape. He made his way to Niagara, by which time he believed his family had been killed, since he had seen the remains of his house which had been burned down by Patriot Rebels. Three years later he moved to Barton Township. Meanwhile his wife and children had escaped to New York and then were granted land in New Brunswick. In 1791 they relocated to Upper Canada, heard that a man named Land was living at the head of Lake Ontario, and were reunited with Robert. He and his sons eventually owned

1,000 acres of land that now forms part of downtown Hamilton.

Ruth told us that in April 2010 the Hamilton Branch of the UELAC raised a plaque in Hamilton Cemetery and had a ceremony at the Land family crypt. Over 100 people attended this ceremony. Ruth quoted the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis, then Minister of Consumer Affairs, as saying “There is surely no more remarkable story in Hamilton’s history than that of Robert Land, the English lad who became a settler, magistrate, farmer, soldier and spy, a Loyalist who lost everything, both family and home and regained his family in this place overlooking the waters of Burlington Bay.”



Ruth showed her Loyalist certificate through Joseph Ferriss UEL and her War of 1812 certificate based on Isaac Ferriss’s service. The former certificate was of course obtained from UELAC, and the latter was obtained from the Ontario Genealogical Society.

Ruth’s next hero was one of her ancestors: Isaac Ferriss, eldest son of Joseph Ferriss, a Loyalist ancestor on her maternal side. Isaac enlisted in the 1st Essex Company of Volunteers at age 17 when the War of 1812 broke out and prepared to defend Fort Amherstburg and Fort Detroit. He and

another man volunteered to swim across the Detroit River to surround any American spies on

Bois Blanc Island. For this courageous action he was eventually awarded a Military General Service Medal when they were commissioned by Queen Victoria in 1847 for those surviving claimants involved in one of the three most notable victories for the British: Battle of Fort Detroit, Battle of Chrysler Farms and Battle of Chateaugay. Ruth was able to show us photos of both sides of the medal, which remains in family hands.

Ruth's third hero, John Cornwall UEL, is her 6th-great paternal grandfather. In 1776, on his way to New York to enlist in one of the King's regiments, he was captured by Rebels and thrown into a prison at Esopus, in one of the floating jail ships, for five months. He then escaped and made his way to Albany to join Butler's Rangers. At the end of the war he received land close to Amherstburg. He too had been separated from his wife and children, who were driven from their home in Connecticut to live with his wife Mary's sister in a nearby county until the end of the war. The family joined John in 1797, after an astounding separation of twenty-one years.

John Cornwall was a politician as well as a farmer, elected as the legislative representative of Suffolk and Essex Counties in 1797, at John Graves Simcoe's second parliament of Upper Canada (1797-1800). His son Joshua and grandson Nathan also served in the parliament of Upper Canada.

Ruth said in conclusion that these three men -- Robert Land, Isaac Ferriss and John Cornwall -- were heroes in a variety of ways, acting as a spy, a recruiter, a soldier, an escapee, a refugee and a parliamentarian. In all ways, these early residents of Upper Canada and their families helped to shape the country that we live in today.



QUEEN'S EARLY STUDENT REGISTERS

If you think any of your relatives attended Queen's University, you can now check the registers up to 1907 at <https://archives.queensu.ca/search-our-collections/university-records/student-registers?>

The instructions there are clear. First, you need to look for names in the Index and note their student number, or year of enrolment (no student numbers were assigned before 1859).

Then, you can download the relevant PDF file(s) from the list presented. (When you click on a register book link, it opens to another page and you then click on "View/Open" beside the file name. That opens a standard Save To dialogue for saving the register to your preferred location.) Then locate your student. If the register starts at #1359 and your student is #1580, try going to page 200 of the PDF navigation box and see where you are. Most of the records are written across two pages, so be sure to look at the following page after you find your student by their number.

Hint: find surnames in the Index quickly by using the standard Ctrl + F command. Of course, scrolling page by page can be very interesting also.

Thinking of Loyalist surnames from this area, a very cursory search revealed GRASS, Margaret Frances from Kingston; GRASSE, John Colborne, Mary Almira Marshall and Sidney D. all from Collins Bay; eight PURDYs from several addresses; two HUFFs and four HUFFMANS; and a SWITZER from Switzerville and one from Camden East.

Loyalists valued education strongly and started primary schools soon after settling in their new homes. It's only logical that many of their descendants sought further education. Queen's University received its Royal Charter in 1841, so many of the early students were likely grandchildren of Loyalists.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

It was especially notable that six new certificates were presented at our 40th Anniversary meeting.



President Peter Milliken (right) has just congratulated the recipients:

Ron Cairns accepted a certificate on behalf of **Sandra Mae Torgerson**, whose Loyalist ancestor is *Christopher German*. Ms. Torgerson was ill and unable to attend on November 24th.

Doreen Thompson, currently with Bay of Quinte Branch, received her 7th and 8th certificates verifying descent from *Peter Wartman* and *Michael Grass*.

Suzanne Kirkpatrick received her certificate for her Loyalist ancestor *John Huyck Sr.*

And Branch Genealogist **Anne Redish**, daughter of Doreen Thompson, received her own 2nd and 3rd certificates in the name of *Peter Wartman* and *Michael Grass*. Hearty congratulations to them all.

Photo: Karen Little



We gratefully acknowledge a Heritage Organization Development Grant from the Ontario government which has assisted in the production of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

We have just celebrated our 40th anniversary. That's the great news. The disappointing news is that our membership has started to slip again. In 2016 our membership was 88. In 2017 we had 90 members. Last year we ended with only 77 members, and that included 10 new members as noted in the September 2018 issue of this newsletter.

At time of printing, our membership renewals for 2019 is at **35** which is ahead of last year at this time. We also welcomed another new member. We need to build on this momentum. If you have not yet renewed, I would encourage you to fill in the 2019 Renewal Form conveniently located on its own removable sheet at the end of this newsletter, and either mail it to the address given, or bring it with you to our next meeting in January. With your help, we will once again join the ranks of UELAC branches which are vibrant and growing.

Loyally yours, Lorraine Sherren, UE, Membership & Welcome



LOYALIST BOOKS

Looking for a convenient listing of available reading material on Loyalists? Try Global Genealogy in Carleton Place, Ontario:

<http://globalgenealogy.com/search.html?addsearch=Loyalist> brings up a list of about 90 books on Loyalists. Plus, you can look through the index to the Global Genealogy Newsletter – now discontinued, but there are over 5,000 past articles available at your fingertips.

<http://globalgenealogy.com/news/index.htm>



OUR BRANCH LIBRARY BOOKS

Our Branch's collection of printed books and bound copies of past volumes of *The Loyalist Gazette* and our own newsletter, *Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier*, are in the process of being moved back to the newly-renovated Central Branch of Kingston Frontenac Public Library. **They will be unavailable until about the middle of January 2019**, at which point you will be able to find them on the second floor at 130 Johnson Street in company with KFPL's own Kingston Collection, and the holdings of Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. All are available whenever the library is open: you can always check <https://www.kfpl.ca/> for hours and to explore the online catalogue.

There will certainly be an announcement on the website, and in local media, about the date of the re-opening of Central Branch.



OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to long-time branch member, former executive member, and frequent meeting pianist, Terry Hicks UE, on the passing of his wife Ruth. You'll find an obituary notice and photo of Ruth at <http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=1098024>.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON 2018

Bank account January 1, 2018			1,537.72
INCOME			
	Banquet ticket sales	2,160.00	
	Certificate fee received	360.00	
	Chard Trust interest	5,324.40	
	HODG Grant	1,545.00	
	Interest Income (Wood Gundy savings)	347.70	
	Lunch Receipts	100.00	
	Membership dues received - Canadian dollars	3,347.22	
	Membership dues received - USD to CDN	110.76	
	Membership dues received - total	3,457.98	
	Merchandise Sales	160.00	
	Other Income (transfer from Wood-Gundy savings)	1,774.38	
	TOTAL INCOME	15,229.46	15,229.46
EXPENSES			
	Banquet	2,184.21	
	Donations	500.00	
	Fees & Charges: Bank of Montreal	33.00	
	Genealogist Expenses and certificates	402.76	
	Hall rent (incl 2017 and 2018)	660.00	
	Insurance	648.00	
	Library	58.50	
	Membership expenses	49.27	
	Newsletter	448.25	
	Office Expenses	179.27	
	Per-Capita Dues	2,930.00	
	Postal box	270.38	
	Programme	631.48	
	Projects (Heritage Fair)	100.00	
	Publicity (Flag-raising 2017 and 2018)	655.12	
	Sundry	35.21	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,785.45	(9,785.45)
Bank account on 31 December 2018			6,981.73

Thanks to the \$1,545 Heritage Organization Development Grant received in November, as well as the very first payments of interest from the John Chard Trust, Kingston and District Branch UELAC is ending 2018 in a strong financial position. This will permit us to spend in 2019 on some publicity plans such as purchasing a feather banner to advertise our presence at events.

Nancy Cutway UE, Branch Treasurer

Congratulations, Sharon Cadieux UE, DAR

Congratulations to charter member of Kingston and District Branch **Sharon Cadieux** for achieving two significant accomplishments this year.



Supplied photo

On 18 December 2018, Sharon (née Hyland) and Rene Cadieux celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows. The only other couple in both families to have reached this milestone was Sharon's maternal Bell grandparents, who reached 64 years.

Sharon also received certification this fall as a Daughter of the American Revolution, the first to be accepted through her ancestor Elijah Haughton, of Connecticut and New York, who served in the 7th Company 12th Military Regiment at N.Y. (and others). Since no one had claimed through Elijah Haughton previously, Sharon had to provide the results of much diligent and painstaking research to achieve DAR.

Sharon is already certified as a Mayflower descendant through John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley, and a United Empire Loyalist descendant through Michael Grass and Peter Wartman.

We would be interested to know if any other branch members also have both UE and DAR certification.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 19th – Kingston Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Seniors Centre, 56 Francis Street. There is a Short Session at 9:30 prior to the meeting, which begins at 10:00 a.m. The room is open by 9:00 a.m. with coffee available shortly after. Speaker: Carol St. Clair, "Tales of the Script" – reading and understanding Old English cursive. Bring pen and paper and learn how to write Old English words! Visitors welcome.

Their meeting on Saturday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m. is the Annual General Meeting, and features Paul Banfield, Queen's Archivist as guest speaker.



Kingston Historical Society meets Wednesday, **January 16th, 2019**: 7.30 p.m. at the Seniors Centre. Brent Mills will talk on "CFB Kingston during the budget cutback era of the 1990s". Their Wednesday, February 20th meeting at 7.30 at the Seniors Centre is their Annual General Meeting.

The Historical Society also invites everyone to their new Canadian Heritage Dinner, to be held on **Saturday February 23**. Details are at www.kingstonhistoricalsociety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Heritage-Dinner-2019-1.png.



Saturday, March 23, 2019, 1:00 p.m. Our next Branch meeting. The Dominion Genealogists, Angela and Peter Johnson, will offer a presentation including a focus on Land Records, which often provide very useful documentation for a Loyalist claim.



May 30 – June 2, 2019: UELAC Annual Conference in Ottawa (Aylmer, Quebec) -- see <http://www.uelac.org/conference/conference.php>

This newsletter could be longer with more content IF we had a Newsletter Editor. To contribute an article or news item, or to volunteer to serve as Editor or Co-Editor, please contact the Branch at Kingston.uelac@gmail.com.

Also, THIS newsletter issue will be your last, unless you have renewed your membership before the end of February 2019. Please use the form on the last page.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Business () _____

Email: _____

Please make your cheque payable to the *Kingston & District Branch, UELAC.*

Renewal Membership Dues for 2019

Individual Membership \$45.00

Family Membership (all at same address) \$60.00
(name(s) of additional family members):

If you belong and pay full dues to another Branch, you may maintain a membership at Kingston Branch for only \$15.00. \$15.00

Please indicate your preference:

I am willing to receive my newsletter by e-mail to the address shown above.

I prefer to receive my newsletter by postal mail.

I am willing for my phone number/e-mail address to be shared with other members of the Branch. Yes No

Signature: _____

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