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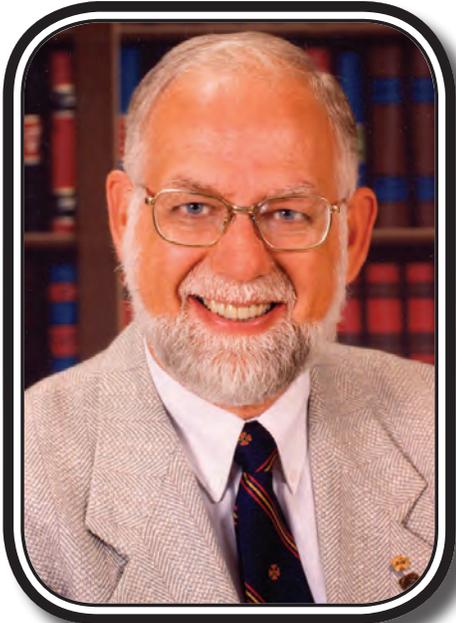


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# The Loyalist Quilt

By Robert Collins McBride  
UE, B.Sc., M.Ed., Editor



**A**s members of the UELAC, we each have celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada in private and public ways. In this issue of **The Loyalist Gazette**, we have chosen to focus particularly on individuals whose life's work brought inspiration to those around them. Whether known publicly, or making a fresh beginning in this rugged pioneer land, the stories of the Loyalists, discovered by your diligent research, and sometimes serendipity, bring us closer to understanding the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century world, whose people so fervently sought to create a stable, secure, country, "strong and free" from sea to sea.

This issue focuses as well on your celebrations in Branches across our country.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the 2017 UELAC Conference and AGM in London, Ontario, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 2018 Conference in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, entitled "Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies."

As we approach the publication deadline for the Fall 2017 issue, we were informed of the loss of Oemar Halvorsen, (05 December 1919, Saxkjøbing, Denmark – 17 October 2017, Toronto, Ontario). He is the father of Mette Griffin, the UELAC Office Administrator since mid-2004. Our condolences to her and her family.

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Remember:

**Teamwork Encourages  
Active Members!**

Loyally yours,

Robert Collins McBride (Bob)  
UE, B.Sc., M.Ed., Editor.

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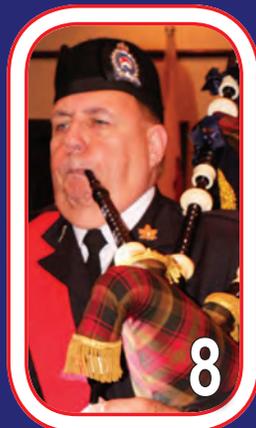
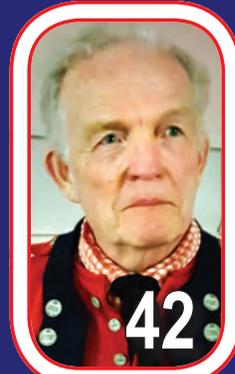


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# U. E. L. A. C. President's Message

By Barb Andrew UE

**C**anada 150 – This has certainly been a PARTY!! What a wonderful opportunity celebrating 2017 has provided us, as proud Canadians.

Yes, it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation and celebrate we did, from sea to shining sea, with speeches, fireworks, and cake – and the year is not over.. There are so many anniversaries to both reflect on and celebrate this year.

Montreal celebrated the city's 375<sup>th</sup> birthday on 17 May with a full slate of activities. As I think about the grandeur of those celebrations, I wonder what my ancestors arriving at that city so many years ago were feeling and experiencing: United Empire Loyalists fleeing from the Thirteen Colonies or, years later, immigrants arriving from Ireland and Scotland. There would not have been fireworks or cake to greet them but I can only imagine that they would have felt emotions of safety, relief and anticipation as they set out to make a new life in their new homeland.

2017 also marks the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837 that marked the practical beginning of modern parliamentary democracy.

One hundred and fifty years ago, "The Maple Leaf Forever," a wonderful patriotic song, was written in 1867 during the year of Confederation by Alexander Muir after he had served with the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto in the Battle of Ridgeway against the Fenians. I recall learning the words of this beautiful song during music class in elementary school and must admit that the second verse has always stirred deep emotion in me.



*At Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane,  
Our brave fathers, side by side,  
For freedom, homes and loved ones dear,  
Firmly stood and nobly died;  
And those dear rights which they maintained,  
We swear to yield them never!  
Our watchword evermore shall be  
"The Maple Leaf forever!"*

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*I witnessed the birth of a nation.*

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09 April 2017 also marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. I have a copy of the Narrative of Offensive 9.4.17, of the 87<sup>th</sup> (City of Winnipeg) Battalion – 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade, in my archives and every time I read through the events of that day, a huge range of emotions hits me square on. My paternal grandfather was a Captain in that unit and the narrative relates that he was the first officer in the objective. He was injured but survived. One of the comments on the Canadian War Museum website is as follows:

*The capture of Vimy was more than just an important battlefield victory. For the first time all four Canadian divisions attacked together: men from all regions of Canada were present at the battle. Brigadier-General A.E. Ross declared after the war, "in those few minutes I witnessed the birth of a nation."*

Every article and documentary I have had the opportunity to read or view that tells of the activities of Canadian Expeditionary Force members causes me to wonder how many of the men engaged in those battles on foreign soil were descendants of United Empire Loyalists.

Yes, indeed, this year marks many anniversaries that all Canadians can, and should, celebrate. As descendants of the United Empire Loyalists, we in particular should feel a great surge of pride in the fact that, as citizens of this great land, many years before Confederation, our ancestors helped shape Canada into the wonderful home we live in today.

Not only is 2017 a year to celebrate all of the above, it is a time to celebrate a number of special anniversaries of the Branches in our Association. It was indeed my honour to have been invited to attend several Branch celebrations during the early part of the year. Despite numerous travel difficulties, it was a wonderful treat to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the New Brunswick Branch on 07 April at the historic Union Club located in Saint John, New Brunswick, and to bring greetings and congratulations to the assembly on behalf of the UELAC. The trip to New Brunswick also afforded an opportunity to attend the Spring Meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch on Saturday, 08 April, near Port Mouton, along with a visit to the Port Mouton Loyalist cemetery. "Down east hospitality" was extended ten-fold during a trip I shall not soon forget. On that trip I met a distant cousin and her daughter. I learned that they are also descendants of Loyalists on their paternal side.

Anniversary celebrations continued on 13 May in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, when members gathered for the annual "Spring Fleet" luncheon coupled with the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of their branch. A very informative programme and delicious anniversary cake capped off the event.

The Delta Armoury Hotel, London, Ontario, was the site of the annual conference and AGM in late June. Co-hosted by London & Western Ontario Branch and the Grand River Branch, our celebration of Canada 150 was a huge hit with all the delegates. Each time I visit the Dominion UELAC website and click on the video featuring all the delegates in chorus wishing Canada a very "Happy Birthday," I recall all of the wonderful events that were put in place for a most successful conference.

In the time remaining in 2017, I look forward to attending more "special" Branch anniversaries and other celebratory events during this, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation.

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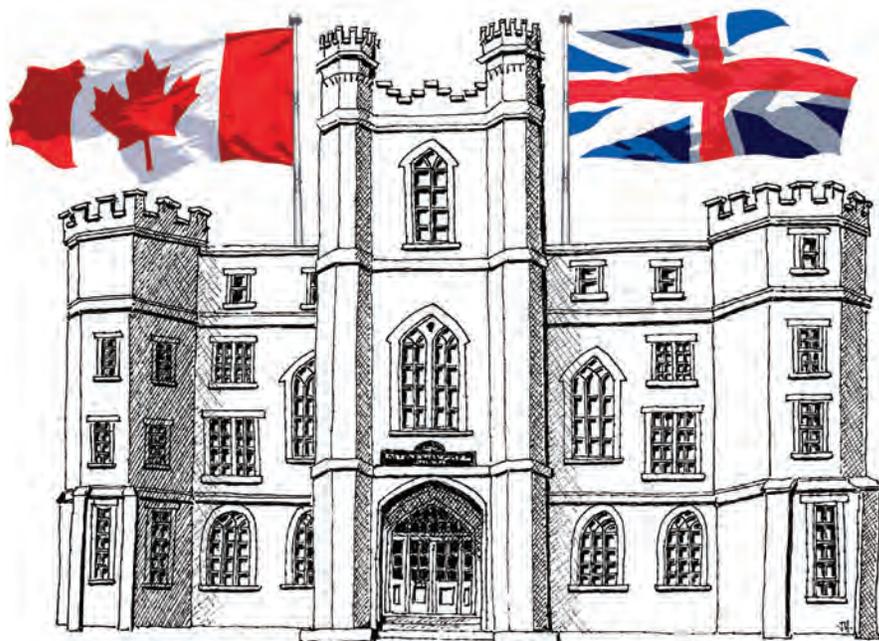
Re: our Spring 2017 issue: **Father & Son Capture Generals** on page 17. The caption that reads **Lt. Col. William Harding** should read **Lt. Col. William Harcourt**. This mistake has been corrected in the digital version.

Thank you, Chris Hay UE.

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# DOMINION CONFERENCE, LONDON, ONTARIO

22 - 25 JUNE 2017 UELAC



*'Discover Your Roots'*

By Greg Childs, CD, Chair, 2017 Dominion Conference Committee,  
London & Western Ontario Branch, UELAC

London Branch, with the assistance of Grand River Branch, hosted a very successful UELAC Dominion Conference at the Delta Armouries Hotel in London Ontario from 21 to 25 June 2017.

## BACKGROUND

At the 2014 London West Region AGM, London & Western Ontario Branch was approached by Dominion Conference Chair, Ruth Nicholson UE, and Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE, to host the 2017 Conference. Due to a small London membership at the time, the more robust Grand River Branch offered to assist but was not prepared to co-host. London Branch Board of Directors accepted the task. A Committee was struck, composed of selected members possessing specific skill sets from both Branches.

Conference Committee Chair, Greg Childs, and London Branch President, Carol Childs UE, attended the 2015 Conference in Victoria, British Columbia, and the 2016 Conference in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, as London Branch had no experience in all the details and nuances of organizing a Dominion Conference. Organizing committees on both coasts were extremely helpful and their guiding wisdom was much appreciated, especially since they were quite busy. The most important assets to the planning were the Conference handbook and, secondly, the sage advice provided by Dominion Conference Chair, Ruth Nicholson UE.

The content of the UELAC Dominion Conference is 65-plus percent mandated by Dominion. The Conference Committee basically fleshes out Dominion's conference itinerary. This does result in consistency from conference to conference.

As 2017 is Canada's sesquicentennial celebration of Confederation, permission was granted to hold the 2017 Conference one week before the 01 July celebration, with the hope of gleaning some of the federal, provincial and municipal 150<sup>th</sup> funding, but, sadly, the Canada Department of Heritage determined that was not available to our organization.



From left: Sandy Farynuk UE (Thompson-Okanagan), Linda Drake UE, Carl Stymiest UE (Vancouver), Mavis MacPherson UE, at the Conference in London, Ontario.

A reconnaissance was made of five London hotel venues. Two failed to meet the Conference requirements, one was too expensive, and one was not interested in our business. The London Delta Armouries Hotel staff was extremely accommodating, waiving many conference costs that were being charged by other hotels. The Grand Ballroom was just large enough to accommodate 200 dining guests. The room rates for 60 rooms was similar to what was charged at some previous conferences, and parking costs for our Delta guests were waived. The downtown location was central to all planned activities. All guest rooms had been completely renovated from 2015 to spring 2017. The hotel boasted a great fitness room, pool, hot-tub, excellent restaurant and bars. With the Delta's "can-do" attitude, it was an easy choice for our venue. A number of Conference Committee members had dined at the Delta in the past and found that the food was exceptional. Although the menus chosen for the three nights were the more expensive choices, the Committee was able to keep the costs for all three evenings similar to that of previous conferences. Delta Armouries is now part of the Marriott Hotel chain.

The theme of our 2017 Conference was the extraordinarily positive impact on the development of Canada that our Loyalists and their descendants have had through the 234 years of settlement, 150 years of Confederation, and national military achievements, like 100 years since Vimy Ridge and other battles and wars. As each Conference has its own flavour, our plan was to inject a little more "pomp and ceremony" into our dinners and activities. Our Logo, a pen-and-ink drawing of the Old London Courthouse by Jane Hughes UE, and motto, "Discover Your Roots," referred to the many Loyalists who settled southwestern Ontario and who migrated elsewhere in Canada.

Our two main concerns were to provide our UELAC guests with the best possible bang for their buck, with two demanding tours, great entertainment and special attention to guests with dietary restrictions.

As The Delta Armouries Hotel is located in the midst of a plethora of restaurants, many of which cater to diners with dietary restrictions, no lunches were provided by the Committee, other than for the St. Thomas tour. The Committee had a major concern with Dominion's insurance coverage for our Conference, but this was very capably handled by Dominion Senior Vice-President and Committee member, Sue Hines UE.

## CONFERENCE

Many volunteers from each branch were recruited to assist with the myriad of duties requiring staff for each event. The large Elgin Room was our hospitality suite from Wednesday, 21 June to Saturday, 24 June. Due to insurance concerns regarding alcohol consumption, the Committee decided that, unlike some previous conferences, complimentary alcoholic beverages would not be provided. Since the Elgin Room and the adjacent hotel suite were deemed to be rented hotel residence rooms, a special occasion permit was not required and guests could bring their own alcoholic beverages. The Committee provided non-alcoholic beverages and mix, as well as lots of munchies.

The Elgin Room also provided a display place for Auction and Scholarship items, and auction ticket sales. A Dutch Auction [keep lowering the price until the first bid] was selected because 50-50 draws require a licence in Ontario.

### REGISTRATION (130 guests)

The registration fee just covered the administration costs, including the items purchased for the delegates' swag bags. The \$35.00 fee was less than the amount charged at recent conferences. To maintain a level playing field, the Committee decided that everyone attending at least one event would be charged the registration fee, but would receive a swag bag. This was a departure from previous conferences, where a guest attending only one, or sometimes two events, would not be charged the registration fee. This had a negative impact on numbers of dinner guests on Friday and Saturday evenings. Included with each registration, was a complimentary four-day Transit London bus pass.

The guest's nametag was in very large print with only the post-nominal "UE" depicted. The guest's Branch appointment, or 2017 Conference appointment, was also listed. Loyalist ancestors requested to be

listed were on the reverse, so, if asked by another guest, it could easily be flipped over. The Committee decided that, due to privacy concerns, a list of all delegates with their Loyalist ancestor was not compiled or published. This drew a complaint from two delegates at the banquet, used to seeing these lists published.

### SWAG BAGS

Costs were kept low by using promotional bags provided by Tourism London. Four included items, like the glass maple leaf decanter of maple syrup, were purchased at reduced pricing. Although the Conference guidebook now advises planning for 200 guests, in the past several conferences no more than 165 attended. This presented a problem when ordering items for the swag bag: that of being stuck with the surplus due to lower attendance than planned.

Richard Nowell UE ordered the items for the swag bag: lanyards, mugs, multi-purpose pens, and bag clamps. The Committee was careful to not use our logo on anything other than the bookmark, and just use "United Empire Loyalists" on each item. The images on the mug were our crest and a King George III cypher. In this way, all the surplus items would be saleable for future years as this stock dwindles. Although Dominion Headquarters would prefer "United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada" to 'United Empire Loyalists,' the latter was acceptable. Trish Groom UE took quantities of surplus items for Dominion's tuck shop inventory. An economy of numbers was realized as 750 robust royal blue lanyards, depicting white lettered "United Empire Loyalists," were purchased for the Conference, London & Western Ontario, Grand River, Bicentennial Branches as well as Trish's Dominion tuck shop.

Each of the previous two conferences had developed the great bookmarks that will remain well-used for years. In keeping with the 2016 bookmark, this 2017 heavy-duty bookmark is the only keepsake with our logo and specific Maple Leaf tartan ribbon.



UELAC President's Pipe Banner



Bonnie Schepers UE, Past Dominion President, and Gerry Adair UE, Prairie Region V.P.

A detailed conference events itinerary was included in each swag bag and all guests registering were directed to consult it.



Maple Leaf Tartan Drone Ribbons

## EVENTS

As several guests arrived early for the Conference on Wednesday, 21 June, the Elgin Hospitality Suite was open at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship.

## THURSDAY

### Meetings

Meetings for Membership and Genealogy were held in the morning and the afternoon. Due to the Conference Handbook being silent regarding whose responsibility it was to organize these two meetings, it caused the Committee Chair some grief, when he attempted to retain a motivational recruitment speaker and a DNA genealogist. These meetings are the purview of Dominion Membership and Genealogy Chairs. Recommendations were submitted to amend and clarify this responsibility in the Conference handbook.

## Wonderful Workshop

A workshop, *Writing your Loyalist Family History*, was conducted by Jean Rae Baxter UE that was attended by 12 budding authors.

## Conference Guest Reception

The Conference Guest Reception had 93 guests attend. It was held in the Guntery Ballroom. The Dutch Auction items were co-located in the adjacent Officer's Club. The charge was \$35.00 per guest. No politicians had been invited. A welcome was extended by the Dominion President. The keynote speaker was Mr. Steve Peters, past MPP for Elgin County, for four terms, Speaker of The Ontario Legislature for two terms, and Past Mayor of St. Thomas. Steve is a much-accomplished local historian and spoke on our local history. Steve's honorarium was donated to the St. Thomas food bank.

A project to complement the office of Dominion President of the UELAC was a specific Pipe Banner, manufactured by Sheba Imports of London. This banner has the UELAC Armorial Bearings emblazoned on the senior side and the UELAC Crest on the junior side. The embroidered Bag Pipe Banner is tied onto the bass drone



Jumbo statue in St. Thomas, Ontario. Jumbo was just a name when P.T. Barnum brought the elephant to his circus in 1882. Jumbo later became an adjective meaning huge. Jumbo died at a railway yard in St. Thomas, Ontario. While exercising, he tripped and fell on train tracks, impaling himself on his tusk and dying instantly. Shortly after his death, an unexpected locomotive ran over his body. The "fake news" story, that showman Barnum encouraged, reported that the elephant was killed by the train while protecting a tiny elephant.



Military historian, Mark Morse UE, Grand River Branch, with his daughter.

and the piper precedes the President when piped into official functions. Authority was granted by Dominion Council for this project, as well as a \$500.00 grant. Along with this was a set of bag-pipe drone ribbons and a wool tartan bagpipe cover. It is estimated that UELAC members of Scottish heritage boast kinship to over 60 tartans. To not favour any one tartan and to honour Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the official Canadian Maple Leaf tartan was chosen for the ribbons and bag-cover. Once worn, Pipe Sergeant Scott Shaw wended his way through the guests, playing "*The Maple Leaf Forever*." These items are currently retained by Dominion President, Barb Andrew UE, and the pipe banner carrying case was recently manufactured and sent to the President to transport these items to official functions.

Fellowship was enjoyed in the Hospitality Suite.



Right: London Police Pipe Sergeant, Scott Shaw, wearing President's Pipe Banner, Maple Leaf tartan cover, and ribbons.

## FRIDAY

### St. Thomas Tour

The tour bus, with 48 guests, left at 9:00 a.m. and returned by 3:30 p.m. Everyone enjoyed the guided tours of: The Old St. Thomas Church and graveyard, where Loyalists are interred; The Elgin Military Museum; Jumbo the Elephant monument; and the St. Thomas Railway Museum. A lunch was put on by the ladies at Knox Presbyterian Church.

### London Tour

Due to inclement weather, the 42-member tour commenced in the Delta Hotel foyer and enjoyed a detailed presentation by local military historian and Committee Member, Mark Morse UE. The tour, divided into three groups, started at the Old London Middlesex Courthouse and commenced a round-robin tour of The First Hussars Museum / Museum London, Eldon House, and The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum. Lunch was individual choice downtown, using provided coupon books.

### Feast of The Summer Solstice Buffet

We had 95 guests enjoy this buffet. Guests with dietary concerns and gluten cross-contamination issues were encouraged to dine first. The buffet chosen was their highest end one at the Delta, with 40-plus salads and entrees.

Entertainment was a soliloquy by Reverend Canon Nick Wells, based on WWI historic figure, Rev. Canon Major Frederick Scott, who was the Chaplain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Infantry Division, Canadian Corps, who recovered his son's body from the battlefield. Toasts were accompanied by PowerPoint videos compiled by Sue Hines UE. Fellowship was enjoyed in the Hospitality Suite.

Council Members elected included, from left:  
Jim Mackenzie UE,  
Atlantic Regional V.P.;  
Gerry Adair UE,  
Prairie Regional V.P.;  
Trish Groom UE,  
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Anne Redish UE, Central  
East Regional V.P.;  
Joanne Tuskin UE,  
Dominion Secretary;  
Sue Hines UE,  
Dominion Sr. V.P.;  
Barb Andrew UE,  
Dominion President.

## SATURDAY

### Annual General Membership Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The formal meeting was chaired by Dominion President, Barb Andrew UE, in the Gala Ballroom. Guests were on their own after 11:30 a.m., to explore London, and many used their complimentary bus passes.

### Gala Banquet (104 Guests)

The banquet was held in the Gala Ballroom. It was an excellent plated dinner featuring chicken and beef filet, plus a cheesecake made by the chef.

Prior to sitting, members in costume were group photographed by Albert Schepers. Guests were seated, with the costumed guests piped into the ballroom. President and guest table were piped in by London Police Pipe Sergeant Shaw to the tune "The Maple Leaf Forever."

Toasts were proposed to HM Queen Elizabeth II, to Canada, and to the USA. The Act of Remembrance was explained and observed: Last Post, Silence, Lament, Reveille, in honour of fallen/departed Loyalists and their descendants.

Keynote speaker, Peter Milliken UE, President of Kingston Branch, gave a PowerPoint presentation on 134 years of Loyalist's settlement and how it has positively affected 150 years of Confederation and 100 years since Vimy Ridge, WWI, WWII, Korea, and peacemaking operations, as well as civilian achievements.

Entertainment was the London Police Pipes & Drums who played a set. The Dominion President and Head Table were piped out, followed by fellowship in the Elgin Hospitality Suite.

## SUNDAY

### St. Paul's Cathedral Service

Seventy-plus guests joined the St. Paul's congregation. Dominion President, Barbara Andrew UE, read the First Lesson, soloist, Stacey Clark, sang the Loyalist Hymn, "I Vow to Thee My Country." Also "God Save the Queen" and "O Canada" were sung. This was followed by a tour of the Cathedral.

Following the service, an excellent lunch was put on by Bill McKillop in Cronyn Hall for 67 of our guests. Mrs. Tracey Millward and Dean, The Very Reverend Paul Millward, joined us. The Dominion President wished all a safe trip home.

Thank you very much to all who came and thanks to all who worked at the Conference to make it a great success.

### Auction Items at the London Conference – Winners from Across the Country.

Information collected by Ruth Nicholson UE at the request of David Ellsworth UE.

There were many lovely items at this year's auction. All the local branches donated a large basket prize worth \$100 each. This is an idea for future conferences. Items were from across the country. We celebrate these winners, too numerous to name!

Prizes included: a large UE stained glass transept, a quilt, several books and prints, a jacket, and large gift baskets from several branches: Bicentennial, Hamilton, Col. John Butler, and Toronto.

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# Conference 2018 in Moose Jaw

*It's always a comfortable time when Loyalists get together ...  
we feel connected, almost related ...  
our ancestors came through so much together.*

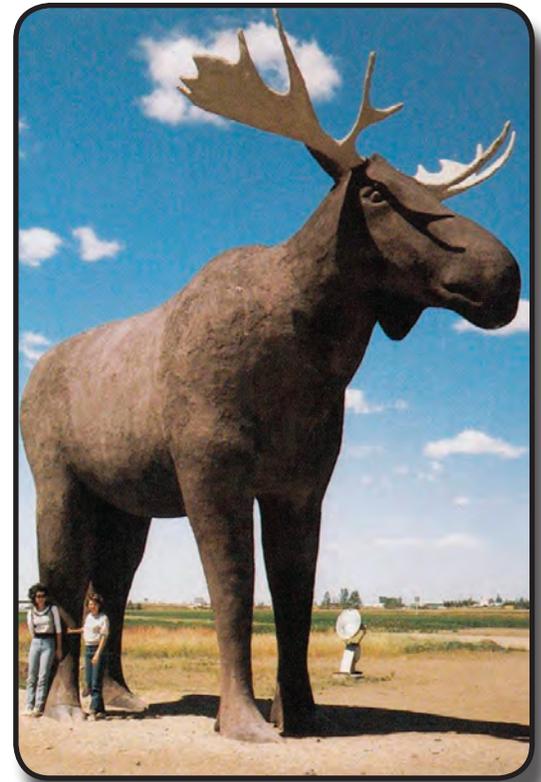
## "LOYALIST TIES UNDER LIVING SKIES"

Members of the Saskatchewan Branch are pleased to host the 2018 National Conference in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on 07 to 10 June 2018.



**T**he Plains Cree called it a warm place by the River. It was named Moose Jaw because a part of the River was shaped like the jawbone of a moose. Moose Jaw was founded in 1882 when the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) chose the site for the town. In 1883 it became a CPR divisional point with freight yards and repair facilities. Another railway link was added in 1893 with the completion of the Soo line from Chicago. The city was incorporated in 1903.

15 Wing Moose Jaw is the home of the Canadian Forces Flying Training School and the principal site of the NATO Pilot Training School. The Wing, first established as a training facility in 1941, is now the city's largest employer. 15 Wing is also home of the internationally renowned Snowbirds aerobatics team. The area surrounding Moose Jaw has a high number of cloudless days, making it a good site for training pilots.



10-metre-tall *Mac the Moose* claims the title of world's largest moose.



Below: Celebrants ready for Canada 150 Homecoming Parade in Maryfield, Saskatchewan, 29 July 2017.  
From left: Sidnee Venaas, Courtney Garrett, and Pat Adair.  
UEL day celebrations were held in Regina on 19 June 2017.

Moose Jaw is home of the renowned Snowbirds aerobatics team.

# Will We See YOU in Moose Jaw?

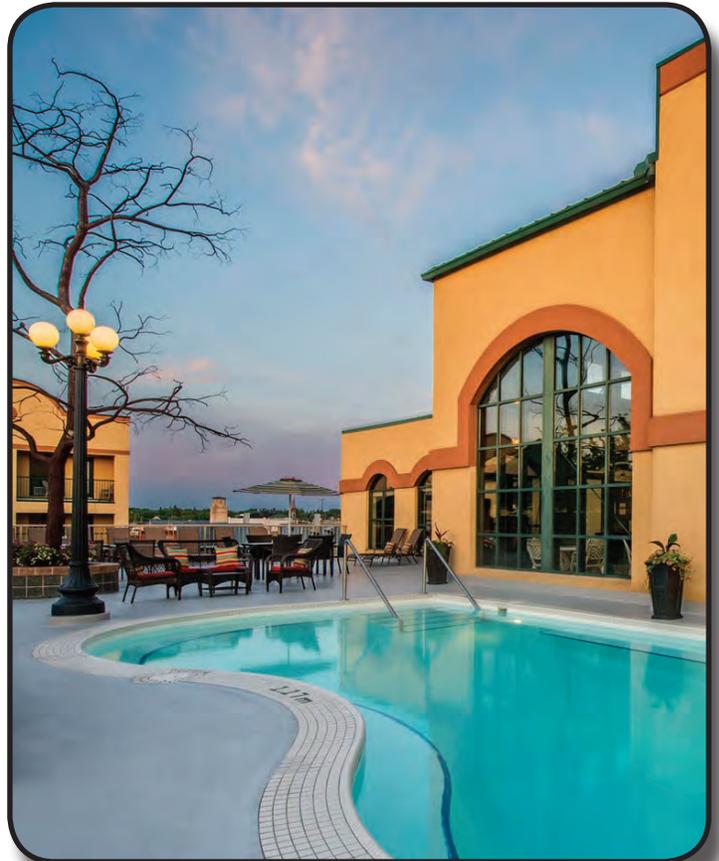
**I**n the summer of 1885, Moose Jaw was home to 400 soldiers sent by the Federal Government to assist the NWMP in the North West Rebellion at Batoche. The Saskatchewan Dragoons also call Moose Jaw home. They originated in Regina, Saskatchewan, on 03 July 1905, when a regiment of infantry was authorized to be formed in the Districts of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan, when Saskatchewan was still a part of the Northwest Territories.

Our main venue will be the recently-renovated Temple Gardens Hotel and Spa, just half a block from Main Street at 24 Fairford St. E., Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0C7. Bring your bathing suits; it has a large geothermal pool. Walk down a ramp and bask in the soothing mineral waters. Continue into the outside pool if you desire. Luxury bathrobes provided!

Relive Al Capone's bootlegging days in "The Chicago Connection" and the hardships of early Chinese immigrants on the "Passage To Fortune" following tunnels under the streets. Visit "Mac" the Moose, Casino Moose Jaw, the murals of Moose Jaw with an antique trolley ride, Yvette Moore Art Gallery, and, rest assured, we have chosen some extra-special places to showcase.

Booking is now available. Special room rates \$165/night, single and double occupancy. A variety of rooms are available at this rate. Phone 1-800-718-7727 and quote UELAC – Saskatchewan Branch, 124551 for your reservations. The committee is working with Westjet and Air Canada to obtain discounts on fares. As well, ground transportation from Regina to the Spa is under investigation. Continue to watch the UELAC website and **Loyalist Trails** as updates will be posted as events unfold.

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Temple Gardens Hotel has a large indoor geothermal pool with soothing mineral waters. The hotel also has this inviting outdoor pool.

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—Robert Collins McBride UE, B.Sc., M.Ed., (Bob)  
UELAC Publications Chairperson and Editor of  
**The Loyalist Gazette**

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# Scholarship Endowment Flourishes in 2017

By Bonnie Schepers UE, Scholarship Chair



**A**s an Association that values the pursuit of academic excellence, we support enthusiastic students who devote their time to researching our Loyalist ancestors, the circumstances surrounding the American Revolution, and the contributions of Loyalists to the development of Canada.

In 2017, all eyes were on Canada 150 celebrations as Canadians marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation. The UELAC joined in with a fundraising project for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. We challenged branches to collect 150 *toonies* for *Scholarship* with a target of \$300 per branch. With growing interest and additional donations pledged at the UELAC Conference, the project was extended to 01 August. At closing, the grand total was \$9,045.00.

Sincere thanks to eight branches that met the challenge and received a special Certificate of Appreciation signed by the UELAC Dominion President, Barb Andrew UE: Assiniboine, Calgary, Governor Simcoe, Kawartha, Kingston, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, and Vancouver. In addition to branch participation, we acknowledge the individuals who exceeded our expectations and showed again this year that you are committed to supporting academic research in the field of Loyalist studies.

Since 2005, eleven graduate students have been awarded the Loyalist Scholarship. On receiving the award, students agree to present a copy of their research to the UELAC at the completion of their degree. Each year we are adding these

dissertations to our resource library. The benefits from the UELAC scholarship program continue as we develop relationships with young academics willing to participate in UELAC projects, events, and conferences. This year the Scholarship Committee donated four print copies of dissertations to the Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University, adding to resource materials in their collection.

Next year, we look forward to adding new scholars to our impressive list of recipients as we celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the UELAC Scholarship. Let's "raise the roof" on scholarship in 2018. The deadline for applications is **28 February 2018**.

If you wish to join the UELAC in investing in the future, please donate to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. For donations of \$20 or more, a tax receipt will be issued by the UELAC Head Office.

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Make donation cheques payable to the UELAC and indicate on the cheque "Scholarship Endowment Fund."

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Present at the Branch **Certificate of Appreciation** Awards at the UELAC Conference in London, Ontario, were from left: Peter Milliken UE, Kingston and District Branch; James Adair UE, Assiniboine Branch; Gerry Adair UE, Saskatchewan Branch; Carl Stymiest UE, Vancouver Branch; Ruth Coker UE, Nova Scotia Branch; Anne Heath Neuman UE, Governor Simcoe Branch; Robert McBride UE, Kawartha Branch; Barb Andrew UE, Dominion President; Bonnie Schepers UE, Scholarship Chair.



## The UELAC Loyalist

# Scholarship

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The UELAC Loyalist Scholarship can be awarded to any graduate student researching the Loyalist era on a subject that will benefit the UELAC. Approved Masters (two years) and PhD (three years) applicants will be awarded \$2,500 per year. Upon graduation, the thesis must be presented to the Association.

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b) the student must provide a succinctly-written research proposal to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada Scholarship Committee in which they set forth their interest in the Loyalists. An interview may be scheduled.

Priority will be given to a student of proven Loyalist descent. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada reserves the right to award the scholarship at its sole discretion.

Preference may be given to students who have taken an undergraduate degree in history and to students at universities in Canada.

For more information about this scholarship and an application form please see the UELAC website: [www.uelac.org/scholarship.php](http://www.uelac.org/scholarship.php).

Application must be received by 28 February each year by e-mail to [scholarship@uelac.org](mailto:scholarship@uelac.org) or mail to United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, 50 Baldwin Street, Suite 202, Toronto, Ontario. M5T 1L4.

—Bonnie Schepers UE,  
UELAC Scholarship Chair



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# The Loyalist **McConnells** of Weymouth, Nova Scotia

By Brian McConnell UE

It was also my birthday. I had read that he was buried in the Church of England graveyard in Weymouth, but could not find a photo of his gravestone anywhere.

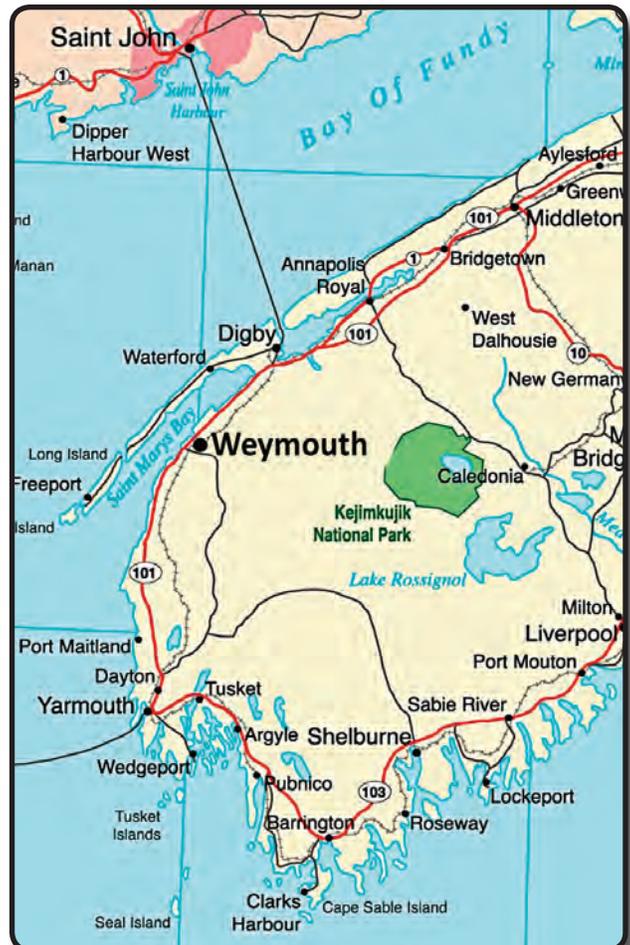
**Stephen Jones was a Cornet with the King's American Dragoons.**

In St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery at Weymouth North, there are gravestones for several prominent Loyalists, including Lt. Col. James Moody UE, his wife Jane, and Stephen Jones UE. Moody served with the New Jersey Volunteers during the American Revolution, while Stephen Jones was a Cornet with the King's American Dragoons. I had been to the cemetery several times before and knew many of the gravestones were difficult to read due to their old age. However, I decided to visit again with the hope of finding the stone of Benjamin McConnell UE.

The land upon which the Cemetery and St. Peter's Anglican Church are located was a gift to the inhabitants of Sissiboo River, now Weymouth North, in "consideration of my good will," as stated in the Deed from James Moody UE.



Author, Brian McConnell UE at the gravestone of the Loyalist, Benjamin McConnell UE.



Map showing Weymouth, Nova Scotia, due south of Saint John, New Brunswick.

Several years ago, I discovered a Deed for a property near Weymouth, Nova Scotia, formerly Sissiboo, which indicated it was part of land that was the "old McConnell homestead." I learned that two McConnell brothers, Benjamin and Joseph, came to Nova Scotia from New York as Loyalists after the American Revolution in May 1784.<sup>2</sup> Although no known relation to my United Empire Loyalist ancestors, as they were Loyalists and reportedly born in Ireland where my paternal grandparents came from, I was further interested.

... could not find a photo of his gravestone anywhere.

On 7 July 2017, the seventh day of the seventh month of the seventeenth year of this century, an auspicious day with all the sevens, I decided to try to find the grave of Benjamin McConnell.

**Deed dated 15 June 1793 from James Moody UE and his wife, Jane, to Inhabitants of Sissiboo River.**<sup>3</sup>

The Deed reads:

Know all Men by these present that I, James Moody of the Township of Digby, County of Annapolis and Province of Nova Scotia, Esquire, in Consideration of my good will towards the Inhabitants of Sissiboo River and to promote as far as in me lies the Establishment of the Church of England in said place, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Inhabitants and their Heirs, for the sole purpose of erecting a Church thereon a Certain Lot or parcel of Land in the Township of Digby and Settlement of Sissiboo, Beginning at the Corner of the Road leading to the Ship Yard West twenty two degrees South, fourteen rods, Thence North, twelve degrees West, fourteen rods, Thence East thirty degrees South Eighteen rods or until it strikes the Digby Road, Thence along said Road until it strikes the corner first mentioned, containing one Acre and three Eights of one Acre more or less. To have and to hold to them the said Inhabitants and their Heirs, for the sole use and benefit of the Church forever, and that I the said James Moody, for myself, my Heirs, Executors and administrators covenant and agree with the said Inhabitants and their Heirs that I have good and lawful right to dispose of them in manner aforesaid, and that it is free from all encumbrances, except His Majestys Quit Rent, and I will warrant and defend the same to them the said Inhabitants and their Heirs forever against the Lawful Claims of any person.

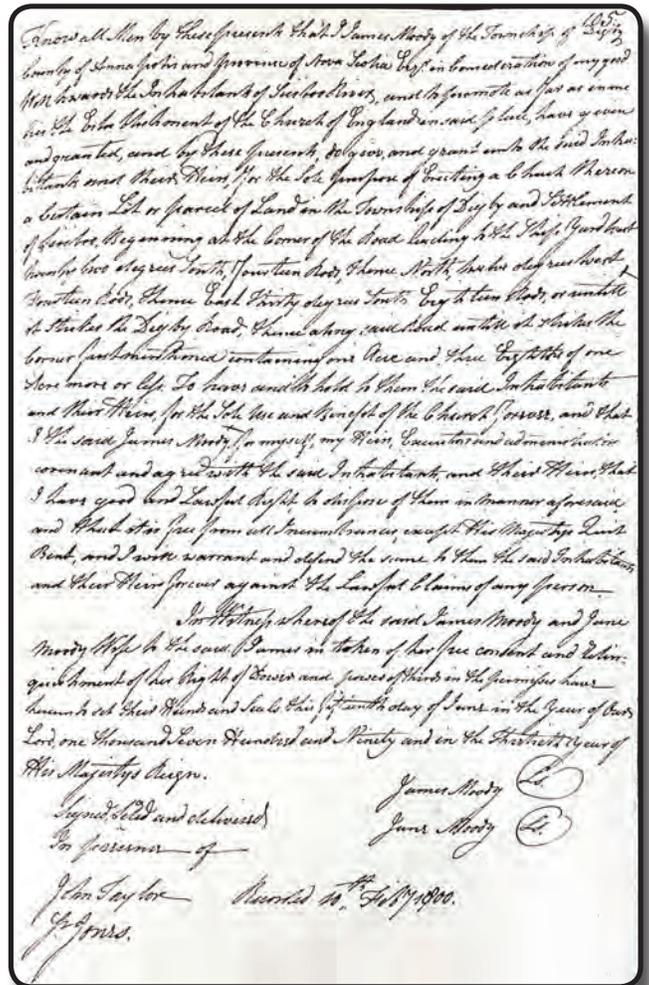
In Witness Whereof the said James Moody and Jane Moody, Wife to the said James, in token of her free consent and relinquishment of her right of Dower and power of third in the ( premises ) have hereunto set their Hands and Seals this fifteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety and in the Thirtieth year of His Majestys Reign.

Signed, Sealed and delivered      James Moody ( seal )  
in the presence of                      Jane Moody ( seal )  
John Taylor  
J. Jones

It was a bright sunny day when I visited. I walked the cemetery several times without success. Then I decided to begin at one side and, using the camera on my phone, I took pictures that could be enlarged to look at them more closely. While doing this, I discovered the gravestone of Benjamin McConnell UE, indicating that he died on 28 December 1808 in his 66<sup>th</sup> year.

**Endnotes**

1. This article was completed on 29 July 2017 by Brian McConnell UE. For further information, he can be contacted at e-mail: brianm564 "at" gmail.com.
2. Muster Roll at Gulliver's Hole, St. Mary's Bay and Sissiboo, conducted between 01 June and 06 June 1784, lists Benjamin McConnell UE and Joseph McConnell UE as Loyalists. See Supplement to the History of Annapolis County, by A.W. Savary, published by William Briggs, Toronto, 1913, pp. 131 – 132.
3. Recorded 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1800 in Book 1A on Page 86 at Registry of Deeds for Digby County, Nova Scotia. Now shown also as Document 502621639. Transcribed by Brian McConnell UE on 22 July 2017.



Gravestone of Benjamin McConnell UE.

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# Patrick Barry a Biography

by Trevor Angell UE

**O**n 20 August 1811, my Loyalist ancestor, Patrick Barry UE the Elder, made application for a grant of land in Elizabethtown, Upper Canada.

The document provided a very interesting chronicle of Patrick's life and times during the American Revolution. It revealed he was originally from "Ennis, Clair County, Ireland" and had migrated to "British America" circa 1760. In the years just prior to the Revolution, Patrick was described as living a life of "affluence & prosperity" in Rhode Island. When his loyalty to the British became apparent, he was threatened with being 'tarred & feathered' for his troubles! As the Revolutionary effort gained momentum, Patrick was able to flee the Rebel threat in Rhode Island with a portion of his property in favour of "Castle William" (New York).

As the document went on, it followed Patrick through the British evacuation of Boston, on 17 March 1776 to his landing in Nova Scotia. During his time there, Patrick seemed to struggle with providing for his family. Then, as the story goes, Patrick lost his "Schooner" to Rebel Privateers at a time when he evidently had "Governor Colebeck" and the "Surveyor General" on board. The specific identities of the dignitaries, aforementioned, may be somewhat unclear but the document enlightened us that they were "conducted to Boston." This suggests Colebeck and the Surveyor General spent time in a Rebel prison and presumably Patrick also did. The document claimed, "when he (Patrick) was liberated" the British Government "took pity and compassion on him." As the story continues, the next step for Patrick was being assigned to sail a "packet boat" in His Majesty's Service. [Editor's Note: Packet boats have been used to deliver mail, packages and people, often great distances, since the early 1600s in Europe and later in North America.]

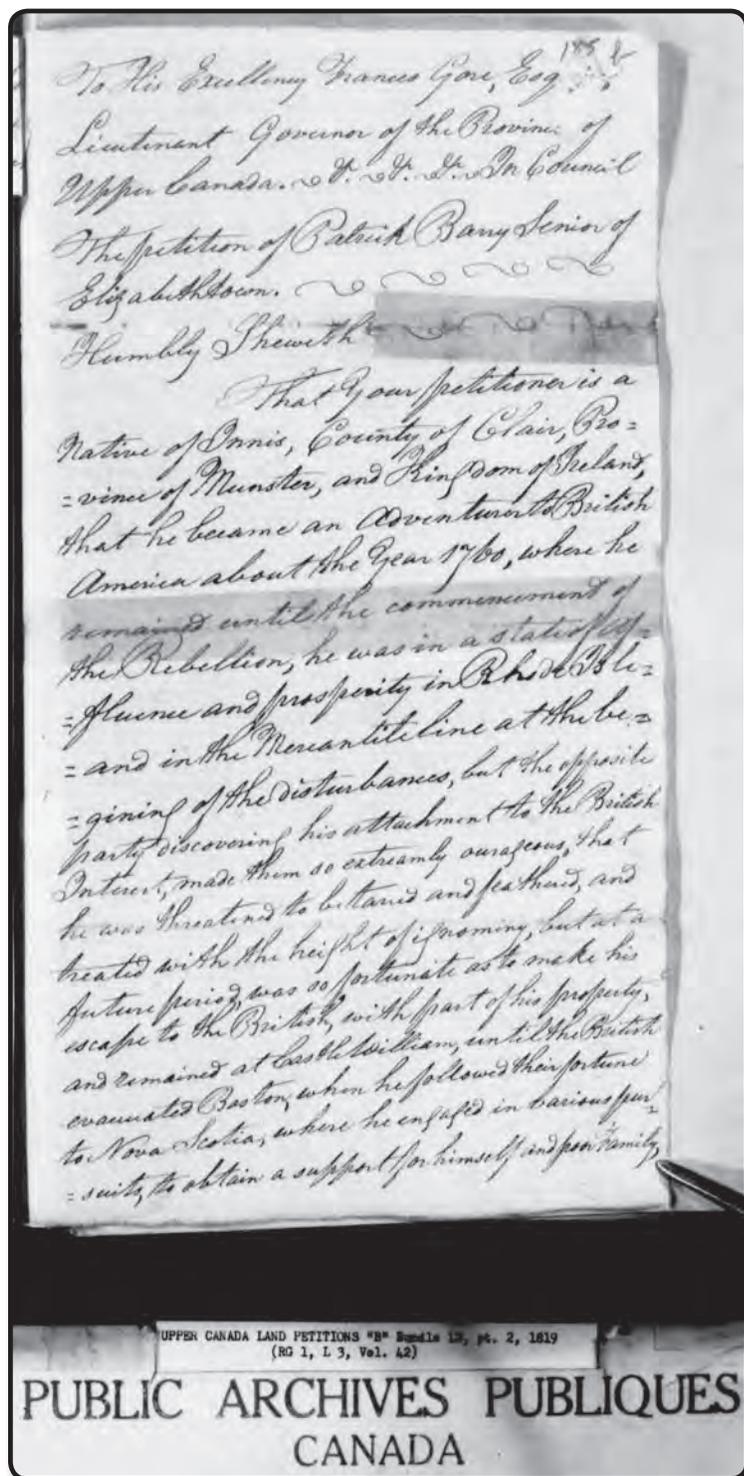
The packet boat that was transporting troops to and from Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, and to the Island of St. John's [present-day Prince Edward Island] was exposed to some ocean-going dangers! In the account of Patrick's efforts to the British, it seemed he closed out the war, executing this packet boat sailing service to the Crown.

The land grant application continued supplying information about Patrick's life as he left Nova Scotia on his own vessel in favour of Lower Canada [now Quebec]. Poor Patrick and his wife suffered yet two more losses en route to Lower Canada as the document explained that two of their sons were lost [drowned] 'upon his passage.'

Circa 1797, Patrick moved his family to Upper Canada [now Ontario] from Lower Canada, except for his second son, Thomas, who was "Head Carpenter" at the King's Yard in Quebec!

The document draws to a close by endorsing Patrick Barry's name to be put on the 'U.E. List' and some "quantum of the Western Land of the Crown" to be awarded to him.

To Patrick's credit, several dignitaries signed their approval to the document. The signees included, but



weren't limited to: Thomas Smyth, Justice of the Peace; Philip Philips, Justice of the Peace; Solomon Jones Spencer, District Johnstown; Ira Schofield, Captain of the Volunteer Leeds Militia; and Truman Huck, Justice of the Peace. These men had worded their endorsement of Patrick and his family in the following way:

"We do hereby certify that Patrick Barry and Family have resided in this County Leeds upwards of twenty years and behaved themselves as good Loyalists. Given at Elizabethtown this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1811."

**About the Author: Trevor Angell UE**

My history has been influenced by a pioneering Saskatchewan family. The Angell family was amongst the first people to settle the Rose Valley Saskatchewan area and some cousins still live there to this day!

Clayton Angell, my father, was a WWII veteran and brought a war bride, Elizabeth Mary Hunt, home to Saskatchewan in 1946.

I have been researching my family for about the past seventeen years and feel very blessed with the discoveries I have been a part of making. As I look back, being from pioneering stock, a WWII veteran, and a war bride mother, all occupied unique places in the pages of history. In my research, I have always been amused with the variety of occupations amongst my ancestors. A number of them were your garden variety labourers but many others had occupations that stood far from the retail world of which I have been a part.

The unique occupations that surfaced have been coopers, saddlers, butchers, bakers, bricklayers, mariners, a Thames Channel pilot, yeomen, linen and corn factors, shoemakers, religious clerks, and even a few 'Gentlemen.'

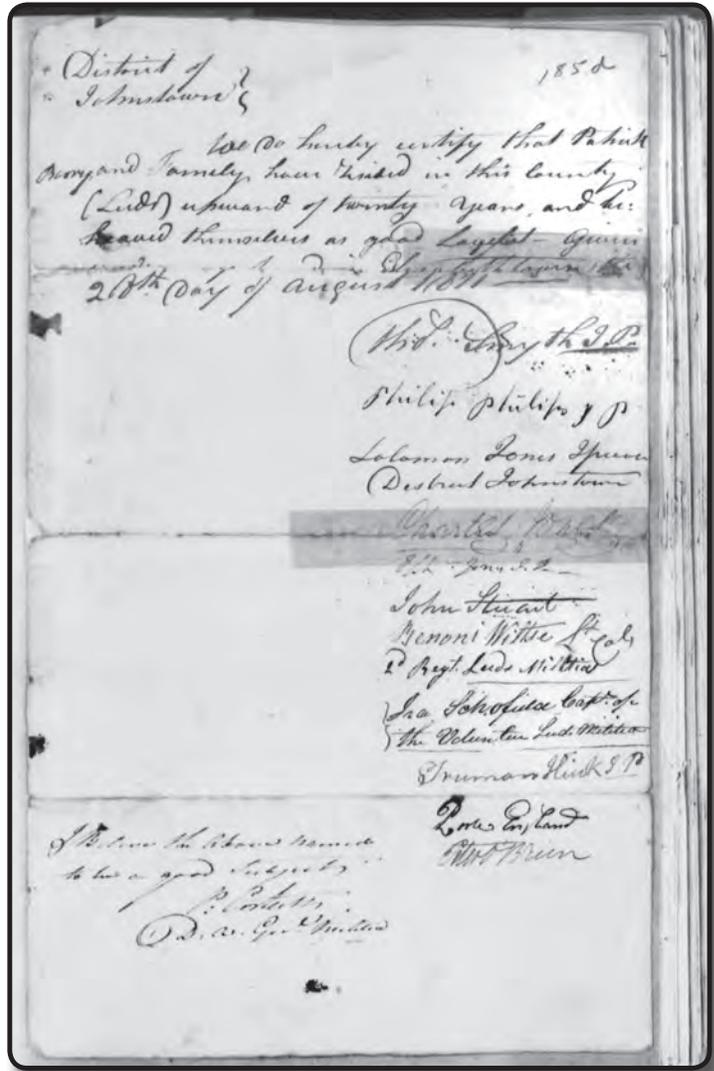
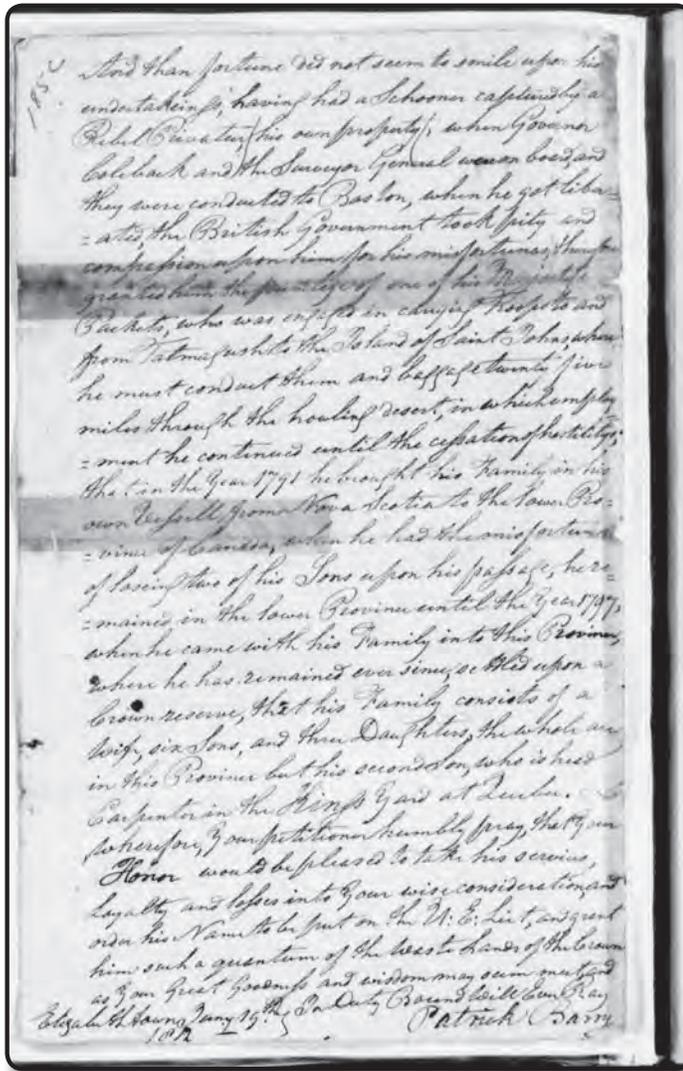
I must, however, comment that the ancestors I had who were United Empire Loyalists certainly stand out more than any others who had an unusual occupation. This becomes apparent from the losses they suffered for their ideals and principles. I really don't think a person could make a much greater stand than parting with his/her material wealth in favour of the integrity of his/her beliefs.

My take-away in life that has been garnered from all of my ancestors, not just Loyalists, is an incredible sense of gratitude for all they withstood and the opportunities that they duly provided for future generations. As I see it, being diligent with researching my family is a way of showing respect for those people of the past by ensuring the details are documented and preserved. I feel that paying the information forward to my children and grandchildren satisfies education and understanding for the future as well as honouring the past by keeping it alive.

There could be no greater travesty in life than forgetting those who did so much for our benefit.



Author, Trevor Angell UE



# Sir John Johnson Manor House



## Revitalization and Renovation Project Underway: Williamstown



**Manor House Social Tree**

Located on the grounds of the Sir John Johnson Manor House in Williamstown, Ontario, is a white oak tree reputed to have been a sapling when the first Loyalist settlers of this community would have begun bringing their grain for grinding to Sir John's mills on the Raisin River. For over 200 years, it has watched as generations of people lived, worked and played on the grounds of this historic location.



Author, Carolyn Thompson Goddard UE

**F**or over 225 years, the Sir John Johnson Manor House, in the historic village of Williamstown in South Glengarry, Ontario, has graced the banks of the Raisin River, serving as a link between the present and the coming of the United Empire Loyalists to this country in 1783.

Sir John Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson who had served as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in New York, was an influential Loyalist military leader during the American Revolution.

Photo above:

One of the highlights of the social calendar in Williamstown is the annual Sir John Johnson Manor House Social, held on the grounds of the Sir John Johnson Manor House. Due to construction, it was held at the Williamstown Fairgrounds on land that was donated by Sir John Johnson for an agricultural fair. This event features local entertainment while providing an opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy the Manor, with some pie and ice cream.

Sir John Johnson raised two battalions of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and, after the War, was involved in the distribution of land grants to Loyalist settlers in Eastern Ontario.

Johnson had been one of the largest landowners in the Mohawk Valley at the time of the American Revolution and, for his loyalty, had lost his extensive holdings there. In compensation for these losses, Johnson was awarded a significant amount of money and several tracts of land that included lots in present-day Williamstown along the Raisin River.

The Manor House was constructed in the Georgian style of architecture and, while Johnson never lived in the building, it is assumed he would have stayed there when visiting the area. Williamstown was developed around the saw and grist mills located there, with the land being owned by Johnson and leased out to tenants.

This historic building is a National Historic Site, managed by Parks Canada, with a federal plaque on site. In the 1990s, the Sir John Johnson Manor House Committee was formed with the group being incorporated as a non-profit charitable corporation in 1996. Brent Lafave, who has been an active and interested member of this Committee for many years, commented how this "is a small volunteer committee, located in a history-rich, but small, community." The SJJMHC has a primary objective to promote, preserve, and enhance the Manor House so that it can serve as a monument to the early settlers, United Empire Loyalists, and the owners of buildings, such as Sir John Johnson.

It became apparent to the Committee that the building had developed serious structural issues. In 2012, Committee President and Williamstown resident, Brent Lafave, prepared a prospectus for Parks Canada that included information on the condition of the Manor House as well as plans to develop a suite of rooms on the second floor that could generate revenue to make it a self-sustaining entity.

Brent described the process that saw a well-developed business plan, generated in 2013, that included an engineering and general contractors' report, followed by an Executive Summary to Parks Canada. In 2016, Parks Canada announced it would cost an estimated 1.4 million dollars to complete the restoration of the Sir John Johnson Manor House, of which they would contribute 500,000 dollars. This money would be used for portions of



On 15 August 2017, members of the Heritage and Sir John Johnson branches of the UELAC who visited historic Williamstown, stand in front of the Sir John Johnson Manor House with Brent Lafave who provided information on this building.

the project outlined by the Committee, including indoor stabilization projects, a new roof, and a new veranda. The work began earlier this year, with an estimated completion date in late 2017.

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**Lynn Lafave UE ...  
a direct descendant of Sir John.**

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The interior renovations, stabilization and refurbishment, such as plumbing, electrical work and re-designing the interior, will be completed utilizing funds raised by the Sir John Johnson Manor House Committee. Lynn Lafave UE, Committee Vice-President, and a direct descendant of Sir John, commented that the support from community members has been forthcoming, with plans to re-visit the various levels of government for funding. Brent mentioned in an e-mail correspondence how this project is being undertaken to "make our institution self-

sustaining. We are looking at building and preserving our heritage Canadian history for the next 200 years" – and how! In today's environment, the group "will have considerable help from non-government and individual benefactors." Lynn mentioned that there is a GoFundMe page currently underway, with more fundraising plans being considered. The GoFundMe page can be accessed at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-manor-house-restoration-project>.

During the renovations, the Manor House's genealogical centre will be located at the Celtic Music Hall of Fame in Williamstown. The committee is investigating developing this into an expanded research centre dedicated to Loyalist research. Brent and Lynn share a vision of having a Loyalist Research Centre located in the area that formerly housed the Williamstown Branch of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Library. They see the renovated Manor House as providing a place to stay for Loyalist descendants while conducting research in the various local communities such as Cornwall, St. Raphael's, Morrisburg and Williamstown itself. Imagine sleeping in a building where Sir John had stayed and in the morning walking downstairs to do research before making a day trip to other locally significant Loyalist locations!

In the area where Ontario began, it will soon be possible to stay in the house built for the man who played such a pivotal role in its creation. For more information on the Sir John Johnson Manor House Committee and this project, please visit <http://glengarryarchives.ca> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO9dyTqNuKQ&feature=youtu.be>.

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Construction work currently being done on the Sir John Johnson Manor House in Williamstown. Once this phase of the restoration project is completed, work on the interior of this historic building will begin.

# Quilt of Belonging

## Loyalist Presentation at one of Canada 150's Travelling Exhibits

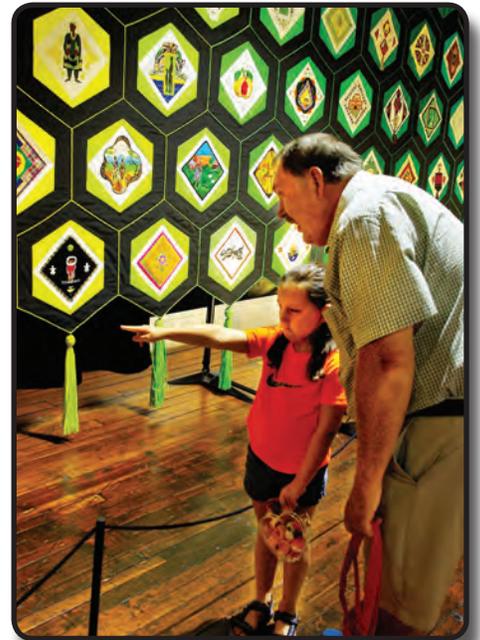


By Ruth Nicholson UE

**T**he Quilt of Belonging is a magnificent project! It took six and a half years to complete. The artist, Esther Bryan, is from Williamstown, a small eastern Ontario village of only 250 people.

The local town hall was vacated when the village was amalgamated. This space was loaned to the artist. Literally thousands of volunteers helped piece this fabulous project together. All ages of Canadians saw this quilt to completion: school children helped, visually-impaired people helped with interviews, and new refugees helped with sewing. All in all, 263 blocks were created that represent all the countries of the world, as all these people live in and have helped form our

country. Through churches and citizen groups, each country has been represented by a person who has lived there and who was able to fashion a unique design or was able to tell others the components that were essential to show the culture of their country. This quilt that has been created, is a human quilt. It reflects the relationship that ties us together as people of the world and as people of Canada. In its finished form it is 3.5 metres (11.5 feet) high and 36 metres (118 feet) long.



Above:  
Claire and Grandpa David  
at Quilt of Belonging

... the eventual dispute that led to the American Revolution.

Every afternoon a special presentation is given by the people who have helped form our country. On Tuesday, 25 June 2017, Hamilton Branch President,

Below:  
Author, Ruth Nicholson (left) and Pat  
Blackburn UE, President, Hamilton Branch





Two Row Wampum belt.

Pat Blackburn UE, and I presented our Loyalist story. Pat explained who the Loyalists were and are. I gave the school presentation that was illustrated with our period clothing as well as the five tables of artefacts that we bring to each location.

We told the story of the first Europeans coming to North America, early survival assistance given by the local Indigenous people that led to the settlement of the Fourteen Colonies, including Nova Scotia, and the growth and development of these new provinces. We explained the eventual dispute that led to the American Revolution. It made possible the European resettlement and early land development along with Joseph Brant's 2,000 Haudenosaunee people from the Finger Lakes and the loyal Black people who settled in Birchtown, Nova Scotia. This is, of course, a very big story to tell.

We ended by honouring the sons of the First Loyalists who fought in the War of 1812. I brought my framed certificates of Joseph Ferriss UE, as my Loyalist ancestor, along with a certificate through his son, Isaac, who fought at the Battle of Detroit with Brock and Tecumseh. This second certificate showed my War of 1812 descendant certificate from the Essex County Ontario Genealogical Society.

**Each belt carries its own story ...  
this story is passed  
to each caregiver of each belt.**

Pat and I returned to the Quilt of Belonging on Friday as people from the Woodland Cultural Centre, in Brantford, were speaking about the Two Row Wampum. This was an opportunity for us to learn more, as we add to our school presentations constantly. The Two Row Wampum has three white rows and two purple rows. The purple rows

represent the Dutch people of the 1600s as they were the first culture to settle near and among the Haudenosaunee people. The white rows represent Peace, Friendship and Mutual Respect for one another and one another's culture and way of life. Of the six nations, it is the Onondaga people who keep all the wampum belts. Each belt carries its own story, as an organic entity, and this story is passed to each caregiver of each belt.

**Queen Elizabeth II surpassed the reign of her great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.**

Along with learning more about the Two Row Wampum belt, Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, arrived! She was interviewed by the local media and then she walked along the length of the Quilt of Belonging, enjoying narratives pertaining to the installment. Local Waterdown teachers, Nathan Tidridge, keynote speaker at Hamilton's 2013 Dominion conference, his wife, Christine, and their daughters were present as well. Her Honour spoke with them as she had unveiled a granite bench in Waterdown, in 2015, which marked the day that Queen Elizabeth II surpassed the length of the reign of her great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. It was indeed a special day, in Hamilton, at the Quilt of Belonging.

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Some quilt close-ups.



Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell learns about the Quilt of Belonging.



# My Family History

By Kathleen Lynch UE

**F**our of my third-great-grandfathers were New Englanders who fought in the American Revolutionary War. They fought on the British side, and were known as United Empire Loyalists or UEL's. When Britain lost the war, some Loyalists fled north to Canada.

The UEL surge in 1783 changed the map of Canada. Since the French were already established in present-day Quebec, it left Nova Scotia and Ontario for Loyalist settlement. With their arrival, the new province of New Brunswick was formed from partitioning Nova Scotia. In 1783 Ontario and Quebec was a single region called "Canada." After the UEL arrival, it was split into Upper and Lower Canada, present-day Ontario and Quebec.

The Ontario Loyalists travelled up the St. Lawrence River past Montreal. My ancestors settled forty miles beyond the Quebec border, eighty miles west of Montreal, at a town called Cornwall. Because of the Loyalists, Cornwall was already a thriving little town when Toronto was still a wilderness, referred to as "muddy little York." Other Loyalist families continued westward settling along the St. Lawrence River to Kingston and beyond into western Ontario.

Following Loyalist settlement, immigration was heavily promoted by John Graves Simcoe, Governor of Upper Canada from 1792 to 1796. He offered incentives for immigrants from the United States and abroad, to settle in Upper Canada. The newcomers arriving directly from England looked down on the old Loyalists, referring to them dismissively as "the Yanks" in the words of Susanna Moodie.

It was just after Simcoe's term as Governor that another of my third-great-grandfathers arrived. Alsaints Chesley emigrated from New York State to Cornwall, arriving in 1800 with his young family. Alsaints was not a Loyalist. In fact, his older



Solomon Bagg, 1818 – 1901, (son of Dr. James Oliver Bagg and Nancy Chesley; nephew of Solomon Yeomans Chesley). Married Elsie Millross Bagg in 1845. Photo: c. 1868.

brothers had fought on the Rebel side, and had received land for their military service, the very land confiscated from the fleeing Loyalists.

## He became fluent in Mohawk.

The Chesleys were French Huguenots, having Anglicized their name from Cheselier. The prospect of a French influence in Canada may have appealed to Alsaints. He encouraged his 10-year-old son, Solomon Yeomans Chesley, to spend time on the nearby St. Regis Iroquois Reserve, where the boy picked up a third language. He became fluent in Mohawk. Solomon later became an interpreter with the Indian Department. In the War of 1812, he led a group of Mohawk soldiers, as Lieutenant of the St. Regis Company of Mohawk Warriors. The town of Chesley, Ontario, is named after him.

Alsaints also took part in the War of 1812. In 1814, he established a hotel in Cornwall, where it is believed the writer, Catharine Parr Traill, stayed on her journey up the St. Lawrence River in 1832. She was not pleased with the service she received there. Today the heritage building has been restored as the Chesley Hotel, billed as the "oldest hotel in Ontario."



A stereopticon or stereo opticon.

## ... with a stereopticon and music box

Alsaints Chesley's daughter, Nancy, was my second-great-grandmother. Her son, Solomon Dann Bagg, married the granddaughter of Loyalists, Andrew Millross UE and Sargeant Samuel Moss UE. Elsie and Solomon lived on a farm inherited through her Loyalist line, where they raised nine children, but Solomon "was not a farmer" according to his daughter, my grandmother, Anna Bagg Roys. He left most of the farm work to his five sons, while he pursued his own interests. At the first fall of snow he would set out by horse and cutter with a stereopticon and music box, giving science lectures at schools and church halls in eastern Ontario, ranging as far east as Nova Scotia. The journals he kept over the years are now in the Ontario Archives.



Elsie Millross Bagg, 1827 – 1894, daughter of John Millross (son of Loyalist, Andrew Millross); and of Martha Moss (daughter of Loyalist, Sergeant Samuel Moss). Photo c.1868.



William Roys, 1809 – 1888,  
 (youngest son of Loyalist, Corporal Evan Roys Jr.),  
 with Jane Henderson, 1823-1887. Married in 1846. Photo c.1875.



William Roys, 1852 – 1919, (son of William & Jane Roys) with  
 wife, Anna Bagg Roys, 1862-1956. Married in 1894. Photo:  
 c.1894. Inset of Anna shows the tiny photo's high resolution.

Mostly they record routine farming operations rather than what must have been his more adventurous life on the road. Eventually most of his nine children, although Loyalist descendants, migrated back to the United States to pursue careers in building, music and teaching, anything but farming for the sons.

**Much of the old Loyalist land was flooded.**

My grandmother, Anna Bagg Roys, stayed in Canada. She married William Roys, a descendant of Loyalists, Evan Roys Sr. UE, Corporal Evan Roys Jr. UE and Sargeant John Smith UE. Anna and William raised their family on land granted to the Royses (Royce) in 1784.

The story ends on a note of sadness, with the coming of the St. Lawrence Seaway. In 1958 the river was dammed just west of Cornwall. The project had two goals: to improve the shipping channel and to provide hydro-electric power to the region. Much of the old Loyalist land was flooded. All that remains today of my

grandparents' farm that had been in the family for almost two centuries, is a height of land in Lake St. Lawrence named Roys Island. A few miles west near Morrisburg, Ontario, is the reconstructed 19th Century settlement called Upper Canada Village. It contains some of the historic buildings of the original settlers, and remains a testament to the region's past.

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Author Kathleen Lynch UE  
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## Assiniboine

By James Adair UE, Branch President

**O**n 10 May, the Assiniboine Branch had a meeting at the Fort La Reine Centre in Portage la Prairie. After the meeting and lunch, held in the old General Store, members could either take a guided tour of the museum grounds or were free to explore on their own. Even though the day was cooler, with a north wind, we all enjoyed the outing and were shocked by the number of items on display that we had either used ourselves or seen our families use!

Marlene Strang UE and Shirle McGimpsey UE, both Assiniboine Branch members, took advantage of the fact that Dominion President, Barb Andrew UE, was attending, so they brought their certificates for Barb to present to them. These certificates were completed by Alice Walchuk UE of the Manitoba Branch. It was a very successful meeting and activity for the group.

Three members of the Assiniboine Branch: Cathy Darbell, Liz Adair, and James Adair UE, joined the Manitoba Branch members in attending the Loyalist Proclamation in the Manitoba Legislature on 01 June. The Honourable Rochelle Squires, MLA for Riel, read the proclamation and provided copies to both UELAC Branches.

The day was perfect for socializing both inside and outside. The tables were full of items that the members provided for lunch. The BBQ was kept busy!

Marion Robinsong UE was presented with two certificates for her Loyalist ancestors: Philip Eamer UE and Michael Gallinger Sr. UE. The Assiniboine Branch extends congratulations to Marion on achieving her UE status.

23 June saw members of the Assiniboine Branch heading to London to attend the UELAC Conference and AGM. We were well-represented with eight members! The four days were full of information, social events and visiting with friends from other branches.



Above: James Adair UE, President of Assiniboine Branch (left), and Robert Campbell UE, President of Manitoba Branch (right), received copies of the Proclamation from Honourable Rochelle Squires MLA (Riel), Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage.



Left, from left: Marlene Strang UE, Shirle McGimpsey UE, and Barb Andrew UE.



Below: Assiniboine Members, from left: Gerry Adair UE, Pat Adair, Carl Stymiest UE, Bonnie Schepers UE, Liz Adair, Trish Groom UE, Barb Andrew UE and James Adair UE.

It was clearly a success. Congratulations are extended to the Conference organizers, branches and committees for their hard work in bringing this together for us once again.

We're already looking forward to *Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies* to be held in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, from 07 to 10 June 2018 and hope to get quite a few members attending.

While at the Conference in London, the Assiniboine Branch was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Bonnie Schepers for meeting and exceeding the *Toonie Challenge* to raise money for this year's Scholarship Fund.

We are continuing to work on identifying cemeteries in the Westman area that have Loyalists buried there and to make a list of the names of those Loyalists. Two plaques have been ordered and there will be a dedication ceremony at each cemetery when they are placed at a later date.

Promotional activity of the Assiniboine Branch included Barb Andrew UE, giving a presentation at the Brandon Genealogical Society earlier in April, and Liz and James Adair UE, setting up a table at the Hamiota Fair in July. Barb created a pamphlet for distribution to those attending and Liz and James developed a flyer as well. Interest has been shown from both activities.

Our October meeting was held in Brandon and two more UELAC certificates were presented. More applications are almost ready to go, so there may be more!

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## Bay of Quinte

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By Peter W. Johnson UE

**T**he first half of this year was especially busy for the Bay of Quinte Branch. In January we met in Napanee for our traditional potluck and show 'n' tell. In March the meeting was in Frankford and Brian Tackaberry UE spoke about the local English Settlement pioneers who included a number of 1812 Veterans. Just a few weeks later we were back in Frankford for one of the Branch's periodic Genealogy Workshops. We had our AGM in Adolphustown in May and the featured speaker was the popular author, Jennifer DeBruin UE.

Every 19 June the Branch celebrates Loyalist Day in Ontario. After holding the ceremony in Adolphustown many times, this year featured a return to Belleville. We were honoured with the presence of

'Loyalist Day founder,' Harry Danford UE, and Belleville's Mayor, Taso Christopher. Together they unveiled a new plaque noting the Branch's donation of a flagpole and flag to Belleville, placed next to the city's Loyalist monument.

On 30 June, the Branch sponsored a *Canada 150* Banquet at South Fredericksburgh Town Hall and the featured speakers were simply the best possible: Gavin Watt from Ontario and Todd Braisted UE from New Jersey. Todd spoke about the New Jersey Volunteers, the regiment he has been involved with for some forty years, and Gavin Watt spoke about his new book about the Loyal Rangers. It was the first appearance for this new and significant work, reviewed on page 44. The evening also featured a silent auction. Particular thanks to Brian Tackaberry UE and Dave Smith UE for their efforts in organizing this event.

On 01 July the re-enactors assembled in Bath for the Canada Day Parade. Featured units included the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion King's Royal Yorkers, the Royal Highland Emigrants, a King's Ranger or two, and even, surprisingly, a small Rebel contingent. Jon Wannamaker UE and I had the pleasure of turning out as New Jersey Volunteers and serving as Honour Guards for Todd Braisted UE and the Colours. The parade was quite successful.

On Sunday, 02 July, the re-enactors took their post in the UEL Park in Adolphustown, conducted a tactical manoeuvre and staged a Loyalist landing via bateau. Following that, our Branch held a ceremony in the UEL Park Cemetery. Those were certainly three days this Branch will not forget!



Above: Todd and Sue Braisted UE at the Bay of Quinte Branch Banquet, 30 June 2017. Photo by P. Johnson UE.

Below: Todd Braisted UE flanked by Honour Guard, Peter Johnson UE (left), and Jon Wannamaker UE, at Bath, 01 July 2017. Photo courtesy of Sue Braisted.



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## Calgary

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By Suzanne Davidson UE,  
Branch President

### Minutes of the AGM and Luncheon at the Coast Plaza Hotel

28 May 2017 by Barbara Hongisto

The meeting was delayed since some members were caught up in traffic because of the Calgary Marathon!

We sang O Canada.

Thirty-four members and guests were present. We were pleased to have Gerry and Pat Adair from Saskatchewan; Shona Wards from Edmonton; Pat Brown, Marion Snowden, and Sharleen Peterson from Lethbridge. Attending for the first time from Calgary were Cliff, Andrew, and Jeffery Lane, as well as Mona Charlesworth.

Linda then asked the people at each of the six tables to discuss their background with **Loyalist Associations**. We heard from each table about their own ancestors and others' ancestors also.

Next, Suzanne presented certificates to eight new members: Don Axford, Jonathon Himann, Jode Himann, Vega Himann and River Himann, Jill Rehman, Taymur Rehman, and Zahra Rehman. They received either a tricorne hat or a bonnet along with the certificate. A brief summary of each ancestor was given.

The minutes from last year's dinner were available at each table. George Himann moved and Jonathon Himann seconded their approval and they were passed.

In our Treasurer's absence, the Treasurer's Report was available at each table. David Hongisto moved the acceptance of the report, Linda McClelland seconded it and the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### President's Report

Suzanne mentioned that other certificates are "in the works."

The Dominion requires funds for a scholarship but we already have one in Calgary. It is only \$200 so we are investigating the possibility of increasing it, through the university.

Establishing a plaque continues to be a work in progress.

Suzanne went over the roster for the Executive. David moved and Clair Lane seconded the acceptance of the Executive as it stands.

The speaker we arranged had to cancel for personal reasons so Suzanne intends to book her for another time. Suzanne is also considering a tour of the Military Museum with, perhaps, a meeting there.

We will also be laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremonies. More details will follow.



Back from left: Jode Himann, Don Axford (seated), Jonathon Himann, Jill Rehman.  
Children from left: River Himann, Vega Himann, Zahra Rehman, Taymur Rehman.

Below: Marion and Paul Beer.

Interest in attending fairs and other activities was gauged. To organize this, an educational volunteer is required. As no one expressed interest, this activity will not be pursued at this time. (If someone does have an interest, please contact us)

With the cancellation of our speaker, Suzanne gave a power-point presentation about George Kerby. The Kerby Centre is named after him. He also started Mount Royal College in 1910. He had quite a history and we all learned something from Suzanne's presentation!

Pat Adair gave a brief talk about the planned National Conference for 2018 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, from 07 to 10 June 2018 at the Temple Gardens. There are terrific tours planned and Peter Johnson UE will be speaking. It will be a special weekend of great activities. Hopefully, some of us will be attending.

The 2017-18 Executive will remain as follows:

President: Suzanne Davidson  
Past-President: David Hongisto  
Secretary: Barbara Hongisto  
Treasurer: George Tapley  
Newsletter: Linda McClelland  
Members at Large: Pat Brown; Ivy Trumppour

We sang "God Save the Queen" and the meeting was adjourned.



Celebrating the birthday of Chilliwack Branch President, Shirley Dargatz UE.

## Chilliwack

By Marlene Dance UE, Branch Genealogist, Vice-President and Newsletter Editor

Happy Birthday, Canada – you are 150 years young!

**W**e got into the swing of things for 2017 on 04 March with a celebration of Heritage Week, Black History Month and our AGM altogether. Special Guest was Ms. Jamie Brown from the Cloverdale, British Columbia Library Genealogy Section. In addition, we squeezed in a birthday wish for Chilliwack Branch President, Shirley Dargatz UE. Member, Chris Hay UE, brought us the news that he had won first place in the British Columbia Genealogy Society's annual "Most Improved Genealogy" competition for 2016. His article was entitled *Family Mystery solved after 250 years*. Chris' article was accepted for the **Loyalist Gazette** and appeared in the spring issue. The AGM portion of the meeting saw the re-election of our executive for the coming year as well as a membership report and statement of our financial situation. We are working hard to get new members but age and ill health have taken their toll on our existing membership. To-date renewals stand at sixty-one UE members plus six members. We ended 2016 with eighty-four UE members plus six. There is always more work to do. Careful planning and use of our resources will keep our Branch viable.

Our celebration of the Spring Fleet took place on 22 April with a lively turnout. Alan Reid UE did the honours, trouping in the flag to start the meeting. New members and guests were welcomed and news of the upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Vancouver Branch was announced. As well, a presentation on the Origins of the American Revolution was enjoyed. Featured, hanging on the podium, was a wonderful lap quilt celebrating Canada's 150 Birthday, made by Branch member, Carole Lefler. This resulted in Carole being asked to make a number more for very interested members.

We participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Family History Day" at the LDS Church, Abbotsford, British Columbia, on 29 April with a very well-received and much-visited display in the Market Place area of the Church. This annual, well-organized, event is one of the highlights of our outreach programme. We have participated every year and this year Branch member, Marlene Dance UE, did a presentation on "*British Home Children in Canada*." Our Strawberry Social, on 17 June, saw a small, but enthusiastic, turn-out to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The beautiful décor was all red and white of course, with large felt-stylized maple leaves on a white tablecloth. The centrepieces were Vancouver Centennial Geraniums, also known as the Maple Leaf Geranium. A Canadian flag and a flag with the official birthday logo were inserted. In addition, a wonderful display of items from Canada's 50<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, together with articles and information on Confederation, was front and centre.

As the following day would be Father's Day, it was decided to celebrate the *Fathers of Confederation*. Marlene Dance UE presented the story of Confederation and connected the names of the founding fathers back to the Loyalists. A surprise guest at this event was MP Mark Strahl, who gave words of praise to our Branch for always finding wonderful ways to celebrate Canada and our heritage.

By now you will all have had the chance to read *Loyalist Father & Son Capture two Rebel Generals* on page 16 of the Spring 2017 issue of **The Loyalist Gazette** by Branch member, Chris Hay UE. What a wonderful piece of detective work. You make us proud Chris! Congratulations!

MP for Chilliwack/Hope, Mark Strahl, at the podium.



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## Colonel Edward Jessup

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By Barb Law UE, Branch President

**T**his past 01 April, our Branch held our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Addison United Church. Our Branch is finding it harder each year to find a place to get a good meal without going to a high-end restaurant. Our guest speaker was Jim Clark talking to us about the early trains that came to Brockville and about the restoration of Canada's first Railway Tunnel that was built right under downtown Brockville, between 1854 and 1860. The first small, wood-burning, locomotive and two coaches went through the tunnel on 31 December 1860. They stopped using the tunnel in 1970. Later, the City of Brockville acquired it and opened about eighty feet at the southern end so visitors could go into it during the summer months to see the workmanship.

A committee was formed in 2011 to restore the tunnel and construction has been ongoing ever since with the re-opening of the tunnel set for 12 August 2017 as part of the City's Rail to Trails Festival and it's Canada 150 celebrations. The next time you are visiting Brockville, make sure you walk the full 1,721 feet from Tunnel Bay up to the tracks just east of the Brockville Station and see some of Canada's history.

Myrtle Johnston UE and I attended the 2017 UELAC Conference in London, Ontario, this year. We were very lucky that my youngest sister lives there so we got to stay and visit with her and she drove us back and forth to the Conference each day. We enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making new ones, but, best of all was the Gala Banquet where Myrtle was given the Dorchester Award. I can't think of a more deserving person to receive it. Congratulations Myrtle, from the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch.

Our Branch had their UEL display booth at three locations this year. First, on 15 and 16 July, at the Athens Farmersville Exhibition and Steam Fair, then, on 19 and 20 August, we went to the Prescott Loyalist Days, where I am sure a war broke out and the re-enactors got to play with their guns etc. On 26 August, we went to the Mallorytown Village Fair.

On 21 October 2017, Jean Rae Baxter UE spoke to us about Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and his wife.

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## Edmonton

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By Earle and Betty Fladager UE

**T**he Edmonton Branch held their Annual General Meeting on 18 February 2017 at The King's University. Plans were made for future activities which consisted of:

10 June, Loyalist Day Luncheon and visit to the Branch Oak Tree and Memorial Plaque located on the Government Legislative Grounds. Unfortunately, that activity had to be cancelled because of inclement weather.

A Branch BBQ was planned for August 2017 at President Bob Roger's residence, weather permitting.

Results from the Annual Meeting election of officers are:

President:	Bob Rogers UE
Vice-President:	Vacant
Secretary:	Temporarily filled by Dave Rolls UE
Genealogist:	Dave Rolls UE
Treasurer:	Earle Fladager
Membership:	Betty Fladager UE Earle Fladager.
Newsletter:	Dave Rolls UE

Our next General Meeting was held at The King's University on 06 May 2017. The first item of business was the presentation of two Loyalist Certificates to George and Simon Hammell-McKay by President Bob Rogers. Bob then gave a feature presentation on the War in South Carolina. He detailed a part of the Revolutionary War that usually is not well-covered with most attention being on the northern colonies and the Loyalists that moved to the Canadas. Very, very interesting.

The Branch planned a major event commemorating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AND the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Edmonton Branch, held on 20 October 2017, at the Woodvale Golf Club. We have received a Proclamation and Certificate from Edmonton's Mayor, Don Iveson, recognizing these events. President Bob Rogers UE noted that some dignitaries were invited to attend this important occasion.

Our Branch Genealogist, Dave Rolls UE, attended the UELAC National Conference in June in London, Ontario.

The first fall Branch General Meeting was held on 16 September 2017 at First Presbyterian Church.



President Bob Rogers UE presented two Loyalist Certificates to Simon (left) and George Hammell-McKay UE.

# Grand River

By Bev Balch UE, Branch President

It has been a very busy spring for those of us assisting the London Branch host the Dominion Conference. It went very well and we appreciate the leadership of Greg Childs in pulling it together. We heard many wonderful compliments and enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones.

The Grand River Branch has been looking at a couple of issues. The first is the filling of Executive positions. We all know that when our Executive is at full complement that it makes each job very doable. The second is looking at the format of our meetings and how they can be more engaging and interactive so that folks get to know one another better.

At the annual meeting in March, we shared the thoughts of the Nominating Committee. Conversations with potential nominees showed that they were unsure of what they might be getting into and that, because they weren't retired, they were concerned about time and travel commitments. The Committee decided that we would try job sharing, mentoring and using technology more effectively to cut down on face-to-face Executive meetings. We think this is going to work, probably with some tinkering as we go along.

In March, Sandra McNamara spoke about the Declaration of Dependence. In April, our guest speakers were not available due to illness so Lori Scott, our new Vice-President, and Heather Smith, our Branch Genealogist, put together a wonderful afternoon having members speak about set-backs in searching out key pieces in documenting their ancestry.



Heather Smith UE standing beside the plaque she helped to design.

Having people sit in a circle and doing some get-to-know-you activities set a wonderful welcoming tone.

In May, Garth Pottruff, from Grand River Rafting, spoke about the Lost Tribe: the Attawandarons. He was an engaging speaker and shared the complex history of the Native People along the Grand River. He has an in-depth knowledge of the Grand and its history and works with the Six Nations in developing youth programs.

### What would summer be without a picnic!

The sun shone hot and bright on Loyalist Day in Vittoria. Our meeting was held in the beautiful historic Christ Church Anglican, which was specially opened for us that day. Following the meeting, we gathered under the Loyalist Flag to unveil the Long Point Settlement Plaque, our Canada 150 project. We acknowledge the contributions of many people who helped to organize this day and would like to extend a special thank you to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, the Port/South Walsingham Heritage Association, and the Vittoria and District Foundation Inc for their financial support.

What would summer be without a picnic! Our July meeting was held at the interpretive centre in St. Williams, where Wesley Wilson shared the history of the early sawmills in Ontario and the necessity to create the first reforestation station in Norfolk to remediate the damage done by deforesting the area, as sand threatened to overtake the agricultural land. Members enjoyed a shared picnic in this beautiful location after the presentation.

As we head into the fall, Phil Montour presented his work on land claims and the Grand River Tract at the Six Nations Tourism and Cultural Centre. In September, Peter and Angela Johnson UE made a presentation on genealogy. In October, Rick Shaver will join us from the Canadian Military Heritage Museum and Michelle Grant, in her role as Suzanna Moodie, entertained us for our last meeting of the year in November.

- We congratulate the following on receiving their Loyalist Certificates:
- John Franklin Stephens UE through his Loyalist, Shadrack Stephens UE
  - Lori Sheryl Scott UE through Thomas Hill UE and Hugh McKay UE
  - Walker Yama Scott Kabirzad UE through Thomas Hill UE and Hugh McKay UE
  - Edward Arthur Dayman UE through Abraham Woodcock UE
  - Barbara Ann Seitz UE through James Durham UE
  - Deborah Elizabeth Blair UE through Henry Hare UE.



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## Hamilton

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Our Branch has been involved in several outreach endeavors since last fall through the support of other organizations, such as the Sir John A. Macdonald Society dinner and wreath-laying for Sir John's birthday, in early January. We took part in the Burlington Heritage Fair the first week of February and had many visitors to our exhibit. That same month, our Hamilton Branch President, Pat Blackburn UE, received the prestigious Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Volunteer Recognition Award. This award is presented annually in the council chambers of Hamilton City Hall.

Though our Education Committee did not advertise our in-school presentations this year, both Ruth Nicholson UE and Pat Blackburn UE gave five presentations from February to the end of April. Teachers continued to contact us and members have been keeping in touch with school personnel, telling them of our work.

In April, eleven members of our Branch drove to Ingersoll for the Central West Regional Meeting. Besides business matters, we heard an informative talk by Jennifer De Bruin concerning the history of the Mohawk Valley. This was Trish Groom's first time leading this gathering as Vice-President of our Region.

Eleven members attended the Dominion Conference, hosted by the London and Western Ontario Branch and the Grand River Branch. It was wonderful to have a Conference in London and to see and hear about the local heritage and military history since it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge as well as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation. The guest speaker at the Friday dinner was Rev. Canon Nick Wells. He gave a stirring World War I re-enactment entitled, *I have Tread the Borderlands of Death*. It brought tears to many an eye! Saturday's speaker at the gala dinner was our own, Peter Milliken UE, who addressed all attending on *The Love of Country Leads Me*.

On 01 June, President Pat Blackburn UE, along with member and retired Halton principal, David Woodward, participated in the annual Battle of Stoney Creek education day. It was called *History in Action Day* and it was well-attended by hundreds of students from the Hamilton area. It was a very busy time for all.

From left: Jean Rae Baxter Smith, Gloria Howard, and Ruth Nicholson at the Canada 150 banquet.



Early in April, President Pat Blackburn UE attended the Conference, *Making Heritage Happen in Halton*, at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Fellow-Loyalists, Martha Hemphill UE and Marsh Waldie UE, attended as well as many people involved in local historical societies. We heard topics on how to make networks work and how connecting to our partners' heritage and cultural development is a benefit to all. Through this event, we are on the presenters' program for one of the National Canada 150 projects, *Peace by Piece – The Quilt of Belonging*. We gave both the Exhibit Board address and our in-school presentation at the Cotton Factory, 270 Sherman Ave., Hamilton, on 25 July. We were also invited to participate in the Multicultural Day in Halton on 30 June. Contacts work!

On 19 June, Loyalist Day in Ontario, we held a special Canada 150 banquet at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre, in Hamilton. The evening started with a specially prepared announcement by local town crier, David Vollick. A colour party was led by Sheffield piper, Marty Pullin. Danielle Manning, an excellent speaker from Archives on Ontario, spoke on *Family Ties – Ontario Turns 150*. Approximately one hundred community and heritage people attended our event.

The Hamilton Branch was represented at two different time capsule venues. The

first was in mid-June when Fred Hayward UE and Pat Blackburn UE took part in a ceremony at Bronte Veterans Park. The second was at Waterdown Memorial Park where Ruth Nicholson UE added items to the local High School time capsule, initiated by history teacher, Nathan Tidridge. This was part of Waterdown's Canada Day festivities.

The summer continued to be busy for our branch. On July 29<sup>th</sup> we attended a War

of 1812 Veteran Plaquing for Private Levi Green and for Private Richard London, both members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Lincoln Militia. Levi Green was the son of Adam Green UE of Stoney Creek and both men are buried in the Stoney Creek Municipal Cemetery. They are ancestors of Brenda Denyes UE.

On 07 August we were at LaSalle Park, in Burlington for Joseph Brant Day. Our table always receives good attention. Pat Blackburn UE, Gloria Howard UE, and Ann Young UE welcomed visitors at this event.

07 August has been named Hamilton Day for many years in our city. A different local Hamilton citizen is honoured each year and this time it featured the late Lincoln Alexander, first black MP in Canada, who was always loved and respected by the people of his home area. Canon David Ricketts, as always, was invited to speak and to walk in the parade of dignitaries, as his ancestor is George Hamilton.

12 August rounded out our summer events with a Loyalist Plaquing ceremony at the Cooley-Hatt Pioneer Cemetery in Ancaster. Rick Hatt and Dr. David Faux worked hard and long to save this piece of land from a housing development. Doug and Sharon Coppins presided over this ceremony. Loyalists, Preserved Cooley UE

and Peter Gordon UE, were honoured this time. Descendants of Preserved Cooley UE, James Farmilo and Karen Farmilo, were present. Descendants of Peter Gordon UE, Marilyn Hardsand, Rowena Jeffreys, Michele Lewis, and Marilyn McDonald, gave some background stories.



From left: Martha Hemphill, Gloria Howard, and Pat Blackburn with our display board.

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## Kawartha

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By Robert C. McBride UE,  
Branch President

**F**irst of all, I would like to thank everyone for honouring me again at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 23 April 2017 with the role of Kawartha Branch President, for the second time, having been your Branch President for 2001 to 2003.

It was a real pleasure to plan our Peterborough flag-raising event, held on 19 June at Peterborough City Hall, with Peterborough Mayor, Daryl Bennett, and our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Jeff Leal. Grade 3/4 students from King George Public School, led by their teacher, Nicola Jennings, were on hand to sing and participate in the Loyalist flag-raising ceremony.

Then, from Thursday, 22 June, to Sunday, 25 June 2017, my wife, Grietje McBride UE, and I attended this year's UELAC Conference and AGM, held in London, Ontario, that celebrated Canada 150 with a military flavour in the old Armouries that has been converted into a very comfortable and welcoming hotel. It was indeed an honour on Saturday evening to be recognized, with seven other Branches across Canada, with a special Certificate of Appreciation from the UELAC Scholarship Endowment Fund. We look forward to attending the next national Conference, "LOYALIST TIES UNDER LIVING SKIES," held in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, from 07 to 10 June 2018.



On Sunday, 23 April 2017, Donald Smith UE received his UE certificates for his Loyalist ancestors from Kawartha Branch Genealogist, Joan Lucas UE.



Past UELAC Dominion Presidents & their Branches: from left: C. William (Bill) Terry UE, Grand River, UELAC Dominion President, 2000 - 2002;  
Robert (Bob) C. McBride UE, Kawartha, UELAC Dominion President, 2011 - 2013;  
Bonnie Schepers UE, Bicentennial, UELAC Dominion President, 2013 - 2015;  
Barbara Andrew UE, Assiniboine, UELAC Dominion President, 2015 - ;  
Peter W. Johnson UE, Bay of Quinte, UELAC Dominion President, 2006 - 2008;  
Douglas W. Grant UE, Governor Simcoe, UELAC Dominion President, 2004 - 2006.

On Monday, 24 July, several of our members met for an early supper at Swiss Chalet in Peterborough and then attended the Fourth Line Theatre's production entitled, "Bomber: Reaping the Whirlwind." With professional actors, this production was outstanding in every way as we followed the story of Peter, a man in his nineties, who was visited by a mysterious young woman whose curiosity about his wartime experience forced him to relive his memories of love, loss, and friendship set against the electrified and heightened backdrop of World War II. As other opportunities for light-hearted social gatherings present themselves, we will let you know so that any of you can join us for these activities as you are able.

Kawartha Branch is linking up with Trent University and Sir Sanford Fleming College to support Loyalist history scholars or the artefact preservation courses available. These learning institutions are worthy of our investment in supporting deserving students of history or artefact preservation.

Our Canada 150 Project of producing our Second Edition of our Heritage Cookbook is ready for the next step of organizing and preparing for publication.

Kawartha Branch held a display booth at the Kinmount Fair in Kinmount, Ontario, on the Labour Day Weekend. The Kinmount Fair is the largest regional fair in the Kawarthas, and chose heritage and history as this year's Canada 150 theme.

Our first fall general meeting was held on Sunday, 17 September, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, with well-respected author, Jean Rae Baxter UE, who entertained us with her research about "The Governor and his Lady," describing Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and his wife, Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe. UELAC certificates were presented to David Bogdan Husar UE, Karen Mary MacLean UE, Margaret Vandra Husar UE, Mary Vandra MacLean UE, and Genevieve Lynn MacLean UE, for their Loyalist ancestor, John McMartin UE, as well as Lois O'Neill-Jackson UE, for her Loyalist ancestor, Alexander Nicholson UE.



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## Little Forks

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By Bev Loomis UE, Branch President

**F**ollowing our Christmas Meeting in December 2016, membership renewals were in full swing. The Branch members were very respectful of the due date so as to allow me to submit the per capita dues by 01 February. I continue to assist members trying to complete their applications to receive their UE status while also working with new potential members. It is becoming very difficult here in Quebec to rally new members, especially with reference to Anglophones and Loyalists. It is so sad that politics come into play whereby they would rather sweep us under the carpet.

Over the winter months, much discussion took place concerning the erection of a Virtual Interpretation Panel or Listening Station to commemorate the founding of the Township of Ascott. The Warrant of Survey was granted to Loyalist Gilbert Hyatt UE on 20 June 1792 making it our 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be of the same size and structure as the Visual Interpretation Panel erected a few years ago. This Panel has brought us great dividends. Visitors signing the guestbook have been from England, Belgium, Arizona, California and all across Canada. It is to our advantage having the panel outside as it is available 24/7.

We applied through Canadian Heritage, the Legacy Fund, and were accepted with a fifty percent grant which meant that we had to raise the other \$14,000.00, all the while reserving the \$6,000.00 needed to

maintain the schoolhouse and grounds. It has indeed been quite a challenge as it is so difficult to raise funds. However, we have started and hopefully it will be completed for the Fall Foliage season.

### Two highlights have occurred recently:

Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead, presented our Branch with a lovely Bronze Plaque commemorating Canada 150 to be mounted on or near our Panel. It reads: "Supported by the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage Program, Government of Canada." Secondly, member Milt Loomis UE was presented with a lovely commemorative Pin and Certificate from the House of Commons. The pin is made from the copper that covered the Parliament Buildings from 1918-1996. The Certificate, that is for Volunteerism, reads: "Congratulations. Your personal contribution to the history of our great country deserves to be recognized." This, of course, refers to his numerous hours spent restoring the early 1800 Little Hyatt One-Room Schoolhouse that represents one of the few wooden school structures left in this province. With these incentives, our volunteer group will press forward to complete the Panel as soon as possible. They are eager beavers!

We have a Second Year Bishop's University bilingual student hired through Canada Summer Jobs for an eight-week period to welcome visitors at the schoolhouse explaining not only the history of the building but speaking of the early settlers of the area along with Loyalist information.

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## Manitoba

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By Diane Heather UE

**T**he Manitoba Branch started the year with a wonderful turnout at the Lt. Governor's Levee that is traditionally held in our beautiful legislature building on New Year's Day.

February is Black History Month but because we do not meet until March we had two speakers on black history address our March meeting. Mavis McLaren spoke of black history in a general sense and was followed by Jacqueline Sumter whose topic was The Black Loyalists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Everyone learned a great deal and the question and answer period during which Jacqueline was ably aided by her sister, Donna Jacques Castillo, was a very lively and informative session.

April's meeting was addressed by Linda Horodeki who again presented information on Winnipeg's famous Dr. Hamilton. This time she dealt with his contributions to the fabric of Winnipeg's society. As well as experimenting with and documenting paranormal activities, Dr. Hamilton was a physician who provided service to people from all walks of life. He was also a school trustee, a church elder, and an MLA. He advocated for fire drills in schools, free medical examinations of school children, playground activity and cookery and manual training classes. He favoured vaccination programmes, promoted safety in the workplace,



Diane Heather UE receiving her UELAC certificate from Manitoba Branch President, Robert Campbell UE.





This church sign reminds us that we too were once refugees.

a “scavenger hunt” type question sheet which challenges students to find answers at the various display tables. Our branch feels that experiences such as this help to make students aware of our country’s history and our role in it. As our prize contribution, we ordered copies of the book, With Nothing But Courage, from the Dear Canada series. It is the diary of a young Loyalist in 1783, and is a fitting gift for heritage fair winners.

On Sunday, 07 May, some twenty members of our branch attended McClure United Church in Winnipeg for our annual church parade. McClure Church was chosen this year as it is the congregation to whom our current president, Robert Campbell, ministers. The congregation was very receptive to our presence and provided a reception with a light lunch after the service, giving us the opportunity to mingle with the members, talk about Loyalist history, and show off our period clothing.

The Proclamation of 12 June as Loyalist Day in Manitoba took place in the Manitoba Legislature on 01 June, the last day before the House rose for summer recess. The Proclamation was read by the Minister of Sports,

and founded the Manitoba Medical Review. One of that body’s early accomplishments was a study of goiter in schoolchildren that led to the simple solution of adding iodine to our table salt.

04 May was the annual Heritage Fair held at the University of Winnipeg for school children in grades four to eleven. It is similar to a science fair except that the projects presented deal with history. There is then

Culture, and Heritage, the Honourable Rochelle Squires. The event was well-attended. There were twenty members of the Manitoba and Assiniboine Branches in the Visitors’ Gallery to hear the reading. Most were in period dress.

On 10 June, we held our Summer Wind Up and the highlight for me was that my son, grandsons and I were presented with our UE certificates. We were able to provide acceptable documents, with the wonderful help of our Branch Genealogist, Alice Walchuk UE, to prove our Loyalist ancestor, Michael Cryderman UE. Most interesting: it is a totally male lineage, all bearing the name Cryderman, up to my generation. A very proud moment for me.



Wendy Hart with Manitoba Bison mascot at Heritage Fair.

## New Brunswick

### Canada Day at Kings Landing

By Peter Conley UE

On a rainy 01 July 2017 in New Brunswick, members of the New Brunswick Branch celebrated Canada 150 at the Kings Landing Historical Settlement in Prince William, a community of Loyalist heritage on the banks of the Saint John River. About twenty folks, the majority being members and supporters of our Branch, heard our Past Branch President, Deborah Coleman UE, speak on the role of Loyalist women in their families and in 18<sup>th</sup> century American society. The talk was an extension of Coleman’s recent work in writing the text of two interpretive panels now on display at the settlement in the Jones House Gallery, a beautiful brick home dating to the 1820s. One panel discusses maternal and infant mortality in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The other panel tells the story of Sara Love, a Quaker Bostonian who fled to the Maritimes after her husband was murdered during the Revolution. Rhona Hoyt, the Senior Exhibit Coordinator at Kings Landing, had first met Coleman at a Beaver Harbour gathering a few years back and, being impressed with her work, asked her for assistance with the new panels. Our Branch is pleased to have had one of our own contribute in such a way to a place very near and dear to so many New Brunswickers.

Following the talk, members of the Branch and their friends headed off to the Kings Head Tavern for lunch, where the menu consisted of Salmon Chowder and Turkey Pot Pie. After dinner, we explored all the settlement has to offer, including a functioning mill, a village of family homes, farm animals, two churches, various businesses and a one-room schoolhouse. Re-enactors mill about, living the lives of their characters, engaging in cooking, farming, the trades and even militia drills. All buildings in the settlement date from the 1800s or earlier, and are visible reminders of the Loyalists and other immigrants who arrived in rural New Brunswick in the decades after the Revolution. The New Brunswick Branch would like to thank the Dominion Grant Committee for their support in providing \$500 funding for transportation costs pertaining to the event.



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## Nova Scotia

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By Brian McConnell, UE, Branch President

On 08 April 2017, members of Nova Scotia Branch and guests met in Port Mouton for a Branch meeting at the West Queens Community Centre, followed by lunch and a tour of the Old Loyalist Cemetery.

The meeting was attended by fourteen members and Special Guests, Barb Andrew UE, UELAC Dominion President, and James McKenzie UE, UELAC Atlantic Vice-President, as well as two re-enactors from the King's Orange Rangers and seven other guests. One Branch member, Margaret Nickerson-Dorey UE, received two UE Certificates. They were for John Adam Bower UE and Charles Bower UE, both Loyalists who settled in Shelburne County, Nova Scotia. Members were shown the new Banner that had been obtained for the Branch, showing a soldier unfurling the Loyalist Flag with the words 'Remembering Our History – United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada – Nova Scotia Branch.'



New Nova Scotia Branch Banner.

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## Sir Guy Carleton

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By Penny Minter, Branch Secretary

On 16 June 2017, the Sir Guy Carleton Branch hosted a Loyalist Flag-raising Ceremony at Ottawa City Hall to commemorate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The event was attended by approximately thirty people and several were in period costume. Two military re-enactors were present, one representing the King's Royal Regiment of New York, and the other the Royal Highland Emigrants. Several individuals who were attending the OGS Conference in Ottawa made the trip downtown to join in and celebrate their Loyalist heritage.

Branch President, Marg Hall UE, gave some background information on Canada/North America's first refugees and the importance of recognizing 16 June 1794 as the day the Loyalists landed at Adolphustown. Many in attendance were surprised to learn that the title of "UE" is the only title which can be inherited.

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**Councillor Wilkinson ...  
is always willing to share her Loyalist history.**

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Deputy Mayor, Bob Monette, representing Mayor Jim Watson, thanked Marg and stated that it was educational to learn the history behind the flag, and its relevance to today's refugees, and the presence of the re-enactors showed the dedication of the descendants. Mr. Monette thanked Sir Guy Carleton Branch, on behalf of the City Council, for the invitation. He then asked Councillor Marianne Wilkinson to say a few words. Councillor Wilkinson has many Loyalist ancestors and is always willing to share her Loyalist history.

At this point, Mr. Monette led the way to the flagpole and many hands assisted in raising the Loyalist flag proudly over City Hall.

Many thanks to the Branch Executive, and especially Marg Hall UE, for all of their hard work in making this event a success.

Sir Guy Carleton Branch hosted a  
Loyalist Flag-raising Ceremony at Ottawa City Hall.



President Barb Andrew UE (centre)  
with Mary Dahr and Brian McConnell UE of Nova Scotia Branch  
in Port Mouton Loyalist Cemetery.

Branch Genealogist and Dominion Councillor, Carol Harding, UE, thanked President Barb Andrew UE for attending the meeting and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Branch.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were led on a tour of the Old Loyalist Cemetery by Branch member, Mary Dahr. The Cemetery contains the graves of some members of Tarleton's Legion, also known as the British Legion, who settled in the area in 1783. A prayer was given for those buried in the Cemetery by Russell Prime, Minister of Milton Christian Church.



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## Sir John Johnson Centennial

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By Michel Racicot UE, Branch President

The Fiftieth Annual General Meeting and Luncheon of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch was held on 10 June 2017 at the new hall of Centre de santé EuroSpa in St-Ignace-de-Stanbridge. To celebrate this event, forty-four members and friends accepted our invitation including several family members of former branch presidents.

After a delicious meal and before the business meeting, Branch President Michel Racicot UE recalled a few highlights of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch since 1967:

“We are here today, fifty years later, to celebrate all that has been done by the members of our Branch, past and present. It all started in 1966 when John Chard UE, then UELAC Dominion President, became concerned that there was no branch of the UEL Association in the Province of Quebec and especially no branch representing the descendants of those Loyalists who had settled in Missisquoi County.

In 1967, John Chard UE came to Missisquoi and met Donald MacCallum of Noyan who suggested a visit to the Missisquoi Museum at Stanbridge East where Mr. Chard met Ruby Moore, Genealogist of the Missisquoi Historical Society. A founding committee was formed.

This committee decided to name the new branch “Sir John Johnson Branch” in honour of Sir John Johnson, the Loyalist leader, who had resided in the area for many years and had its burial place in the territory covered by the new Branch. Later, the word ‘Centennial’ was added to the name to become the ‘Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch,’ in order to also commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Confederation. The official application for a charter was made to the Dominion Headquarters in Toronto and the Charter was granted on 16 December 1967.

Fifty years later, looking back on the history of the Branch, it is impressive to see the quantity and quality of the many projects realized by the members of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch. I will just remind you of two projects in which Sir John Johnson Centennial played a successful role.

First, the 1989 UELAC Conference was held at Lennoxville, a joint project by Heritage Branch and Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch. In 1987, at Dominion

Council, Okill Stuart UE, of Heritage Branch, had indicated that Heritage Branch and Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch were willing to host the 1989 Annual Conference and AGM. Okill Stuart’s proposition was gladly accepted by the Council, but they were stunned when Okill then named the proposed Guest of Honour, His Royal Highness, Prince Philip.

After going through all the necessary steps, the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada issued the official notice of the visit of His Royal Highness. Finally, this great weekend arrived after two years of planning, preparation and hard work. The Conference was held on the Victoria Day Weekend at Bishop’s University in Lennoxville.

As expected, Prince Philip arrived exactly at 9:40 a.m. Saturday morning, and was welcomed by the Association. That evening, 517 people attended the Black-Tie Banquet with Prince Philip as Guest Speaker. After the Conference, the following comment was later published in *The Loyalist Gazette*: ‘In all modesty, the 1989 Conference is probably one of the most successful in recent times.’

The second project: The Restoration of Sir John Johnson Burial Vault at Mont-St-Grégoire. In November 1968, members of the new Branch visited the site where Sir John Johnson Burial Vault once stood. At a meeting of the Branch, held during the autumn of 1969, Murray Mason reported getting the gravestone of Sir John Johnson from Mont Saint-Grégoire and transporting it to Stanbridge East where it was placed at the museum.

At the Branch annual meeting on 05 June 1999, the Branch Vice-President, Richard Eldridge UE, reported that plans

for the restoration of the burial site were progressing slowly and they were still awaiting the visit of the government archaeologist to ascertain if people were buried in this site. In 1999 and 2000, two digs were done and a total of 851 bones and bone fragments were found.

In November 2009, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch UELAC proposed that the UELAC adopt the vault restoration as a 2014 Legacy Project. On 05 March 2011, the UELAC accepted the proposition and approved a major grant to support the vault restoration project.

Finally, in 2014, forty-six years after the first visit made by Branch members, a new metal vault was installed on the site. Stones were excavated from the site to cover the foundation of the original vault.

All of this led to a unique and special event that took place on Saturday, 23 August 2014: the Ceremony of the burial of the remains of Sir John Johnson and members of his family at Mount Johnson (today Mont Saint-Grégoire), attended by more than 125 people. The remains of Sir John Johnson and Lady Johnson were brought to the vault in a funeral procession.

Looking back at its history, it is easy to see why Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch had such a successful first fifty years, and today we are here together not only to celebrate the past but also to continue the work done by our predecessor.”

Branch Presidents, from left: Roderick Riordon UE, Adelaide Lanktree UE, Gerald Thomas UE and Michel Racicot UE, getting ready to cut the 50th Anniversary Cake.



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## Toronto

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By Susan Ellsworth UE

**T**oronto Branch had three meetings featuring speakers this spring. In February, members who braved the worst storm of the year were treated to a presentation by historian, **Hilary Dawson**. The subject of Hilary's talk was "Finding 19th Century Black History in Toronto," in keeping with the theme of Black History Month. Hilary used wonderful historic images of Toronto to help tell the story of Blacks in Toronto. She took us from the earliest days when Blacks were among the first inhabitants in Toronto, through the impact of the War of 1812, the role of Blacks in the 1837 Rebellion, and the growth of Toronto's African-Canadian community.

We were pleased to have genetic genealogist, **Linda Reid**, join us at our April branch meeting to share her incredible expertise with us on the subject of genetic genealogy. We all know that genealogy has always had the potential to reveal surprises, pleasant or otherwise. Linda's talk demonstrated to us that *genetic* genealogy can be even more powerful and included lots of practical information for members considering doing DNA testing.

At our May meeting, Toronto Branch member, **Heather Crewe**, gave a fascinating talk on *Early Roads in Upper Canada*. Heather's talk retraced the evolution of southern Ontario's overland routes from pre-Columbian days to the

early days of colonization. Heather used interesting photos to tell the story of the transition from the early First Nations trails to the road-building schemes of John Graves Simcoe to the arrival of tarmac road surfacing. We learned just how critical road-building was to the development and the defense of Upper Canada.

In June, Toronto Branch partnered with the Governor Simcoe Branch in holding the Loyalist Day event at Queen's Park. This annual event is a nice way to wrap up the spring calendar before we broke for the summer.

Branch Genealogist, **Martha Hemphill UE**, is leading a project on profiling the young men and women whose names appear on the Honour Roll that hangs in the branch office. The roll displays the names of Toronto and St. Catharines Branch members who served in the war. A simple cross beside a name marks those who were killed in service. The Honour Roll members are being profiled in *Fidelity*, the Toronto Branch newsletter.

We are pleased to note that at least ten branch members have received their certificates in the past few months and we have more than a dozen new members so far this year, thanks to the efforts of Martha Hemphill UE and of Membership Chair, **Linda Young UE**.

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## Vancouver

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By Linda Nygard UE, Branch Genealogist

The first meeting of each year ends with a slideshow of the previous years' events: **A Year in Review**.

Our Guest Speaker in February, in honour of **Black History Month**, was **Jean-Claude Ndungutse**. Jean-Claude is a speaker with Passages Canada and this was his second visit to a Vancouver Branch meeting. Jean-Claude shared his experiences as a black man in Canada. **Member, Linda Drake UE**, brought her *training doll* and provided a demonstration of CPR. **Rose Marie and Ed Curylo** spoiled us with chocolate-dipped strawberries in honour of Valentine's Day.

In March, **Sam Sullivan** was our Guest Speaker. Sam is a **British Columbia MLA and also former Mayor of Vancouver**. He spoke to our members about his attempt to *promote the revival of Chinook Jargon, the aboriginal trade language once widely used in British Columbia.* (Sam Sullivan, from Wikipedia.)

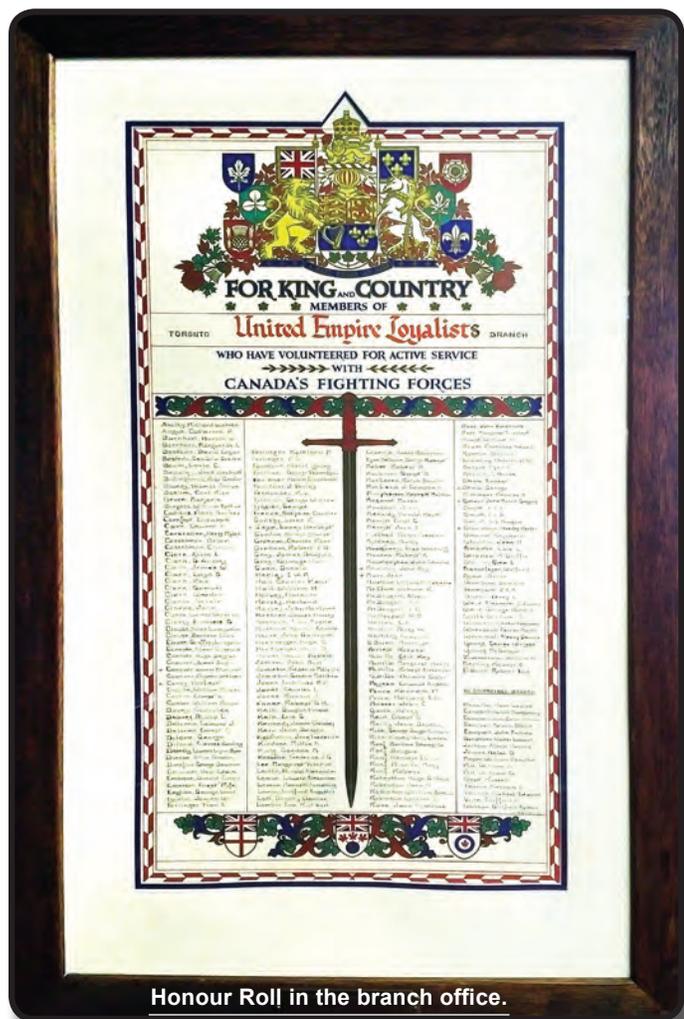
Vancouver Branch member, **Dr. Peter Moogk**, spoke about **Finding Your Soldier** in April. It was an excellent presentation in honour of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

During April and May, we had members who served as adjudicators at the **British Columbia Heritage Fairs**. Students whose presentations best represent our Loyalist heritage were selected for special awards from the Vancouver Branch. Some of those students brought their presentations to our September meeting.

Queen's Park in New Westminster was the setting for our **6th Annual British Columbia Loyalist Day picnic**.

Members, Jeanne Johnson, and her niece, Hafina Allen, received their certificates for Loyalist, John McMartin UE. Hafina was visiting from Brooklyn, New York. A perfect day for a picnic.

The Vancouver Branch hosted the **Pacific Regional Fall Fleet** on Sunday, 01 October, at the Scandinavian Centre, Burnaby, British Columbia. Dominion President, Barbara Andrew UE, joined us in this celebration with the theme: **Emily Pauline Johnson**. The Fall Fleet also marked the **85th Anniversary Celebration** of the Vancouver Branch's Charter.



Honour Roll in the branch office.



Vancouver members at March meeting with British Columbia MLA and former Vancouver Mayor, Sam Sullivan.

Vancouver and Chilliwack Branch members celebrate British Columbia's 6th Loyalist Day at Queen's Park, New Westminster.



## Victoria

Karen Borden UE, Branch Archivist and Historian

The first meeting of our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year was held at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Royal Oak on 11 February. A moment of silence was held in honour of Alvin Huffman UE who passed away on 30 January 2017. Presentation of The Victoria Branch Alvin Huffman UE Scholarship was made by his daughter, Janet Huffman UE, who was accompanied by her mother, Joyce Huffman, and Joyce's granddaughter, Stephanie. The recipient was University of Victoria history student, Stephen Grundmanus, from Whitehorse, Yukon. Stephen spoke on his history studies, his career plans, and thanked us all very much.

Aurelie Stirling UE introduced our guest speaker, Ken Johnson, of the Hallmark Heritage Society, who gave a very entertaining story on Amor de Cosmos, who was a photographer, newspaperman, and politician in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A champion of Confederation, he fought the HBC Property Claims and was the second Premier of British Columbia.

At our April meeting, long-time member and Branch Genealogist, Maralynn Wilkinson UE, did the swearing in of our new Branch Secretary, Judy McMullen. Aurelie Stirling UE reported that Sheila Neapole, manager of the Inner Harbour Authority, indicated that our Loyalist roses are thriving in the downtown garden. Aurelie also reported that



Barbara Andrew UE cutting the 90th anniversary Victoria Branch cake.

the Loyalist rose at Government House did not survive the move into the sheltered garden and will need to be replaced.

Thanks to Frans and Betty Compeer, our outreach booth was set up at several events. At the LDS Family History Day, on 11 March, we had eleven people sign up showing an interest in the UELAC. We also had a booth at the 55+ Expo later in March and in May at the Victoria Highland Games.

On 12 May, our executive had a very enjoyable welcoming dinner for the UELAC Dominion President, Barbara Andrew UE, at the Oak Bay Marina Restaurant.

The next day, our Spring Fleet 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Luncheon was held at the Howard Johnson Hotel, chaired by Acting Branch President, Mary Lou Rowbotham UE.



Our Loyalist Banner. From left: Betty Compeer UE, Frans Compeer, Kathleen Lynch UE, Barbara Andrew UE.



Our Outreach Booth at the Victoria Highland Games. From left: Frans Compeer, Betty Compeer UE, Catherine Fryer UE.

Some members wore period dress. Barbara Andrew UE told us the History of the UELAC. She also presented a 90-year certificate to Acting Branch President, Mary Lou, marking the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victoria Branch.

Bob Ferguson UE presented the history of our Branch on the overhead. Aurelie brought a cake donated by Thrifty Foods and Barbara Andrew cut it. Frans and Betty had a wonderful banner made with Kathleen Lynch UE's beautiful artwork on the lower part. She was given flowers and a thank-you. Frans and Betty were also responsible for the lovely luncheon menu and program.

Our annual Loyalist Day Picnic on 22 July was held in Beacon Hill Park with twelve people attending. After our lunch, we walked to our seventy-eight-year-old Loyalist Maple Tree for a photo. The tree was planted by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on their visit to Victoria in May 1939.

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## BELL, Peter Warren Wentworth UE



Dr. Warren Bell (the tall fellow on the right).

**D**r. Warren Bell UE, P Eng., May 1939 – April 2017. Warren died on 05 April with his family at his side. Predeceased by his parents, Helen and Peter Bell, of Victoria, and survived by his sons: Peter (Lindsay), Mark (Justine), and his wife, Arlene Bell; grandchildren Anastasia, Christine, Maya, Miley-Marie, and Nicolas; great-granddaughter Violet.

Warren was born in Victoria, BC. After attending Oak Bay High School and a year at Victoria College, he attained a degree in Electrical Engineering at UBC in 1962 before going on to complete a Masters in Civil Engineering Hydraulic, also at UBC.

Following his 1968 marriage to Arlene, he completed his PhD at Colorado State University. It was while he was in Colorado that his two sons were born. He then accepted an Assistant Professor's position at the University of Alberta.

He was a principal engineer at BC Hydro, retiring in 2002, and spent several years consulting in Asia.

He enjoyed outdoor pursuits and was a life member of the Alpine Club, played badminton, and was a passionate golfer.

However, his family always came first. He was a Director of the UELAC, and a member of the BC Métis Federation, his family having a long history in British Columbia.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Lions Gate Hospital, Heart and Stroke Foundation, or a charity of your choice.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/vancouversun/obituary.aspx?pid=185646135#sthash.s0a5Zwsn.dpuf>.

## CURRIE, H. Daryl UE

**B**orn on 30 November 1938 in St. John, New Brunswick, Daryl died on 09 July 2017 in Toronto, Ontario, at the age of 78 years, 7 months, and 10 days. He was predeceased by his wife, June Currie (Garrah); daughter, Heather Quai (Dennis); sister, Louise (Harley); and brother, Addison (Gail). He is survived by his children: Dale (Shelly), Susan Currie, and Linda Donnelly (Gerald); his sister, Gloria (Dave); his brothers, Blaythe (Ann), Milton (Donna), Duane (Sheila), and Richard (Mary); and his grandsons, Adam Donnelly, Noah Spataro and Jonah Spataro.



Daryl Currie UE at Lake on the Mountain, Ontario, during a 2014 tour.

Daryl was a long-time employee of Canadian Pacific Rail, a Mason and a Shriner.

He was a faithful, dedicated, and hard-working individual who reached out and helped many. To the members of the UELAC Governor Simcoe Branch, he would best be remembered as the Membership Chair for many years, giving up that responsibility in September 2015. He always added a personal touch, a card, or telephone call. Daryl served as President of Governor Simcoe Branch twice, from 2002 to 2003, and again from 2007 to 2011.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Susan Currie's Terry Fox Walk (Toronto Beaches) would be appreciated.

## Doug Grant's recollections of Daryl Currie UE ...

**D**aryl's passing was a shock to us all. He first joined the UELAC Fredericton Branch, as his Loyalist ancestor, Joshua Currey UE, had settled at Fredericton Junction and through whom Daryl received his Loyalist Certificate; and Governor Simcoe Branch in Toronto, to which he had moved as a teenager. When Fredericton Branch closed, he remained a member of New Brunswick Branch. A few years ago, he organized a ceremony there to install a new stone marker at Joshua's grave.

Daryl joined the Governor Simcoe Branch Executive right away and served with enthusiasm until the fall of 2015. He served twice as President but will be remembered by most for his role as Membership Chair.

Daryl was proud of his family. He helped many in his family obtain their UELAC certificates, including his daughter, Linda Donnelly, in 1997; and, probably at age one month, her son, Adam, received his at a branch meeting in 1998. Adam lived near Daryl and had just moved in with him quite recently after his parents, Linda and Gerald, had moved to Winnipeg. Adam was there when Daryl suffered a stroke. Daryl suffered another in the ambulance and did not recover. When he retired from the railroad, Daryl helped many others. At one point, he was doing things for something like fourteen charities and groups.

## Daryl had no shortage of stories

He was proud of his Loyalist roots and equally so of the Masons, where he helped for many years in many ways. He was a driver for the Shriners' Children's Hospitals, often driving patients to Montreal, Erie, Pennsylvania, and even Boston.

I have been Newsletter Editor for many years and often Daryl, his wife, June, and I would sit around their kitchen table and stuff envelopes.

Daryl had no shortage of stories, many of which he shared as he and I drove together to Executive meetings. He also had opinions and would remain steadfast in his convictions.

All in all, he was a hard-working, kind, contributing person. Thanks so much, Daryl. Rest in peace.

## KETCHESON, Betty Jean (Foster), 1923 – 2017

By Peter W. Johnson UE,  
Bay of Quinte Branch President



**B**etty Ketcheson passed away on 18 June 2017, just weeks after the loss of her husband, Jack, on 02 May. Betty was born in Huntingdon Township, Hastings County, Ontario, on 07 June 1923. She was the daughter of George Irvin Foster and Nellie Beatrice Hollinger. She is survived by her children: Ann, Larry, and Bill, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### committed interest in women's rights

Betty married Jack Ketcheson on 23 September 1942 and much of their married life was spent in Guelph, where Jack was a professor. Ever an advocate for a sound education, Betty earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Guelph in the 1980s and held a committed interest in women's rights. Betty and Jack retired to a farm in Sidney Township, Hastings County, and developed a reputation for growing asparagus.

Betty was interred in the Ketcheson Cemetery on the original Ketcheson property near Wallbridge, Ontario. Betty and Jack shared some Loyalist ancestors, including William Ketcheson UE and Philip Roblin UE. Jack and Betty joined the Bay of Quinte Branch in 1989 and 1990 respectively and were valued members.

## KETCHESON, Dr. John William "Jack" UE, 1918 – 2017

By Peter W. Johnson UE,  
Bay of Quinte Branch President



**J**ack was born on the family farm in Sidney Township, Hastings County, Ontario, on 08 November 1918, and passed away on 02 May 2017. He was the son of Lawrence Johnson Ketcheson and Nieta Emily Read. He was survived by his wife, Betty (nee Foster) of seventy-four years, herself a Ketcheson descendant, daughter, Ann, and sons: Larry and Bill, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jack graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph in 1944, earned his PhD in 1956, and spent forty years as a professor and researcher at the University of Guelph. Upon retirement, Jack and Betty moved to a farm in Sidney Township where they became known for their asparagus business. Jack belonged to numerous organizations: the International Soil Tillage Research Organization, which included a term as President; the Ontario Institute of Agrologists; and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. He was also a Past Master of the Waverly Masonic Lodge in Guelph and a member of the UELAC Bay of Quinte Branch.

Jack was interred in the Ketcheson Family Cemetery on the family farm near Wallbridge. He was a descendant of Loyalists, William Ketcheson UE and Philip Roblin UE. Family was important to Jack and he served as a President of the Ketcheson Family Association.

He has been described as "a balance between academic expertise and grassroots practicality."

## TUCKETT, Roxey Elizabeth UE

**P**acefully at Extendicare Lakefield Ontario on Tuesday, 03 October 2017, in her 95th year. Dear wife of the late Bill, and loving mother of Peter (Jean) of the Isle of Mann, Jim (Haydee) of Toronto, Derek of Campbellford, Paul of Ennismore, and the late David. Loving grandmother of Nicholas (Amanda), Brennan (Rebecca), Hawley, and Kinsley. Sister of Marion Delve of Kinston, Morley (Anne) Hawley of Tweed, and the late Myrtle and Howard Hawley. Sister-in-law of Daphne Hawley of Napanee, and the late Samuel Delve. Aunt Roxey is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Friends called at ASHBUNHAM FUNERAL HOME, 840 Armour Road, Peterborough, on Thursday, 05 October, and Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Friday 06 October, with the interment in Lakefield Cemetery. If desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

Roxey was also a founding member of Kawartha Branch UELAC, as was her sister, Myrtle Hawley UE, who died a number of years ago. Their Loyalist ancestor was Jephtha Hawley UE.

Roxey Tuckett UE (right)  
received a pin from Joan Lucas UE  
in June 2015.

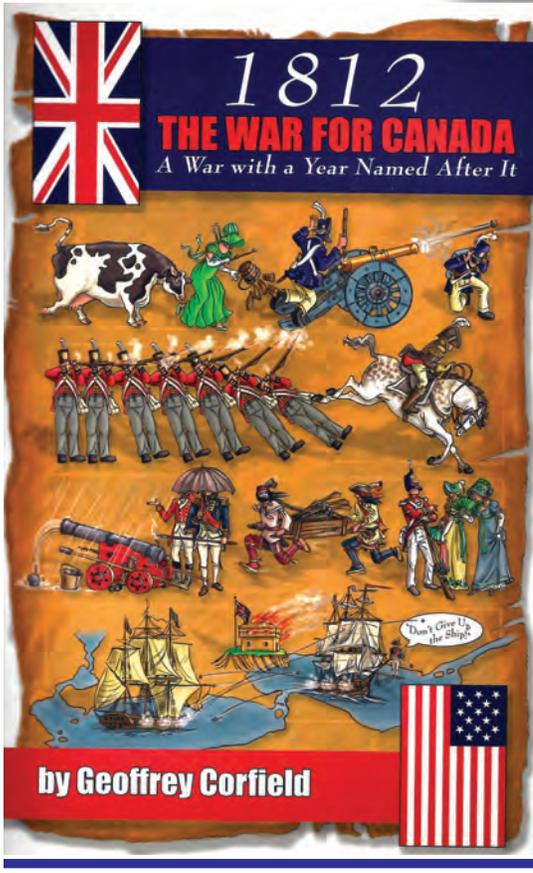


# Eye-Popping Publications



Loyalist-era history is being presented to the public in a variety of avenues ranging from university textbooks to historically-based fictional novels and television documentaries.

**The Loyalist Gazette** invites publishers to send publications for review to: **The Loyalist Gazette** Review Editor, Gretje R. McBride UE, B.Sc.  
E-mail: gazette.editor"at"nexicom.net.



events that comprised the War of 1812, he sees the humour to advantage. While the battles and struggles are not funny, the ironies and coincidences of events and fortunes, confounded by weather and human error, can be.

At the outset, Corfield outlines the motivation of the United States in starting the war. From the Seven Years' War onward, the United States had always wanted to invade Canada as a way of attacking Britain. From the Seven Years' War onward, Canadians, led by British forces and their Indian allies, were determined to stop them. Through seven chapters, the author describes the action on several fronts across North America, including at least three great lakes.

This little book covers a lot of history, providing insightful chronologies of what happened and implications for Canadians, Americans and the British. While doing so, lesser-known factors, such as hunger, fear, inclement weather, illness and human error, are described as they impact the success or failure of a battle or campaign.

The strength of this work is in its overview of the War of 1812 on land and water. Corfield knows his chronology. He gets into the mind of the commanders. He demonstrates why the War of 1812 was a battle between America and Britain, fought on Canadian soil. If improvements could be made, it should be in describing the contribution of the Indian alliances as they impacted British successes in defending Canada.

Backed up with ample maps and sketches, this highly readable book makes an excellent addition to Branch Libraries, table displays or gifts for speakers, etc. Certainly, at the high school level, this book can provide an exceptional overview of a great amount of information in a small space while encouraging further study.

Price \$16.95. This book may be ordered directly from Despub with free shipping. Group orders over five books are discounted. despub@gmail.com. 1-888-471-4123.

## 1812: The War for Canada: A War with a Year Named After It

Author: Geoffrey Corfield

Publisher: Despub, 2340B Clifton Street,  
Allanburg, Ontario, L0S 1A0  
176 pages, soft cover.  
ISBN 978-0-9865370-4-2

**Reviewed by Gretje R. McBride UE, B.Sc.**

**C**orfield's book is a different kind of history. The more you know about the War of 1812, the more you will get out of this book. As the reader might expect from the title, this relatively short history of the War of 1812, from a Canadian perspective, contains humour. Because the author so well understands the timeline of



The King's Royal Yorkers at the Cherry Valley Bicentennial, 1978. Gavin Watt (author of *Fire & Desolation*) far right. See the book review, next page.

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## Fire & Desolation

### The Revolutionary War's 1778 Campaign as Waged from Quebec and Niagara Against the American Frontiers

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Author: Gavin K. Watt

Toronto: Dundurn. 2017. soft cover. 398 pages

**Reviewed by Peter W. Johnson UE**

**B**ooks by Gavin K. Watt can be divided roughly into two categories. While all include a lot of information regarding events during the Revolutionary War, one group includes varying amounts of information on individuals, and not just the officers. Such books are a delight to the descendant who uncovers new information about an ancestor. The second group focuses on the historical events and ensures that the reader is better acquainted with the circumstances faced by that ancestor. *Fire & Desolation* falls into the second category and follows the 1778 Campaign Season.

Gavin undoubtedly wants to be viewed as having taken an objective look at the events of 1778. For over two hundred years, most authors in the United States were not troubled by such niceties. The formula was simple: Patriots – good, Tories – bad ... along with most “Indians.” To reach his audience across the border, Gavin uses the term “Tories” rather than the more comfortable “Loyalists.” However, at the same time, he refers to the opposing side as “Rebels” rather than “Patriots.” As well, there are no heroes as such in this book. Some may have admirable qualities, but none is as one-dimensional as the stereotypical hero.

The events of 1777 had left the Loyalists and their Native Allies bloodied but not defeated. The stage was set for considerable raiding with the Native component front and centre. The area covered included mainly parts of New York and Pennsylvania but actually reached as far down as New Jersey. It's amazing how much territory was covered.

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#### Wyoming and Cherry Valley are the climaxes.

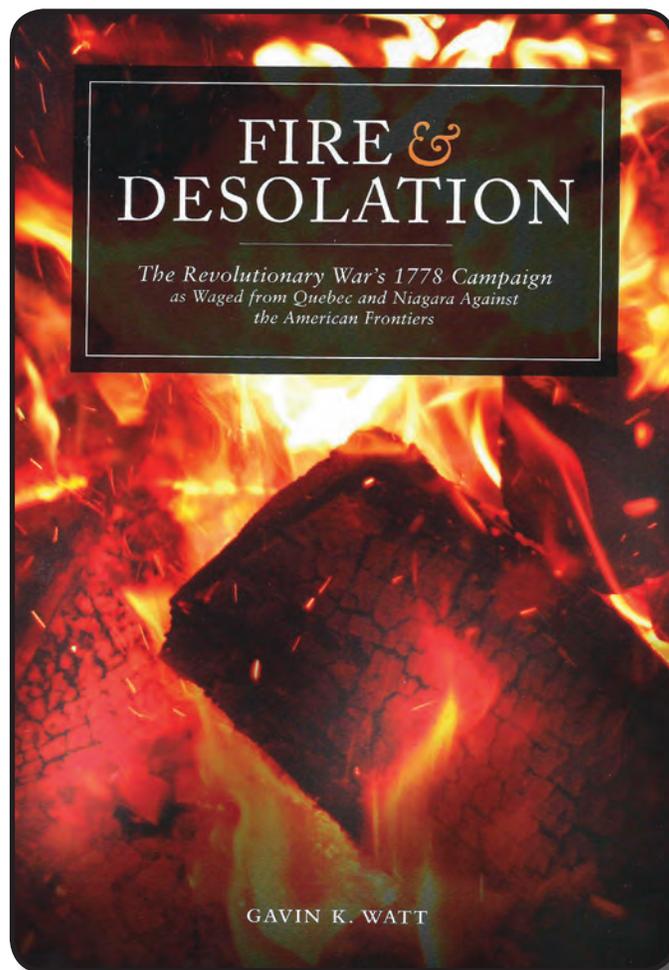
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The first Part focuses on Lake Champlain, the Upper Hudson River, and Quebec. Then the narrative shifts to the Mohawk area. The next chapter covers the events at Wyoming with a return to the Mohawk Valley and Cherry Valley to end the book. Covering the 1778 events in chronological order works very well as there is an increasing sense of foreboding as one nears the most famous raids. In a sense, Wyoming and Cherry Valley are the climaxes.

The events of 1778 were not pretty. This was a Civil War and they are often especially brutal. One is left wondering how people on either side survived. The raids on Wyoming and Cherry Valley have been referred to traditionally as “massacres” that served the Rebels as propaganda. Of course, ‘had the shoe been on the other foot’ the two raids would have been viewed as glorious victories by the Rebels with no references to massacres. My second re-enactment in the United States was the Bicentennial of Cherry Valley in 1978. What struck me at the time was the contrast. The hospitality afforded to us was beyond question but, at the same time, it was clear that “we green-coated



Gavin Watt, 2nd Battn Yorkers,  
30 June 2017. Photo: P Johnson UE



Tories were the bad guys” even after two centuries. The challenge for Gavin has been to take a neutral stance which is tricky with all the baggage that comes with Cherry Valley in particular. He does this very well. The only instance that jumped out at me was a comment about the relief of Fort Stanwix wherein the word “Fortunately” is used to describe the event. As viewed through my Loyalist bias, there was nothing fortunate in Fort Stanwix getting relieved. (page 282)

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#### The book isn't just about raiding and violence.

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It's also a study of the complex relationships between the British Crown, the Loyalists and Six Nations, the latter having been divided into differing sides favouring either the British or the Rebels.

What did the 1778 Campaign accomplish? There are certainly enough references in the book to show that the raiding greatly hampered the Rebels' ability to provide grain for their hungry troops. It also set the stage for the horrific Sullivan Campaign of 1779, which ultimately didn't stop more raiding.

If you have Gavin's other books, this one is a welcome addition. If you're new to Gavin's work, this will be a treat!

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## The United Empire Loyalists, The Loyalists' Settlement of Canada

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Author: W. Stewart Wallace

Paperback: 74 pages

Can be purchased from amazon.com

ISBN-10: 1508800499

ISBN-13: 978-1508800491

**Reviewed by Alastair C. Browne UE**

**T**his is the thirteenth volume of a series, *The Chronicles of Canada*, detailing Canadian history, and the only volume I've read. This is because I am at present doing research on the fate of the Tories/Loyalists of the American Revolution, although I did read another book concerning the battles they've fought and what they had undergone after their defeat.

This volume briefly describes a few of the battles they did fight, mostly in present-day upstate New York (in the first three chapters). The book centres on what occurred after the War, accounting for their exodus to Canada, then consisting of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Upper and Lower Canada. Quebec and Prince Edward Island are also mentioned in a separate chapter but the Loyalists did not fare too well in these provinces.

There is a saying that history is written by the victors, in this case, the American Patriots of the Revolutionary War. Many history books, especially children's textbooks, portray the Loyalists as traitors to the cause, who were all exiled to Canada in shame as if they were sent to Siberia, and well deserving of it. The truth was there were no traitors, with perhaps the exception of Benedict Arnold, who defected from the Americans to the British for personal gain.

In the case of the American Revolution, one had to choose whether to support the British Crown in a time of crisis – my country, my king, right or wrong – or choose the radical notion to form a new country. There was a third option of not caring and one-third of the Americans did just that. In either case, depending on who wins, either side could have been “traitors” or “patriots.”

As fate would have it, the Loyalists, along with the British, lost the war and had to recognize the newly-formed United States of America as a free and independent country. The Loyalists were forced into exile, to what is now Canada, or other British colonies.

These chapters are brief, summarizing the entire situation. Chapters Three through Five tell of Loyalist persecution. A number of Loyalists were tarred and feathered upon returning home, many were killed, or had their property confiscated. Regardless of how much they owned, they were never compensated. All were driven out and forced into exile.

Chapter Six onward details their exodus to Canada, mostly from New York City, being a reverse Ellis Island. British ships came into New York Harbor and shipped tens of thousands of Loyalist to Nova Scotia and what became New Brunswick, while others journeyed by land across the Niagara River into Canada.

As the ships sailed into Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, finding good tillable land for farming was a challenge; as was the building of towns along the rugged coastline. They faced a wilderness with nothing but tents and tools, and their wits, as they started to pitch tents, build shanties and huts, and set up camps. It was tough, and many died during the winter months of starvation and exposure.



Towns were laid out, log cabins were built, and slowly, craftsmen and farmers set up their businesses, shops, and farms, along with churches and taverns. Local governments were then formed, and roads were built connecting one town to another.

One town in Nova Scotia, called New Jerusalem, was built and then abandoned.

In New Brunswick, another town was built along the St. John River, but it turned out that the

land was reserved for certain nobility. The residents had to leave and move up the river, to a settlement near present-day Fredericton, the present capital of New Brunswick.

There were difficult times under British law, but the settlers withstood it and remained loyal nonetheless. They traded fish and lumber with islands in the Caribbean, also British possessions. The government also supplied lumber, bricks, and food for settlements at their beginning stages, and it was the British that provided compensation for properties that the Loyalists lost in the former American colonies. Officials were either elected or appointed by the Crown.

Townships were also established on the Upper St. Lawrence River, and here was where a land rush occurred. Many Americans took advantage of this to either receive free land grants or cheap land for one shilling an acre. This chapter, called “The American Migration” was where Americans, disguised as Loyalists, went to grab land not yet available at home, before the opening of the American frontier. The Americans inevitably became Canadians. This first wave of Anglo-Canadians came from the U.S., in one form or another.

So the Loyalists, and opportunistic Americans, settled Canada like the American frontiersmen settled the West, starting out with the bare essentials, and using their abilities, talents, wits, and expertise in whatever craft they had, pooling all their resources to build a settlement. Depending on their locations, a few of these towns became cities.

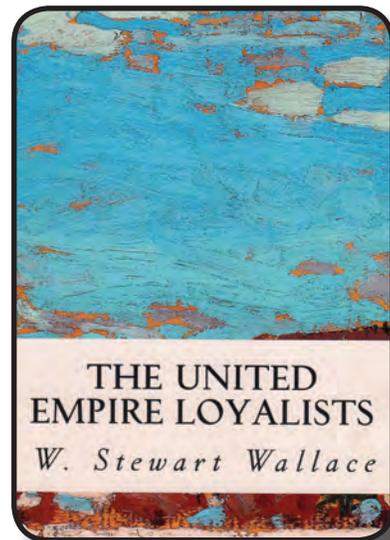
The British Crown was sometimes strict and oppressive with these Loyalists, but they remained loyal to the Crown and continued to fly the British flag. They never thought of themselves as traitors.

All this was the set-up for immigrants to come, eventually forming Canada!

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**Reviewer, Alastair C. Browne UE**

**I**live in Durham, North Carolina, and I like to write about space exploration and development, international politics, alternative energy, and solutions to problems presently plaguing the United States: i.e. how to fix and pay for the infrastructure, and other similar problems.



## A Service History and Master Roll of Major Edward Jessup's Loyal Rangers

Author: Gavin K. Watt

Carleton Place: Global Heritage Press. 2017. Coil Bound. 255 pages

Reviewed by Peter W. Johnson UE

Gavin Watt's latest and second book of 2017 made its first public appearance at the Canada 150 Banquet sponsored by the Bay of Quinte Branch on 30 June. Even better, Gavin was one of the two scheduled speakers so the assembled were treated to an animated presentation about the Loyal Rangers.

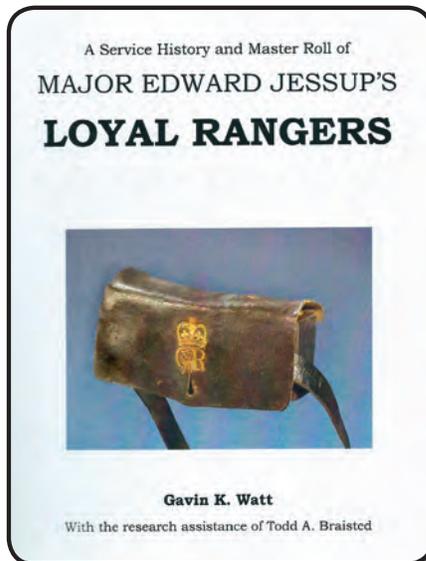
One new book per year from Gavin is a treat. Two is amazing, and they represent the two different approaches Gavin takes. His Fire & Desolation followed the events of the 1778 Campaign whereas this new work is a regimental history with that all-important Master Roll of those who served in (Jessup's) Loyal Rangers. The Loyal Rangers settled in various locations but especially in the Prescott area of Upper Canada and Ernestown Township. There must be a lot of descendants who would find this book enlightening.

The odd thing about the Loyal Rangers is that it was a late-War assemblage that saw no action. Gavin, however, tried to stress that a considerable number of the men had seen some very hard service earlier in the War, and especially, in the Burgoyne Campaign. Gavin's 2013 book, The British Campaign of 1777, Volume Two, The Burgoyne Expedition, Burgoyne's Native and Loyalist Auxiliaries is, in a sense, the companion book to this new one.

The Service History in the Loyal Rangers goes into considerable detail about the many small units, several of which were amalgamated in 1781 to form the Loyal Rangers. It's crucial for understanding how the Loyal Rangers came into being. If you are not familiar with Peter's Queen's Loyal Rangers, Jessup's King Loyal Americans, MacKay's "Loyal Volunteers," to name just three, this book will set you straight, but be warned: it's a complicated story. If you are a descendant submitting a UE application, it would be nice to include *all* of your Loyal Ranger ancestor's War service and not just the post-1781 situation.

The other treat with this book is the Master Roll of all individuals known to have been in the Loyal Rangers. Gavin has already provided such Rolls for the King's Royal Yorkers and (Roger's) King's Rangers so one for the Loyal Rangers was the next logical step. It will be a delight for descendants, and sources are included. Naturally, the amount of information on each individual varies according to what was available. If you find an ancestor in the Loyal Rangers' Master Roll, don't assume other family members always served in the same regiment. For example, you will see Eberhardt Wager UE in this list, but his son, Thomas, served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion King's Royal Yorkers.

Another valued addition to your Loyalist book collection? I think so!



## Paper and Spit

Author: Don Anderson

Publisher: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Soft Cover, 152 pages

ISBN: 1544606982

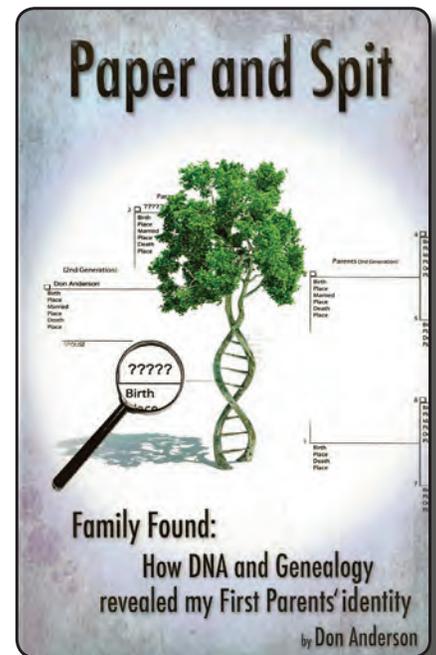
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Reviewed by Grietje R. McBride UE, B.Sc.

You may be one of the many who paid for a DNA test, eagerly awaiting the results of a basic analysis that established where your ancestors came from, complete with a pie graph showing ethnic composition and a few "leafs". This autosomal test can trace varying markers back between 500 to 1000 years and establish a haplogroup (source and region where your ancestors lived) as well as a range of family surnames that share your genes. This area of genealogy is very new but gaining traction with more than a dozen books recently published, documenting an individual's search for family or relatives or extolling the benefits of genetic genealogy. Paper and Spit is one of them. Another book that Don Anderson found inspiring was Finding Family – My search for Roots and the secrets in my DNA, by Richard Hill.

As an adoptee, Don Anderson is a happily married man with a grown family and a desire to find his birth parents and family history. The book reads like a diary, describing the leads, dead ends, meetings, support from friends and professionals alike and the positive outcome of a welcoming extended family. He cautions the searcher that this may not always be the outcome when an adoptee searches for family. In eighteen months, he took nine DNA tests but it took twenty years to find his surname and his cousins on both sides of his family. In his words, "This was a great example of how genetic genealogy solves a family mystery when traditional means fall short."

This is a great read about a developing science with a happy ending and a promise of being a useful tool for genealogists in the future.



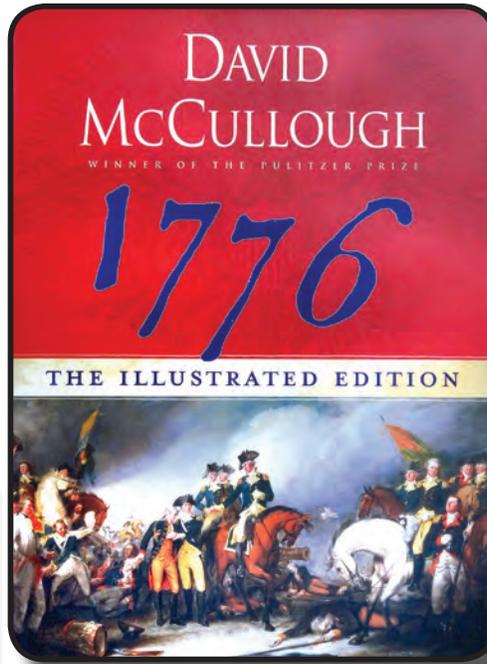
# 1776 — the Illustrated Edition

Author: David McCullough

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2007  
Pages: 256  
ISBN: 10: 1-4165-4210-8

**Reviewed by Michael Johnson,  
Assistant Editor**

Author, David McCullough's two Pulitzer Prize-winning books, Truman and John Adams, have been adapted into a TV film and a miniseries, respectively.



Continental soldier, taken about 80 years after the war when the man was over 100 and photography was in its infancy.

The first “artefact” one opens is a very faithful reproduction of a Philadelphia newspaper front page that praises the King’s speech to the British Parliament.

### Rebels would fall apart “without New England rum”

This book often paints a less than pretty picture of the Rebels or their situation; for example, when he learned of a lack of gun powder: “Washington was so stunned ... he did not utter a word for half an hour.” The author states the Rebels would fall apart “without New England rum” ... consuming a bottle a day per man. He describes Rebel soldiers looking “more like farmers in from the fields than soldiers.” Prejudice is not hidden: “Washington did not want blacks in the army and issued an order ... [banning them].” Only later, he got desperate and changed his order. Confiscating property is noted: “Washington’s headquarters through the Siege of Boston was the stately Cambridge home of a Loyalist named John Vassall.” Before a battle for Boston, Washington’s lack of leniency is shown by his order: “If any man in action shall ... hide himself or retreat ... he will be instantly shot.” (p. 93)

This book is great for those who want snippets of history like “Dr. Benjamin Church ... was in fact a spy, the first American traitor.”

In the last envelope of “artefacts” are three items: a Washington letter to Congress, a detailed British map, and a letter by Loftus Cliffe. Cliffe, a British soldier, was “part of the guard assigned to prevent the rescue of General Charles Lee.” Lee’s capture by Major Stockton was the subject of the main article of the Spring 2017 Loyalist Gazette. Cliffe wrote unsympathetically of the captive general: “I wish he was shot or hanged.”

Appropriately, the last page spread has King George III facing George Washington. The author paints Washington less a gallant hero, and more a persistent and fortunate man.

On the last page, he describes 1776 as a year of, “few victories, suffering, disease, hunger, desertion, cowardice, defeat and fear ... the outcome seemed little short of a miracle.”

You will imagine you’re doing research in an old library as you handle the many, very impressively detailed reproductions. Complementing those reproductions are 168 standard colour illustrations.

Can you use your wits now to solve the puzzle on the next page and win this book?

Good luck.

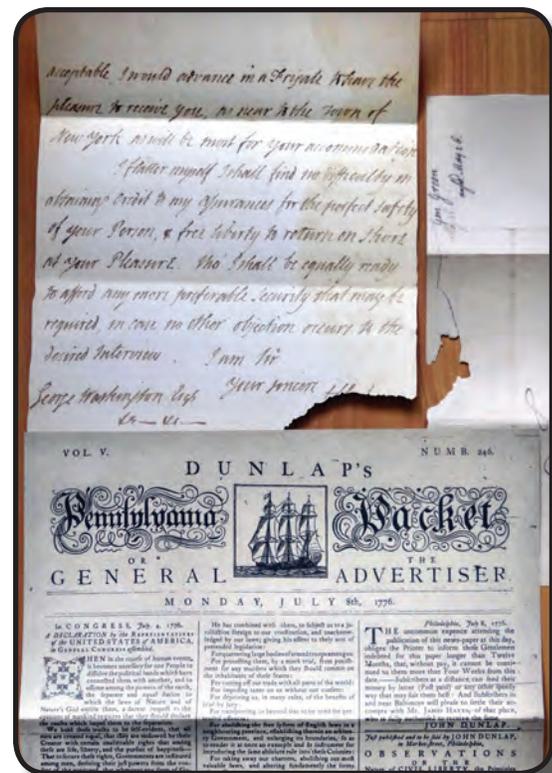
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**T**his is a book review and a prize. One person who solves the puzzle on the next page will be sent this book. We will also send at least three other Loyalist-themed books by Connie Brummel Crook as prizes. Let me try to interest you in winning ...

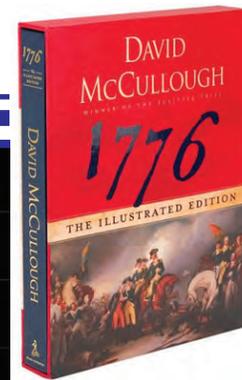
1776 the Illustrated Edition will surprise you. Although written in 2007 by and for Americans, it has much British content and often shows the British point of view, even using the word Rebel not Patriot. The inside front cover is a map of Boston “shewing the true situation of His Majesty’s Army ...”

The first pages are about how popular King George III was despite some opposition to the Revolutionary War. He is said to be a faithful husband of simple tastes who liked to garden.

This edition is chock-full of dozens of excellent reproductions of maps and letters, copied right down to the stains and holes in the documents, which are placed in ten translucent envelopes throughout the book. One envelope contains 26 pages of letters, maps and images. One such treasure is an Ambrotype [photograph] of a



# Will You Win this Book?



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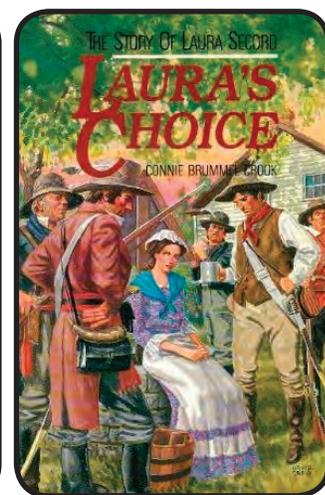
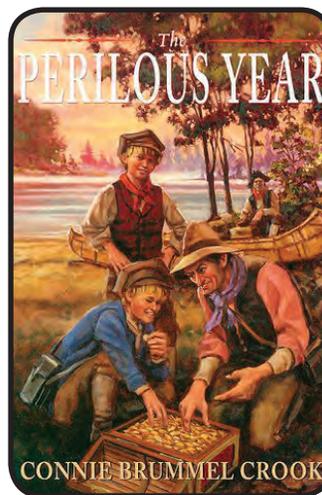
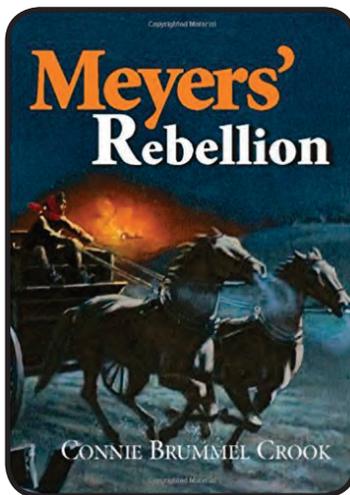
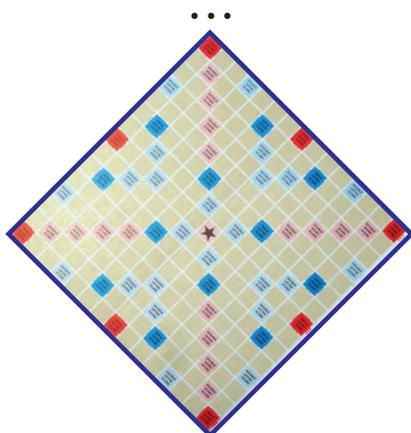
1. Last meal?
6. Love a lot
9. Long-reigning ruler [with 17 down]
10. Ladies
11. Cancel [slang]
12. Soldier named Joe?
14. Loyalist editor
16. Egyptian sun god
17. Big bird
19. Meditation sound
20. Major shown on spring issue cover
22. Consume
24. Ontario's capital (abbrev.)
25. Water source
26. George III's favourite place
27. Seven [to Caesar]
28. "Axis of \_\_\_\_"

## Down

1. Fill a turkey
2. Credit card code
3. Uncooked
4. Part of Canada's full name
5. Craving for currency
7. Opposite of doff
8. King [to Caligula]
12. Little lad on spring issue back cover
13. Toast topping
14. Spice linked to nutmeg
15. Mennonite-approved fastener
16. Many are on the spring issue back cover
17. Long-reigning ruler [with 9 across]
18. Trump territory
21. Mom on spring issue back cover
23. Hard water?
25. Britannia ruled them



**T**his puzzle is made up of 100 Scrabble tiles, both blanks are "M"s. You may solve it with your Scrabble game or just treat it as a crossword puzzle. To win the book 1776, submit your answer to the editor: see page 2. You may e-mail a photo of the solved puzzle or write out the answers. Three other prizes to be won are books by Connie Brummel Crook.



If you prefer one of Connie's book, shown above, please tell us when you enter the contest.

# A Gift from Amos Wright UE

I spent some time this past summer attempting to locate surviving grave markers for Loyalists. Some sources recorded such markers, but the transcriptions were decades old, and many markers have disappeared over time.

The Blue Church Cemetery just west of Prescott, Ontario, is one worth checking out. While it is best known for its connections to early Methodism in Upper Canada, it does go back to the 1780s so there are Loyalists buried there.

One 1796 marker for Amos Wright UE caught my attention. Initially, I was attracted by its relatively rare design. The upper portion features the “winged cherub head,” popular for a long time, but falling out of fashion by the later 1700s. It represents the soul winging its way up to Heaven. At an even earlier date, such markers featured skulls rather than cherub heads. Nevertheless, one doesn’t see this style that frequently in Upper Canada.

It didn’t take long to determine that Amos Wright of Yonge Township was a UE, although I am as yet unsure of his service. I did some checking in *The Upper Canada Land Petitions* and that yielded some unexpected results. The property Amos Wright UE had an interest in, had been drawn by Jonathan Parkins UE (Perkins, etc.) who had served in (Roger’s) King’s Rangers.

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### Certificates are ... a wonderful find.

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Jonathan died somewhere between 1788 and 1790, leaving Amos to claim the property. As part of his submission, Amos kindly appended the Discharge Certificate of Jonathan Parkins UE to the petition. These Certificates are rather rare and a wonderful find. Had I not been checking out Amos’s petition, I never would have found this Certificate. It was somewhat the worse for wear, but still most welcome. Thank you, Amos!

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By Peter W. Johnson UE,  
UELAC Historian



Left: The 1796 grave marker of Amos Wright UE.  
Photo 19 August 2017 by Peter Johnson UE.

Below: The same marker with letters computer-enhanced.



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# • • • The Dorchester Award • • •

By Mrs. Barbara Law UE, President of the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch

[*Editor's Note:* Barbara Law UE wrote the following before Myrtle Johnston UE was honoured with the 2017 UELAC Dorchester Award.]

**O**n behalf of myself and our executive, I am proud to nominate Myrtle Johnston UE, member of the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch of the UELAC, for the Dorchester Award and sincerely feel she would be a very deserving recipient.

Myrtle was born near the village of Toledo, just north of Brockville Ontario. She attended one-room schools before graduating from Brockville Collegiate. She graduated from Ottawa Normal School in 1951 to become a teacher. Myrtle taught for 3½ years, then left teaching to raise her five children. When they were all in school, Myrtle returned as a supply teacher for the next thirty years.

Her UEL ancestors were Thomas Sherwood UE and William Buell UE. To further their research capabilities, Myrtle, and her sister, Lorna, took a genealogy course in Brockville in 1974 and, throughout the last forty-three years, she has continued to hone her skills. Myrtle joined the Colonel Edward Jessup Branch a few months after they got their Charter, in 1968. She assumed her first executive position as Recording Secretary in 1971 and has been on the executive ever since, serving different positions, including ten years as Branch President and thirty-three years as Branch Genealogist. She held the position of UELAC Councillor for Central East Region for a number of years and visited many of the nine Branches in this region.

She attended Dominion Council meetings in Toronto for a number of years and is often a guest speaker for other organizations and schools. When talking about the UELAC, she usually wears a costume to emphasize the historical element of her topic. In 2007, she spent five days working at the UEL booth in the History tent at the International Plowing Match with other Branch Members, handing out brochures and increasing the awareness of the UELAC. She co-chaired the planning committee for what was a very successful 2011 UELAC Conference in Brockville. Myrtle and her sister, Lorna, spent many weeks researching for the Jessup Branch's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project, the book, *Still They Stand*. She also spent many months helping to restore the Wiltsie Cemetery, pulling up weeds, looking for stones, etc., as another 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.

**Myrtle is the first person to volunteer to help anyone get their UELAC certificates or to just find their family's history.**

In addition, Myrtle was also a member of OGS several years before the Leeds & Grenville Branch was formed, forty-three years ago. She was President of the Leeds & Grenville Genealogy Branch while also holding the position of President of the UELAC's Jessup Branch. She continues to volunteer once a week at the L&G Archives. She has been the Editor and Publisher of the Leeds & Grenville Branch's Newsletter, *News & Views*, for about forty years. She also writes many articles to put in the *News & Views* or in *Jessup's Jottings*, the Jessup Branch Newsletter, or in the local newspapers. She works at her church helping to prepare meals for the many different groups, including a monthly senior's dinner, as well as serving coffee every Thursday for their Community Coffee Break, or helping at other church functions. She taught Sunday school for many years, is a member of the UCW, and serves on several committees. She belongs to the Retired Teachers' Association and volunteered at a local nursing home for a number of years.

Myrtle is the first person to volunteer to help anyone get their UELAC certificates or to just find their family's history, even if they



Myrtle Johnston UE (centre)  
with Gerry Adair UE and Barb Andrew UE.

are not United Empire Loyalists, often driving forty kilometres into town to look up information so a new member can send in their application. She has earned her 40-year Volunteer Pin for work with the OGS and her 35-year Pin for the UELAC.

She enjoys spending time with her family and three grandchildren. When she isn't researching she can be found kayaking, going for walks in the country, reading, or helping family, neighbours or anyone who needs help. Myrtle is dedicated to helping educate people, and to promote the UELAC and history awareness in general.

*Editor's Note:*

The UELAC Dorchester Award, established in October 2007 by Dominion Council, exemplifies *Volunteer Excellence and Participation*, by conferring recognition on recipients for their lengthy contribution to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Exclusive to the UELAC membership, this Award salutes the "best in volunteerism" amongst our members within the Association.

### **Honoured Recipients, and their Branches:**

- 2017 – Myrtle Johnston UE – Col. Edward Jessup
- 2016 – Joan Lucas UE – Kawartha
- 2015 – Carl Stymiest UE – Vancouver
- 2014 – Fred H. Hayward UE – Hamilton
- 2013 – Elizabeth "Libby" Hancocks UE – Gov. Simcoe
- 2012 – Shirley Dargatz UE – Chilliwack
- 2011 – Doug Grant UE – Gov. Simcoe
- 2010 – Elizabeth Richardson UE – Kawartha
- 2009 – John Chard UE – Kingston
- 2008 – Margaret Carter UE – Manitoba

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## UELAC Promotions

By Trish Groom UE,  
UELAC Promotions Chairperson

**W**e've made huge strides in the ordering of clothing with all of the UELAC logos available online, with shipping straight to your door! Choose colours, logos, sizes!

The site will be available to order from 31 October to 30 November 2017 (in order to arrive by Christmas). Go to: <http://www.headaboveuelac.deco-apparel.com/>

To order goods, click on the item you want. That brings up the garment and the sizes drop-down for you to select. Add it to the *cart*. To continue shopping, click the word *home*. You need to do this each time after you have added something to the *cart*.

I hope everyone will take the opportunity to view what's available.

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## Capture of Major Richard Witham Stockton

**I** had just recently sent a follow-up story that I had helped research with the author, Christian McBurney: *The Battle of Bennett's Island: The New Jersey Site Rediscovered*. This tells for the first time the full story of the capture of Major Richard Witham Stockton at a lost and forgotten New Jersey Revolutionary War battle site. The story has been published on the Journal of the American Revolution website. See the link below for the full story. Over 60 Loyalists were captured at this battle and I hope in the future to identify as many as possible, but there is still much research to do and hopefully, this will all be told in a future story.

Submitted by Chris Hay UE

<https://allthingsliberty.com/2017/07/battle-bennetts-island-new-jersey-site-rediscovered/>

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# New UEL Certificates

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The following received certification from the UELAC on the dates indicated and from the branches shown. *Note 1* indicates members who requested on the certificate application form that their names be unpublished. However, the name of the ancestor and branch remain.

They may reconsider by notifying Dominion Office in writing.

*Editor's Note:* UELAC privacy policy dictates that individuals' personal information will not be shared. If one wants to contact any member listed below, please indicate whom and contact their branch via e-mail. Branch contact persons can be found on the UELAC website: <http://www.uelac.org/branches.html>. The branch contact person will then notify that Branch Member on your behalf, and the member will then be able to respond to you.

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Applicant Name	Ancestor	Branch	Date of Approval
Margaret Nickerson-Dorey	John Adam Bower	Nova Scotia	2017-01-11
John Franklin Stephens	Shadrack Stephens	Grand River	2017-01-11
Muriel Elvira Devine	Daniel Scott	Sir John Johnson	2017-01-11
Joseph Thomas Wheeler	Donald Fraser	St. Lawrence	2017-01-15
Margaret Nickerson-Dorey	Charles Bower	Nova Scotia	2017-01-26
Doran William Mounce	Joseph Petrie	Thompson-Okanagan	2017-01-26
Deborah Lee Leonard	Mary McGinnis DeForest	Edmonton	2017-01-26
Sandra Jean DeYoung	John Steinhoff	Col. John Butler	2017-01-26
Elizabeth Anne Crouch	Benjamin Darby	Abegweit	2017-01-27
Elizabeth Anne Crouch	Benjamin Darby	Abegweit	2017-01-27
Cynthia Joanne McEwan	Joseph Morden	Kawartha	2017-02-02
Jeffery Dwayne Morden	Joseph Morden	Kawartha	2017-02-02
David Ross Service	Reuben Hankinson	Toronto	2017-02-02
Ronald Kenneth Lewis	William Lewis	Toronto	2017-02-02
Peter Frederick McKean Jones	Elisha Jones, Jr.	Toronto	2017-02-02
Kristyn Nicola Harrison	Hendrick (Henry) Beljee (Bulyea)	Abegweit	2017-02-07
Sandra Lynne Evans Heathers	Captain John Ernst Dafoe	Toronto	2017-02-15
Sandra Lynne Evans Heathers	Daniel Dafoe Sr.	Toronto	2017-02-15
David George Corey	Gideon Elisha Corey	New Brunswick	2017-02-15
Robert Wendell Clarke	Leonard Slipp	New Brunswick	2017-02-15
John Michael Joslin	Parshall Adam Terry Jr.	Governor Simcoe	2017-02-25
David Kenneth Faux	Sgt. Daniel Young	Hamilton	2017-02-27
Lane Judson Rayner	Nathaniel Pettit III	Hamilton	2017-02-27
Reginald James Glenn Wales	David Babcock	Kingston & District	2017-03-03
Reginald Laverne Wales Jr.	David Babcock	Kingston & District	2017-03-03
Lori Cheryl Scott	Thomas Hill	Grand River	2017-03-09
Walker Yama Scott Kabirzad	Thomas Hill	Grand River	2017-03-09
Lori Cheryl Scott	Hugh McKay	Grand River	2017-03-09
Walker Yama Scott Kabirzad	Hugh McKay	Grand River	2017-03-09
Alastair Storm Browne	Robert Melvin	Nova Scotia	2017-03-11
Suzanne Patricia Cronk	Hendrick Boulier	Nova Scotia	2017-03-11
Sandra Dale Trumbull	James Stevens	Col. Edward Jessup	2017-03-12
Deborah Lee Leonard	Daniel Fraser	Edmonton	2017-03-21
Deborah Lee Leonard	Edward Carscallen	Edmonton	2017-03-21
Derrick Lee Smith	Johann Jacob Smith	Bay of Quinte	2017-03-21
Paul Franklin Romyn	Leonard Misener	Bay of Quinte	2017-03-21
Michael Leroy Lucas	Susannah Swaddle	London & W. Ontario	2017-03-22
Penelope Eileen Minter	Frederick Shaver	Sir Guy Carleton	2017-03-22

Myrna Grace Perry	Joseph Price	Col. John Butler	2017-03-22
F. Marlene (McGreer) McCracken	Martin Fralick	Kingston & District	2017-03-25
Barbara Ann Schmuland	James Clement	Saskatchewan	2017-04-01
Gary David Fisher	Captain Andrew Bradt	Hamilton	2017-04-01
Edward Arthur Dayman	Abraham Woodcock	Grand River	2017-04-01
George Alexander Hammell-McLavy	Owen Roblin	Edmonton	2017-04-02
George Alexander Hammell-McLavy	Conrad Van Dusen	Edmonton	2017-04-02
Simon Richard Hammell-McLavy	Owen Roblin	Edmonton	2017-04-02
Simon Richard Hammell-McLavy	Conrad Van Dusen	Edmonton	2017-04-02
Robert Richard Hutchison	Joseph Lemon Sr.	Toronto	2017-04-07
Jonathan George Himann	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Jill Elizabeth Rehman (nee Himann)	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Raymur Nazir Rehman	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Zahra Elizabeth Rehman	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Jode Robert Alan Himann	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Vega Eve Elizabeth Himann	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
River Charles Wolf Himann	James Stewart Sr.	Calgary	2017-04-07
Heather Noelle Carrier	Jonathan Williams	London & W. Ontario	2017-04-08
Gray Edward Taylor	Capt. Abraham Pieter Maybee	Toronto	2017-04-19
Robert James Taylor	Isaac DeMille	Toronto	2017-04-19
John Cox Williams	William Rowland	Nova Scotia	2017-04-19
Barbara Ann Seitz	James Durham	Grand River	2017-04-20
Glenn Steven Cook	William Johnson	Nova Scotia	2017-04-20
Terrence David Smith	Nicholas Smith	Col. John Butler	2017-04-20
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Margaret Jean Stubbs (Smith)	John Steinhoff	Col. John Butler	2017-04-20
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Robert Curtis Johnson	Abraham Brooks	Nova Scotia	2017-05-03
Maureen Elizabeth Johnston	Joel Edgett	Victoria	2017-05-03
Leslie Ann Crowe	Richard Robert Crowe	Nova Scotia	2017-05-03
Dr. Matthew Ryan Lincoln	Isaac Gilbert	London & W. Ontario	2017-05-03
Diane Lynn Heather	Michael Cryderman	Manitoba	2017-05-03
Wilbert Jay Heather	Michael Cryderman	Manitoba	2017-05-03
Stewart Edmond Heather	Michael Cryderman	Manitoba	2017-05-03
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Stuart Lyall Manson	George Barnhart	St. Lawrence	2017-05-03
Shirley Joyce Gathright	Alexander Peers	Victoria	2017-05-03

Corriene Wiechec	Doctor Dexter Prindle	Kingston & District	2017-05-05
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Adler Eloise Hutchison	Joseph Lemon Sr.	Toronto	2017-05-05
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Katelyn Elizabeth Buckle	Joseph Hanes	London & W. Ontario	2017-05-12
William Joseph Buckle	Joseph Hanes	London & W. Ontario	2017-05-12
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Sara Elizabeth Crombie	Cornelius Van Nostrand	Governor Simcoe	2017-05-12
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Dennis Edwin VanKoughnett	George Wilhelm VanKoughnett	Saskatchewan	2017-05-25
Ruth Marie (Perry) Coker	Samuel Perry	Nova Scotia	2017-05-25
Robert Norman Speck	Nicholas Smith	Col. John Butler	2017-05-25
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Robert Norman Speck	William May	Col. John Butler	2017-05-25
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Robert John Parker	John Darby	Col. John Butler	2017-05-25

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Lois Jean Duggan	John Diamond	Bay of Quinte	2017-06-01
Ferne (Layla) Pauline Briggs	Patience (Rose) Switzer	Calgary	2017-06-01
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Lynn (Goucher) Rutman	Stephen Gouger	Nova Scotia	2017-06-07
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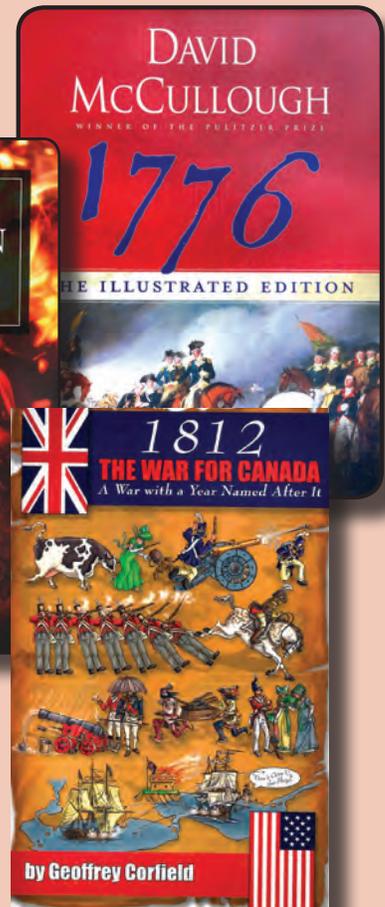
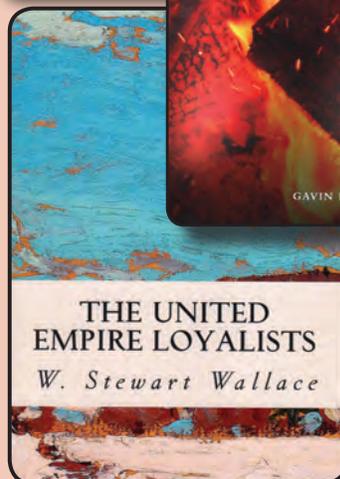
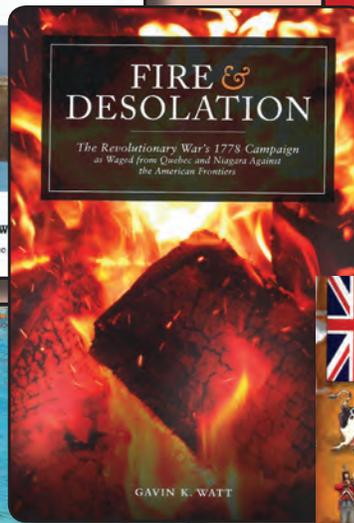
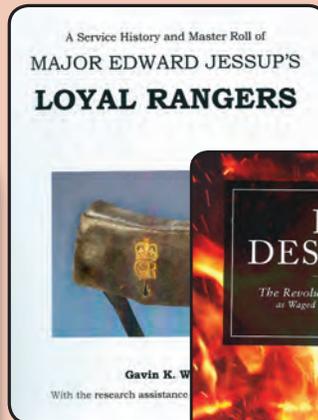
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