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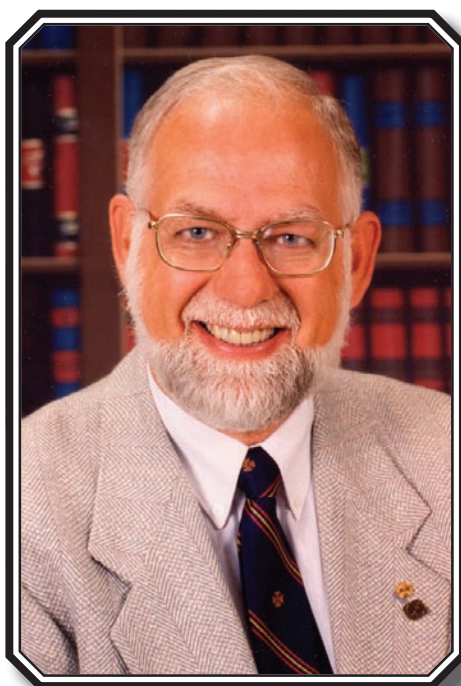


**The World  
in 1814:  
Napoleon  
is Exiled,  
War Rages  
in North  
America  
and The  
White  
House  
Burns.**



# The Loyalist Quilt

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



**A**ll across Canada, branches have been busy making plans and seeing words produce action as we celebrate our one-hundred-year anniversary in many different ways! While we look back on the accomplishments we have made as an association, we look forward to the next one hundred years when promoting our Loyalist history will be no less challenging than in the past. Your articles are always welcomed as we share our stories with others.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." As Editor, I am always looking at ways to improve each issue of *The Loyalist Gazette*. For example, in order to save space for more articles in the magazine, the UELAC Publications Committee is contemplating moving some columns on-line. Examples might be *Branch News Highlights* or *New Certificates Issued*. This will allow us to print more of your most interesting feature articles in each future issue.

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If you can help with this essential task, please send me an e-mail.

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I am always thankful for your feedback and suggestions to ensure that we continue to maintain our high quality.

Remember:

*Teamwork Encourages  
Active Members!*

Loyally yours,

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

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# UELAC People

## Behind the Scenes



### David Laskey UE, Atlantic Regional Councillor

**B**orn into a working-class family in Saint John, New Brunswick, Dave sometimes wonders how life would have unfolded if the family hadn't moved to Montreal when he was six. That city is where he attended elementary school, high school and university and where he acquired his understanding of the French-English divide. It was also where he started his career in the life insurance industry by joining Sun Life following graduation.

In 1970 when opportunities in Ontario beckoned, Dave and Carolyn, his wife of one year, moved first to Brockville and then to Toronto. A few years later they were living in Kingston where their first child, Jillian, was born. By 1975, they were back in the Toronto area that would be home for many years.

Four years later, 12 months after the arrival of their second child, Cameron, Dave moved to an arcane and little-known segment of the insurance business called reinsurance – insurance for insurance companies – that was to hold his attention until his retirement and provide a lot of adventures along the way. A long-time marketer, he was pleased to be in this business-to-business environment but, after six years, was asked to head Information Services, his company's data processing department.

Within a year of taking on this new responsibility Dave recognized that he lacked some of the knowledge and skills that were necessary for success in data processing and made the decision to advance his education. Enrolling in York University's MBA programme, he embarked on the arduous journey of pursuing knowledge while working full-time and trying to raise a family.

The year 1992 brought new opportunities as Dave was recruited to open an Asian branch for Manulife Reinsurance, the reinsurance division of Canada's Manufacturers Life. Pulling up stakes and moving to Singapore presented plenty of new problems as well as opportunities for the Laskey family. Life in the tropics, essentially on the equator, was radically different than what the family was used to but everyone adapted quickly to the new climate and the new culture. Fortunately, Singapore's highly developed infrastructure, the existence of a Canadian school, and the widespread use of English, obviated many of the problems one might normally encounter in such a move.

Three years later Dave, Carolyn and Cameron returned to Canada, while Jillian attended university in Australia. One of the motivating factors in their return was Dave's desire to complete the few remaining credits

he needed for his MBA and he took the opportunity to spend a full-time term at York, earning his degree in 1995.

Thinking that his overseas adventures were finished, Dave settled into a new reinsurance marketing job in Toronto. However, within a year, he was recruited by a German reinsurer, Hannover Rückversicherung AG, to open their first branch in northern Asia. Dave and Carolyn were soon on their way to Hong Kong, which would be home for the next twelve and a half years.

Starting in a tiny office in a business centre with little more than a phone and a fax machine, the operation soon grew into a thriving branch with offices in Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul and Taipei all managed from the base in Hong Kong. By the time of Dave's retirement in 2008, the branch employed almost fifty people and was generating significant profits for the parent company.

Dealing with the diverse cultures and languages in the region presented formidable challenges. The highlight of Dave's tenure in Hong Kong was the building of a solid professional relationship with the insurance regulators in China. Using all tools at their disposal, including visits to the Chinese Embassy in Berlin and the intervention of the German Embassy in Beijing, the Hong Kong team was able to secure an operating licence in China and soon counted more of China's insurance companies as clients than any other reinsurer.

Dave's interest in genealogy started long before his retirement, shortly after the introduction of the Internet and well in advance of the availability of on-line archives. For anybody who didn't live close to the physical document repositories, research was a slow process that relied heavily on the post office. While living in Hong Kong, Dave discovered the Family History Centre in a nearby Mormon church and soon was spending countless hours in front of microfilm and microfiche readers. He often marvelled at the fact that one could copy a film and send it to Hong Kong for only HK\$10, about C\$1.50 at the time.

Family lore provided very little information; Dave's last surviving grandparent died in 1976 and neither his parents nor their siblings could provide details of the earlier generations. He was told that nobody was really concerned, and they have never asked their parents about family history. In fact, in one case he encountered real resistance due to the belief that his searches would reveal that his ancestors were "horse thieves."

Since Dave's 2008 retirement the availability of on-line genealogical information has exploded. Add to that the fact that his retirement home in New Brunswick is close to many of the repositories he needs and the result was a rapid growth in the known branches of his family tree.

Dave's approach to genealogy is to explore every ancestral line, meaning that the number of lines doubles with each generation. In several lines (e.g. Laskey, Spragg, Odell, Haines, McDonald, Boone), he has been able to trace his ancestry back to the mid-1600s in the American colonies. Others (e.g. Till, Drake) have been researched only back to their arrival as Loyalists while other non-Loyalist lines (e.g. Mountain, Bearisto, Leeman) are complete back to their English or Irish origins in the 1600s. Then, there are the inevitable brick walls: ancestral lines traced back to second-great-grandparents (e.g. Saunders, Gale, Brown). At this point the brick walls are the subject of most on-going research but even the deepest lines still get a modest share of Dave's attention.

Interestingly, Dave's involvement in genealogical *organizations* now takes more of his time than his genealogical *research*. He is the Immediate Past President of the New Brunswick Branch and continues as that Branch's Membership Chair and Publisher. In addition, he serves as Regional Councillor for the Atlantic Region. Meanwhile, he is the Immediate Past President of the Saint John Branch of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society (NBGS) and serves as the Branch's Treasurer and Manager of Web Pages. He is also First Vice-President of NBGS Inc., the provincial body.

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# UELAC President's Message

By Bonnie L. Schepers UE

02 August 2014

## Loyalist Days 2014 – Riding the Wave

**I**t has become apparent to me that by starting on the east coast and working my way west, it is possible to celebrate Loyalist Day in May, June, and July across the wide expanse of Canada. That is the beauty of belonging to an organization with dedicated volunteers in every region of this country, committed to preserving the history of the United Empire Loyalists.

This year, I attended Loyalist Day events in Saint John, New Brunswick; Simcoe, Ontario; and Victoria, British Columbia. Each successful occasion was brought to life through careful planning by branch executive and their members. By involving municipal representatives, provincial leaders, and the media, UELAC branches are drawing attention to the significance of Loyalist history within their own communities.

Beginning on 18 May 2014 in Saint John, New Brunswick, I joined members of New Brunswick Branch and Nova Scotia Branch in the celebration of Loyalist Day at the site of the landing of the Loyalists in 1783. New Brunswick Branch President, Dave Laskey; His Worship, Mel Norton, Mayor of the City of Saint John; The Hon. Dorothy Shephard, Minister of Healthy and Inclusive Communities; Rodney Weston, MP Saint John; the Reverend Dr. John Tremblay and myself all contributed. Following a band concert by St. Mary's Band, Dave Laskey and I attended the 21-gun salute by the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company) and inspection of the firing party at Longwharf. Every year the people of Saint John gather to commemorate the United Empire Loyalists and to celebrate the first incorporated city in Canada.

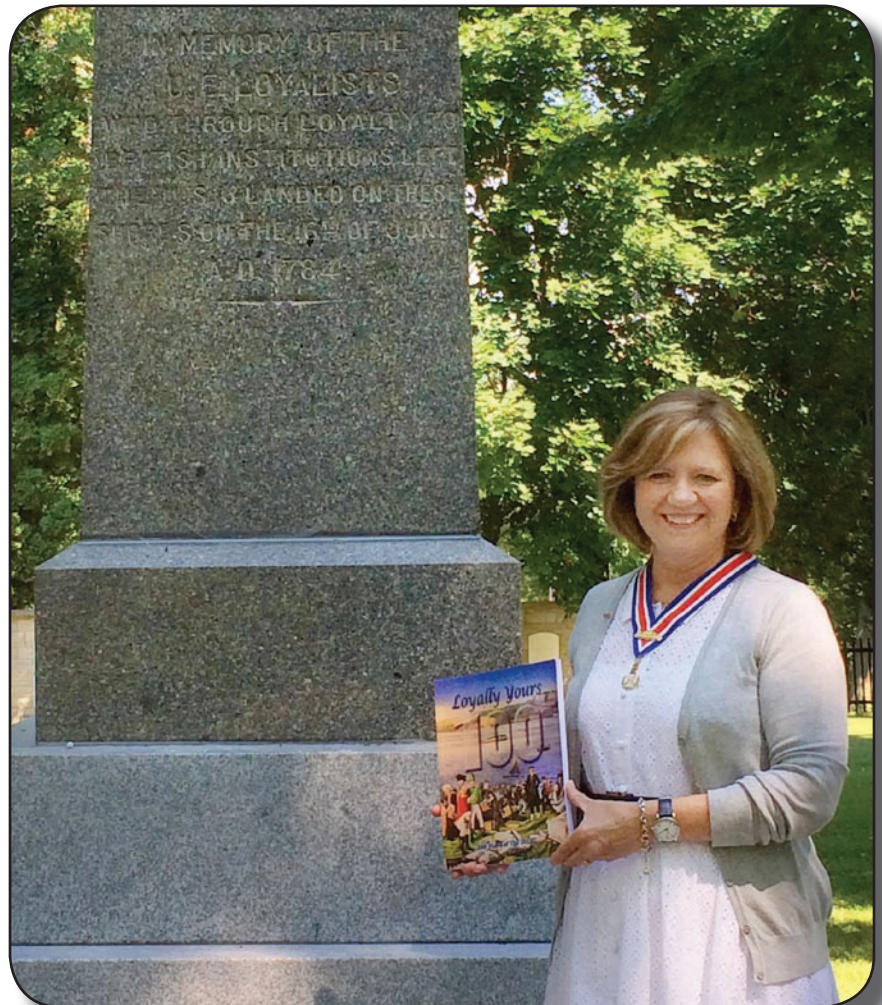
In recognition of Loyalist Day in Ontario (June 19), I participated in a flag raising ceremony hosted by Grand River Branch. Branch President, Beverly Balch, conducted the program assisted by Cathy Thompson, Doris Lemon, and Bill Terry (Dominion President 2000 – 2002). Distinguished guests included His Worship Dennis Travale, Mayor of Norfolk County, and Simcoe councillors, Jim Oliver and Peter Black. A performance of 19<sup>th</sup> century music by the Cottonwood Brass recalled summer afternoon concerts enjoyed by our grandparents.

In 2014, UELAC branches in every province answered the call to stand with pride in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. UELAC members and friends in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta



Bonnie L. Schepers UE outside the barracks at Fort Malden National Historic Site, Amherstburg, Ontario.

Bonnie at Adolphustown with our 100th anniversary book, July 2014.



marked Loyalist Day in ways unique to each province and region. A wave of Loyalist spirit that began May 18th on the Atlantic coast, washed across the country to meet the Pacific in Vancouver, Chilliwack and Victoria, British Columbia on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Manitoba and Saskatchewan experienced a more tangible flood this summer but it did not dampen their enthusiasm for promoting our history.

Victoria Branch – Vancouver Island, was the final shore with the unveiling of a new commemorative stone in Beacon Hill Park marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1939 Royal Visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Congratulations to Branch President, Aurelie Stirling, and Branch Vice-President, David Clark, on an excellent event. We were honoured by the presence of The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia; His Worship Dean Fortin, Mayor of the City of Victoria; Darwin Robinson, Mayor of Esquimalt (2003 – 2005); members of the Monarchist League – Victoria Branch; guests and friends.



The success of our Association is intrinsically tied to the success of our branches. As I participate in special branch events in every region, I am experiencing an organization that reflects the whole of Canada and we're having fun doing it! Thank you for the opportunity to represent our Association on the ground where it matters.

By the time you read this, I will have attended UE Certificate presentations at the Ketcheson Family Reunion in Adolphustown, Ontario, the Sir John Johnson Family Burial Vault Re-Consecration Ceremony in Mont-Saint-Gregoire, Quebec, and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grand River Branch in Brantford, Ontario. In October I return to the Pacific Region for the Fall Fleet Centennial hosted by Vancouver Branch, then to Montreal for the Heritage Branch Charter Dinner. Woven into this schedule are numerous telephone calls, e-mail communications, and executive meetings needed to keep UELAC on track and accountable to our members.

Truly, 2014 is an exciting year of celebration and progress as we plan for our future. Thank you for your part in upholding the vision of a united Association first imagined by our founding members one hundred years ago.

Loyal Then, Loyal Now, Toujours Fidele

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# \*\*\* NOTICE OF MEETING \*\*\*

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**T**he Annual General Meeting of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will be held on **Saturday, 30 May 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel, 146 Kingston St., Victoria, BC.**

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the financial statements of UELAC; to elect directors; to receive the report of the auditors and re-appoint the incumbent auditors; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada By-laws, Article III, Section 3.4 allows for each member to have one (1) vote.

UELAC members unable to attend the Meeting may vote by proxy. A proxy form will be available on-line or on request from Dominion Office. By completing, signing and dating this proxy form, any member of the UELAC may appoint a proxy holder to attend and act at any Meeting of the Members in the manner and to the extent authorized by this proxy. **NOTE – To be valid, proxies must be deposited with the Dominion Secretary at the UELAC Dominion Office (see address below) no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the Meeting. It is possible to e-mail a signed, scanned copy of proxy to Dominion Office or post by regular mail. No individual proxy holder may act as a proxy for more than five (5) members.**

Copies of the Meeting agenda, financial statements, reports and motions to be brought before the meeting will be available on the UELAC website **by April 30 2015. (Access instructions will be distributed by that date)** and on request from Dominion Office.

**Completed forms or submissions revoking a proxy may be mailed to:** The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, 50 Baldwin Street, Suite 202, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1L4.

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# A Centennial Celebration: 1914 – UELAC – 2014

By Martha Hemphill UE, Chair, 2014 Conference Committee

**W**hat a challenge this was: to celebrate the past one hundred years of the UELAC. Thanks to the 2014 Conference Committee and to the many others involved, the Centennial Celebration was an event to remember!

The Welcome reception featured Peter C. Newman, an amusing speaker who captured our interest in his latest book on the Loyalists. Fred Hayward then launched our compiled history of the UELAC, *Loyally Yours – 100 years of the UELAC*. Be sure to get your copy! It was fun to renew acquaintances and make some new ones!

The Speakers Series worked out very well. The speakers covered many subjects that appeal to us and will help us in documenting our lines of descent: early records of inheritance, pre-Confederation military collections on Ancestry.com, adding social context to the lives of our ancestors and preserving our family photos and documents. Having Todd Braisted with us to speak on the New Jersey Volunteers was a bonus. We all finished the day with a summer full of research ideas to pursue. Global Genealogy brought lots of Loyalist-period books with them. It was great to have Gavin Watt there to sign his latest book.

In addition to the speakers, we were pleased to have several “vendors” promoting their books and activities. Specifically we welcomed Zig Misiak (books on native history), Jennifer DeBruin (historic novel, *Shadows in the Trees*), and Helen Haton (*Daughters of the American Revolution*).

The bus tour of Loyalist Mississauga, led by Matthew Wilkinson of Heritage Mississauga, visited the Bradley Museum, Jalna and Lotten. Betsy Davidson was amazed to see herself as a young child with her family in a photo taken there many years ago by the UELAC on an outing. It was a fun and interesting day.

Burwash Hall was full of character for the delicious dinner on Friday. It was topped off by a wonderful performance by Muddy York.

We were fortunate to have the Smith Falconer Group of CIBC Wood Gundy sponsor our hospitality suite. The room was full every evening, after the planned activities ended, with lots of laughter and reminiscing. Smith Falconer also donated a lovely piece of Swedish crystal. The lucky winner was Liz Adair. For some, Saturday afternoon was spent walking through Old York visiting some of the important historical sites including the Church (now Cathedral) of St. James, Market Square and the St. Lawrence Market, and the 1833 post office. Muddy York Walking Tours aptly added interesting information about these places, the area and the people.

Preceding the Gala dinner on Saturday, ten of the Dominion Past Presidents gathered for a group photograph. So nice to see them all together again. After a delicious prime rib dinner, the Dorchester Award was presented to Fred Hayward. A standing ovation welcomed him to the podium as he truly deserves this award. A concert performance by *Molly of the Mohawks* finished the evening.

For those who attended the service of prayer at the Chapel of St. Alban the Martyr, RSGC it was a high point of the weekend. The beautiful chapel has so many ties to the early days of the UELAC as was explained by Jonathan Lofft. The service, led by Fr. Tim Elliott, was enhanced by the presence of their famed boys’ choir. We sang all four verses of O Canada! After lunch we headed back to the hotel and our way home.

Toronto Branch would like to thank everyone for their support by either attending the conference, assisting, or by providing their words of encouragement! There are so many people to thank: the UELAC Centennial Committee, the UELAC Promotions, and Ruth Nicholson to name a few. Especially I would like to thank our small, but mighty, committee of Linda Young, Susan Ellsworth, Trish Groom, Andrew Fleming, Mary Alford and Diane Reid.

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## A Centennial Celebration

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Right:  
 The organizing committee for the June 2014 conference were (left to right): Linda Young UE, Diane Reid UE, Andrew Fleming UE, Martha Hemphill UE (seated), Susan Ellsworth UE, Mary Alford UE, [absent: Trish Groom UE].



Left: Frederick H. Hayward UE receives the well-deserved Dorchester Award from Bonnie L. Schepers UE.

Right: Bonnie L. Schepers UE chats with author Peter C. Newman.



The UELAC Dominion President, Immediate-Past and Past Dominion Presidents are, from left:  
 Standing: Frederick H. Hayward UE, Bonnie L. Schepers UE, Charles J. Humber UE, Arnold W. Nethercott UE, Douglas W. Grant UE, Peter W. Johnson UE, C. William Terry UE, Robert C. McBride UE. Seated are: Myrna M. Fox UE, J. Okill Stuart UE, Bernice Wood Flett UE.



# UELAC "LOYALISTS COME WEST"

CONFERENCE 2015

**F**ollow Alexander McKenzie's route to the Pacific Coast and Come West for the 2015 Annual Conference in Victoria, British Columbia. The Conference is hosted by the Pacific Regional branches of the UELAC.

The conference will be in the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina, 146 Kingston Street. It is located directly on the harbour and is central to Victoria and its many amenities, shops and tourism opportunities. By the way, you will not want to miss our hospitality room. The view from it is spectacular.

One can easily use the hotel shuttle to get downtown, OR attendees may catch one of the delightful little harbour ferries at the wharf nearby, where you can cruise, for a small fee, around the harbour, OR if you are a walker, take the meandering, paved harbour-side pathway, that leads to the Empress Hotel and the B.C. legislative buildings.

The CVH Hotel features the award-winning Blue Crab Seafood House. Other amenities at this hotel are the unique indoor/outdoor pool, lounge, whirlpool, sauna and fitness centre. Each guest room has free Wi-Fi and local calling. We have reserved a block of 50 rooms at \$159.00 per night plus taxes. This rate is also good for three days pre-conference and three days post-conference.

For reservations: 1-800-663-1144 (Please quote UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' CONVENTION to receive the reduced room rate).

Thursday: Registration will begin adjacent to the lobby (look for the signage). During the afternoon, the Genealogists' Meeting will take place; followed by the Dominion Membership Committee Meeting. Tentatively Thursday evening, buses will deliver attendees to the Conference Welcoming Reception at Government House. Greeted by the Town Crier, members, delegates and their guests will meet The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and other distinguished guests. There will be finger food and a cash bar.

Friday is our fun day. During the morning, there will be two workshops. One, on the fur trade, which was a main concern for Fort Victoria in the mid-1800s. (It was the headquarters of the Columbia Division of the *Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay* – aka the Hudson Bay Company).



## Loyalists Come West 2015 Victoria Conference



There will also be a workshop on adding DNA to your genealogy and family history tools.

For those who wish to have a tourist-like day, there will be many offerings within minutes of the hotel. Catch a bus to Butchart's Gardens, take a horse drawn carriage, visit Emily Carr House, the Royal B.C. Museum, the IMAX Theatre, take a double-decker bus tour of the city with all of its historic landmarks, have tea at the Empress Hotel, go whale-watching, or shop the town. There will be two official tours, one to a winery on the peninsula, north of Victoria, where a budding wine industry is emerging. The second tour is to Government House Gardens, which includes a walking tour hosted by the Old Cemeteries Society where we will visit the grave sites of Loyalist descendants in Ross Bay Cemetery. Stories of these early settlers include, among others, the Aikman family of the Hamilton, Ontario, area. Friday evening will feature a plated dinner made up of original Loyalist foods of Niagara and Port Roseway. There will also be a featured speaker and musical entertainment. Several original recipe Loyalist drinks will be available at the no-host bar.

Saturday morning we host the Annual General Meeting in the Coast Ballroom. Following the AGM will be a short Dominion Council Meeting and a buffet lunch. In the afternoon, you are free to do more tourist things. Of course, the Gala Banquet will take place Saturday evening with all of the appropriate pomp and circumstance, a featured speaker, Dominion Awards and musical entertainment.

On Sunday, buses will take members and their guests to attend the James Bay United Church where we will parade into the church in period attire, worship and participate in the Service. A light lunch will follow. The hotel checkout time is at 12:00 Noon unless attendees are staying on at the reduced room rate for a few more days.

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# UELAC Conference Schedule: 28-31 May 2015

## Thursday:

- Registration in Hotel adjacent to Main Dining Room 9AM - 4PM
- Genealogists Meeting Fairfield Room 1:45 - 2:30 PM
- Membership Meeting Fairfield Room 2:30 - 4:00 PM
- Exhibit Room opens 8 AM for set-up and displays
- Hospitality room opens 12 Noon - 5 PM – nibbles, keg beer, wine
- Bus leaves 6:15 PM for Government House (2 runs)
- Tentative evening welcome Reception 7PM - 9PM at Government House with finger food, no host bar
- Greeting speech – Victoria Branch President & Pacific Region V-P
- Town Crier welcomes UELAC
- L-G, Mayor, MLA's present

## Friday:

- Breakfast on your own
- Workshops 9 AM and 10 AM (45 minute duration each)
  - a) Gord McIntosh – The Fur Trade
  - b) Diane Rogers – Adding DNA to your Genealogy and Family History Tools
- Buffet lunch 12:00 Noon – “Build it Your Way”
- Bus tour to Govt. House garden & UEL Cemetery Tour 1 - 3:30 PM
- Bus winery tour Church and State Winery 1 - 3:30 PM
- Return by 4 PM to prepare for Fun night.
- Self-guided tours - see list in registration folder.
- Registration continues 8 AM - 12:00 Noon
- Hospitality room open only 9:30 PM - 12 AM
- Exhibit Room open 8 AM - 5 PM
- **Fun Night Coast Ballroom:**
- **Loyalist fare dinner – all UEL food and drinks from the 1700s**
  - a) Welcome by Bonnie Schepers & Victoria Branch President
  - b) Main speaker – John Adams, local historian & tour leader
  - c) Musical entertainment

## Saturday:

- Breakfast on own
- AGM at 9 AM - 12 Noon
- Self-guided tours for those not attending AGM
- Dominion Council meeting immediately following AGM
- Hotel buffet lunch 12:30 PM with podium/amplifier/microphone
- Buffet lunch 12:00 Noon – “Build it Your Way”
- Hospitality room open 8 AM - 3 PM and 9:30 PM - 12:00
- Pre-banquet no host bar meet and greet in hotel bar – 5 PM
- Gala Banquet 6 PM, Coast Harbourside ballroom with seafood
- Trooping of the colours with piper
- Guest speaker
- Musical entertainment
- Retirement of colours

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## Sunday:

- Breakfast on own
- Checkout, store luggage during Church Parade if leaving that day
- Bus leaves for church at 10 AM
- **Church Parade 10:30 AM**
- Assemble in entrance hall
- Parade in with colours without piper, carry stands for flags
- Service
- Retirement of Colours
- Meet and Greet tea/coffee/sandwiches after Church Parade
- Bus returns to hotel.
- Conference concludes.

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Dante Peter Fiorentino UE, born 31 March 2014, with his grandparents, Angela and Peter Johnson UE. His parents are Clarissa Johnson UE and Sandro Fiorentino. Dante has over 40 Loyalist ancestors, including some twice.

# OPINION

A New Column to Express YOUR Views

## Where Do We Go From Here?

—By Dave Laskey UE

**W**ell folks, we're now more than halfway through our Association's centennial year and from all accounts it has been a success.

For me, such milestones usually prompt some reflection on what brought us to the milestone and more importantly, some questions on what the future might hold.

I wasn't around when the UELAC was formed and I can only guess at the visions and motives of the founders. I'm quite certain however, that today's Association is very different than what they envisaged. Just as the founders did not have the gift of clairvoyance, we cannot predict what the UELAC will look like in 2114 nor indeed, whether it will survive. The best we can do is to develop plans and create structures that will, we hope, see us thriving in five or ten years.

### Status Quo

All planning should start with some analysis of where we are today. Admittedly, my understanding of the problems in Branches other than my own is limited. Is the situation in New Brunswick Branch symptomatic of an Association-wide malaise? I don't know for certain but there must be some lessons to be learned.

New Brunswick Branch total membership, including "Other Family" members, has been around 165 since I joined in 2008. We typically lose about 30 members each year and gain a similar number of new members. The average age has held steady at 69 years, so the increase in age of the renewing cohort is being offset by younger age new members and by the loss of our oldest members.

About two thirds of our members live outside our home province and are generally unable to participate fully in Branch activities. Many of our members residing in New Brunswick do not live within easy driving distance of Saint John, the hub of most activities. That means that the pool of members who can participate in Branch

events and who might be able to take on jobs is quite limited.

Of course, if we could reduce our non-renewal rate the Branch would expand and we'd have more resources, human and financial, for projects. Past surveys in our Branch, current surveys in other genealogical organizations and anecdotal evidence tell us that many people fail to renew because they don't believe they're getting value for money. That includes the people who join just long enough to get a UE certificate.

For me, joining the UELAC was prompted by the belief that I would gain access to genealogical experts and significant research resources to assist me in the process of discovering and documenting my origins. While I have found a few resources that have been of value I can't say that joining the UELAC has met my expectations. However, there have been other things that have kept me engaged.

So, to the extent that the New Brunswick Branch is representative of the broader organization, we are a group of groups (i.e. branches) each struggling to attract and keep new members.

One more thing ... we do not have the right to confer the UE designation on anybody. The right to append UE to our names is acquired at birth. We either have or we don't have it. The best that the UELAC can do is to state that a particular person has submitted proofs of descent from a Loyalist in accordance with a rigorous set of genealogical standards.

### Quo Vadis?

This is the prescriptive section of my article, the section where I, in my infinite wisdom, outline my view of where we should go. As you will see, my prescription is relatively simple. There is a risk that some feathers may be ruffled but as Admiral Farragut said, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

First, we need to make it vastly easier for members to gain access to the huge treasure trove held in Dominion Office: all



Dave Laskey UE

the past UE certificate applications. These applications contain an enormous amount of knowledge about Loyalists and their descendants but we don't make it easy or inexpensive to look at them.

Accessibility could be greatly improved by storing all applications as digital images. Doing this on a "go-forward basis" is quite simple although the technical details are beyond the scope of this article. Suffice it to say that we could develop and implement a digital solution within a few months and at low cost. However, converting all existing applications to a digital format is more problematic. The technology to handle the digitization of microfilm and microfiche is readily available but we've never asked for an estimate of the cost of conversion. To put it differently, the job may be easy but expensive. That said, let's get some quotes and try to move this file forward.

Second, we need to overcome our fears about privacy legislation. We ask applicants to authorize us to "publish" the information in their applications but seem to be paralysed by uncertainty about what that means. If needed, let's get legal opinions. Let's expand the application form's authorization section to make it even more specific. Let's make sure that we conform to the privacy requirements of the province with the most stringent legislation and move on.

Of course, we have to respect the privacy of living persons and we also have to follow the wishes of applicants. If an applicant wants his/her entire application to be kept confidential, so be it. As an aside, I have heard members say that there's no way they would share their work with others. Since I joined the UELAC so that I could access and build on the work done by others and am very willing to share my research results with others, I admit to bewilderment and consternation in this area. To my way of thinking there's no value in re-doing work that has already been nicely completed by somebody else. I'd rather devote my time to expanding our collective knowledge.

Third, we should systematically and quickly update and expand the Loyalist Directory. Doug Grant does a great job of updating the Directory "as time permits" but the task, as I envisage it, is beyond any single person's capabilities.

### let's break down ... the walls of secrecy

Could we not set up a country-wide project to handle this task? I suspect there are people in every branch who would be willing to devote time to such a project; I would, for one. I have proven Loyalist ancestors who are not listed, proven Loyalist ancestors whose listings are inaccurate, ancestors who are mistakenly listed as Loyalists and unproven Loyalist ancestors for whom I have lots of new information. The last group will ultimately be proven in new UE certificate applications as I get around to them.

Fourth, let's break down some of the walls of secrecy that we've built over the years. Why do we so closely guard the access rights to the "Executive Information" section of our website? Relying on branch presidents to filter and relay information to their members is fraught with problems. During my tenure as president of the New Brunswick Branch, I was inconsistent in my dissemination of knowledge about Dominion concerns and I can't imagine I was unique in that regard. The result for my branch was that many members were left feeling that they had no connection to the national organization.

When I look at the contents of Executive Information, I see nothing that should be shielded from the eyes of our members. That's not to say that members will be deeply interested in the contents of Executive Information – most of that stuff is so arcane and obscure as to be meaningless to the casual observer – but it doesn't need to be kept in the Tower of London with the Crown Jewels.

The solution, in my view, is to allow everyone access to Executive Information.

### Conclusion

Clearly, my analysis of the problems facing our Association has not been exhaustive. By picking the issues that are near to my heart I have ignored other pressing issues. Equally, my prescription excludes other possible initiatives that could have wonderful outcomes for the UELAC. That's fine. This article is not intended to be the final word on the topic. Rather, it should be regarded as the opening statement in a long debate.

Ask yourself whether there's any truth to what I've said. Think about other problems that drive you to distraction. Open your mind to new possibilities, new ways of doing things. Together let's try to come up with a vision that will carry us forward for the next few years so that we can have a glimmer of hope about surviving for another century.

### Seeking Your Response

You've had a chance to read my article and you could be seething with frustration over my apparent inability to see and understand the true situation. Alternatively, you could be shouting "right on, somebody understands." Or, you might be somewhere in between, thinking that there's some truth in my article but that

some things have been ignored and others have been over-emphasized.

Regardless of where you stand on the article itself, we'd like to hear from you. We crave your feedback, your comments and your suggestions and earnestly implore you to take a few minutes to send them to the following e-mail address: [future@uelac.org](mailto:future@uelac.org).

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- If the problems actually exist do they really deserve to be solved? Are they sufficiently important?
- Are there other problems that deserve our attention?
- Should solving these other problems take precedence over the problems enunciated in the article?
- Are the solutions outlined in the article practical and do-able?
- Will the proposed solutions actually help to solve the identified problems?
- What other approaches could be taken to tackle the identified problems?
- What should be done to deal with other problems?

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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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# Loyalist Plaques

## Project 2014 Centenary: UEL Monument Update

By Brian Tackaberry UE, Bay of Quinte Branch

**A**s many of you are aware, the 2014 branch project for Bay of Quinte was the repair and restoration of the UEL Monument in the cemetery at the UEL Heritage Centre and Park at Adolphustown. The repairs have been taking place this summer under the auspices of Campbell Monument in Belleville.

The entire monument was dismantled and the broken original limestone bases (which literally fell to pieces during the work) were removed, a new cement base installed, and the original three bases replaced by stronger Stanstead granite, matching the original. Once that was completed and the monument put back together, the paving stones were removed, cleaned and reset to create a gradual slope that eliminated the step and tripping hazards.

The next phase of the project will be to repair the grass area surrounding the monument. We still need to re-install the four cemetery stones that were broken and have since been repaired.

### Mark Your Calendar.

The official unveiling and re-dedication of the restored UEL Monument will take place as part of a re-enactment and re-dedication to be held on the weekend of 23 and 24 May 2015.

We would like to thank the various individuals, UEL branches across Canada, and the Dominion UELAC for their generous donations towards this worthy project. Donations, for which a charitable receipt will be issued (Registered Charity No. 889 242 863 Rr00001), can still be made towards the final stages of the restoration.

Please mail cheques, payable to "UEL Heritage Centre and Park," to: UEL Heritage Centre & Park, 54 Adolphustown Park Road, Bath, Ontario. K0H 1G0. For more information, contact me at: 1784@uel.ca.

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From left: Our Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE; Ketcheson Family Association President, Trevor Ketcheson; and Branch President, Peter Johnson UE laid wreaths at the new base of the monument during the Ketcheson family reunion in Adolphustown on July 26th.



## Re-consecration of the remains of Sir John Johnson & members of his family, the major UELAC 2014 Commemorative Project

By Robert Collins McBride UE

Photos by Albert Schepers, Robert J. Galbraith, Grietje R. McBride UE and Robert McBride UE.

**O**n 04 January 1830, age 88, Sir John Johnson, Second Baronet of New York, died and was buried in Mount Johnson, now Mont Saint-Grégoire, south of Montreal, Quebec.

On Saturday, 23 August 2014, about 200 people gathered at Mount Johnson for the re-consecration ceremony for Sir John Johnson and other members of his family. The land is now owned by CIME Haut-Richelieu, an organization dedicated to the preservation of Mont Saint-Grégoire, formerly Mount Johnson.

A funeral procession, led by a piper of the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders of Fort St. Helen Garrison in Montreal, brought the urn containing the remains of Sir John Johnson and his wife, to join the remains of other family members at the front of the vault. Included in the procession were members of the



Funeral procession bearing the urn of Sir John Johnson: at the front are: Robert C. McBride UE, UELAC Immediate Past Dominion President, 2011 - 2013; and (right) Bonnie L. Schepers UE, UELAC Dominion President.



King's Royal Regiment of New York, six members of the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, also known as the Royal Highland Emigrants and representatives of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The principle urn carried by Bonnie L. Schepers, Dominion President of the UELAC; Robert C. McBride, Immediate Past Dominion President; Frederick Hayward, Past Dominion President and 2014 UELAC Centennial Celebrations Chairperson; and Claude Neveu, President of the Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson.

Bonnie Schepers spoke to the assembled gathering, stating in part: "The accomplishments of this outstanding man are too numerous to mention here but his legacy is evident. Perhaps, one hundred and eighty-four years after his death, his greatest distinction is that of trusted friend and advisor



UELAC President Bonnie Schepers UE speaks.

to the many Loyalists who found themselves homeless and in need of guidance at the end of the Revolutionary War."

Most of his adult life, Sir John Johnson was a Freemason. Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Jacques Ruelland, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, spoke about the life of Sir John

Johnson: "Born in 1742 at Johnstown, Province of New York, Sir John was knighted in 1765 and was Initiated about 1767 in the Royal Lodge No. 313, E.R. ('Moderns'), meeting at the Thatched House Tavern, St. James Street, London, England. ..."

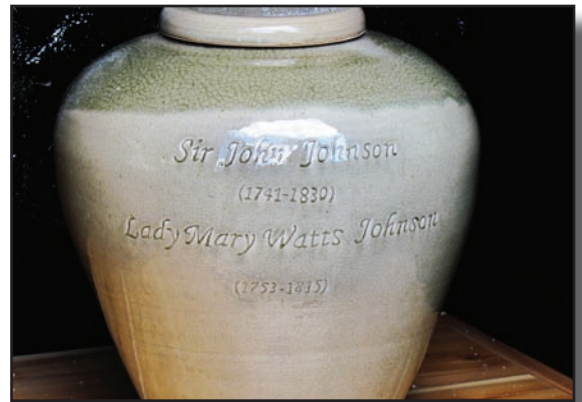
"Succeeding to the Baronetcy on the death of his father, Sir William Johnson, in 1774, he married [Lady Mary] Polly Watts, daughter of the Honorable John Watts, President of the Council of Colonial Affairs in New York City. ..."

"He probably affiliated with St. Patrick's Lodge No. 4, Provincial Grand Lodge of New York at Jamestown, New York, founded by his father in 1766 and was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New York by Lord Blayney in 1767, being formally installed in 1771 and resuming his role in 1781 following the American Revolution. ..."

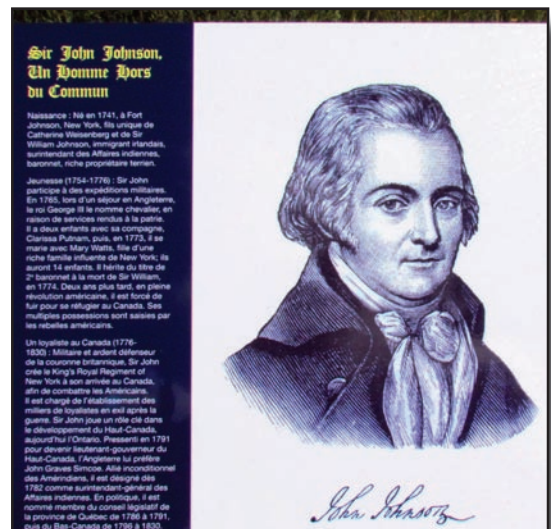
During the American Revolution, forced to leave his home in the Province of New York, Sir John made his way northward, eventually reaching Montreal. Upon his arrival in 1776, he was commissioned to form the First Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. At the end of the Revolution, he took under his guardianship hundreds of Loyalists in exile and helped them settle in what is now Eastern Ontario.

"Sir John was made a Brigadier of Provincial Troops in 1782 and on 05 May 1785, he was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Quebec. St. John's Lodge of Friendship was established in Montreal by a Warrant dated 18 March 1791. In 1791, Sir John Johnson decided to renumber all the Lodges of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec. From 1791 until his death in 1830, he held the office of Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs for British North America."

Fred Hayward, 2014 UELAC Centennial Celebration Chairperson, spoke, saying in part: "The path leading to this morning's ceremony has indeed been a long and winding road. Those who have pursued the restoration of this key link to our past have faced many complications, obstacles and detours but today we can express our appreciation for their steadfast determination. In particular, I personally acknowledge the efforts of Claude Neveu, President of Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson; Nicole Poulin, President of the Société d'histoire du Haut-Richelieu; Ray Ostiguy as legal eagle and supervisor; and Adelaide Lanktree UE of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch, and my main contact over the years.



The urn of Sir John Johnson.

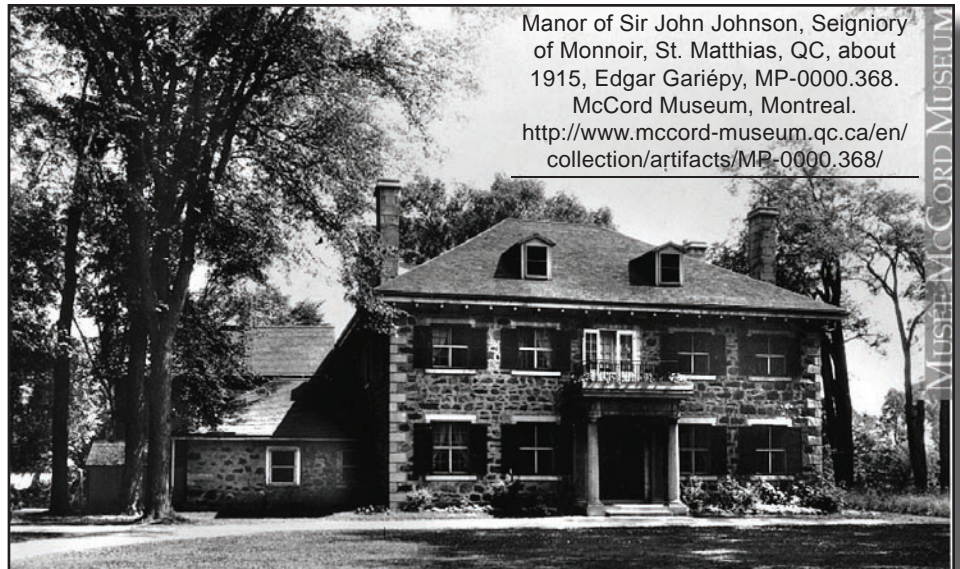




“With the re-consecration of the restored Sir John Johnson Family Burial Vault today, we, the living, publicly acknowledge his elevated place in Canadian history. In the years to come, if all those who pass this way take time to read and reflect on the many contributions of this historic figure, the efforts of the Société and the UELAC will have served a lasting purpose indeed.”

Claude Neveu, President of the Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson, spoke about the history of the restoration of the Vault, saying, in part: “Today, Sir John Johnson and the members of his family are returning to the vault with the help of the Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson of which it was the most important mission. ... We had many collaborators that we could count on ... I would like to underline the talents and the highest competence of the artists and craftsmen who have put their time and their knowledge at our disposal ... I want to thank and salute the presence with us of Mr. Christian Bélanger, archeologist and Mr. Gérard Gagné, osteo-archeologist, who realized the archeological intervention for the classification of the site under the Borden code BiFg-1. They worked here in two digging sequences, the first in November 1999 and the second in October 2002. During these digs, they found 821 bones or fragments of bones, those being the bones of twelve members of the family of Sir John Johnson, seven adults and five children.”

The Venerable Peter D. Hannen UE blessed the vault and led the singing of



Manor of Sir John Johnson, Seigniori of Monnoir, St. Matthias, QC, about 1915, Edgar Gariépy, MP-0000.368. McCord Museum, Montreal. <http://www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/en/collection/artifacts/MP-0000.368/>

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The Loyalist Hymn with lyrics first sung at Bishop’s College School, 21 May 1989, in the presence of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Following the blessing, Michel Raciot, Master of Ceremonies, shared letters from the Governor General and Patron of The United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada, the Right Honorable David Lloyd Johnston; The Honorable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages; and Sir Guy Johnson, 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet of New York, and his wife, Lady Johnson.

After the official ceremony, the door to the vault remained open for closer examination of the interior before it was closed and locked by Claude Neveu.

Thus ended the re-consecration ceremony at the Sir John Johnson Burial Vault. What a fitting tribute to the memory of Sir John Johnson and other Loyalists, heroes and leaders in the formation and settlement of our country, Canada.

A reception was held at the nearby *Vergers & Cidrerie Denis Carbonneau*.

Following the ceremony, Grietje and I met Elizabeth Stephens who lives in one of the former manor homes of Sir John Johnson: Seigniori of Monnoir, and St. Matthias, Quebec.

Elizabeth indicates: “My family has owned the Manor house for over 100 years. My grandfather, Laurence de K. Stephens, purchased it in March 1911. Apparently the reason he even found the house was due to his friendship with Hamilton Gault, founder of the Princess Pat’s regiment. Gault had an estate on Mont Ste Hilaire about 10 miles from here and so grandfather found the property. The house was in very bad condition, having had several owners since the Johnsons sold it, probably in 1885. No doubt it never had plumbing or electricity installed. Grandpa Stephens had married my grandmother, Elizabeth Huntington, in 1909 and by 1913 they had two children. They carried out extensive renovations on the house bringing it into the 20th century. This included the central heating system that I still use today. He also was responsible for the portico and columns at the front door.

“Over the years the Manor became rundown and by 1970, was really in rather bad condition. At that time, although my mother was still the owner, I took on the task of bringing the house back from the brink. I had met my life partner, Jack, who could repair anything. It became our forever project and during the 1990s, we were able to carry out major projects on the exterior and interior. I had become the owner in 1990 after my mother died. I believe this is the last or one of the last, of the Johnson homes in Quebec.”

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Saluting Sir John Johnson, from left, are: Gavin Watt; Marcio Da Cunha; Michael LeBlanc; Sergeant Major David Putnam.

## More Sir John Johnson Ceremony Photos:

Right are speakers: Frederick H. Hayward UE [inset in frame] and R.W. Bro. Dr. Jacques G. Ruelland, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec.



Below: UELAC Past Dominion President, 1994 – 1996, J. Okill Stuart UE, paying tribute to Sir John Johnson.

Right, middle: Funeral procession. Bearing the urn of Sir John Johnson are (left to right): Robert C. McBride UE, UELAC Immediate Past Dominion President, 2011 - 2013; Frederick H. Hayward UE, UELAC Past President, 2008 - 2011; Bonnie L. Schepers UE, UELAC Dominion President; Claude Neveu, President of Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson.

Bottom: Blessing by The Venerable Peter D. Hannen UE.

Bottom right: Claude Neveu and Robert C. McBride UE (right) holding the key to the vault.



# Loyalist House **R**e*pa*i*r*s & Refurbishment

By Ruth Flewelling Lesbirel UE, Saint John New Brunswick Branch

**L**oyalist House is a key attraction in Saint John for local and tourist visitors alike. It does much to promote awareness of the contributions of United Empire Loyalists to our city, province and country. The beautiful Georgian mansion is a showplace of the way of life of merchant-class Loyalists circa 1833.

Several months ago the managers of Loyalist House in Saint John discovered significant structural problems with the dining room fireplace and the basement wall beneath it. The repair work was completed on an emergency basis, and required the removal of two large sections of lath-and-plaster wall, in order to inspect the integrity of the chimney itself. The wall and fireplace were stabilized with 6 inch x 6 inch hemlock beams and thirty-three bags of cement, eliminating the fear that the chimney would collapse and take the exterior house wall with it.

The reproduction period-authentic wallpaper and draperies in the room had been in place since the New Brunswick Historical Society first acquired and restored the House in 1959. Both were showing their age before the fireplace repairs, which of necessity destroyed two large sections of wallpaper. Clearly the dining room needed new wallpaper and draperies.



The New Brunswick Branch UELAC has very special ties with the building and has made several substantial contributions to its upkeep over recent years, for such maintenance as exterior painting and replacement windows. When this need arose, we applied to Dominion Office for a \$2,500 grant, and pledged to pay the estimated \$5,800 total amount for new reproduction wallpaper and draperies in this room. The New Brunswick Branch shares in many social functions at Loyalist House each year, beginning with the New Year's Levee on 01 January. Many of our members are also members of the New Brunswick Historical Society and act as volunteer tour guides, especially on Loyalist Day, 18 May.

**Remarkably, everything went as planned**

Other Loyalist House functions, in which our members have taken part, generally in period dress, include: various teas and dinners throughout the year, a presentation of the church music of the Loyalists, lessons and carols at Christmas time, museum and UEL conferences, and museum awards ceremonies. Most of these functions take place in the dining room and we

eagerly look forward to seeing the results of our contribution to restoring this room.

After the basic construction work was completed, the New Brunswick Historical Society consulted with a plasterer to prepare the reinstalled walls for new wallpaper. Plastering is a rare skill today and uses specialized traditional techniques. Albert's Draperies, Saint John, was engaged to make draperies for the three large windows in the room and supply the wallpaper. The target date to have everything completed was 11 May 2014, a week before Saint John would celebrate Loyalist Day. Remarkably, everything went as planned, the work was completed on time, and a plaque was prepared for placement in the dining room, showing that the New Brunswick Branch UELAC donated its refurbishment.



Ruth Flewelling Lesbirel UE

Left: Loyalist House is a key attraction in Saint John, NB.

Below: An enthusiastic crew hangs wallpaper.



Sunday, 11 May 2014 was such a wonderful occasion for Loyalist House, when the newly refurbished dining room was unveiled. Following the annual Loyalist Church Service at Trinity Anglican Church, Saint John, members of the New Brunswick Branch UELAC and Trinity Anglican's congregation joined members of the New Brunswick Historical Society at Loyalist House for a lovely luncheon and celebration.

The details and even the colours of the new décor had been carefully kept under wraps until this big day arrived. The dining room looked spectacular in its new tone-on-tone ivory paisley damask wallpaper sourced from England and its burgundy and ivory silk jacquard draperies, in a pattern called "Bellagio," by Cretex of Toronto with coordinating tassel braid from Unique Fine Fabrics. All the work was done under the direction of Albert's Draperies, Saint John.

Everything about the interior decoration of the room looked so fresh and bright as sunlight streamed through the windows that fine



A very happy *public hanging*: "No, a bit higher on the right."

Below: New dining room draperies and wallpaper.

spring day, since the dining room woodwork had also been repainted, the Axminster carpet cleaned and put back in place, and the entire room had been given a thorough housecleaning.

There was no hint of the upheaval that had taken place over nearly two years, from the time the chimney problem was first discovered. Here are a few pictures taken during the reconstruction process, along with pictures of the results of many months of careful and painstaking hard work, and a glimpse of our celebrations upon its completion.

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UELAC New Brunswick and New Brunswick Historical Society members in period dress, L – R: Ruth Lesbirel, Francis Morrissey and Don Flewelling.

David Laskey, President, New Brunswick Branch, presents plaque to Kathy Wilson, President of the New Brunswick Historical Society.



## Bay Of Quinte

By Peter W. Johnson UE, Branch President

It's been a busy year for the Bay of Quinte Branch. The year began with our annual Potluck/Show 'n Tell, held in January at Napanee. In March we were entertained by Don Galna UE who talked about his excellent book on Loyalist houses in the Brockville area. We met in Frankford in March, then back to Adolphustown for our AGM in May, which featured respected author, Jennifer DeBruin UE. Our September meeting is in Ameliasburgh.

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

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

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

One of the more unusual events this year was a visit by CNN broadcaster, Jake Tapper, who is well known in the United States. Turns out he has local roots and

is a descendant of early settler, Solomon Huff, and the Palmateer family. He spent the day filming at Old Hay Bay Church (1792), the UEL Park, Loyalist landing site and museum. Some Huff descendants, including me, were on hand, and his visit should generate some publicity for the UELAC when it is featured on his television show in the States. As an American citizen he was interested to find he had ancestors who fought on the British side in the War of 1812!

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

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Top right: Brian Tackaberry UE and Dominion President Bonnie Schepers UE visit the UEL Monument in Adolphustown.



Right: Jake Tapper and UEL Museum helper, Christine Smith UE.

Photo: 05 July 2014 by P. Johnson UE.



Bottom left: Peter Johnson UE [left] with CNN's Jake Tapper at the UEL Park. Photo: 05 July 2014, courtesy of Susan Wright UE.

Bottom centre: Wayne Sharp UE collects UE certificates for his children and grandchildren.

Photo: 10 May 2014 by P. Johnson UE.

Bottom right: Bill and Nicole Russell UE collect certificates for George Galloway UE. Photo: 10 May 2014 by P. Johnson UE.



## Chilliwack

By Shirley Dargatz UE, Branch President

Chilliwack Branch Heritage Week meeting on 22 February focused on a plethora of themes including: Heritage Afloat, Ships Afloat – or not, Ships and Voyages in 1783, Black Loyalist Passengers – “Unattributed Passengers” (not counted in), and Member Ships (our pitch for the goal we have set to achieve 100 members in our Chilliwack Branch this UELAC centennial year). At this writing, we are 92 and rising. With his grandfather, Art Keller UE, looking proudly on, Young Loyalist, Brad Keller UE, received his certificate in the name of their Loyalist Ancestor, Frederick Keller UE. Following this event, Brad’s mother, April Neave, wrote an excellent article and submitted it to the on-line news, **The Valley Voice**. Chris Hay UE gave a talk on Rev. James Henry White of Loyalist stock who was the first full time minister of Carman United / Methodist Church where our Chilliwack Branch holds its meetings.

Our Spring Fleet Celebration theme was “A Ship Load of Treasures Has Arrived” (alias, “Our Country Store”), billed as a treasure trove for fund-raising. A dramatic unveiling of two editions, just hot off the press, thanks to Fred Hayward UE, of the Centennial Commemorative book “Loyally Yours” 100 Years of the UELAC was a great sales ploy. The next packet of sixteen more books that arrived the following week were pre-sold that day. Marlene Dance UE delivered a great talk on “What it takes to complete your UEL certificate application and the proofs needed.”

Amidst a sea of red and white décor, Branch members indulged in strawberries galore with whipped cream piled high. Highlights of the Centennial Conference in Toronto, 05 to 08 June, were presented by Shirley Dargatz UE. Chilliwack Branch members enthusiastically applauded the announcement that Fred Hayward UE was the recipient of the Dorchester Award! Marlene Dance UE entertained us with her fascinating genealogy adventures and searches while on her recent trip to England.

The Conference Planning Committee members travelled from Vancouver, Vernon and Victoria for the 26 April meeting hosted by Chilliwack Branch at the home of Ken and Shirley Dargatz.

After many months of meetings and negotiations, Marlene Dance and Shirley Dargatz, who are spearheading the Chilliwack Branch Centennial Project, are pleased to announce that the “Commemorative Plaque to Honour the Chilliwack Pioneer Families of Loyalist Descent” will be unveiled and presented during a special celebration at the Chilliwack Museum on 20 September 2014. Chilliwack Branch was officially chartered in 1990 in the Great Hall of the Museum, formerly the City Hall.

Left to right:

Norman Keller UE (father), Art Keller UE (grandfather), Brad Keller UE with his certificate, April Neave (mother), Bette Keller (grandmother).



## Edmonton

By Earle & Betty Fladager UE,  
Membership Co-Chairs

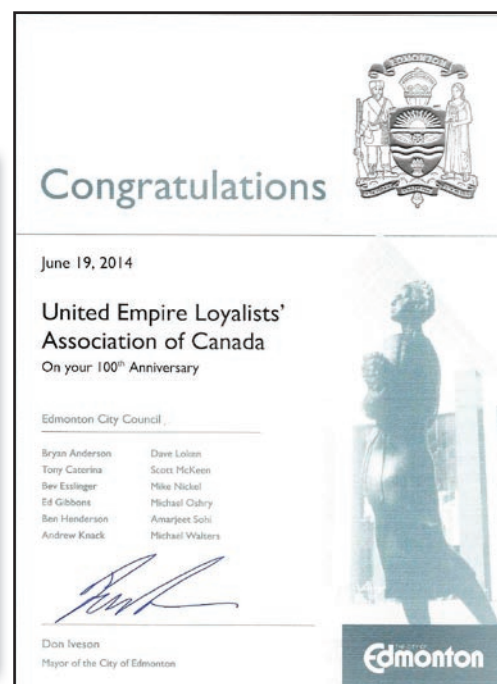
The Annual Meeting of our Branch was held on 08 February 2014 with twenty-seven members in attendance. The previous Minutes of meetings were dealt with and then the new Executive for 2014 was elected:

- President: Len Thornton UE
- Recording Secretary: Christina Harrison UE
- Past President: Al Dodd UE
- Treasurer: Martie Workman UE
- Vice-President: Vacant
- Genealogist: Dave Rolls UE
- Secretary: Val Thornton
- Membership: Co-Chairs Betty Fladager UE and Earle Fladager.

The business discussed dealt with establishing dates for future meetings including more of the social aspect, in combination with general business. The objective was to reach out and have more members attend the meetings and functions.

Treasurer Martie Workman advised that she would have the 2014 Budget prepared for the next meeting to be held in February 2014.

The Annual Branch Banquet was held in June 2014. Earle Fladager agreed to obtain the Proclamation from Edmonton Mayor, Don Iveson.



At the 05 April meeting, Allen Ritchie presented the last of the War of 1812 selected battles. There had been a total of eighteen battles presented by various members of the Branch over the previous two years. It was a successful project.

The Annual Banquet took place on 19 June. Earle Fladager mentioned that he would ask the mayor to have the Proclamation dated for June 19<sup>th</sup> putting the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UELAC in the Proclamation. The result of this was Mayor Iveson provided a Proclamation indicating the date of June 19<sup>th</sup> as UEL Day in Edmonton. With thanks to Earle Fladager UE, the Book Project is now underway and hopefully will be concluded and ready for print before the end of 2014.

The 2014 Pins commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary across Canada will be distributed at the Fall Banquet.

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## Grand River

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By Beverly Balch UE, Branch President

**I**n March, we held our first meeting of the year at the Best Western Brant Park Inn in Brantford. We welcomed new faces to our executive: Paul Smith UE, (Vice-President), Janice Baker UE (Secretary), and Janice Chmarney UE (Corresponding Secretary). Bill Terry UE took on the leadership for Education and Outreach and Bev Balch UE added the newsletter to her jobs.

After the Annual Meeting we watched a very thought-provoking video called *Chiefs: The Worlds of Joseph Brant*.

In April we were again in Brantford and enjoyed a presentation by Elaine Cougler, the author of the Loyalist's Wife. She spoke about researching her story and being an on-line author.

In May, Trevor Delveaux took us on a journey of Canadian War Cemeteries as he shared his extensive knowledge of Canada's military history.

In June we celebrated Loyalists' Day in Simcoe. We began with a flag raising ceremony at the Town Hall Square and then proceeded to the Anglican Church for refreshments and to hear a concert presented by the Cottonwood Brass. The toes were a-tapping and we were pleased to see non-members drop in to join the festivities. Many of the members were in period dress, and were stopped by curious passersby who were interested in finding out about Loyalists. The day wouldn't be complete without a fish dinner at the Erie Beach.

In July we met at the Six Nations Tourism Centre and Chiefswood Historic Site, the home of Pauline Johnson. Certificates were presented by Genealogist, Cathy Thompson UE, to:

Colin S. Slingsby, whose ancestor is Stephen Middaugh,

Norma Lowry, whose ancestor is Nadab Eastman

David Nelles whose ancestor is Hendrick William Nelles.

A certificate has been mailed to Mazella Nohr whose ancestor is Findlay Malcolm.

At the end of the meeting, Brad Melle, the curator at Chiefswood, gave a brief history of Pauline Johnson and the Chiefswood. He then took us on a tour of this beautiful historic house. When the site was being restored, the Grand River Branch donated money to assist with repairs and later to create a Native Garden. It was lovely to see it in such good shape. We had a catered dinner at the Six Nations Tourism Centre.

In August, we travelled to Woodstock to hear the curator of the Ingersol Cheese Factory speak about women cheese makers.

The summer has been a busy time for many of our members as they participated in a variety of events commemorating the final year of the War of 1812.

Doris Lemon UE and Bob Rennie are featured in an exhibit at Hamilton Military Museum (at Dundurn Castle) called "Blood Ties to a Gentle Landscape" that's running until 30 September 2014. Sunday, 01 June 2014 was the official opening of the exhibit followed by a preview of the film. Doris plays her ancestor, Mary Williams. A note of interest: Mary was only able to save two items from the burning house – the hall mirror and the cherry sewing stand. The mirror was later donated to the Norfolk Historical Society and only the silver thimble remains from the sewing desk.

17 May 2014 was the 200th Anniversary of the burning of Dover Mills. Many gathered to view the re-enactments on the beach and to visit the display at the Port Dover Harbour Museum.



Cathy Thompson UE, Grand River Branch Genealogist, presenting a certificate to Colin Slingsby UE (left) and one to Dave Nelles UE.

28 June 2014 marked the re-enactment of the Battle of Malcolm's Mill in Oakland. This was the site of the final battle fought on Canadian soil during the War of 1812. Small plaques were laid by the Brant Historical Society to designate the veterans, many of whom were Loyalists or descendants of Loyalists. This is one of the cemeteries that bears a Loyalist Plaque placed by our Branch.

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### 40th Anniversary

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This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand River UELAC. We celebrated with a sit-down dinner at the Best Western Brant Park Inn in Brantford on 21 September 2014. Our guest speaker was Nathan Tidridge, an award-winning teacher and author. His topic was "First Nations and the Crown: The Great Council at Niagara (1764)." More information can be found on our website: [grandriveruel.org](http://grandriveruel.org).

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### Hutchins family at the Malden Market.

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## Hamilton

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Hamilton Branch Celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UELAC with a Heritage Tour to Essex & Kent Counties – 25 – 26 July 2014

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By Ruth Nicholson UE

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**I**t was the best of times: perfect weather, lots to see and learn and passengers passionate about early Canadian history. Everything went smoothly and we were all welcomed so heartily at each site. It was an amazing time!

The history of the Moravian mission was new to most. Chris Aldred, curator at the Fairfield Museum, explained why the Moravians and the Delaware First Nation people came to the area and what disaster befell them after the Kentucky Mounted riflemen set fire to their village. This history is strongly intertwined with British General Proctor and Tecumseh. Many of the artefacts on display were discovered in the 1940s in an archaeological dig. It is well worth a visit.

Three kilometres west is the site of the Battle of the Thames, where we were met by re-enactors, Jim and Lisa Gilbert, who as John and Mary McGregor described the events around this famous battle. These folks are legendary in their own right and they asked if they could be part of our visit. History and heritage is in their blood! They were a great last-minute surprise addition to our excursion. The Gilberts are educators and they lead *Ghost Walks* at this site regularly. Check out [cktourism@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:cktourism@chatham-kent.ca) for more information.

Linda Patterson, Kent OGS President and Cindy Robichaud, newsletter editor of Kent OGS, led the bus to downtown Chatham to The Chilled Cork restaurant, part of an historic hotel named The Retro Suites Hotel. Here we were treated like royalty! The local newspaper was

there to interview me, as the tour organizer and also a member of Kent OGS. Mayor Randy Hope sent council members to welcome us and to give us a cloth bag filled with pamphlets, a pin and an extensive DVD entitled, Chatham-Kent – A Place of Refuge. Photos were taken with the dignitaries and a wonderful lunch was laid out for us to enjoy.

The afternoon was spent at Point Pelee National Park, the sixth such park in Canada, and the first to be saved for its natural and geological significance rather than for its recreational purposes.

Next morning, we toured the local Heritage Village on the Arner Town Line. Jacob Arner was my first researched Loyalist and he was a young drummer boy who spent a long life in the area and greatly added to this community. At the village we focused on the early cabins and their families. One was of particular interest, as historian and author, Chris Carter, pointed out Esther Malawice Bank's log cabin. According to Banks and Mulder family descendants, Ester's mother, Almania (Amy), was Major General Sir Isaac Brock's cook and there is documentation about Almania accompanying Brock to the Caribbean Islands and ultimately to Canada, from England. Almania was a princess from Ghana, West Africa. General Brock was present at the time of Esther's birth, 14 June 1812, and he sent a bottle of wine to the birthing room, at The Searl Hotel in Amherstburg, where Almania worked as a cook. Almania was also presented with a christening gown from General Brock.

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Elliott Memorial, May 2014.

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Ester was fair-skinned with blonde hair and blue eyes. Tragically Brock died nearly four months after her birth, on 13 October 1812. You can learn more from the book entitled, Esther Malawice Banks Log Cabin, by Elise Harding Davis. The Heritage Village carries copies for sale.

Next we explored the site of The Battle of Lake Erie, at The John R. Park Home on CR 50. All the Loyalist properties are on this stretch. This was Explore the Shore weekend where many had stands of produce and wine-tasting at the roadside for the public.

Then I took the tour to my home farm, owned by my brother-in-law, Scott Wilkins. He hopes to open his winery, called Dancing Swallows, next year. Scott took us inside our 150-year-old barn to see the painted design for his barn quilt. Scott told funny family stories and everyone enjoyed the personal touch of a family member.

Lunch was at the gorgeous ViewPointe Estate winery. We tasted wine and enjoyed a great lunch while viewing the small islands off the Lake Erie coast. The grapes for this vineyard are primarily grown next door, on what was my great-grandfather's farm, going back to Rudolph Huffman UE. We were certainly enjoying wine from Loyalist land.

The afternoon ended with a wonderful tour of Fort Malden followed by interpreters at The Commissariat and fruit and water provided by the Bicentennial Branch. Once again my sister, Susan, and her husband, Robert, provided all with refreshing treats as we sat in the shade of the formal gardens at The King's Navy Yard. Branch President, Linda Iler, brought the Loyalist flag and the large memorial wooden map we had carved a few years ago in memory of my sister, Mary Hutchins. Mary had been Dominion Secretary for two Dominion Presidents.

The day ended with an amazing perch or pickerel fish fry at the Amherstburg Legion.

This was my first venture in bus touring and it all turned out remarkably well. The people blended well and had a fun and interesting time. On May 18th a special ceremony was held to mark the 200th anniversary of Col. Matthew Elliott's passage.

Re-enactor Roy Winders always portrays himself as Elliott. He initiated the ceremony and hosted it. He asked me to create a prayer for the service.

Hamilton Branch President, Pat Blackburn attended as well as Honorary Dominion Vice-President, Zig Misiak. Re-enactors came as Tecumseh, as well as Elizabeth and John Norton.

Many Caldwell Rangers came from Southern Ontario including the Amherstburg area.

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## Kawartha Branch

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By William Atkinson UE, Branch President

**M**y first year as Kawartha Branch President was a steep learning curve but, thanks to our dedicated Executive, most of our events came off smoothly.

I still have a lot to learn, but look forward to the upcoming challenges. With the newsletter editor's position being vacant, it has been difficult to get information out to all members, but now that Robert McBride UE has agreed to fill the position, our communications will be greatly improved. After six years of very dedicated and efficient service, Shirley Lowes UE has decided to step down from her position as our treasurer. We regret to see Shirley step down but thank her for her dedicated service and we are sure that she will remain an active member of the branch. Frank Lucas has agreed to fill the position of treasurer.

Graham Hart UE, an announcer on CHEX TV in Peterborough, Ontario, was the Master of Ceremonies at both flag-raising ceremonies in Peterborough and Lindsay. He is shown here with Robert C. McBride UE (right).



Group at Fort Malden.



Above, from left: Daphne Rogers Molson UE, Joan Lucas UE, Margaret Pulver UE and Doreen Thompson UE at the Peterborough flag-raising ceremony.

Left: Margaret (nee McBride) Camp UE, and her youngest child, Robert William Camp UE, at the Peterborough flag-raising ceremony. Photo: Keith Borland UE.



Flag Bearers, Frank Lucas and Harold Knapp UE, accompanied the twenty-seven children and teacher from King George Public School in period costumes at the flag-raising ceremonies in Peterborough on 19 June 2014.

We were honoured to have our Regional Vice-President, Roy Lewis UE, and Regional Councillor, Myrtle Johnston UE, as our guests at the Branch AGM on April 27th. Roy gave an interesting talk about the changes to the UELAC by-laws and installed our new Executive.

On 05 to 08 June, Frank and Joan Lucas UE, Bob McBride UE and Grietje McBride UE, Doreen Thompson UE, Daphne Molson UE and I attended the UELAC national conference in Toronto. It was great to meet other Loyalists from all across Canada as well as some from Oklahoma, New Jersey, Tennessee and England.

On the morning of 19 June, Loyalist Day, we held our annual flag-raising ceremony at Peterborough City Hall. We were joined by twenty-seven pupils of King George Public School in period dress who helped us celebrate the event. Mayor Daryl Bennett

and MPP Jeff Leal brought greetings. Jeff presented us with a certificate congratulating us on the 100th anniversary of the UELAC and the 35th anniversary of Kawartha Branch. In the afternoon several of us went to Lindsay and repeated the flag-raising where we were joined by several area residents and students from Alexandra Public School. MPP Laura Scott brought greetings from the Province.

Author, Jennifer DeBruin UE, was the guest speaker at our general meeting in September. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the convention in Toronto and have read her latest book. I also met author, Jean Rae Baxter, who will be coming to speak at our meeting next April. Ken Armstrong who was the guest speaker at our very first meeting thirty-five years ago in 1979 has agreed to return as guest speaker at our annual banquet in October.

We attended several venues during the year and have appreciated the volunteers who came out to assist in manning our information booth. We will also be taking part in the Remembrance Day celebrations in November.

Photos by Keith Borland UE and Grietje McBride UE.

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## Kingston & District

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By Jim Long UE

**O**ur first meeting of the year was on 25 January at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall. This was our traditional pot luck luncheon of salads and casseroles. Our guest speaker was author John Fielding who talked about his father not being a Bernardo Boy but from the Annie Macpherson group of youngsters who emigrated from Scotland.

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### Peter Milliken spoke about his cousin, John Matheson

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Our 22 March meeting was our annual sandwich and square luncheon with our guest speaker being President Peter Milliken who spoke about the life of his cousin, The Honourable John Matheson.

Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UELAC, the annual banquet of the Kingston and District Branch was held at the Donald Gordon Centre of Queen's University. The guest speaker was Mr. Paul Banfield, Queen's University Archivist. His talk was on the changes of the Katherine Ryan Library over the years. Most members have used this library in the research of their family history.

Our summer began in May with a two day heritage fair that took place at the Duncan MacArthur Hall Queen's University. This was a busy day as each student from a number of schools had to answer two questions from each display table. Our branch also handed out copies of *The Loyalist Gazette* to the students to take home for their parents to read.

12 June was once again declared Loyalist Day in Kingston with our mayor and the "Duty Band" (fifes and drums) from the Fort Henry Guard in attendance. Loyalist supporters, and, of course, passing tourists from around the world were in attendance as our Loyalist flag was raised over Confederation Park. 22 June was the annual Adolphustown church service and afternoon tea which was attended by a number of Loyalist members.



The Fort Henry Guard Duty Band (a fife and drum unit) added colour and attracted tourists. They led Mayor Mark Gerretsen and the party of Loyalists across the street to the park, where they then played "God Save The Queen" (or should we have sung "God Save The King" in honour of George III?). Photo: Nancy Cutway UE.

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## Loyalist Day in Kingston

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By Nancy Cutway UE, Publicity Convenor,  
Kingston and District Branch UELAC

**A**ll of Ontario celebrates June 19th as Loyalist Day in Ontario, but in Kingston, we also celebrate June 12th as Loyalist Day in Kingston.

"His Majesty approves the plan you have proposed for settling some of the Loyalists at Cataraqui and places adjacent" read the Royal Proclamation of George III received by Governor Haldimand at Quebec on 12 June 1784. According to the late historian Larry Turner, "Previous settlements comprised of colonial officials, soldiers and Indian agents at Niagara and Detroit are regarded as strategic bases rather than permanent communities and Haldimand's decision [to settle the Loyalists at Cataraqui, now Kingston] was the spark that transformed the wilderness peninsula north of Lake Ontario and Erie."

Each year we raise the Loyalist flag across from City Hall on June 12th, in commemoration of this major decision to found a new British province and populate it with Loyalists. An official Proclamation of the Day by the Mayor raises the profile of the Loyalist Association in the community.

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## Little Forks

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By Bev Loomis UE, President

**M**embers of Little Forks Branch continue to strive and build strength within our branch and community.

A forgotten note in the spring issue was our participation on Townshippers' Day, held last September at Bishops College School, Lennoxville. With a large crowd in attendance, great interest was shown for our very colourful display and selection of books. We were looking forward to an even larger event in September as Townshippers' Day was held in Coaticook, a settlement that also celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We are thrilled to announce that one of our "young" members, Colin Standish, has officially announced his nomination to the Liberal Party of Canada for the riding of Compton-Stanstead where he has served as the financial agent for the riding's association. Born and raised in Cookshire, Colin attended Bishop's College School in Lennoxville. He graduated with first class honours before commencing studies at Queen's University, where he was awarded an upper-year scholarship, eventually earning an Hon.BA

in history and political studies. Colin was the president and editor-in-chief of the editorial board of *la Revue juridique des étudiantes de l'Université Laval*, where he studied law. He has been an activist for English rights; activism that began earlier while serving on the board of directors of the Townshippers' Association and the Voice of English-speaking Quebec. He was an opponent of Bill 14 in March 2013 before committee members in the Legislative Council Chamber of the National Assembly. Human Rights are listed as a key component of his federal platform. Colin is a grandson of the late Colin Standish Sr. who served in the last World War and was a Hong Kong veteran.

The Little Hyatt One-Room Schoolhouse along with the Interpretation Panel is open for tourists as usual.

Last but not least, and with great excitement, is the scheduled re-erection of the Loyalist Gilbert Hyatt road signs on the Provincial numbered highway 143. It has been a nine-year struggle after having had the signs illegally taken down nine years ago.

Colin Standish UE  
with Justin Trudeau (left).



Members of the Manitoba Branch met at the legislature to celebrate the first United Empire Loyalists' Day in Manitoba, 12 June 2014.

## Manitoba

### The Proclamation of United Empire Loyalists' Day in Manitoba

By Barbara J. Andrew UE, Dominion UELAC Senior Vice-President

**O**n Thursday, 12 June 2014, Minister of Multiculturalism and Literacy, the Honourable Flor Marcelino, representing the Government of Manitoba, proclaimed the first United Empire Loyalists' Day in the province.

A committee consisting of Margaret Carter UE, Robert McConomy UE, and Mary Steinhoff had been working for more than a year to bring this about.

A formal ceremony was held in the Manitoba Room of the legislature, followed by a reception. Manitoba Branch President Robert McConomy UE served as master of ceremonies. He welcomed the guests and introduced the honourable minister. The Reverend Robert Campbell UE gave a blessing to the assembly.

Minister Marcelino brought greetings from the government and read the proclamation. She was thanked by branch secretary, Mary Steinhoff, who commented that it was fitting that the proclamation take place in a building promoted by two loyalist descendants, Premier Rodmond Roblin, and Minister of Public Works Colin Campbell.

Senior Vice-President Barb Andrew UE brought greetings from the Dominion UELAC. The ceremony was followed by a reception and the serving of light refreshments.

Barb Andrew had been presented with a Loyalist flag by the UELAC publicity committee. The flag was raised in Memorial Park across from the Manitoba Legislative Building and it flew proudly for the day.

There were some forty guests in attendance. In addition to members of the Manitoba Branch of the UELAC, there were members of the Commonwealth Society, the Monarchist League, and the Manitoba Historical Society.

It is hoped that the awarding of this Proclamation will become an annual event.

Rain, rain and more rain on Saturday, 14 June, played havoc during the annual branch picnic but, in true Loyalist spirit, a time of fellowship and food happened in spite of the wet weather when Ken and Jennifer Swanston opened their home for the event.

On Sunday, 22 June, Manitoba branch members joined the parishioners of St. James Anglican Church in the Historic Heritage old St. James Church on Tylehurst Street. The log church was built in 1851 and was used until 1922 when a new church was built on nearby Collegiate Avenue.

The Heritage Church is now used only in the summer, from the fourth Sunday in June until Labour Day. Many parishioners came in mid-nineteenth century dress for the initial service and were greeted by a pipe-band as they arrived. On this occasion, branch members were led into the church by a piper followed by the flag bearers.

The order of service, the hymns, and the readings are an exact replica of an 1852 service. Branch President Bob McConomy UE thanked the parish for inviting the UELAC members to join in the service.

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## Sir John Johnson Centennial

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### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

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Report by Michel Racicot UE, Branch Genealogist, and Evelyn Lewis UE, Branch Publicity.

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2014 is an exciting year for both the UELAC and Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch. The UELAC is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and, as part of its celebration, presented Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch with a donation that greatly aided in the restoration of the Sir John Johnson Funeral Vault on Mont Saint-Grégoire, formerly Mount Johnson. The Re-consecration Ceremony was held on Saturday, 23 August. Saturday, 14 June 2014, saw twenty-one members and friends gather at the Canadian Legion Hall in Philipsburg, Quebec, for the Branch Annual Meeting. Prior to the meeting a delicious roast beef dinner, prepared by the members of the Canadian Legion, was enjoyed by all. Robert Wilkins UE said Grace, Okill Stuart UE proposed a Toast to the Queen and, following the meal, Edwina Jenne Bougie, thanked the members of the Legion for the meal on behalf of the members. President Gerald Thomas UE welcomed everyone, especially Robert and Maura Wilkins and Okill and Sylvia Stuart from Montreal and three from the USA: Bill Glidden, Gene Hicks and Linden Witherall. Wesley Larocque presented the flag and Robert Wilkins led the members in the singing of God Save the Queen. At the beginning of the business meeting, Past President Roderick Riordon UE introduced Michel Racicot as the guest speaker. He presented a very interesting and informative Power Point presentation on the Johnson Family Burial Vault. Adelaide Lanktree thanked him. During the meeting, President Gerald Thomas gave a very informative report of the UELAC Annual General Meeting in Toronto that he attended. Genealogist, Michel Racicot UE, reported that the following members had received their UE certificates: Susan Savage Baumann (Loyalist Ancestor: Edward Savage), Irene Derick Beerwort (Loyalist Ancestor: Philip Derick) and Dr. George James Hill (Loyalist Ancestor: William Irish).

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## Louise Hall UE and Adelaide Lanktree UE, Recipients of the Marion Phelps Award

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Every year since 2001, the Marion Phelps Award is presented by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) in recognition of outstanding long-term contributions by an individual for the preservation and promotion of Anglophone heritage in the province of Quebec. This year the presentation ceremony took place during QAHN's annual convention on 07 June in historic Stanbridge East in the Eastern Townships. For the first time the Marion Phelps Award was presented, not to one individual, but to two individuals, two sisters, Louise Hall UE and Adelaide Lanktree UE, both of Farnham, Quebec. For several decades, Louise and Adelaide have contributed much towards the preservation and promotion of anglophone heritage and have been among the finest examples of true volunteerism. In 1992 Louise and Adelaide, descendants of Loyalists, Jeremiah Spencer UE and Edward Savage UE, joined Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch. Ever since, they both have been very active members of the branch. Louise has been our treasurer since 2003. Adelaide was branch president from 2003 to 2007 and has held different functions on the executive board. Louise and Adelaide are truly deserving of the Marion Phelps Award. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both of them. It is an honour well-deserved.



Sisters Adelaide Lanktree UE and Louise Hall UE were the recipients of the Marion Phelps Award by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN). From left are: QAHN President Simon Jacobs, Adelaide Lanktree, Louise Hall and Michel Racicot.

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## Vancouver

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Text and photos by Linda Nygard UE, Branch Genealogist

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**W**e began the New Year with our AGM and annual slide show – A Year in Review. Other than a few problems with the out-dated DVD player, it was a good start to 2014.

At our February meeting, five of our members each presented a Canadian Explorer in order to determine which explorer was the greatest. Mary Anne Bethune UE was paired with David Thompson, Leslie Hammond presented Jane Franklin, Gwen Dumfries UE presented Robert Bylot, and Diane Faris UE presented Alexander MacKenzie. Following the presentations, Linda Watson UE conducted a vote and David Thompson was selected as Canada's greatest explorer.



Vancouver members in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with mascot, the Little family dog, also in green.

Below: Vancouver and Chilliwack Branch members celebrate our third BC Loyalist Day at Queen's Park, New Westminster, BC.

Once again we were well represented in the Vancouver St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a beautiful spring day. The family dog – cloaked in green – was a big hit.

At our April meeting, Judith Ueland presented information about early Ontario genealogical research. Our members had many questions for Judith and took home some valuable research information.

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

At our May meeting I presented who I think is Canada's greatest explorer to our members. Peter Fidler – often referred to as the Forgotten Explorer – also happens to be my husband's fourth-great-grandfather. I was pleased that Peter received more "presentation time" than the five Canadian explorers at our February meeting!

In June our members brought their special heirlooms and books to share – a Show and Tell. This is always a fun theme for a meeting. We all have family stories and it is nice to have the opportunity to share. The theme for the evening seemed to focus on the Canadian Royal Tour of 1939.

Members of the Vancouver Branch set up a display at the Highland Games in Coquitlam. This is a popular event that we have participated in for a number of years. It is always a fun day with Scottish dancers, Scottish games and pipers in kilts.

Queen's Park in New Westminster was the setting for our Third Annual BC Loyalist Day. We were joined by a number of members from Chilliwack and although there was a light rain we were comfortable in our covered picnic area.

The Vancouver Branch will host the Pacific Regional Fall Fleet Centennial on 05 October. Dominion President Bonnie Schepers UE will join us at the Centennial Pavilion in Queen's Park, New Westminster. This will also be the official launch of the Vancouver Branch Project 2014, the book Moving Ever Westward compiled by Dr. Peter Moogk UE.



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## Victoria

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By Karen Borden UE,  
Branch Archivist/Historian

The first meeting of 2014 was held at a new venue, the Howard Johnson Hotel. UEL certificates were presented to Mrs. Erika Goodridge UE and her three sons, twins Finnley and Brennan, and younger brother, Everett Goodridge UE, for Loyalist ancestor, Garrett Miller UEL.

David Clark UE gave a presentation on "Butler's Rangers Compared to WWII Pacific Coast Rangers."

Our guest speaker for April was Jan Ross, Chief Curator of Emily Carr House. The title was "Peeking Behind the Curtain, Contradictions about Emily Carr."

In May we held our Spring Fleet Banquet. David Clark UE gave a talk and demonstration of the Brown Bess Musket used by our ancestors in the American Revolutionary War.

Betty Compeer UE made four UEL sashes to be used at our 2015 conference in Victoria. She also made two tablecloths for the tables in our booth. Betty and Frans Compeer UE took over our membership committee in time for our Canada Day booth at Fort Rodd Hill.

The highlight of the year was a picnic and unveiling of our new Loyalist monument on 22 July, BC Loyalist Day,

in Mayor's Grove in Beacon Hill Park. It celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UELAC and the 75<sup>th</sup> year commemoration of the visit to Victoria of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in May 1939.

Branch President Aurelie Stirling UE welcomed everyone and turned the program over to the master of ceremonies, former Mayor of Esquimalt Municipality and a member of our Branch, Darwin Robinson UE.

Our guests, the Honourable Judith Guichon OBC, Lieutenant Governor of BC, UELAC Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE, and Dean Fortin, Mayor of Victoria, addressed the gathering. The Lieutenant Governor unveiled the new commemorative stone at the base of the maple tree planted seventy-five years ago by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Victoria Branch Vice-President, David Clark UE, was responsible for getting the commemorative monument in place. It was financed by a UELAC grant and the generous donations of members of the Victoria Branch.

Our Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE, thanked the Lieutenant Governor and handed out memento certificates to the members. Our celebration cake was cut by the Lieutenant Governor, our Victoria Branch past president, Elizabeth Aberdeen UE, and the current president.

It was a wonderful and historic occasion.

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Above: Certificates for Mrs. Erika Goodridge UE, twins Finnley and Brennan, and younger brother, Everett Goodridge UE, for their Loyalist Ancestor, Garrett Miller UE. Photo by Karen Borden UE.

Bottom left: Her Honour, Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of BC, and (right) Bonnie Schepers UE, UELAC Dominion President, with our new monument in the Mayor's Grove, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, BC. Photo by Bob Ferguson UE.

Bottom right: David Clark UE assists the Lieutenant-Governor on our Loyalist Day in the Mayor's Grove Beacon Hill Park. Photo by Karen Borden UE.



**BEACH, Dr. John Kyle**  
"Jack" UE

26 May 1919 – 12 June 2014  
By Peter W. Johnson UE

**S**on of the late Rev. Hector and Annie (Kyle) Beach, Jack was born in Eastern Ontario and passed away in Belleville, Ontario. His wife, Ruth (Wilson), passed away in 1998. Jack and Ruth were the parents of two daughters and two sons. There are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Dr. Beach graduated from Queen's University in 1944 and also served in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps during the War. From 1949 to 1985, he practised family medicine in Frankford. At the age of fifty, he took up motorcycle riding and eventually toured many parts of Canada. He continued to ride until he was in his 80s.

**he was a  
'true gentleman.'**

The funeral was held at Frankford United Church with interment at Stockdale Cemetery. His Loyalist ancestral name was McIlmoyle. He was a member of the Bay of Quinte Branch for a number of years. Respected by all who knew him; if I were to pay tribute to Dr. Beach in a few words, I would say he was a 'true gentleman.'

**CURTIS, Anna Marjorie**  
(Marjorie) nee: Dorion UE

By Jeff Curtis UE, Fourth-Great-Grandson of the Honorable Sir John Johnson, Second Baronet.

**I**t is with great sadness the family announces the sudden passing of Marjorie Curtis, aged 85, on 22 December 2013. Our Mom, Marjorie, was born on 03 November 1928 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec. During Mom's youth, she lived in Rosemount, Montreal, St Andrews East, Cushing, Brownsburg and Lachute, Quebec. Mom became a stenographer and met her future husband, our Dad, the late John Francis Harcourt Curtis, a telephone installer at Brownsburg.

Mom and Dad were married at St. Simeon's Church in Lachute on 11 June 1949. Dad's career with The Bell Telephone Company led them to Lachute, Ste Adele (when Peter and David were born), Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, back to Lachute (when Jeff and Jamie were born), Shawinigan, Pointe Claire, Sainte Foy, and then back to Pointe Claire, while Mom was keeping busy at home raising her four boys. When Mom and Dad moved back to Pointe Claire,

Mom went back to work in 1968 and began a 24-year career at the Lakeshore General Hospital where she became the Administrative Assistant to the Director General. Mom retired in 1992 from the Lakeshore General Hospital after a brief illness from which she recovered and remained a resident in Pointe Claire until 2011 when she moved to Trenton, Ontario, in order to be closer to her family.

Mom had recently moved into the Trent Valley Lodge and was very happy there, among her familiar surroundings in her new home.

Our dear Mom will be forever missed by family and friends, remembered for her generosity, kindness, sense of humour and joyful laugh. A gentle, dignified soul, she was also spirited, feisty and determined. Mom's personality was such that people liked her instantly. A gift to all of us, she has truly lived a life well-loved.

Our dear mother, Marjorie, is survived by her four loving sons: Peter (Joanne) of Quesnel, British Columbia; David (Krow)

of Norwood, Ontario; Jeffrey (Cheryl) of Abbotsford, British Columbia; and James (Traci) of Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Mom, a darling Nannie, is survived by grandchildren: Janna and Robyn; Jonathan; Ryan; Brennan and Jaden; Alex and Lauren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.



Mom was the eldest of seven children of the late Oscar Kenrick Dorion and his wife, the late Mary Frances Donahue, of Greece's Point, Quebec. Mom is the loving sister of the late James (Jeannie) Dorion of Armprior, Ontario, the late George Dorion of Lachute, Quebec, Fredrick Dorion (Diane) of Kemptville, Ontario, Edward Dorion (the late Jean and present wife Linda) of Vernon, British Columbia, the late Margaret (the late Alex) Mooney of St. Eugene, Ontario, and Sandra (Warren) Knudsen of Ste. Anne de Prescott, Ontario.

Donations to the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation, 175 Stillview Ave., Pointe Claire, Quebec, H9R 4S3 or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Weaver Family Funeral Home, Trenton, Ontario handled the arrangements.

**Marjorie Curtis UE** was very proud of her ancestry as she was the third-great-granddaughter of the Hon. Sir John Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet of the former Province of New York. Marjorie was a member of the UEL Heritage Branch of Montreal, Quebec.



## WEBB, Lynne Anabel UE

By her husband, Gary Bagley

**D**ied 11 July 2014 at the age of 68 following complications from diabetes. Lynne was born in Windsor, Ontario on 04 March 1946, the daughter of the late Oliver Alan Myers Webb and his wife, the late Annie Pearl Cady. She is survived by her husband, Gary Bagley; her sister Belva Webb (Richard Burman), her nieces Elizabeth and Annalisa Webb Burman; her brother-in-law Don Bagley (Shirley), sister-in-law Shirley Johnston (the late Ron), and many Bagley nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

Lynne earned her Hon.BA and B.Ed from Queen's University and began teaching in Atikokan, Ontario. After her marriage, she moved to Ottawa and worked at Revenue Canada for the rest of her career. She continued her pursuit of learning, earning an M.A. in French literature and a CGA designation. Her love of education and desire to encourage it in others can be seen in the bursary she set up at Queen's in honour of her father.

She travelled the world with her husband and took her then-teenage sister on her first trip to Europe. Having no children of her own, she was a loving and doting aunt to her Burman nieces, and was unfailingly kind and hospitable to a wide circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances.

Lynne and her husband shared a keen interest in genealogy, and Lynne was especially proud to discover that she was both a Mayflower and a United Empire Loyalist descendant, and was active in both societies. She also enjoyed attending several family association meetings, especially the Hathaway and Misener annual get-togethers.



A celebration of Lynne's life was held on 19 July 2014 at The Good Companions Seniors' Centre, 670 Albert St., Ottawa: a time to share stories and reminiscences about Lynne and the precious years we spent in her company. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada or the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary at Queen's University would be appreciated. Lynne always enjoyed hearing about, or even from, recipients to the bursary at Queen's University. Established in honour of Oliver Alan Myers Webb UE by his daughter, Lynne Webb UE, it is awarded to a mature woman student, on the basis of financial need, who is seeking a university education. For those of you who also wish to make a personal donation to the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary, make your cheque payable to "Queen's University." Mail your donation to: The Ban Righ Centre, 32 Bader Lane, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3N8. Be sure to include in your letter that the donation is to the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary in memory and honour of Lynne Anabel Webb UE, daughter of OAM Webb UE.

The family and I sincerely thank the nurses and doctors of the ICU unit at Queensway-Carleton Hospital for their sensitive and compassionate care.

Lynne was a member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC. She joined the executive in 2004 and served as Vice-President, Secretary and latterly as President. She was a descendant of Loyalists, Jacob Glover UE and Johann Matthias Boughner UE.

Lynne's Mayflower ancestors were Richard Warren and Francis Cooke. She was on the board of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants for about ten years; the last four years as Treasurer.

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### On 14 December 1882, Dr. William Canniff, wrote to the Mayor of Toronto:

"St. James' Square, Toronto, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1882.

To His Worship the Mayor:

Dear Sir, – I am greatly interested in the proposed semi-centennial celebration of the Incorporation of Toronto, and beg to congratulate you on having conceived the idea of such a demonstration. But my object in addressing you is to call your attention to the fact that 1884 will be the centennial of the first settlement of Upper Canada, when the pioneers – U.E. Loyalists, took possession of their lands along the St. Lawrence from Kingston westward along the shores of the Bay of Quinté, and on the Niagara frontier. It has occurred to my mind that perhaps it might be possible, and deemed advisable to widen the basis of the commemoration and celebrate at the same time the centennial of the settlement of the Province. Of course, to do this it would be necessary to procure the co-operation of the other cities and the towns of the Province. There has been something said in the eastern papers about observing the centennial, and Kingston was mentioned as the place most suitable for the purpose. But as there is some doubt about the matter, perhaps the centennial of the Province, and the semi-centennial of the capital might be appropriately held in Toronto. This proposition may not be deemed feasible, but it seems to be a question not unworthy of consideration, and is, therefore, respectfully submitted to you for consideration.

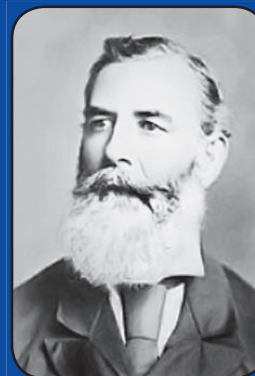
I am, respectfully yours,  
Wm. Canniff."

Thus began the idea of celebrating the coming of the United Empire Loyalists to Upper Canada, now Ontario.

Source: *Introduction, The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists: 1784–1884*, Rose Publishing Co., Toronto, 1885, page v. —Submitted by Robert C. McBride UE.

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Dr. William  
Canniff,  
courtesy of  
Wikipedia.



**H**istorians and genealogists are forever dwelling on the past: people and places, documents, events, etc. Just for fun, let's add a new twist and picture a researcher in the year 2114 looking back at the UELAC Centennial celebrations of 2014. Perhaps this future researcher might be editing material for a bicentennial book or whatever passes for a book then. He or she might be a future 'Fred Hayward UE'! Let's see what this researcher might say ...

Having reached the bicentennial of our UELAC, (and how many organizations can claim that?), it is time for us to pause and reflect on activities and experiences of our membership a century ago in 2014 at the time of the UELAC Centennial.

As you are well aware, our bicentennial projects are the refurbishing of the UEL Cairn and Loyalist Centre of Studies in Saskatchewan, a substantial addition to the new UEL Museum in Prince Edward Island and the restoration of the UEL Monument in Hamilton, Ontario.

Our membership a century ago focused on two main Centennial Projects. One was the restoration of the Sir John Johnson Vault in Quebec, and the other was the restoration of the UEL Monument at Adolphustown, Ontario. Both required some serious financing and our ancient membership was up to the task. Today the Sir John Johnson Vault is in great shape and will easily last another century. The UEL Monument at Adolphustown is still sitting squarely on the base that formed the basis of the 2014 restoration.

Central to the Centennial of 2014 was the UELAC Conference held in Toronto on 5 to 8 June 2014. Its success was attributed to the result of the hard work of Toronto Branch in particular. In our bicentennial year, the celebration will take place in St. John's, Newfoundland, hosted by the Bonavista Bay Branch. The Dorchester Award will be given out then for the 106th time. Don't forget that next year (2115) the Conference will be hosted by the New York State Branch in Rochester.

Aside from various tours conducted 100 years ago during the Conference of 2014, a number of significant speakers made presentations, including Gavin Watt and Todd Braisted, two of the leading Revolutionary War scholars of their time. Both had ties to military re-enactment: Gavin associated with the King's Royal Regiment of New York, and Todd with the New Jersey Volunteers. At our bicentennial celebration there will be an honour guard from both groups of re-enactors. The tradition continues!



One of the Centennial events that especially attracted the attention of our researchers was a walking tour in Toronto held on 07 June 2014. What has been puzzling is the apparent ease with which this tour was conducted, given the state of urban life in 2014. Newspapers from the era report much violence and mayhem. We are coming to the conclusion that the news media of 2014 tended to sensationalize the violence, as clearly our ancient members who took the walking tour felt quite safe to do so, and they all enjoyed themselves.

The other thing that surprised us was the ability of the organizers to conduct a safe tour in the midst of downtown traffic. Research shows us that the roads were clogged with antique automobiles (heavy transport vehicles), and even



**HISTORIAN'S CORNER**

By Peter W. Johnson UE, UELAC Historian

a number of bicycles moving through the chaos. One theory is that the roads were so congested that traffic had to move very slowly, making it a little safer for pedestrians, including those on the walking tour. Of course all of this seems as quaint to us as the old carriages and muddy roads seemed to those of a century ago. Today we have our PAFs (Personal Aerial Flyers) to get us around, leaving the ancient roads for parks and gathering places.

One of the primary sources for the Centennial of 2014 is the book, Loyally Yours: 100 Years of the UELAC. It is very much a collector's item now and some copies are kept under strict control in the Rare Book Collections. It affords us an excellent glimpse of the state of the UELAC in 2014 and how far it had come in its first century.

Our own bicentennial history is well under way and aside from the usual electronic formats, there are plans to issue it as a limited-edition paper book, as if it were the olden days. How quaint!

I wish the members a Happy Bicentennial! Enjoy the rest of 2114!

—Ima Loyalist UE,  
President UELAC

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*When you rise in the morning, give thanks  
for the light, for your life, for your strength.  
Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living.  
If you see no reason to give thanks,  
the fault lies in yourself.  
—Tecumseh.*



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, Grietje R. McBride UE, B.Sc., c/o Maple Grove Farms, Indian River, Ontario. K0L 2B0. Phone: 1-705-295-4556. E-mail: gazette.editor"at"nexicom.net.



## Meyers' Creek

Author: Connie Brummel Crook

Publisher: Fitzhenry and Whiteside, Markham, ON  
ISBN: 978-1-55005-211-4  
Paperback, 278 pages © 2013

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

This historical novel, a sequel to Crook's earlier novel, *Flight*, was first published in 1995 and reviewed by Peter Johnson in the Fall 1995 *Loyalist Gazette*. I have reread both versions of *Meyers' Creek* and enjoyed spotting the editing changes. I like the new format with brighter pages and larger text.

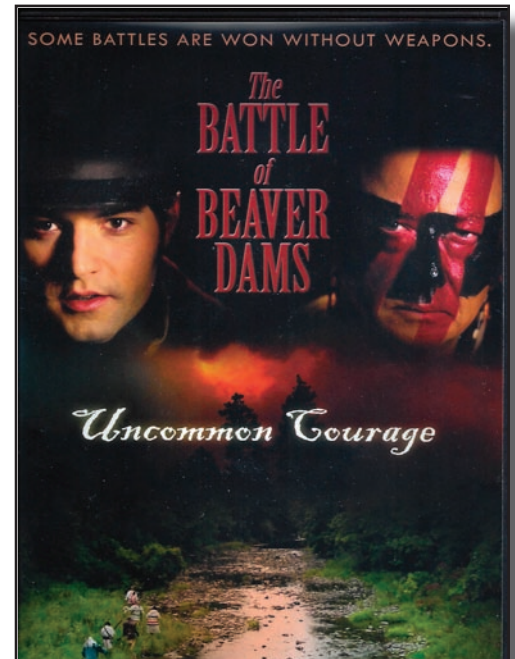
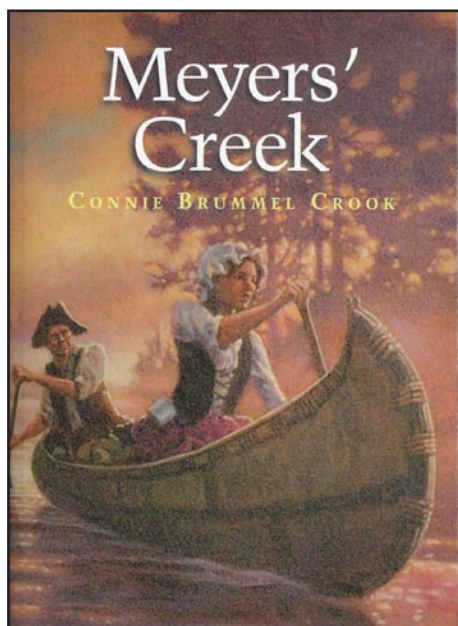
The cover illustration is well-suited to the climax of this historical fiction. The addition of a new chapter 13 to include an encounter between old revolutionary war rivals is certainly part of the exacting blend of fact and fiction that Connie Crook has mastered so well.

Writers should write about what they know, and Connie Crook knows the geography of the region travelled by her ancestors between Kingston and Trenton. She has taken the time to research the ways of living in early Ontario including: travel; how to load and shoot a gun; canoeing skills and the dangers of Lake Ontario; farming and related work; even plants and insects. All of this, she has skillfully woven into the lively and believable story about the Meyers family as seen through the eyes of Mary Meyers, a young lady of eighteen, living with her family on the Loyalist land grant given to her father, Hans Waltermeyer UE. The

facts in the tale are true, although perhaps purposely time-shifted. The dialogue, sights and sounds create suspense.

This novel may be read by teens or seniors on many levels. One may wish to examine the lives of women in patriarchal eighteenth-century society compared to the role of women in matrilineal Mohawk Societies. Other themes, although by no means exhaustive, are transportation, farming, native and Loyalist interaction, fur trade, and the role of religion in emerging Ontario.

As with her earlier version of *Meyers' Creek*, this novel is well worth the attention of the casual reader and is useful in the classroom. A teacher's guide has been created for this book.



## The Battle of Beaver Dams: Uncommon Courage

NTSC DVD Runtime: 18 minutes

Authors: Doug Massey and Jeremy Major

Executive Producer: Doug Massey  
© 2013

Reviewed by Grietje R. McBride UE

There is a great deal of information in print and on the internet about the pivotal Battle of Beaver Dams during the War of 1812. The interest generated by the bicentennial of the War of 1812 as well as funding from sources including a federal Government grant allowed the creation and production of this educational resource. The set includes two DVDs, the first describing visually the action and outcome of the three hour battle and the second detailing teacher and student resources.

Co-written by Doug Massey and Jeremy Major, with curriculum support by Keith Clark and his team, this story informs the viewer, in simple but urgent language, about the events and chief players in this battle. Key participants, such as: Henry Tekarihogen, Dominique Ducharme, Lieutenant James FitzGibbon and Colonel Charles Boerstler, are identified by name tag and others by name. The crucial role of the native warriors is clear and unmistakable. The frustration of the American Forces under Boerstler, unsuccessfully spending their ammunition and energy “shooting at ghosts” shows the viewer the superior strategy of the Native allies as well as their courage in battle.

No less than five historical consultants support the historical accuracy of the history of this controversial battle.

Sites chosen for filming include Ball’s Falls and the Backus Conservation Area near Port Rowan. The Young Eagle Drummers provide Haudenosaunee Mohawk and Iroquois sound and music.

This DVD is a tremendously useful resource in starting the conversation about courage, war strategies, Brock’s role and ruse at Detroit and much more.

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## The White Oneida

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Author: Jean Rae Baxter

Publisher: Ronsdale Press, 3350 West 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6S 1G7  
 ISBN: 978-55380-332-4 (print) also available as e-book or PDF.  
 Soft cover, 280 pages, © 2014

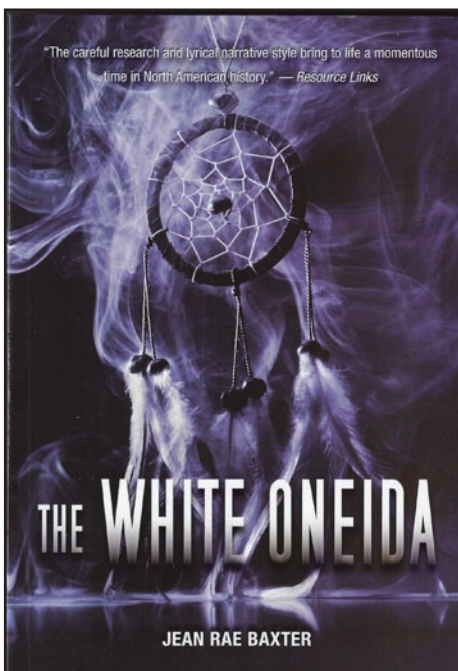
Reviewed by Grietje R. McBride UE

**T**he *White Oneida* picks up where earlier novels end but it can be read as a stand-alone adventure. I would recommend reading earlier work by Jean Rae Baxter that allow the reader to understand what came before this novel takes place.

Baxter’s first books, *The Way Lies North* and *Broken Trail*, were reviewed earlier in the Fall 2008 and Fall 2011 *Gazettes*. These books introduce the reader to conditions in the Mohawk Valley during the American War of Independence as settlers and aboriginal peoples fought for land and rights and both Loyalists and natives were forced northward to British-held lands in Canada. More than historical adventure, these novels reveal what the author wants us to know about native, especially Oneida, ways of living.

Moses Cobman, or Broken Trail, the protagonist, stands between two worlds. Born white, but raised by Oneidas, he has been given the task and opportunity to develop his leadership ability by none other than Thayendanegea, also known as Joseph Brant.

Set at the prestigious Sedgewick School, the author’s practised skill includes enough historical detail to pique the interest of the true historian, while not drowning the plot in dry detail. Touching on both virtues and vices of boarding school staff, as well as how politics, power and influence affected the lives of the students, this book challenges the youthful reader to think about leadership and purpose, as well as what skills in conflict resolution bring lasting consensus and peace. The novel raises the question of motives and politics in regard to the crushing poverty of starving Indian families travelling north. There is a heart-wrenching contrast between Joseph Brant’s extravagant and luxurious lifestyle. Was he a true leader or sell out? Moses Cobman has much to learn and so do we.




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## “I See Nothing But The Horrors Of Civil War”: The Rise And Fall And Ultimate Triumph Of McAlpin’s Corps Of American Volunteers

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Author: David Cain

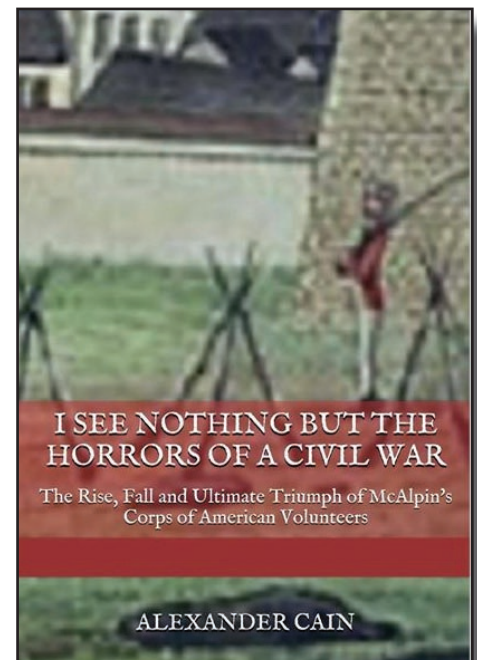
Kindle Digital Edition.  
 122 pages. 2014

Reviewed by Peter W. Johnson UE

**W**hile we are familiar with important works about the King’s Royal Regiment of New York and Butler’s Rangers, it is nice to see a new study of McAlpin’s Corps. It’s not that McAlpin’s has been completely neglected. J. Fraser’s *Skulking For The King* tackled the topic quite nicely but that work is nearing thirty years in age.

The book begins with an examination of the social position of Loyalists prior to the Revolutionary War. Not surprisingly, the majority were farmers. The author also examines the multitude of reasons why individuals chose allegiance to Great Britain and the deteriorating conditions which caused them to go for a military solution. As well, there is a section examining the events that led to the outbreak of hostilities.

The story centres on the aging Major Daniel McAlpin who was pushed from a quiet retirement at Stillwater, New York and became one of the strongest Loyalist Officers in the first half of the War. The Corps was involved in the latter part of the Burgoyne Campaign and distinguished



itself under trying conditions. Unfortunately McAlpin did not live to see the end of the War, as he passed away in 1780.

For those with Loyalist ancestors, sorting out the complexities of the various Loyalist Corps in the North (1776-1780) is a challenge. By the War's end there were few such regiments and McAlpin's Corps had by then been absorbed into (Jessup's) Loyal Rangers. This book helps us sort out that complicated early period.

A short volume, it gives the reader an overview of the period with a focus on McAlpin's Corps. As well there is a portion given over to examining the plight of Loyalist women and children, so this is not just a work for those interested solely in the military aspects. You are left wondering how our ancestors of the time managed to survive the cruel treatment at the hands of the Rebels, the hardships endured in getting to British lines and the dreadful conditions in the refugee camps. We are fortunate that they were so strong.

In the latter part of the book there are pages devoted to the post-War settlement in Ernestown (Bath) where part of the Loyal Rangers found new homes. Other veterans, including the Jessups, took up land in the Prescott area but the focus here is on Ernestown.

There is an index and several appendices at the end of the book. Some appendices show lists of Loyalist names associated with the Loyal Rangers and this is generally familiar information. What the author might consider for future research is establishing a Master Roll of McAlpin's Corps similar to what has already been done for the King's Royal Yorkers.

The book is available through Amazon, initially in a digital form but a hard copy may now be available. Several enthusiastic re-enactors portray McAlpin's Corps and they maintain a good site on Facebook, where I first learned about this worthwhile book.

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## Loyalist Refugees. Non-Military Refugees in Quebec 1776-1784

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Author: Gavin K. Watt

Publisher: Global Heritage Press.  
Milton, ON. 2014  
Coil Bound. 329 pages

Reviewed by Peter W. Johnson UE

**W**ith his latest publication, Gavin K. Watt has charted new territory as he notes at the beginning of the book: *To my knowledge, the creation of a master list of non-military loyalist refugees who sheltered in lower Quebec ... has not been attempted before* (p. 3). There have been many publications focusing on the fighting men, including several by Gavin, but in striking out in this direction Gavin will enable researchers and especially genealogists to fill in some of the gaps.

The refugees listed within the pages represent a diverse lot. Certainly there are the wives and children but there are also men. Often these men will be elderly or unable to fight for one reason or another. Numbers of men who did fight are listed as well, because this book represents a snapshot of a time period. It's broader than a Muster Roll would be but there would have been some men who appear for a time and then were located elsewhere, perhaps back into the ranks.

Roughly the first one hundred pages are set aside to give the reader an overview of the refugees' situation during the course of the War. The refugees did not all arrive at once and the incoming groups varied in composition. The hardships and dangers faced by the women and children will perhaps be eye-opening to the reader who has not delved too deeply into that part of our ancestors' story. It would make instructive reading for some of our American friends who cling to the myth that the American Revolution was not a civil war and that the "Tories" were unprincipled and the perpetrators of all atrocities. Quite a bit of abuse was heaped on Loyalist women and children in the name of "Liberty".

The rest of the book is a Refugee Roll containing a range of information. If Gavin located the individuals at one of the Refugee

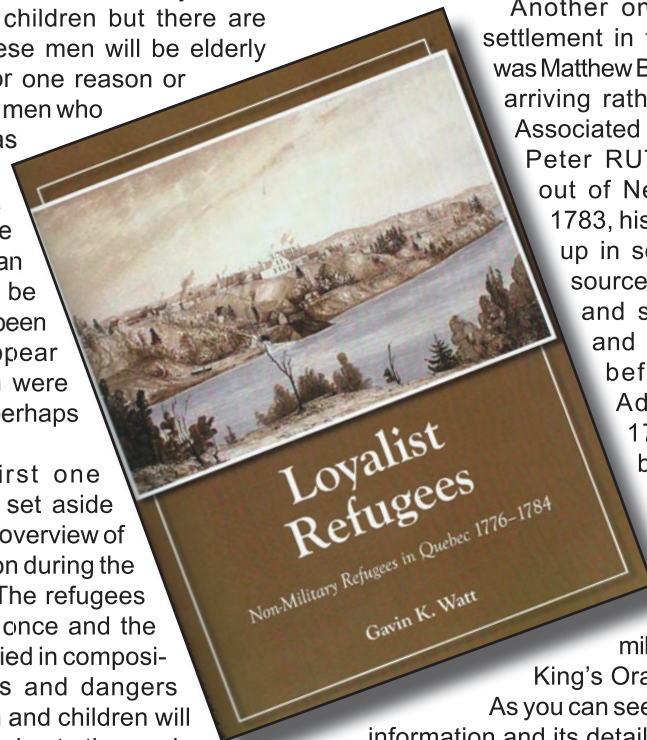
Camps in lower Quebec, they will be here. Even the late-arriving Associated Loyalists under Grass and Van Alstyne are here as they wintered over in Sorel in 1783 before their final journey to the Quinte area in 1784. The book does not include refugees at Niagara for example.

Let's consider The Refugee Roll by looking at some sample entries. Under Susanna SIMMONS we find the one source is "P16." Sources are coded in this manner and the source descriptions are listed by code towards the end of the book. In this case the source was a *Return of Unincorporated Loyalists Victualled in the Province of Quebec ... 24th Jan'1784* (p. 306). The family included two males over six years and the location was Coteau-du-Lac. Under "Remarks" Gavin has noted *Bateau Service*. This leads me to suspect that this woman was Susannah TREBER wife of Henry SIMMONS of Herkimer's Bateau Coy, (as opposed to Lt. Henry). An older couple, she was dead by 1803 and Henry no later than 1812 in Murray Township, Northumberland County. The entry for Susannah is one of the shorter ones, but it does include a first name for the woman, which is not always the case.

Another one destined for settlement in the Quinte area was Matthew BENSON. Despite arriving rather late with the Associated Loyalists (Capt. Peter RUTTAN's Coy 6) out of New York City in 1783, his name does turn up in several identified sources. He had a wife and several children and stayed in Sorel before settling in Adolphustown in 1784. He was a blacksmith and what research beyond this book tells us is that he also had previous military service in the King's Orange Rangers.

As you can see the extent of the information and its detail will vary greatly from entry to entry. At the very least it will give you a sense of what your Loyalist ancestors experienced and some idea of where they were settled at different times during the course of the Revolutionary War.

This is a wonderful resource book, (available through Global Genealogy) especially for those who had Loyalists settled in what became modern Quebec and Ontario. Over the past twenty years Gavin Watt has been a big part of providing us with so many excellent books on the Loyalist. No, I'm not on his payroll!



## Tales of the Hare: The Biography of Francis Tito LeLièvre, 1770-1830

By Ron W. Shaw (Friesen Press, Victoria, British Columbia. 2014)

Reviewed by Donna Magee UE

**M**r. "Tito" LeLièvre, born in 1770 in the small village of Montmédy, Lorraine, France, was the son of engineer and builder, Sieur Francois Jacques LeLièvre, and Magdalene Naigeon, and the grandson of a Count and of Sir Thomas LeBreton, Governor of the Isles of Jersey and Guernsey. His story is an incredible tale that leads him from the French Revolution to Canada and the War of 1812.

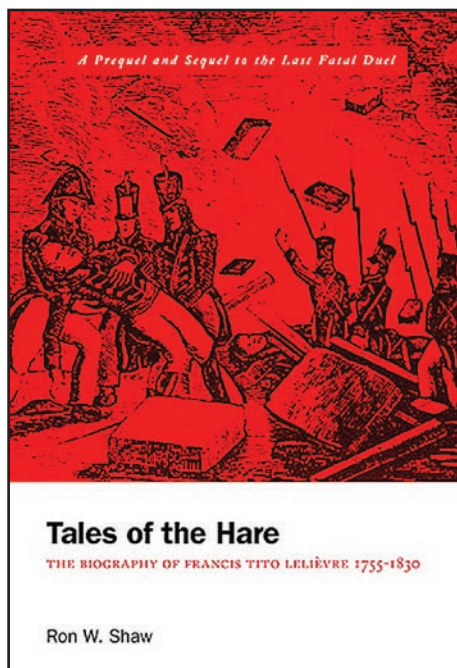
Had it not been for the notoriety of his son, Henry LeLièvre, (1802-1882), falsely accused of murder by proxy in the last fatal duel fought in Canada in the Perth Military Settlement, Tito's story might have been lost in the mists of time.

Tito LeLièvre joined the French Navy in 1775 as a midshipman and rose to commissioned rank over the course of the American Revolutionary War. This book details several of the battles in which Tito played a role during his twenty-year naval career. Upon returning from a voyage, Tito found France under the control of Napoleon. For a short time he continued to serve against England until, convinced that Napoleon had betrayed the cause, he defected with his ship, sailing into Portsmouth Harbour and surrendering to the British in 1793.

Tito was promptly sent to the New World and for the next twenty-two years he served as a Captain in the Royal Newfoundland Fencibles regiment.

In Newfoundland Tito married Jeanne LeBreton (his second wife), daughter of John LeBreton (born 1779, Isle of Jersey). For several years he served in St. John's and Halifax alternating between the two. Then he settled for a while in Quebec City and mingled with the aristocracy of old Quebec, families of wealth, influence and political power.

In 1812, Tito's Royal Newfoundland Regiment was ordered to form five companies. Although the Royal Newfoundland Regiment never served as a whole during the war of 1812, the various companies were active in almost every conflict of the war fighting at Michilimackinac, Detroit, Queenston Heights, Frenchtown, Ogdensburg, York, Fort Meigs, Fort George, Sackets Harbor, Stoney Creek, The Thames and Crysler's Farm, as well as many smaller engagements. The marine units



saw action at most of the naval battles on the Great Lakes.

In March 1813, Tito was appointed to the Quarter Master General's Department in York where he oversaw the day-to-day management of 86 officers and men of the Provincial Marine and nearly 400 dockyard personnel.

In the War of 1812, Ron Shaw describes several battles in which Tito saw distinguished service.

In 1816 Tito received land grants and retired to the Perth Military settlement where he lived for another dozen years, then moved to Montreal in 1828 where he died in 1830.

Through two sons and five daughters, Tito's descendants include John LeBreton Ross, a supervising engineer on the construction of the Canadian Parliament Buildings, comedian Rich Little, and Henry Clarke Mount who was convicted of mass murder in connection with the infamous 'Blackbirding' voyage of the Australian brig *Carl*.

Ron Shaw has done exceptional, quality research in compiling the story of Tito LeLièvre and his descendants. For those interested in military history there are numerous detailed descriptions of battles. For those more interested in family history the complex web of family relationships and their connections to some of the earliest and most influential families in Upper and Lower Canada the book is a riveting read.

**Francois Tito LeLièvre** (born 03 January 1755, died 30 September 1830, Pointe Claire, Montreal, Quebec).

Wife #1

**Eliza LeLièvre-Montague** (born France, 1786, died Perth, Ontario, 11 May 1820 married Dr. Alexander Thom).

**Jeanne (Jane) LeBreton** (born 1775, Channel Island of Jersey, died 17 September 1832, Pointe Claire, Montreal, Quebec).

**Julius Skerrett LeLièvre** (born 12 April 1799, St. John's, Newfoundland, died unmarried in Africa on 10 September 1838).

**Henry Frederick Tuncel LeLièvre** (born 16 July 1802, Halifax, Nova Scotia, died Kew, Victoria, Australia 24 February 1882). Married 1) Margaret Fearon 2) Margaret Kilfoyle. Henry took the *John By* on her maiden voyage in 1832. In 1833 he was the "second" in the last fatal duel fought in Canada, by John Wilson and Robert Lyon, both law students, over a Miss Elizabeth Hughes' affections. Henry was accused of engineering the murder of Wilson but his friend, Robert Lyon, died instead. Henry was seen to be the most culpable, insisting on a second round of fire to settle the affair. Ron Shaw disputes this account.

**Sophie Charlotte Henrietta LeLièvre** (born 24 September 1804, St John's, Newfoundland, died Toronto, Ontario, 13 March 1873, married the Honorable **James Edward Small** at St. James Cathedral, Toronto).

**Emily/Amelia Katherine LeLièvre** (born 28 October 1806, Halifax, died Melbourne, Australia, 1884, married Dr. Edward Henry Magente Mount UE).

**Louise Hermine LeLièvre** (born 28 April 1808, died -unknown location, unmarried).

**Jeanne LeLièvre** (born 12 March 1811, Quebec City, Quebec, died Toronto, Ontario, 18 September 1888, married **Henry Eccles**).

**Marie Elizabeth Theresa** (born 07 October 1812, Quebec City, Quebec, died Toronto, Ontario, 21 April 1887, married **William Chisolm Ross**).

About the Author:  
Ron W. Shaw

**A** native of Perth, Ontario, Ron W. Shaw studied journalism at Algonquin College and worked for local newspapers, radio and television in northern and western Ontario for a decade before a thirty-five-year career with non-governmental organizations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He has previously published two books: *Black Light* (1993), Ronsdale Press, a novella and collection of short stories, and *Forgotten Hero* (2012), self published, the biography of Alexander Fraser (1789-1872), the hero of the Battle of Stoney Creek (co-authored with M. E. Irene Spence). Shaw is the descendant of seven of the soldier-settlers, discharged veterans of the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812 who were given land grants at the Perth (Ontario) Military Settlement from 1816.

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# Quincy Cross WWI Veteran

By Bev Loomis UE

**M**y great-uncle, Quincy Henry Cross, was born 13 March, 1897, Maple Grove, New Ireland, Quebec, second-great-grandson of Loyalist, John Crofs (Cross) UE. He was wounded in France, returned home and died on 13 July 1942 in Regina, Saskatchewan. He is buried in the Soldier's Plot where the RCMP sounded the Last Post. I have pictures of him along with an embroidered doily that he sent to my grandmother, Elizabeth. My grandparents raised Quincy, his brother Arthur Cecil, and his sister



Quincy Cross



Mildred Gladys, as both of their parents died very young. Raelene Paille UE, of Kamloops, British Columbia, is a member of Little Forks Branch and a descendant of Mildred Gladys.

My husband Milt's uncle, Christopher Byrne Loomis, born 02 April 1895, Lennoxville, Quebec, married Evelyn Frances Hooper. Issue: three children. Chris was a descendant of Loyalist, Cornelius Hyatt UE. He died on 10 June 1968 and is buried in Brockville, Ontario. Several of his descendants are proven UE members.

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Christopher Byrne Loomis



The UELAC Loyalist

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—Ray Cummings UE,  
Chairperson of the  
UELAC Scholarship.

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Applicant Name	Ancestor	Branch	Date of Approval
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M. Stephen Botsford	Christian Gallinger	Bicentennial	2014/01/06
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Alan Graham Miller	Capt. Garrett Miller	Edmonton	2014/01/20
Stacey Grace Nikitiuk	Christian Warner	Bicentennial	2014/01/20
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## Ketchesons Visit Adolphustown

By Peter W. Johnson UE

On 26 July 2014, over fifty Ketcheson family members held their annual Reunion-Picnic at Bay of Quinte Branch's UEL Park. Such meetings date back as far as 1911.

The family traces its Loyalist roots back to William Ketcheson Sr. UE and his wife, Mary Rull. William was born in 1759 in Yorkshire, England, but was a resident in America prior to the American Revolution. Early in the War, he joined Emmerich's Chasseurs, a Loyalist mounted corps that was absorbed eventually into the British Legion. At the close of the War, the British Legion disbanded in the Maritimes and the Ketchesons resided there for a few years. By 1790, more or less, the family moved to Upper Canada and spent several years in Adolphustown. William was among the twenty-two original subscribers of Old Hay Bay Church, erected in 1792. By 1800, the Ketchesons moved to a farm in Sidney Township, Hastings County, and it is still in the family. The property even boasts a family cemetery dating back to the second generation. William Sr. passed away in 1848 and is one of the few Loyalists for whom an oil portrait exists.

There was a push this year for Ketcheson descendants to obtain UE certificates and thirty-one took up the challenge. At the Reunion, over twenty of the applicants were present to receive their certificates from Dominion President, Bonnie Schepers UE. Bonnie and her husband, Albert, were guests of honour at the event. There's certainly room for more descendants to work towards receiving certificates. The last published genealogy in 2000 contained 17,000 descendants and that number has increased since then.

Time was taken to place wreaths at the newly-refurbished UEL Monument. Trevor Ketcheson UE placed a wreath on behalf of the family, Peter Johnson UE on behalf of Bay of Quinte Branch, and Bonnie Schepers UE on behalf of the UELAC.

The Ketchesons were so pleased with their visit to Adolphustown that they hope to hold next year's gathering there again. By then, more descendants will have taken up the certificate challenge.

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Ketcheson descendants who received their UE Certificates at the reunion and those who had certificates from previous years. Bonnie Schepers UE at the far right. Photo by P. Johnson UE.

Jeffrey Ross Syme	Jeremiah French	Vancouver	2014/06/16
Jeffrey Ross Syme	Jacob Van Dusen	Vancouver	2014/06/16
Grant Allen Ketchesen	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
Susan Jane Ketchesen	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
Ian Grant Ketchesen	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
Sarah Gayle Ketchesen	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
William John White	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
Nora Josephine Elaine Kearney	Elias Holmes	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/16
Lisa Dyanne Baker	Adam Young	Col. John Butler	2014/06/16
Beverly Ann Burbidge	William Ketchesen	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/23
Patricia Mae Haynes	Walter Scott	Bicentennial	2014/06/23
Patricia Mae Haynes	John Freeman	Bicentennial	2014/06/23
Melinda Dianne Gamble	Benjamin Knapp	Bicentennial	2014/06/23
Timothy William Earl Noble	Benjamin Knapp	Bicentennial	2014/06/23
Debra Diane Honor	John Butler	Bicentennial	2014/06/23
Christopher Edward Horseman	Nathaniel Howe	New Brunswick	2014/06/23
George Lawrence Ketcheson	William Ketcheson	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/30
Chelsea Lauren Ketcheson	William Ketcheson	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/30
Trevor John Thomas Ketcheson	William Ketcheson	Bay of Quinte	2014/06/30
Edmund Harrison Lester	Christopher Harrison	Governor Simcoe	2014/06/30
Marilyn Brooke Skelton	John Chisholm	Grand River	2014/06/30
Bradley Michael Skelton	John Chisholm	Grand River	2014/06/30
Geoffrey George Skelton	John Chisholm	Grand River	2014/06/30
Marilyn Brooke Skelton	Joseph Corwin Sr.	Grand River	2014/06/30
Bradley Michael Skelton	Joseph Corwin Sr.	Grand River	2014/06/30
Geoffrey George Skelton	Joseph Corwin Sr.	Grand River	2014/06/30
Brenda Joan Eamer AshKevill	Phillip Eamer	Saskatchewan	2014/06/30
Brenda Joan Eamer AshKevill	Michael Gallinger	Saskatchewan	2014/06/30
Brenda Joan Eamer AshKevill	Peter Eamer	Saskatchewan	2014/06/30
Kevin Arthur McConnell	John Manzer	Vancouver	2014/06/30
Audrey Ann McConnell	John Manzer	Vancouver	2014/06/30

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In the future, *New Certificates Issued* will be moved to an on-line directory within the UELAC web site where information can be quickly and easily accessed by name or date. These *New UEL Certificates Issued* will be updated regularly at [www.uelac.org/certificates.php](http://www.uelac.org/certificates.php).

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Gathering of participants at the Sunday morning church service at the Chapel of St. Alban the Martyr, RSGC, marking the 100th anniversary of the UELAC. British forces under fire gallantly charge invaders at the Battle of Chippawa re-enactment. Photo: 06 July 2014 by Michael Johnson, Unexpected Company.

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