

United Empire Loyalists

Sir Guy Carleton Branch

Spring 2016

You are invited to your UEL Branch Spring Social and AGM. All are welcome. Please spread the word to all who may be interested. Hope to see you there!

Spring Social - Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC -Saturday April 23, 2016

Best Western Hotel, 1274 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

Speaker: Murray Barkley

**Topic: "The Lighter Side of the Loyalists: Lies, Legends, and
Levity".**

Cash Bar after 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:15; Banquet Room

Meal includes:

Garden Salad with buns and butter

Entree, your choice of:

- Roast beef au jus with potatoes and vegetables**
 - Chicken breast with white wine sauce with potatoes and
vegetables**
 - Poached salmon with dill sauce and rice.**
- Dessert, Strawberry parfait with coffee or tea**

The price is \$30 per person. Please specify your choice of entree. Send your cheque to Bob Adair, 34 Briardale Crescent, Nepean ON, K2E

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MURRAY BARKLEY



Murray was born in Cornwall, Ontario and grew up in Avonmore. He is descended from U.E. Loyalists on numerous ancestral lines, among them the Barkleys (of the renowned Butler's Rangers); three lines of Casselmans, Chrysler, Schwerdtfeger, Marcellus, Loucks, Haines, and Schneider. He graduated from Queen's University (Honours B.A. and M.A. in History), with an M.A. thesis on "The Loyalist Tradition in New Brunswick" and proceeded to further graduate work at the University of Toronto. He taught at Toronto and York and was Research Associate of Claude Bissell on the biography of Vincent Massey. Murray has contributed scholarly articles to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Acadiensis, the Canadian Historical Review, the Loyalist Gazette, and "None was Ever Better": The Loyalist Settlement of Ontario, the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society from 1984, edited by the late Professor Syd Wise. He wrote the Chapter on the War of 1812 in Allegiance: The Ontario Story in the Canadian Heirloom Series, and in subsequent volumes of that series articles on Ralph Connor, Dr. Mahlon Locke, and Robert Service. He was historical consultant and participant in the CBC documentary "The Loyalists" in the television series "The Undaunted", which aired nation-wide on CBC three times in 1983. More recently he has published Speaking of Avonmore: History, Heroes, Happenings and Humour in the Life of a (Not Very) Typical Ontario Village, which has sold well over 800 copies to date.

His "Avonmore Historical Calendar" from 2008 sold out all 600 copies in less than a month.

Murray joined the Governor Simcoe Branch of the UELAC in Toronto in 1976, and the St. Lawrence Branch in 1980. He is the only member of the Association to have served on both Dr. Allan Walters' Position Paper Committee on Loyalist Nomenclature and membership, 1974-1977, and Dr. Fred Branscombe's Review Committee, 1979-1980, which for a time resolved the thorny question of UEL membership. Murray served as Branch Historian and Archivist of the Simcoe Branch, 1976-1981, organizing its Archives and Library and preparing an audio-visual history of the Branch; he was also Banquet Speaker at the Annual UEL Convention held in Toronto in May, 1980. Murray returned to his roots in September, 1980, taking over ownership of Barkley's Store in Avonmore and running the legendary general store for the following thirty-four years, before selling the three-generation family business on its 106th anniversary two years ago. Murray was Vice-Chair of Avonmore's 150th Anniversary Celebrations, and help lead the successful fights to save Avonmore's Post Office, school, public library, and medical centre, and to build North Stormont Place. Murray is married to Dr. Pilar Barkley, and in June they celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary.

Murray's address this afternoon is entitled "The Lighter Side of the Loyalists: Lies, Legends, and Levity", a light-hearted look at some of the ways our ancestors and other Loyalist enthusiasts exuberantly celebrated their Loyalist heritage during the 19th century.

Notes on November Social, November 14, 2015

Another successful Social was held by the Sir Guy Carleton Branch at Macie's Best Western on Carling Avenue. Thirty-one attendees including branch members, their guests and several individuals from other historical societies who are interested in our organization.

After the advance of the colours by Barry Gilmore and Bill Reid, those present enjoyed another delicious meal put on by the staff of Café 1274. After a brief intermission, this year's guest speaker was introduced by Dorothy Meyerhof.

Paul Marsden is the Senior Military Archivist at Library and Archives Canada. He joined the National Archives in 1988 after working four years as a research assistant on official histories of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd and the Department of Finance. In the twenty years since then he has worked principally in the archival appraisal and management of official military and intelligence records. In 2002, he was named the first NATO Archivist, holding the post in Brussels for three years. He has published articles related to both history and archives and served as the English editor of the CHA Historical Pamphlet Series.

His talk was entitled "For King, Country and Posterity: Records of Military Service 1812-2015". He touched on the many types of records held at LAC and how to access them. A lively Q&A followed his presentation.

Bob Adair thanked Paul for sharing his knowledge and a small token of appreciation was presented to him.

Gary Bagley, the branch genealogist presented 2 certificates. The first to Penny Minter for her ancestor Adam Rupert and the second to Susan Moss for her ancestor Samuel Moss.

Branch President Beth Sweetnam mentioned several upcoming UELAC Annual AGM & Conferences:

1. July 7-10, 2016 – "Loyalists, Lighthouses & Lobsters", Summerside, PEI
2. 2017 – London, ON, co-hosted by London & Western Ontario Branch & Grand River Branch
3. 2018 – Saskatchewan, hosted by Saskatchewan Branch
4. 2019 – Ottawa, hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch (volunteers are needed to help with this event)

After the Retiring of the Colours and the singing of O Canada, the social adjourned at 3:00pm.



Srg Samuel Moss, 1754-1803

Sergeant Samuel Moss was born in Charterhouse Lane in London in 1754.

Before he enlisted he was a miller in New York perhaps in the Mohawk River Valley.

He enlisted June 19, 1776 the first day Sir John Johnson raised the 1st battalion of the Kings Royal Regiment of New York. He was a member of Captain Pat Daly's regiment under Major James Gray and Lieut Col Sir John Johnson in charge of the provincial troops. He is listed as being a soldier from 1776-77 and 1781-83 by Muster Roll records listed in Crowder's Early Ontario settlers.

I do not know what battles he fought in, but since he joined on the first day of the formation of KRRNY he quite probably was among Sir John Johnson's 200- 700 followers who spent 19 days fleeing with Sir John Johnson through the Adirondacks to Montreal, arriving there on May 19, 1776.

UELAC's website lists significant battles fought by Loyalist troops. Those marked with * are within the time periods when he was listed on muster rolls.

- **December 31, 1775:** Defeat of the Americans and death of General Montgomery at the walls of Quebec.
- **May 19, 1776:** Nineteen day flight of Sir John Johnson and tenants through the Adirondacks to Montreal. *?
- **June 19, 1776:** Formation of Sir John Johnson's 1st Kings Royal Regiment of New York.*
- **November 4, 1776:** Loyalist groups join the British fleet at Crown Point. *?
- **August 6, 1777:** Battle of Oriskany, on the Mohawk River. *?
- **August 16, 1777:** Battle of Bennington.
- **September 15, 1777:** Formation of Butlers Rangers.
- **September 19, 1777:** First Battle of Freeman's Farm near Saratoga
- **October 16, 1777:** Capitulation of General Burgoyne at Saratoga.
- **July 19, 1780:** [Defence of the Blockhouse in Bergen Wood](#), New Jersey.
- **May 4, 1783 :**First Loyalist Landing at Port Roseway (Shelburne), Nova Scotia
- **May 18, 1783:** Landing of the Loyalists with the Spring Fleet in St. John, New Brunswick.
- **July 30, 1783:** Landing of the 2nd Battalion, Kings Royal Regiment of New York at Cataragui to rebuild Fort Frontenac and prepare for the arrival of Loyalists.*?
- **September 20, 1783:** Cessation of hostilities in the American Revolution. *
- **December 24, 1783:** Disbandment of Loyalist troops stationed in Lower Canada
- **May 22, 1784:** Landing of Mohawks at Tyendinaga, the First Loyalists on the Bay of Quinte. Commemorated annually on the Sunday nearest May 22 with a church service at the altar of the up-turned canoe.
- **June 16, 1784:** Landing of the Peter VanAlstine's band of Loyalists in Adolphustown.

- **June 24, 1784:** Disbandment of Loyalist Troops stationed at the Upper Posts.*

The KRRNY built a canal/lock around the rapids at Coteau du Lac where the British had a supply fort in 1779-1783 so he may have been involved here although I have no proof.

April 4, 1783, he received pay for piloting the ship "Arrogant" to New York so he may have been involved in bringing the Loyalists in New York to Upper Canada.

In 1786, he was listed as a sergeant in KRRNY in 2nd platoon so perhaps he was with this battalion when they landed at Catarauqui to rebuild Fort Frontenac and prepare for the arrival of Loyalists.

In 1783 he was receiving rations as a single person but in August 1786 he was receiving rations for 2 ½ people – his wife Maria Magdalena and daughter Martha – and listed as a settler at Township No 2 below Cornwall on Muster No 5 and Victualling List for Cornwall.

He married Maria Magdalena sometime before 1786 when their first child was born. He had 5 children – Martha (1786-1870), John Samuel (1787-1868), Thomas (1790-1877), Peter (1791-1873), Mary (1794).

On May 27, 1797 by Orders in Council, he received grants of land for his service for the British in the American Revolution

-west half of Lot 24 in Concession 1, Cornwall township - town plot

-3/4 Lot 19 in Concession 1 Roxborough Township

-west half of Lot 24, Concession 2 in Cornwall Township in Stormont county (inherited by Peter Moss)

Samuel Moss' will stated he had 587 acres in total when he died.

He was a Tory who may have lived in Cornwall.

He died in 1803 in Osnabruck, perhaps on farm property given to his son Peter Moss, from whom I am descended. Samuel would not yet have been 50 years of age when he died.

Peter Moss' farm remained in the Moss family until the partial flooding of the property in 1957 by the St Lawrence Seaway project. The farm was sold by Arthur Moss to the Baker family who before the flood had moved his house to a part of the farm that was still above water. The Bakers continued to live in it until 2014 when Mrs Baker moved into a retirement home.

Each of Samuel Moss' children, as children of a Loyalist, received 200 acres of land when they reached the age of 21:

Martha Moss- given Lot 10 5th concession in Finch Township by O.C. Mar 13, 1807

John Samuel Moss – given Lot 4, 5th concession, Township of Osgood by O.C. Mar 29, 18

Thomas Moss – given Lot 29, 14th concession Township of Portland O.C. 1817

Peter Moss- given Lot 1, 7th concession, Plympton Township OC – 1818

Mary Moss- given Lot 20, north side of middle rd Township of East Tilsbury – O.C. June 4

Joseph E. Moss- given Lot 26, 7 concession Township of Moore, O.C. 1825