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Fall Social

November 17, 2018 - 11:30-3:30

Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave., Bldg. D., Salon "D"

\$35.00 payable in advance

Your choice of chicken, salmon or vegetarian

(see attachment)

Forward your menu selection with payment by November 9 to:

Bob Adair, 34 Briardale Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K2E 1C2. Phone number is 613-274-3331.

Guest speaker will be UELAC Dominion President, Sue Morse-Hines

Topic "Why Family History", exploring why I began to do research; what kept me going; some of the twists and turns and a few of the stories along the journey.

My interest in family history has very long roots and it was from my maternal grandfather and mother that I became really involved in research. Over the past 50 years I have been working on our history and with the editorial assistance of my brother plan to publish what is expected to be about 5 books. Some of the family names are: Cartwright; McLain; Williams; Morse; Bonser; White; Edison; Dowling; Ogden; Swaine; Sanford; Gillett; Baldwin; Bartlett; Barnum; Cook, Carpenter; Buck; and a few dozen more.

One both sides of the family our roots deep in America going back to 1620 at Plymouth, MA; 1635 at Newburyport, MA; and 1640 on Nantucket, MA.

I have been involved in a number of volunteer organizations over the past 50 years; including Mission Services of London; Elgin Housing Authority; Elgin OGS and Historical Society; the Elgin Children's Foundation and a variety of Provincial groups related to my work in child welfare.

I became involved with the Grand River Branch UELAC in 2000 and with the assistance of Doris Lemon became a more active member joining the executive and serving as the newsletter editor; VP and President. I have also served as Central West Counsellor when Bonnie Schepers was Central West VP; and stepped up to VP when Bonnie became Dominion VP.

Looking ahead to this year I would like to see us grow our membership; knowing that we really must look forward since what we have done in the past no longer appears to be enough to entice

membership. One of my favourite quotes: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts," *Sir. Winston Churchill* - seems to capture what my vision is for this coming year.

Message from the President

By Rosemarie Pleasant

Hello fellow Loyalists,

Welcome back from a hotter than normal summer to a cooler fall. Eleven new members have joined the Branch in 2018. They are: Catherine Bastedo; Holly MacDonald; Laura Griffin; Trent Young; Ada Sloan; Michael MacKay; Derek McLellan; Muriel Scott-Smith; Michelle Malczak; Muriel Volle; and Arlene Stafford-Wilson. Welcome to you all and we hope to see you at the Fall Social.

The Social will be at a new location this year; Salon D – Algonquin College. Please check out the information attached to this newsletter and on the website. A new location meant a slight price increase after many years, we hope you find the changes worth it. We are very excited to welcome Dominion President Sue Hines as our guest speaker this year.

After many years as Branch Treasurer, Bob Adair would like to resign from this position. The Branch urgently needs a replacement for him, as well as someone to fill the Vice-President post. If you or someone you know would be willing to fill either of these vital positions, please contact myself, or any member of the Executive. Email contacts are at the end of the newsletter.

The 2019 AGM is fast approaching and so is the Dominion Conference 2019 which is being hosted by the Branch. Please consider volunteering and attending. More information will be given at the Social. We hope to see you there.

1934 UEL Plaque Re-dedication – August 12, 2018

By Penny Minter

On a beautiful, sunny day along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, members of the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Historical Society in conjunction with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada joined with approximately 100 people (including several Sir Guy Carleton Branch members) in the re-dedication of the 1934 UEL plaque which had previously hung in the Cornwall Post Office.



Sir Guy Carleton Branch members Penny Minter & Beth Sweetnam with event organizer Jennifer DeBruin

The plaque was removed in 1955 when the building was demolished and placed in the new federal building/post office. It was removed from this building and placed in storage where it was forgotten.



It has now been re-dedicated and will hang in the Cornwall Community Museum/Wood House at 160 Water St., Cornwall, Ontario <https://cornwallcommunitymuseum.wordpress.com/>. The program began with the presenting of the colours by several period re-enactors representing the King's Royal Regiment of New York, the 84th Royal Highland Emigrants and King's Rangers, led by a piper. Jennifer DeBruin, the Master of Ceremonies introduced several dignitaries, including Jim Brownell, Honourary Colonel of the SD&G Highlanders, Sue Morse-Hines, Dominion President, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, the Mayor of Cornwall among others. After the re-dedication, members of the UELAC Virtual Branch announced that the 2021 Dominion Conference will be held in Cornwall at the NAV Centre. The ceremony ended fittingly with the firing of muskets!



Dominion President Sue Morse-Hines



Musket volley by 84th Royal Highland Emigrants, King's Rangers & KRRNY re-enactors

Report on the Branch Brainstorming Session – September 18, 2018

By Penny Minter

Eight Branch members met today for an informal brainstorming session to discuss where the Branch stands today and what perhaps could be done in the future. Several suggestions were put forward on where to hold informal, no cost meetings/get together including private residences, retirement homes, party rooms in condos, restaurants etc. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to Branch President, Rosemarie Pleasant rpleasant02@hotmail.com. Catherine Bastedo-Boileau mentioned the importance of having some sort of bilingual presence on the website and in the conference material currently being developed. It was also suggested to move the 2019 Spring Social/AGM to earlier in the year in order to not conflict with the Dominion Conference at the end of May. Muriel Scott-Smith suggested a possible future speaker could be Michelle Valberg, a well-known local photographer. Afterwards, those attending enjoyed a buffet lunch at Yang Ming Asian Buffet. The Branch Executive is

always looking for feedback from members. If you have any ideas or suggestions where you would like to see the Branch go in the future, or future events, do not hesitate to contact any member of the Executive.

UEL Bridge Annex website

1st Virtual Branch of the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada. A virtual place to meet, discuss, interact and collaborate. A unique opportunity to explore UELAC without the restrictions of a conventional branch.

<https://www.uelac.org/UELBridgeAnnex/>

Library Report

By Dorothy Meyerhof

Recent Additions to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Library

Since the Spring edition of The Ottawa Loyalist six new books have been added to the collection. Of particular note are the two volumes of “New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer”. This is an excellent resource for anyone doing genealogy in New York State. There are three family histories and a history of Loyalists in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. In addition five posters have been added. These can be found in the map cabinet in the Reference Room at the City of Ottawa Archives.

Call Number	Author	Title	Donor
325.20757 PIE	Piecuch, Jim	Three Peoples - One King; Loyalists, Indians, and Slaves in the Revolutionary South, 1775-1782	Purchase
355.14 (Poster)	Leffel, J.	Privates and Officers of De Lancey's Brigade and the Johnson's Roulal Regiment of New York	V. Rust
912.19747425 (Poster)	Devendorf, John C.	Mohawk Valley in 1757	E. Kipp
929.2 BLA	Blakeney, Ray Howard	My Help Comes From Above	Purchase
929.2 ELS	McCurdy, Ross W.	Descendants of William Elsworth of Grand Lake, United Empire Loyalist: A Work in Progress to the 6th Generation	R. McCurdy
929.2 HAZ	McCurdy, Ross W.	Descendants of Daniel Hazen, United Empire Loyalist, 2nd Ed	Purchase

929.2 STI	McCurdy, Ross W.	Descendants of John Stilwell, United Empire Loyalist: A Work in Progress to the 6th Generation	R. McCurdy
929.2 HARRIS	McCurdy, Ross W.	Descendants of Francis Harris, United Empire Loyalist of Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia	Purchase
929.3747 NEW Part 1	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society	New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer	Purchase
929.3747 NEW Part 2	New York Genealogical and Biographical Society	New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer	Purchase
973.341 (Poster)	National Parks Service, USA	British Redcoat, 1775-1783	J. Ruch
973.344 (Poster)	National Parks Service, USA	Continental Soldier in the War for American Independence	E. Kipp
973.35 (Poster)	National Parks Service, USA	American Navies, 1775-1783	E. Kipp

Loyalist Annual Conference in Moose Jaw “Loyalist Ties Under Living Skies”

By Sylvia Powers UE and Catherine Bastedo

As the song goes “I’ve got my bag, I’ve got my reservation” when I showed up at the Ottawa Airport to catch my plane to fly direct to Regina, Saskatchewan, on July 7, 2018. However, I didn’t have a seat. Normally, I wait until I get to the airport to have one assigned but the airline had overbooked. Now I had to wait until some people volunteered to leave on a later flight in return for an \$800 credit. Had I waited I would have missed the first day of the conference. Luckily some volunteers stepped forward and I was on my way. But the experience taught me to pay for a seat ahead of time which I did as soon as I had time for my return flight.

The ride to Moose Jaw in my rental car took about an hour over undulating countryside stretching into the endless prairie distance. It was a short trip from this highway down Main St. to my hotel. I had booked into Grant Hotel, an historic hotel a short walking distance from Temple Gardens Hotel and Spa where most of the conference took place.

I arrived in time for the membership meeting. Doug Grant was doing a presentation on renewing memberships on line. Dominion hopes to have this in place by the fall. More details later. We learned about the new virtual branch called Bridge-Annex which you could join and listen to speakers without attending meetings. It is hoped that more young people might be encouraged to join this. We were given some cards to publicize the organization.

Following supper which I ate at Subway with Doug Grant and his wife Nancy joining me. Just after six pm, we loaded up into buses to travel to the Air Base, a NATO Base, for a reception where the military had laid on a feast with a buffet sufficient for a large meal. We toured some hangars and some climbed aboard planes used in WWII. A downpour caught us unprepared. Off the reception area was a recreation room with carved boards brought over from a building in Europe. We watched as two of my cousins descended from Jacob Hoffman tried out the special elevator which carried them around the stairs and to the second floor. It was a unique way of making the stairs accessible.

On Friday we met in Salon A & B of the Temple Gardens where the displays were situated to listen to Ken Fader talk about the North West Mounted Police and their Trek West. Following this was a chance for us to ask questions of the genealogists Angela and Peter Johnson. After a lunch break in Salon A we loaded buses for either a tour of a farm (taken by Catherine Bastedo) or one of the Western Development Museum and the Burrowing Owls gallery (taken by me). In the WD museum, I was fascinated to see cars I had only read about in novels about life in the early part of the last century. There were many kinds of vehicles such as the Tiger Moth biplane, gliders, velocipedes, snow sedans, motorcycles, watercraft, railway cars, and a recreation of the Snowbirds' Lounge, whose home was in 15 Wing, the airbase where we went on Thursday. At the Owls gallery, we learned of the danger to their owls whose home is in burrows which may be dug up for buildings and other things. Some of these cute animals were given large cages to educate the public.



Branch member Catherine Bastedo with David Hill Morrison

Catherine, who was there with her sister Helena Bastedo Smith from Chilliwack Branch and her brother Tom Bastedo from Toronto Branch, enjoyed her tour of the countryside and a 9000 acre farm. They saw the equipment used to plant and harvest soya, lentils, wheat, and canola that is processed in Moose Jaw and sold overseas - a far cry from the farm of her grandfather who arrived in the shanty town of Moose Jaw in 1883.



Branch member Catherine Bastedo with her brother Thomas, sister Helen & sister-in-law Alice

At Friday's feast we were joined by the Vice-Regal Party and listened to the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. His Honour, W. Thomas Molloy, welcome us to his province and acknowledged we were on Treaty 4 territory. The Mayor of Moose Jaw, Fraser Tolmie gave us similar greetings and discussed the interesting sights to see in his city. We were joined by "Queen Elizabeth" who kept us laughing by her pithy comments on growing older and activities of the Royal Family.

During Saturday's AGM, it was decided to replace "Honorary Vice-President" with "Honorary Fellow". The first candidate for this position was Nathan Tadridge, a teacher, author, monarchist, and First Nations researcher. He was approved unanimously.

At Saturday's gala banquet, David Hill Morrison was given the Dorchester Award. I was presented with the Loyalist flag as a way of passing on the torch to the next conference. Our guest speaker was Peter Johnson who entertained us with a narrated video slide presentation. Following the feast was some musical entertainment by "Desperate for Haggis" a Scottish Band from the area.

I left on Sunday morning early with a few other ladies for the plane. I was carrying all the provincial flags and the Mohawk flag to have at our conference. Next time it will be our chance to highlight our city and area. Hope to see you all next May 30 to June 2, 2019.

Conference 2019

By Sylvia Powers

Don't forget to mark your 2019 calendars for our conference May 30 to June 2, 2019. There are tours and workshops to interest everyone. Great speakers for the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday dinners. Check out our website for the latest details.

<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/index.php>

Loyalist ancestors

A selection of proven Loyalist ancestors represented by current and past members within Sir Guy Carleton Branch. Names are published in no particular order.

Charles Boyer; Arthur Branscombe; William Cameron; John Conrad Carkner; John Davy; Finlay Grant; Benjamin Kilborn; Donald McMillan; Cyrenius Parke; Charles Rose; John Scram; Conrad Van Dusen.

Interesting websites / resources

<https://dp.la/>

Digital Public Library of America – Images, texts, videos & music from across the U.S. Searching for "United Empire Loyalists" will result in over 90 hits, many with full text access.

<http://www.nnyacgs.com/>

Northern New York American-Canadian Genealogical Society

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>

New York State Historic Newspapers provides free online access to a wide range of newspapers chosen to reflect New York's unique history.

<https://www.nyhistory.org/>

New York State Historical Society

<http://cnygs.org/links.html>

Central New York Genealogical Society

<https://mountainlake.org/lost-villages/>

A brief video by Mountain Lake Journal on PBS discussing the impact of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the Lost Villages.

Last Post

Charbonneau, Arthur O.

After a lengthy illness on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the age of 81years. Beloved husband of Shirley (nee Fisher). Loving father of Danny, Kim Shouldice (Tyler), and Michael (Dominique). Cherished grandfather of Kassy Gagne. Predeceased by his parents Helen and William Charbonneau. Friends may visit at the **Garden Chapel of Tubman Funeral Homes, 3440 Richmond Road, Nepean, ON, (between Bayshore and Baseline Rd.)** on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 2 to 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church 225 McLellan Rd. Nepean on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

The Branch extends their deepest sympathy.

Upcoming Events

Conference 2019 : May 30-Jun 2, 2019, "The Capital Calls", hosted by Sir Guy Carleton Branch

<http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/index.php>

Ontario Genealogical Society Annual Conference, June 21-23, 2019, London, Ontario

Conference 2020 : Jun 24-28, 2020, "Eyes on the Heart of the Continent", Delta Marriott Hotel, Winnipeg, MB, hosted by Winnipeg Branch

Editor's Note

Please consider receiving the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. If you would like to change your mailing preferences, please contact the Membership Chair, Gary Bagley at

gary-bagley@sympatico.ca

Newsletter submissions gratefully accepted. Do you have interesting articles about your Loyalist ancestor? Have you read a new work on the Loyalists and would like to submit a review? Please feel free to send me any suggestions that you might have at keziah1@rogers.com

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